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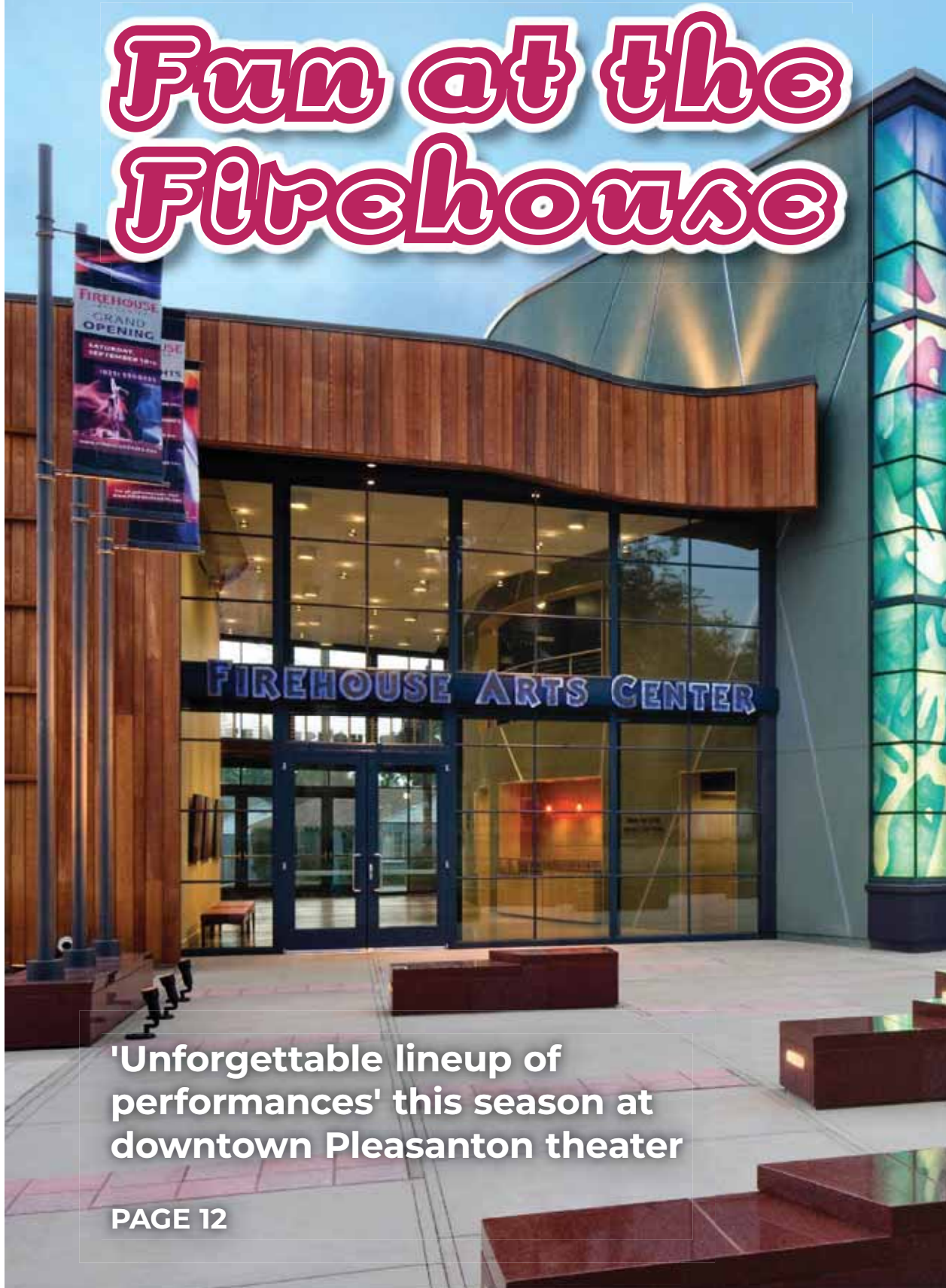
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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

McPhee's Brilliance

Singer-actress Katharine McPhee might be making her first real trip to the Livermore Valley when she headlines the annual Brilliance at The Bankhead gala next weekend, but she's no stranger to the Bay Area.

In fact, the entire trajectory of her life changed right here nearly 20 years ago.

During a phone interview this month, the Southern California native told me she took many trips up north to visit family in Millbrae, reminiscing fondly about those "cold summer trips to San Francisco."

But one moment in the Bay probably stands above any other: She made her fateful "American Idol" audition at the Cow Palace as a 21-year-old in 2005.

She would ride that momentum from Daly City all the way to the finale of the singing competition show, finishing runner-up in the fifth season. McPhee has gone on to release multiple albums across genres, star in TV dramas "Smash" and "Scorpion" and play the lead on Broadway in "Waitress".

2024 has been very busy so far, but things were calming a bit for her ahead of the Sept. 7 show at the Bankhead Theater, the largest fundraiser of the year for the nonprofit Livermore Valley Arts.

McPhee said she traveled heavily the first part of the year, touring with her husband, Grammy-winning producer and composer David Foster, including three weeks in Asia. This second half of the year will be fewer gigs as their son gets back into school and McPhee gets back into the studio.

She recently signed with a new label, and while plans for her new album are still coming together, she's doing this next musical project "for me ... try to have it be a really fun experience."

McPhee acknowledged that her acting prospects have slowed, like for a number of others in the industry, in the aftermath of last year's strike, but she continues to be active in pursuing opportunities. In the meantime, she said, her ability to tour musically has kept her creative juices flowing.

"My show is a compilation of all the things that I've done over the years," she said.

"I like to tell stories and use songs as references to support the stories," McPhee added, later quipping, "I talk sometimes too much."

She's particularly excited about Brilliance offering her the chance to sing while supported by the "romantic...luscious strings" of the Livermore-Amador Symphony. "It's always such a different experience with a symphony, from just your

regular band," she said.

McPhee knows the Bankhead show may have a bit of a "different dynamic" from her normal concerts, recognizing that some in the audience likely bought tickets to support local arts more so than to see her specifically. It's all for a good cause and a vision she supports.

"They really want to have a push for the arts and arts education," McPhee said.

Chris Carter, LVA's leader who recently got a title change to CEO, said he's really looking forward to McPhee's performance on "our biggest night of the year."

"This year's Brilliance at The Bankhead will be a celebration with glamour indeed, as Katharine brings with her a class and sophistication far beyond her years wherever she performs," Carter told me by email.

"We always bring for our biggest performance a star, someone who is known in the cultural zeitgeist for their ability to command a stage; Katharine is a modern version of those great stars of Broadway and Hollywood," he added. "There is a sophistication and grace to her songbird talents that audiences will be blown away by."

McPhee is adding her name to an impressive (and eclectic) list of headliners in Brilliance history.

I wrote about experiencing last year's gala, where Tony Award winner and "Seinfeld" alum Jason Alexander had us in the palm of his hand. Other past hosts included Ben Folds (2022), Vanessa Williams (2021), Matthew Morrison (2019), the late BJ Thomas (2018), The Indigo Girls (2017) and Judy Collins in the inaugural event in 2016.

But, as Carter noted, "Brilliance is so much more than just a show."

"Besides entertainment, this special evening also includes dinner, drinks, silent and live auction, and dessert; it is an all-in-one party to kick off our season and the fall in the Tri-Valley," he said. "The largest fundraising event of the year for LVA, proceeds support activities at both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, as well as our nonprofit educational and cultural arts outreach activities, helping subsidize events like our reduced price special student matinees or our free Cultural Celebration Series."

"By being a part of Brilliance at The Bankhead, one is making sure that the 'Power of the Arts' continues to work its magic right here in the Tri-Valley for years to come," Carter added.

For tickets or more information about the gala, visit livermorearts.org. ■

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you feel about retailers selling Halloween items in August?



Alison Battuello
Retired

Well, I think August is a little early for Halloween items to be displayed, considering that Halloween is at the very end of October. However, I do understand that retailers need to do whatever is necessary in order to keep themselves in business.



Hugo Santos
Marketing

I love it. I can't wait for Pumpkin Spice Lattes to appear, and all of the Halloween decorations, too. Especially the really creepy ones. But that's only because I love Halloween so much. If it were socially acceptable, I'd be celebrating Halloween all day long, all year long.



Erika Johannsen
Restaurant owner

I hate it. I think the spirit of each and every season is important to embrace, and that capitalism gets ahead of itself in this regard. Marketing things too early really pulls everyone out of the spirit of the moment.



Malcolm Galligan
Data engineer

I feel positively about it because Halloween is just so much fun. On the other hand, however, I really wish that retailers would hold back a bit on advertising all of the back-to-school stuff. That should not start until at least August.



Taryn McGrath, with Lupa
Preschool teacher

Personally, I love it. It's the only thing that makes the end of summer somewhat enjoyable.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Candidate forum

The Pleasanton Weekly is hosting its first candidate forum of the 2024 election season featuring the competitors for Pleasanton mayor and council next Thursday (Sept. 5) evening at city hall.

With doors opening at 5:30 p.m., the event will be split into two parts. Incumbent Mayor Karla Brown and her opponent, Councilmember Jack Balch, will debate first from 6-7 p.m.

Following a short break, the two sets of candidates for City Council will discuss the issues at the same time from 7:15-8:30 p.m. City Council District 2 sees Councilmember Valerie Arkin against former interim police chief Craig Eicher, and wide-open District 4 pits planning commissioners Matt Gaidos and Vivek Mohan against each other.

The forum, which is co-organized with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, will be independently moderated by Weekly publisher Gina Channell Wilcox and editorial director Jeremy Walsh. A video-recording of the event will be available online after the fact.

For more information or to submit questions for consideration, visit pleasantonweekly.com/election-forums. Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division has at least five other candidate forums in the works for the Tri-Valley between September and October.

Cage to play Madden

Academy Award-winning actor Nicolas Cage has been cast to play football legend and Pleasanton icon John Madden in an upcoming biopic in development by Amazon MGM.

The news was reported earlier this month by Deadline Hollywood, Variety and other entertainment industry media, with writer-director-producer David O. Russell confirming the casting choice for the title character in his "Madden".

Madden, who died in his Pleasanton home in December 2021 at age 85, was renowned for his long career in football as head coach of the Oakland Raiders, a longtime broadcaster and the namesake of EA Sports' innovative gridiron video game. The late Pro Football Hall of Famer was perhaps Pleasanton's most famous resident, and his family remains heavily involved in the community.

'Cirque Tri-Vallé'

Visit Tri-Valley is hosting its annual organizational showcase and midday soiree next month — with a big top theme this year.

"Cirque Tri-Vallé" is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. ■

Senior assisted-living community continues to face financial challenges

The Parkview forced to once again draw from its reserves to cover last year's operating costs

By Christian Trujano

The Parkview, a retirement community that provides assisted living to seniors in Pleasanton, has been struggling financially over the last few years following the pandemic as the facility continues to draw from its budget reserves in order to cover yearly operations.

During the Aug. 20 Pleasanton City Council meeting, the dais voted to approve the withdrawal of \$891,002 from the facility's operating reserves — which is not tied to the city's budget but is controlled by the city government — so that The Parkview could cover last year's operating deficits, which were caused by several reasons including rising expenses and vacancy rates.

"Pre-pandemic it was not unusual for The Parkview to be 100% occupied," Aileen Tibon, executive director of The Parkview, told the Pleasanton Weekly. "During the

pandemic occupancy bottomed out in the mid-70s."

The assisted-living community opened in January 2007 on Valley Avenue at the corner of Sunol Boulevard and consists of 105 units — 86 of those are assisted-living units and 19 are memory-care units. Most of the units are being rented at market rate with 33 of them being below-market rate with reduced rent for low-income residents.

According to the Aug. 20 council report, the city financially supported the development of the facility by providing a nearly \$4 million loan in 2005. The city also entered into a 55-year ground lease agreement with the property's owners: BLP Partnership, Inc. and Eskaton.

Per the ground lease contract, the city agreed to provide oversight of the property and its operations, which is why the city handles the facility's withdrawals from its own operating fund. The city has no

financial ties with The Parkview's operating or reserve funds.

Amid the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility has been experiencing some financial hardships that have forced it to draw from its reserve fund every year to cover operating costs.

It first started in 2021, according to the staff report, when The Parkview first started experiencing increased vacancies as well as continued increased staffing and maintenance costs.

Tibon also cited COVID concerns from families who were scared to place their senior relatives in close communities such as The Parkview.

"Deficits during this time were partly driven by occupancy challenges which were exacerbated by the hesitancy of families to place loved ones in an assisted-living community because of the fear of COVID spread within a community," she said.

That's why the city approved requests in 2021 and 2022 to draw down from the facility's operating reserves — \$188,144 was approved in 2022 and \$701,935 in 2023, according to the staff report.

Per the loan agreement between the city and The Parkview, the facility can use its reserve funds to cover the property's operating deficit for "extraordinary operating costs".

The Parkview has also been facing other internal issues during these past few years.

In 2021, the Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing Division conducted an investigation of a complaint it received regarding a staff from The Parkview allegedly making inappropriate comments to a resident about their private area.

According to the state's investigation report, the allegation was substantiated and the facility was issued

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Tribby named next city manager

Dublin council promoting from within for Smith's successor

By Christian Trujano

The Dublin City Council appointed assistant city manager Colleen Tribby as Dublin's next city manager during the closed-session portion of last week's meeting.

Tribby — who will be Dublin's fifth city manager in 42 years, pending final contract approval — will take the reins in mid-October, which is when current City Manager Linda Smith will be stepping down from her position in order to begin her new job as city manager in Orinda. Smith's last day is scheduled for Oct. 10, a city spokesperson previously confirmed with the Weekly.

"I'm proud to call Dublin home and I'm honored



Colleen Tribby

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After the controversy made the rounds on social media over the weekend, LVJUSD officials rescinded the planned schedule change affecting Livermore High School theater and music students this year.

Drama lessens

After online petition, district addresses concerns of Livermore High theater, music students

By Jeanita Lyman

The show is set to go on for Livermore High School's performing arts students after the district received pushback from them on a schedule change that they said would have required them to make difficult choices between classes or receive no course credit for their preparations for the school's annual musical.

LHS junior Greta Fick-Furlotte started a Change.org petition last Friday calling on district officials to allow for a school period in addition to the regular eight-period day — now in effect following the

district's shift to a semester system starting this school year — in order to accommodate rehearsals for the school's next musical production, which students have traditionally received credit for.

"We all love that Livermore High School has a strong reputation for its musical and theatre programs," students and parents said in a joint letter posted to the petition. "However, the challenge of timing theatre productions to fit within the rigid school day is limiting our ability to foster creativity and develop high-quality performances. Meeting for only an hour and a half

every other day does not create a successful environment to cultivate the beautiful musicals and plays we aspire to produce."

In a group statement, Fick-Furlotte and a group of fellow students told Livermore Vine on Monday that she had launched the petition following what was widely regarded as a disappointing Friday afternoon for students interested in the performing arts — including those at Granada High School, who are encouraged to participate in theater productions at LHS — and

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Board considers asking Ghysels to unretire for longer interim term

With retiree work limit near, PUSD debates full-time contract or picking another superintendent by Oct. 1

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees showed early support last week in asking Interim Superintendent Maurice Ghysels to come out of retirement at a future board meeting in order for him to continue serving in the position while the district finds a permanent superintendent.

Ghysels has a financial cap of how much money he can make in district employment as a retiree, which means given his current pay rate in his contract as interim he would have to leave his position in PUSD by no later than Oct. 1 if he doesn't want to lose his pension benefits.

If he does come out of retirement, he will be able to keep his interim position for however long it takes the district to find a permanent superintendent — he will be able to retire once again and receive his pension benefits once the superintendent vacancy is filled.

"He is retired, which means he has a very limited amount of days that he can work for us," Board President Mary Jo Carreon said during the

Aug. 22 meeting. "We as a board need to discuss asking Maurice to come out of retirement. If we do that, then we need to offer him a contract."

Carreon said the other two options would have been hiring a new interim superintendent who isn't a retiree or hiring a permanent superintendent, all of which would have had to happen within the next 45 days.

Even though the board majority agreed that they would like to move forward with Ghysels and ask him to come out of retirement, the board did not make any final decisions at the meeting because several trustees said they wanted to look at how a new contract with Ghysels would affect the district's budget.

In that new contract they have to address whether or not to pay Ghysels the same salary as former superintendent David Haglund and if they want him to work full time or part time.

"I know there is no contract for tonight but if we're being asked to make a decision, clearly the cost of expenditures when we're dealing with a deficit — we have to discuss

that," Trustee Kelly Mokashi said. "It's kind of difficult to make a decision without understanding the fiscal impact."

She said it seemed a bit "backwards" that the district is bringing this up now rather than when the board first decided to hire Ghysels.

It's been just under two months since Ghysels first took the reins on July 1, following the news of Haglund leaving the district in order to move back to Southern California so he could be with family.

Ghysels has since been vocal about his goals as interim superintendent: work with the district and the community to address upcoming budget reductions, establishing a more positive culture with all PUSD stakeholders and ensuring a successful transition to the permanent superintendent.

But in order to do all of that, he would have to remain as the interim superintendent, which won't be official until the board returns for a final vote.

Thomas Manniello, an attorney with the Lozano Smith law firm based in Walnut Creek, explained how retirees like Ghysels are limited by the amount of money they can earn because of their California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) pensions.

According to the California Education Code, Ghysels has to be paid no more or no less than what an employee would get in his position, which is why his employment agreement states that he is making a base salary of \$1,500 every day and will not exceed \$74,733.

But because of that, Ghysels said he expects to meet his CalSTRS cap by the end of September, meaning

that if he doesn't get started on submitting his papers to come out of retirement soon, he will lose his pension benefits.

Manniello said it takes about a month to get Ghysels' paperwork to come out of retirement processed and once that happens, he can work without any limitations until the end of the school year — or however long it takes to find a permanent replacement. After the new superintendent takes over, he will be able to retire once again and continue to receive his pension benefits.

But as Carreon stated, if they ask him to come out of retirement in order to keep his interim position, they will need to offer him a new contract. And as Ghysels said, he has been vocal about how he would want to be paid the same rate as Haglund.

"When I come out (of retirement), it has to be full time and it has to be at the rate of the previous superintendent," Ghysels said. "That is what it would take."

He said it is a full-time job and he has already been working about three and a half to four days each week — even though his current contract states he is to work three days — and that while he is not complaining about the work, if he does come out of retirement he will be losing his pension, which is why he is asking for the full-time contract.

Apart from Mokashi, trustees Laurie Walker and Steve Maher also said they were worried about the financial impact a full time contract with Ghysels would have on the budget, which is why staff will be returning with more information on how much money the district set aside for the superintendent position in this year's budget.

With that information, the board believed it would be able to make a better decision on whether or not to



Maurice Ghysels

move forward with Ghysels — more specifically if the district has the money set aside to do so.

"I just want to make sure that whatever decision we're doing, it's sound and it's going to be fiscally (responsible)," Mokashi said. "We are in a major deficit right now."

Association of Pleasanton Teachers president Evan Branning also asked for the board to push the decision on how to move forward to the Sept. 12 meeting because he did not like how Ghysels told the board what he would like to get paid and said the district needs to have further discussions on what his new contract would look like.

Despite questions about how the new contract would fit within the budget, the entire board said they have been more than happy with Ghysels work over the past couple of weeks and would like to continue having him at PUSD. One main reason they also wanted to keep him is if the board were to search for a new interim superintendent, or even a permanent one, it would interfere with the current search process for the new district leader.

PUSD has been working with a search firm since July in order to begin the first phase of the community engagement process that will help determine what kind of qualities they would like to see in the new superintendent.

The district is currently asking folks to respond to a survey posted on its website by Sept. 12. Additionally, there are four community forums scheduled between next Wednesday (Sept. 4) and Sept. 17 where people can offer their input. For the full schedule or to take the survey, visit www.pleasantonusd.net.

But if the search firm has to switch gears in the case that the board decides not to ask Ghysels to come out of retirement, that work will have to be put on pause in order to find a replacement interim superintendent — or it would be compressed in order to find a permanent one in less than two months. ■

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CITY MANAGER

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that the Dublin City Council has chosen me to serve as its next leader," Tribby said in a press release from the city on Tuesday. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to guide this talented and dedicated team and help shape the future of our dynamic and diverse community."

The city is still working out an employment agreement with Tribby, and city attorney John Bakker said during the Aug. 20 council meeting that once that contract has been negotiated, it will be placed on a future council agenda for final approval.

"The Dublin City Council is excited to have Colleen Tribby serve as the next Dublin City Manager," Dublin Mayor Michael McCorriston said in the press release. "We have the utmost confidence in her ability

to lead her team and carry Dublin into the future. Her passion for the Dublin community is inspiring"

According to the press release, Tribby first joined the city of Dublin in April 2013 as director of the Administrative Services Department. Prior to that, she worked at the city of South San Francisco and at a consulting firm.

While working in administrative services for Dublin, Tribby was responsible for the finance and information technology functions and helped lead the city's Fiscal Sustainability Task Force, which educated the community about the city's financial status, city officials said.

According to the press release, she also oversaw the formation of Dublin's first Community Facilities District, which is a special tax district that funds public services and improvements such as the Dublin Boulevard

extension project, and completed a "master plan to guide citywide technological improvements."

Smith had appointed Tribby as assistant city manager in December 2019. Since then, she has overseen the city's Parks and Community Services, Public Works and Finance departments. Tribby also had oversight on areas such as human resources, city clerk and information technology.

"Tribby was instrumental in Dublin's continued service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic and has since overseen the planning and funding of several high-profile capital projects, including citywide energy efficiency improvements, the upcoming Dublin Arts Center, the future Dublin Boulevard extension, and the future Village Parkway reconstruction," the city's press release stated. ■

Sunol school board appoints Bobertz as new trustee

Parent and CBOC vice chair to fill vacancy through November 2026 election

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Sunol Glen Unified School District's temporary Board of Trustees has appointed Chris Bobertz, a Sunol resident and parent who ran for the school board in 2022, to fill the empty board seat left by recalled trustee Ryan Jergensen.

As noted in the Aug. 20 board meeting, Bobertz will step in starting on Sept. 10 and will serve on the board until 2026, which is when Jergensen's term was set to end before he was recalled by a majority of voters on July 2.

"The appointment means a ton to me. Not only as we look toward the future of the school but also because of the support I've experienced once my application was made known and the word has gotten around a bit," Bobertz told the Weekly on Friday.

"I look forward to being able to refocus on the school and the positive impact to the school community, but I'm also looking to foster some positivity and hope for the community to be able to look back in two years and say, 'Yeah, I'm glad we tagged Chris in,'" he added.

Board President Peter (Ted) Romo led the interview process of the five candidates for the seat during last week's board meeting — the board originally received a sixth candidate application from James Lowder, another resident who lost in the 2022 election, but he was not present at the hearing.

After asking each candidate questions and hearing closing statements, Romo said his top pick was Bobertz because of his dedication to the school, the town and all of the people who make up the entire Sunol Glen community — even if they might not live in Sunol.

"The thing that stands out with Chris is ... his focus on the school and all its aspects and his role on the (Citizens Bond Oversight Committee)," Romo said. "The committee oversees the use and spending of bond money being used to repair the school.

Bobertz has been a Sunol resident for over six years and actually started off as a commuter parent when his family lived in Fremont. He said before moving to Sunol for the town and school, he understood what it was like to be a commuter parent, which is why he said he understands the importance of having all stakeholders involved, even if they don't have a vote on the school board.

He also said during his interview that he wants to shift the focus back on the students and showing support for not just them, but teachers and staff as well — especially following a long year and a

half of division in the community. "Fortunately, I'm not naive to everything the school community and Sunol has been through," Bobertz told the Weekly. "I look forward to listening, learning and working together with the board and the new superintendent (Mrs. Galletti) so we can do the absolute best we can by the Sunol Glen."

Bobertz will be replacing Alameda County Area 4 Trustee Aisha Knowles, who had been tapped to temporarily serve in the empty seat to help ensure the three-member board would have a quorum.

Sunol Glen Superintendent-Principal Shay Galletti told the Weekly the school is ensuring it is following the proper steps regarding Bobertz's appointment and that they are currently "waiting for Aisha Knowles' formal resignation,

which will be sent to us by the county superintendent."

A l a m e d a County Office of Education Board President Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who appointed herself and Knowles to the Sunol school board following the recall election certification, said during the meeting that as a person who has been in education for over 40 years, she also thought Bobertz was the top candidate for the two-year-plus term.

"Chris Bobertz is absolutely rooted in this community. He knows the teachers, he knows the kids," Cook-Kallio said. "I get the impression that his heart and soul



Chris Bobertz

is in the dirt, it's outside this door."

"I kind of racked my brain around the qualities I thought ... made a good board member," she added. "In my opinion it's that person whose DNA is in the dirt, under the trees and in the garden and with the kids and with the teachers."

Cook-Kallio is filling recalled trustee Linda Hurley's seat until the Nov. 5 election — where Jergensen is running for a trustee position once again but this time against Erin Choin, a Sunol resident, parent and advocate of the recall campaign. (Hurley defeated Bobertz in a tight contest for a two-year short term on the board in the November 2022 election.)

Jergensen spoke a few times during the appointment process and mainly wanted the temporary board to consider appointing

someone who might be more representative of the group of voters in Sunol who voted against the recall efforts. Bobertz had been very outspoken about his support of the recall and was also on the United for Sunol Glen recall campaign.

"It would be great to have all of the community represented and not just one viewpoint," Jergensen said. "I would recommend that the board try to look at candidates and ... try to get a diversity of opinion, diversity of representation for our community.

One of the candidates who is more in line with the anti-recall voters was Thomas Knutsen.

A Sunol resident and an attorney from the Dublin-based Knutsen Law Offices, Knutsen represented Jergensen and Hurley when

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Dublin council clears commercial building, paves way for key downtown project

Reversal of Planning Commission's prior denial sets stage for moving existing retailers to corner spot

By JUDE STRZEMP

Construction of a new multi-tenant commercial building and associated site improvements is coming to the Dublin Place Shopping Center at the intersection of Amador Plaza Road and Amador Valley Boulevard, as approved by the City Council last week.

The new commercial space will enable tenants of the center to relocate, a necessary step to make room for downtown Dublin's proposed new town square and street grid network in the immediate south.

If retailers' needs were left unmet, they would remain in place in their current units through their leases, likely postponing the downtown plans for decades, according to the developer Hines Interests Limited Partnership.

On Aug. 20, the City Council approved a site development review permit that allows Hines to demolish two vacant commercial buildings in the site, construct a multi-tenant commercial building and reconfigure

the site's parking lot and access drives.

One of the vacant buildings on the site is a former bank location, totaling 13,500 square feet. The other is a former Grocery Outlet location, totaling 15,300 square feet.

The project site also includes part of a parking lot and the building that previously served as Lucille's BBQ, though this third building is not slated for tear-down in this project.

The new construction will be a 33,125-square-foot, multi-tenant building. It is expected to serve as the relocation space for some of the center's current tenants: PetSmart, Panera, Chipotle, BMO Bank and Yafa Hummus.

Hines staff described the building as contemporary and clean, made with materials such as stone, wood, metal, architectural concrete and stucco.

In terms of layout, storefronts will face pedestrians to avoid the view of back-of-house operations. The development will also feature foliage and a wide sidewalk at the building frontage to accommodate outdoor seating

in some areas.

The council's approval of the permit reverses the Dublin Planning Commission's decision earlier this year.

In July, the commission denied Hines' site development review permit application after determining that the proposed project was not consistent with the Downtown Dublin Specific Plan.

More specifically, the commissioners were concerned about "the addition of two driveways along Amador Valley Boulevard, the overall layout of the project including the placement of the building setback from the public street, the location of the parking lot adjacent to the public street, the pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and the architecture," according to council's staff report.

Later that month, Hines appealed the decision, arguing that the proposal complied with the Dublin General Plan, downtown plan and Dublin Municipal Code.

However, in response to the

commissioners' comments, Hines revised the plan and architectural rendering by adding additional trees, landscaping and planters; removing some parking spaces to enlarge pedestrian area; shifting the building nine feet north to improve the dog-relief spot and seating; enhancing walkways with decorative concrete and eliminating the one-way drive from Amador Valley Boulevard.

One speaker during public comment last week expressed concern over the proposal not upholding the spirit Downtown Dublin Specific Plan.

To kick off the deliberations, Councilmember Kashef Qaadri suggested he and his colleagues return the proposal to the Planning Commission. He said the plans and renderings have changed since their decision, so it seems unfounded for the council to make a decision on the new renderings.

Councilmember Jean Josey disagreed with Qaadri's analysis, saying that the changes are a direct response

to the commission's concerns.

Mayor Michael McCorriston backed Josey. "We've taken the Planning Commission's comments into consideration," McCorriston said. "Now it's up to us to decide whether the changes are sufficient."

Councilmember Janine Thalblum sided with the majority of the council, agreeing the proposal shouldn't be sent back to the commission.

Moving onto a discussion of the plans themselves, Qaadri voiced displeasure with the commercial building's proposed design.

"It's very vanilla. It seems like a large box to me with a few minor facades improvements or additions," Qaadri said of the eastern side of the building. "I don't think it matches the theme and the aesthetic for the rest of the downtown area, which brought a little more excitement."

After deliberation, the developer's team brought forward modifications to the plan including a raised portion of the roof and flourish, added breaks in the canopy, front door variation for better tenant expression and more color variation once tenant locations were determined.

Councilmembers voted 4-1 to approve the site development review permit, with Vice Mayor Sherry Hu in dissent. ■

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the hopeful cast and crew of the school's next musical.

"We had audition prep for the fall musical 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,' which had already been postponed a week for what I assume was the director and choir teacher trying to figure out a way to allow us to put on the show," LHS students said.

When students arrived at the

theater, they said it was announced that auditions were canceled for the foreseeable future and that the school's ability to put on another show was thrown into question.

"We were so excited to audition for the show until we heard the devastating news," LHS drama club president Ethan Sadkwoski told Livermore Vine on Monday. "Ever since then, our club has worked effortlessly towards getting our voices heard and understood. Unfortunately there is still not a solid solution that will help

bring our 39-year program fully back successfully. We had to put our normal drama club business and planning on hold for our full efforts into getting this to work."

At the advice of their teachers, students decided against spreading the word on social media immediately, but they said that "unfortunately the word got spread out on Instagram in a not so polite and civil way."

"People were attacking the school board rather than trying to reason with them," students said in their

group statement.

Widespread outcry and speculation ensued over the weekend, as well as voices of support and appreciation for the value of the annual musical and other productions at LHS.

"You have to understand that, for the past few years, Advanced Theater Workshop was a class that took place after school," school board candidate Amanda Pepper told Livermore Vine. "It wasn't something students signed up for when registering for classes; instead, they were added to the class and given credit if and when they participated in one of the typically three productions LHS put on each school year."

On Monday, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District officials said they had heard student concerns loud and clear, and that they were making scheduling adjustments necessary to accommodate rehearsals. They had announced on Sunday that discussions on addressing the issue would be a top priority for the week.

"We were able to identify and resolve some scheduling conflicts that were impacting students who wanted to take both drama and choir," LVJUSD Superintendent Torie Gibson said in a message to students and families Monday. "Adjustments have been made to eliminate an overlap in the schedule, and counselors and administrators are working with students to make changes as needed."

"Students who choose not to take drama as a class will still have the ability to participate in theater productions as an extracurricular activity," she continued. "This is not unlike our student athletes who can participate on a sports team even if they choose

not to take an athletic conditioning class during their school day."

Without the option of an additional school period, however, that work with students continued into Tuesday afternoon following a drama club meeting Monday evening in which students had begun drafting a letter to the school board for its next meeting on Sept. 3

The tide had changed as of Tuesday evening, however, with Gibson issuing an additional update and students celebrating the move.

"In order to best accommodate students interested in participating in dramatic productions, we have moved the 7th period courses of Theatre Productions, Stagecraft, and Advanced Theater Workshop to 9th period, after the regular school day," Gibson said. "While holding classes outside of our normal eight-period block schedule is not a precedent for the future, this was the best solution for both our students and staff in this case."

Gibson said that the issue identified by students last week had been a case of growing pains for the district in the first few weeks of its shift to the semester system, and that performing arts programs had never been on the chopping block at the administrative level.

"I want to reiterate that at no time did we contemplate canceling our visual and performing arts programs," Gibson said. "They are a source of pride and identity for our district. We look forward to the continued success of our drama and music programs and highly anticipate not one, but two musical productions this school year." ■

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Big budget decisions loom for new LVJUSD leaders

After temporary certification, district finds itself atop precarious state list online — albeit alphabetically

By JEREMY WALSH

The new superintendent and new top fiscal administrator for the Livermore school system are having to hit the ground running as the district works to get itself off the state's financial warning list.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District received a "qualified certification" from the California Department of Education for its 2023-24 budget because of concerns that projections show the district might not be able to meet its financial obligations two years out.

Although a known problem, having been discussed by the board and prior superintendent's administration at various meetings last school year, Livermore's situation got a bit of a jolt this summer as the state's "Second Interim Status Report" online list has LVJUSD and its \$218.5 million budget at the very top of the "Qualified" section — albeit due to the alphabetical organization.

"We will be working closely

with our school board and staff to determine the next steps for solving our structural deficit and moving out of a qualified status. As this process unfolds, it will be shared with the public openly and transparently. Our plan is to have a resolution in the coming months," LVJUSD Superintendent Torie Gibson told Livermore Vine on Friday.

District officials said much of Livermore's budget issue stems from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, with temporary funding from the state for "critical support and resources necessary to support students" gone but the need very much not.

"With those one-time funds now exhausted, and many of the educational and mental health support needs for students remaining, the lack of ongoing supplemental funding can no longer offset those added expenses," LVJUSD officials told Livermore Vine on Friday afternoon.

"Last year, our district made a number of budget reductions and

re-prioritizations in order to balance our budget for 2024-25. With approximately 80% of our budget allocated for people, we were able to make most of those reductions through staffing retirements and attrition, without the need for layoffs as some of our neighboring districts did," they added.

Despite the moves, projections in the 2023-24 budget still showed a structural deficit in the second "out year", leading to its qualified certification by the state — which requires districts to demonstrate its budget will be balanced for the current year as well as the following two years.

Per the second interim budget report, LVJUSD will need to enact about \$4 million in cuts or other changes to balance its 2025-26 budget, officials said.

As for developing the plan and bringing it forward to the public and school board, officials said, the timeline has been affected by the fact Gibson's first day on the job was July 1 and new assistant superintendent of business

services Kayla Wasley just started at LVJUSD last week.

Gibson, who had been superintendent of the Amador County Office of Education and Amador County Unified School District, was hired to succeed Chris Van Schaack after his retirement at the end of the school year. Wasley came from the El Dorado County Office of Education, where she was director of external business services, to replace Teresa Fiscus — who stepped down after 2023-24 to become chief business officer at Los Gatos Union School District.

"It will be important for our new leadership to understand our district's finances in detail before making decisions," LVJUSD officials told Livermore Vine on Friday afternoon.

Transitions won't only affect the executive cabinet during this time. LVJUSD is guaranteed to welcome two new trustees to its Board of Education after the Nov. 5 general election as both incumbents bowed out. Yanira Guzmán didn't seek a second term for personal

reasons, and Kristie Wang is running for Livermore City Council instead.

LVJUSD is the lone Tri-Valley district on the Department of Education's 2023-24 qualified certification list, a group of 23 statewide that also includes Oakland Unified as the other Alameda County member and the largest at a budget of \$950.1 million.

Two spots down on the alphabetical list are Gibson's former districts, Amador County Office of Education with its \$65.8 million budget and Amador County Unified's \$11.2 million budget.

The top of the page features six districts in the more serious "Negative Certification" category, meaning their budgets were not balanced for 2023-24 and 2024-25 based on their second interim financial report's projections: four tiny rural districts at less than \$3.5 million in annual budget, another small district in Calaveras Unified at \$48.6 million and then San Francisco Unified at just under \$1.35 billion. ■

Suspect in custody following deadly shooting in Dublin

Homicide investigation continues after man killed at Emerald Park apartment complex

By JEANITA LYMAN

A Florida man whose past criminal record includes an attempted shooting in his home state was arrested in Southern California after he was identified as the prime suspect in a deadly shooting in Dublin last week.

Nicholas Paleveda, 38, was taken into custody without incident on Saturday at a Walmart parking lot in Barstow on a warrant Dublin Police Services had obtained while investigating the shooting death of a man inside the Emerald Park apartment complex on Hacienda Drive on Friday afternoon, police said.

"Dublin Police would like to thank both the community and surrounding law enforcement agencies for their assistance in getting

this dangerous individual off the streets so quickly," a DPS spokesperson said in a press release Monday. "This incident continues to be an active investigation."

The investigation was spurred when police responded to the scene at 5050 Hacienda Drive at approximately 2:21 p.m. Friday, where they found a 37-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the head who was pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim's name had not been made public as of press time, with DPS detectives continuing to work toward understanding the motive



Nicholas Paleveda

of the attack and the relationship between the suspect and victim.

Paleveda had been previously arrested in Gainesville, Fla. in 2020 for attempting to shoot his roommate at an apartment complex there, ultimately pleading no contest to the third-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon that he faced. He was sentenced to three years of probation, which ended in May 2023.

The shooting and subsequent police response led to road closures on Hacienda Drive and the Central Parkway on Friday afternoon, as well as a lockdown for the students and staff remaining at James Dougherty Elementary School at 5301 Hibernia Drive approximately 30 minutes after the end of the school day at 1:55 p.m.

As of 3:59 p.m., the lockdown had been lifted, following an earlier request from police to secure the campus as they conducted an investigation of the area surrounding the shooting.

"Thirty minutes after students were dismissed today, DPS informed us of an activity taking place off-site that required our facility to be locked down for precautionary reasons," school officials said in a notification to family and staff at 3 p.m. "The few students and staff who remained on-site are safe and secure with police protection and will be released once all clear."

The lockdown was lifted after approximately an hour and a half.

"We want to thank the Dublin Police for their swift action and efforts to protect the Dougherty

community," Dougherty officials said at approximately 4 p.m. "Dougherty Staff did a tremendous job."

The suspect was still at large as of the end of the lockdown and road closures Friday. Police later reported that at around noon Saturday, a "subject of interest" in the homicide was detained in Barstow but they declined to release further details on who the person is and what their alleged involvement was prior to Monday's announcement.

Paleveda was detained at San Bernardino County upon his arrest shortly after midnight Saturday before being extradited to Santa Rita Jail, less than a mile away from the scene of Friday's crime, on a no-bail hold on Tuesday. He is facing a charge of first-degree murder, with arraignment pending. ■

BOBERTZ

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the two former trustees were a part of a lawsuit that tried to get the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office to stop the recall process after alleging election code errors.

He told the board last week during his interview time that the school lacks leadership and that he wanted to serve as a representative of nearly half of the residents who were against the recall.

"In terms of the larger

community I think I come from the 49% (of residents who voted no on the recall) that have at some point in time felt disenfranchised by the manner in which things played out," Knutsen said. "That section of the community needs to feel that they are represented."

However, while most of the other candidates breezed through the question-and-answer portion of the interview, Knutsen hit a wall with the board on his stance regarding Sunol Glen parents who don't live in the town. He said he believes Sunol residents and

taxpayers — who might not even have students in the school — should be the board's main concern, not parents who commute from other cities.

"Your primary responsibility is not to those parents who chose to bring their children to this school because it's a quality school," Knutsen said. "Your primary obligation is to the residents of this community and the taxpayer ... if you provide a quality education to those residents of Sunol who send their children here, you've done your job."

However, Cook-Kallio and Romo both emphasized that the school board's main concern is the students and that while the community and town of Sunol is the school's backbone, the people who make up the school should take primary concern, which is why they both vouched for Bobertz because of his involvement in all aspects of the school.

Others, like former Sunol Glen parent Kindra Mendall, also endorsed Bobertz saying that he not only knows everyone in the community and volunteers at the

school all the time, but he also knows how to ask questions regarding budget and spending items.

I have seen (Bobertz) here countless hours, volunteering his time at the school, meeting with students on a garden day," said Mendall, a former Sunol Glen School parent. "He is truly a fiscal watchdog. Everyone talks about (how) we need to watch the budget. He's the only one I've seen stand up here and go 'I have questions about the warrants, please answer them.'" ■

Alameda County firefighter on leave following racist tirade in video

Chief: 'I consider it embarrassing behavior and something that's not supported by the department'

By COLE REYNOLDS / BCN

An Alameda County firefighter's racist rant following an off-duty traffic incident last week has sparked outrage on social media after a Stockton resident posted video of the tirade.

The Alameda County Fire Department is in the process of placing the firefighter on paid leave, officials said Monday (Aug. 26).

The video, which went viral on TikTok over the weekend, shows the firefighter standing outside a car, accusing its driver of causing an accident Friday morning on Highway 99 near Lodi. When the driver suggested that police should resolve the dispute, the firefighter called the driver a "dumba— Mexican." Later in the interaction, the firefighter referred to the driver as a "Filipino b—ch."

Condemnation of the firefighter's comments was widespread across multiple social media platforms, with multiple commenters on the TikTok calling for the firefighter to be fired.

"This (made) my blood boil!" one commenter replied to the video, calling the firefighter an "embarrassment."

Alameda County Fire Chief William McDonald offered a similar opinion about the firefighter, whose name has not been released.

"I consider it embarrassing behavior and something that's not supported by the department," McDonald

said. However, Alameda County Fire Department is not classifying the comments as racist until it completes an investigation into the circumstances around the interaction, according to the fire chief.

While McDonald denied that the circumstances excuse the firefighter's comments, he said the department would not take further disciplinary action until it investigates.

In the video, the firefighter doubled down on his comments, repeatedly calling the driver a Mexican or a Filipino, using the terms as epithets. When the driver accused him of racism, the firefighter responded, "I ain't no f—king racist. I'm a f—king firefighter," pointing to his ACFD shirt.

"I don't think that there's any shield against racism because you're a firefighter," McDonald said Monday.

The Alameda County firefighters union said in a statement on Monday that it was aware of the altercation between the driver and its union member, adding it will fully cooperate with the investigation.

"We are still working to get a full understanding of the incident, but we are deeply troubled by the remarks made in the video," said Sean Burrows, president of Alameda County Firefighters Local 55.

The grainy video led to confusion over the firefighter's affiliation, with some social media users initially

speculating that he was a Stockton firefighter before ACFD announced its investigation.

In a post to X, formerly known as Twitter, on Sunday, an account affiliated with Stockton Firefighters Local 456 distanced itself from the firefighter seen on the video.

"He is not ours," the post said, accompanying a screengrab from the TikTok. "This video has gone viral on social media for racist viewpoints. It's disturbing and disgusting. Please share to let other know that this is not our guy."

In the video, the driver also alleges that the firefighter spat on them. "I'll f—king spit on you all f—king day," the firefighter said in response.

McDonald said he watched the video, spoke to the firefighter and "admonished" him for his actions. The firefighter, who has worked for the department since 2004, expressed remorse for his comments, McDonald said. At the Monday event, McDonald offered a public apology to the driver on behalf of the firefighter and the department.

"Such behavior is not representative of who we are, whether the department or our values we strive to embody every day," McDonald said. The driver could not be reached for comment on Monday regarding either the incident or ACFD's subsequent investigation. ■

PARKVIEW

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a Type B citation, which forced the facility to take corrective action by providing training for staff.

The division then gave The Parkview another Type B citation more recently, this March, for failing to order medication refills in a timely manner, which forced the facility to improve its procedures and training when it came to medication.

One of the facility's property owners, Eskaton — which provides senior living care and services in Northern California — was named in a lawsuit in 2021 where an Eskaton employee who worked at one of its facilities in Pleasanton is alleging a laundry list of violations. The Parkview was not explicitly named, but it is the only property Eskaton operates in Pleasanton.

Those allegations range from not paying overtime and not providing breaks, to not maintaining accurate payrolls and not calculating sick leave rates properly.

Tibon said that while she could not "comment on any specific personnel or ongoing legal matters," she said all of these complaints and allegations are not why residents are

leaving and are not the cause for the facility's financial troubles.

"In terms of satisfaction of our residents, we continually monitor feedback through regular satisfaction surveys," she said. "Our latest survey shows over 90% of our residents and their families express high satisfaction with our services and care."

"We take any and all allegations very seriously and investigate them thoroughly to ensure our high standards are maintained," Tibon added. "It's important to clarify that no ongoing trends have been observed in relation to the reasons residents may choose to leave our community. Transition decisions are often personal and varied."

The main financial hit the facility took last year was the continued increase in vacancies, which is how it makes most of its money through the rent money from those units.

"During 2023, the average occupancy at the property was 90%, which is an average of 11 vacant market-rate units per month," according to the staff report. "With an average rent of \$8,500 per unit, the total rent loss due to vacancy in 2023 was \$1,470,000."

But despite those vacancies, staffing and maintenance costs, and

rising interest expenses last year, The Parkview has been working on ways to "improve their financial and operating conditions and avoid further need to draw down reserves."

That includes implementing a 5% rent increase on units that are turned over, improving its marketing and outreach efforts and offering concessions such as a free month without rent.

Already, the facility has seen vacancy steadily improving this year, which is a start. But as Councilmember Jack Balch pointed out during the comment portion of the consent calendar item on Aug. 20, The Parkview needs to drastically turn itself around financially to make sure it doesn't fully deplete its reserves.

Balch said he was worried the nearly \$2 million left in the reserves — which is after the recent withdrawal — is at risk of being exhausted over the next two years if the city continues to use those funds to cover operating costs.

City Manager Gerry Beaudin said the city has similar concerns.

"We want to make sure that there's a plan that creates better success for Parkview," Beaudin said. "The use of reserves is not sustainable." ■



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Moving Parts drummer Kelly Fasman will bring her strong, rhythmic backbone for the Tri-Valley jazz, R&B and New Orleans second-line groove fusion band to Pleasanton on March 8.



Soaring rock solos, dynamic dance routines and many other captivating performances will be coming to downtown Pleasanton over the next months as part of the Firehouse Arts Center's new 2024-25 season.

Julian Mireles, Pleasanton's new recreation supervisor who was recently hired by the city government to oversee all the operations and programming at the Firehouse, told the Weekly he is excited for the new season and for the opportunity to use his new position to further strengthen the community through events like the ones coming up.



Julian Mireles

"Recreation, people, community has always been (important) to me," Mireles said. "We all thrive when we're around strong communities ... The opportunity for me to be a recreation supervisor helps me further along the opportunity, I think there is, to build a strong community."

Mireles started off as a recreation specialist in Gilroy before working for the city of Pleasanton. He was in Pleasanton part-time starting in 2014 and then went to the city of Redwood City during 2016 and 2017. He made his way back to Pleasanton's recreation department in 2017 and has been there ever since, earning the promotion this summer.

He said he thinks the center does amazing work and has always admired how it continues to build community in Pleasanton.

As recreation supervisor, Mireles will oversee operations and lead the

entire Firehouse team, manage the day-to-day operations and work closely on creating new series of performances — just like the new season that recently dropped.

One of his biggest aspirations for the Firehouse will be working with different ethnic groups to provide more cultural programming at the center and also listen to the community to figure out what else residents would like to see at the venue.

He said more diverse recreation programming will create stronger relationships between the city and its residents, which is something he wants to do.

"I do think both the municipality thrives on top of the community," Mireles said.

Diverse is one way to describe the newly announced 2024-25 Firehouse Arts Center season.

From classic rock tributes and original singer-songwriters, to cabaret and emotional plays, this new season will be "an unforgettable lineup of performances," Firehouse reps said.

"Whether you wish to be enchanted by soulful melodies, energized by high-octane performances or immersed in festive celebrations, the Firehouse Arts Center aims to have something for everyone," according to the season-launch press release this month.

The season kicked off last week on Aug. 24 with The Golden Follies, an ensemble of senior performers who

are renowned for their "high-energy dance routines, dazzling costumes and timeless musical repertoire," which mimics what one might see in Las Vegas.

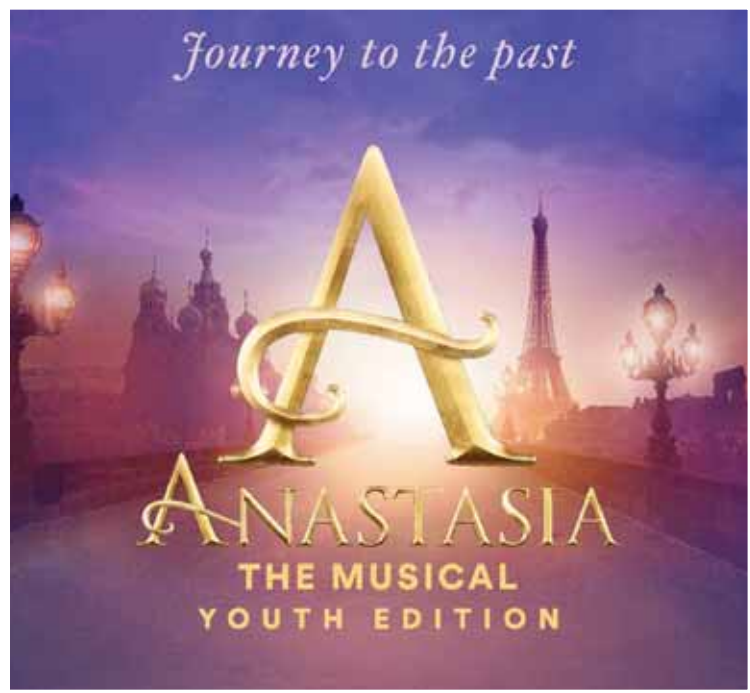
But don't worry, if you happened to miss the first show, the energetic senior performers will be back on Dec. 14 for their holiday performance, "A Very Follies Holiday 2024".

The next act folks can catch will be renowned Nashville-based country artist Buck Ford on Sept. 13. Ford will be bringing his rock 'n' roll and country flair to the Pleasanton stage for an "unforgettable experience for fans of genuine country music," according to Firehouse reps.

Following Ford later in September will be Carnival! — a Carlos Santana tribute band. The group, which is made up of "seasoned musicians with decades of dedication," will be paying homage to Santana's legendary sound on Sept. 28 by playing some of the famous guitarist's most iconic hits with "soulful precision and unwavering passion," Firehouse officials said.

As we head into October and spooky season, the Firehouse will be inviting the community to celebrate Halloween with the Tri-Valley Theatre Company on Oct. 18 during the "Spooktacular Broadway" show. The one-night cabaret will transport the audience to a world of dancing ghosts and spine-tingling performances.

Next up will be the Firehouse's own award-winning improvisation troupe, Creatures of Impulse, who will be performing their show "Doomsday Diaries" on Oct. 24. The show will be set in the apocalypse as the young



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

The Pleasanton Youth Theater Company will be performing a youth edition of "Anastasia the Musical" weekends from Nov. 1-10.



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Chicago The Tribute (a tribute band paying homage to the legendary band, Chicago) will rock out '70s-style on Nov. 16.



The CoolTones Big Band, a Tri-Valley-based band made up of 19 musicians who co

Firehouse

up of performances' in Pleasanton theater

AN TRUJANO

teen performers improvise stories on the spot about survival, resilience and the human spirit.

Closing out the month on Oct. 25 will be Stella Heath and Bandjango Collectif. Health is a North Bay native and vocalist who will be leading Bandjango Collectif, a band of gypsies who will be bringing an “electrifying musical experience melding French Gypsy Jazz, New Orleans Jazz, global traditional music and folk,” according to Firehouse reps.

November will be a busy month for the Firehouse as it kicks off with a youth edition of “Anastasia the Musical”, which will be performed by the Pleasanton Youth Theater Company. The youth group will transport audiences to Russia and France in order to follow the life of a brave young woman seeking to uncover her mysterious past.

The next group to take the stage that month will be Chicago The Tribute, a tribute band paying homage to the legendary ‘70s band, Chicago. The tribute band will be bringing a night of soulful ballads, upbeat rock anthems and all the other Chicago hits during its show on Nov. 16.

Then Creatures of Impulse will be returning to the stage from Nov. 13-23 for its “Mystic Tales” set. According to Firehouse officials, each performance will feature enchanting stories “filled with magical creatures, epic quests, and mystical adventures, all created on the spot.”

November will then end off with performances by Chorus Eclectic, a Dublin-based chorus, as part of their fall concert, “Surf and Turf”, where

the choral will explore how songs have influenced journeys around the world and by the High School Music Collaborative, a group of high schoolers who will be performing their annual Holiday Youth Music Festival.

The collaborative will then return the following month on Dec. 6 for its “True Tales, A High School Cabaret” performance where they will feature songs from musicals based on true stories

“From heart lifting to heart-breaking, these performances strike a chord with the real stories of human experience,” according to the Firehouse press release.

On Dec. 13, fans of the popular rock band Journey will be able to relive the group’s magic once more with a performance by Evolution, a tribute band that aims to recreate the iconic sounds, powerful vocals and electrifying guitar solos of the original group.

“With their high-energy performances and spot-on renditions of classic hits, Evolution captures the essence of one of rock’s greatest bands,” according to the press release. “Whether you’re a longtime fan or new to Journey’s music, Evolution promises a spectacular night of rock and nostalgia.”

Capping off the holiday season on Dec. 21 will be the Jeff Bordes & Friends: A New Orleans Christmas 2024 performance. Bordes, who grew up in Pleasanton, will be heading the annual extravaganza that infuses Christmas classics with the sounds of New Orleans, jazz, funk and blues.

The Pleasanton Youth Theater

Company will return on Jan. 18 to kick off the first show of the new year with its production of “Finding Nemo KIDS”. The 30-minute musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 movie will feature young actors who will bring the underwater world to life.

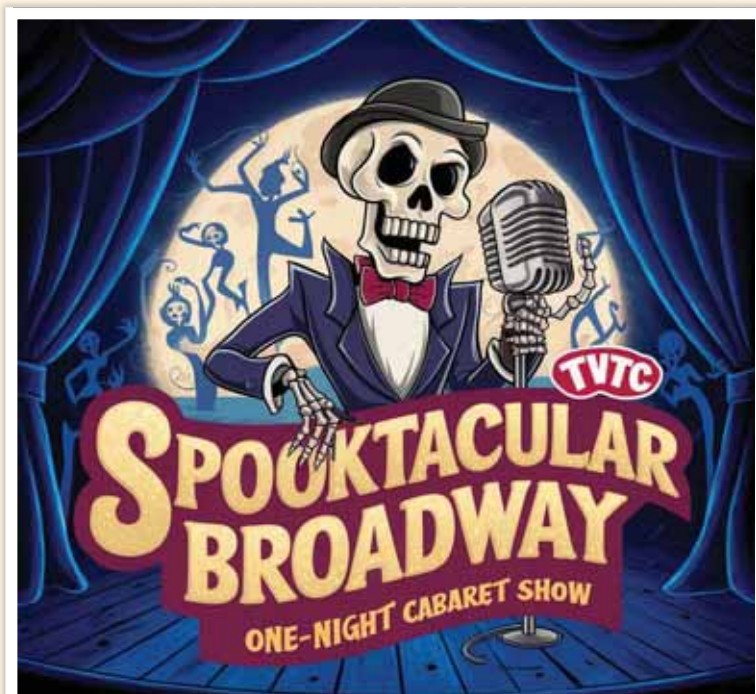
Then the season will begin to slow down as February will only see one performance, by The CoolTones Big Band, a Tri-Valley-based band made up of 19 musicians who cover a wide range of genres including swing, jazz, blues, R&B and rock.

Another fellow Tri-Valley band, Moving Parts, will be filling up the Firehouse with the ultimate fusion of jazz, R&B, and New Orleans second-line grooves the following month on March 8.

“With John R. Burr’s mesmerizing piano melodies, Noel Caturá’s soulful saxophone tunes, and Kelly Fasman’s rhythmic percussion beats, Moving Parts delivers a symphony of unparalleled talent,” according to the press release.

Pleasanton native and Amador Valley High School alumnus Lauryn Marie will end off this year’s Firehouse season as the frequent musician will once again grace the stage with her “thoughtful lyrics and evocative melodies” on March 29. “The Nashville-based singer, songwriter and producer combines folk, indie-rock, and bedroom pop to create sincere and relatable songs that aim to reach all types of people,” according to the press release.

To see the full schedule, purchase tickets and learn more, visit firehousearts.org. ■



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

The Tri-Valley Theatre Company will be embracing the spooky season on Oct. 18 during its one-night cabaret show, Spooktacular Broadway.



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Pleasanton native and Amador Valley High School alumnus Lauryn Marie will be returning to the Firehouse to end off this year’s season.



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

over a wide range of genres, will be once again gracing the stage on Feb. 1.



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Stella Heath and Bandjango Collectif will perform an interesting melting pot of French gypsy jazz, New Orleans jazz, global traditional music and folk to Pleasanton on Oct. 25.

Scottish Games return to fairgrounds

Heavy athletics, music, dance, food, drink and more spotlight Scotland's culture this weekend

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The 158th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games is set to return to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton this Labor Day weekend to celebrate competition, culture and entertainment.

As the largest and longest-running Scottish Games in California, attendees can expect to be immersed in the heritage of Scotland through music, dance, heavy athletics, food, drink and more.

Game day favorites from heavy athletics events will be back at the fair's race track. These are traditional Scottish competitions requiring strength and technique, said William Hardie, chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, the society hosting the games.

Heavy athletics will include events like the caber toss, where a person throws a straight, long log into the air so it lands with its thrown end opposite the competitor.

Another form of athletic competition at the Scottish Games this year is the Celtic mile race. Anyone can participate in this mile-long event as long as they wear their kilt, Hardie explained.

Highland dancing, by performers of all ages, is yet another of the viewable competitions at the event.

There will also be an animal competition called the Sheepdog Trials, where Border Collies will compete for the title of best sheep herder.

Beyond athletics and trials there will be Scottish music, food, drinks and history-sharing.

"It's not just about competitions," Hardie said. "It's about entertainment. It's about ceremony."

Visitors can be immersed in Scottish heritage with the event's living history reenactments. Here, people will hold knighting ceremonies and afternoon tea sessions with the "queen" — all in period clothing.

The venue will also be filled with Scottish tunes. On the traditional side of musical performances, guests can expect bag piping, drumming and Scottish folk tunes. And on the more modern side will be the Celtic rock bands.

As for food, vendors will be selling authentic Scottish items like scones, savory pies, Scotch eggs, and fish and chips.

Visitors can even take part in a whiskey-tasting of Scotch, Irish, American, and international whiskeys.

Hardie said the marketplace will also be a worthwhile stop for its United Kingdom-exclusive products.



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The caber toss, which involves throwing a long log to rotate it, is one of the heavy athletics competitions at the Scottish Games.

"In Scotland, they have a drink called Irn Bru, which is a sugary soda. Everybody that grows up in Scotland swears by it, and it's very difficult to buy over here," Hardie said. "But there's usually a couple of vendors that have it on sale, and you have to get in quick because it sells out quick."

In addition to food and drink, vendors will be selling kilts, tartan ware (symbolic cloth with a pattern of criss-cross bands) and Scottish and Celtic jewelry.

Venturing into the center of the fairgrounds, visitors will find the Glen of the Clans, where family communities will display their tartans. Here, visitors can listen to families tell ancestral Scottish stories.

At the end of both game days is a must-see Grandstand Show, Hardie told the Weekly.

"The Grandstand Show encapsulates the ceremonial splendor, competitive spirit, and lively entertainment that define our Games," first chieftain Ron Dunne said in a statement.

It will include performances by the Vancouver Irish Pipes and Drums Society from British Columbia, a guest military band and a "massed" band composed of hundreds of musicians performing at once.

The Scottish Games are hosted each year in Pleasanton by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, a society created to keep alive ancient customs, costumes and games of Scotland, and to spread Scottish literature, music and arts, according to its website.

"It's thanks to partners and sponsors like the fairgrounds and Visit Tri-Valley that we're able to continue to keep putting the games on in Pleasanton," Hardie said. "We hope to be doing it for another 30 years if we can."

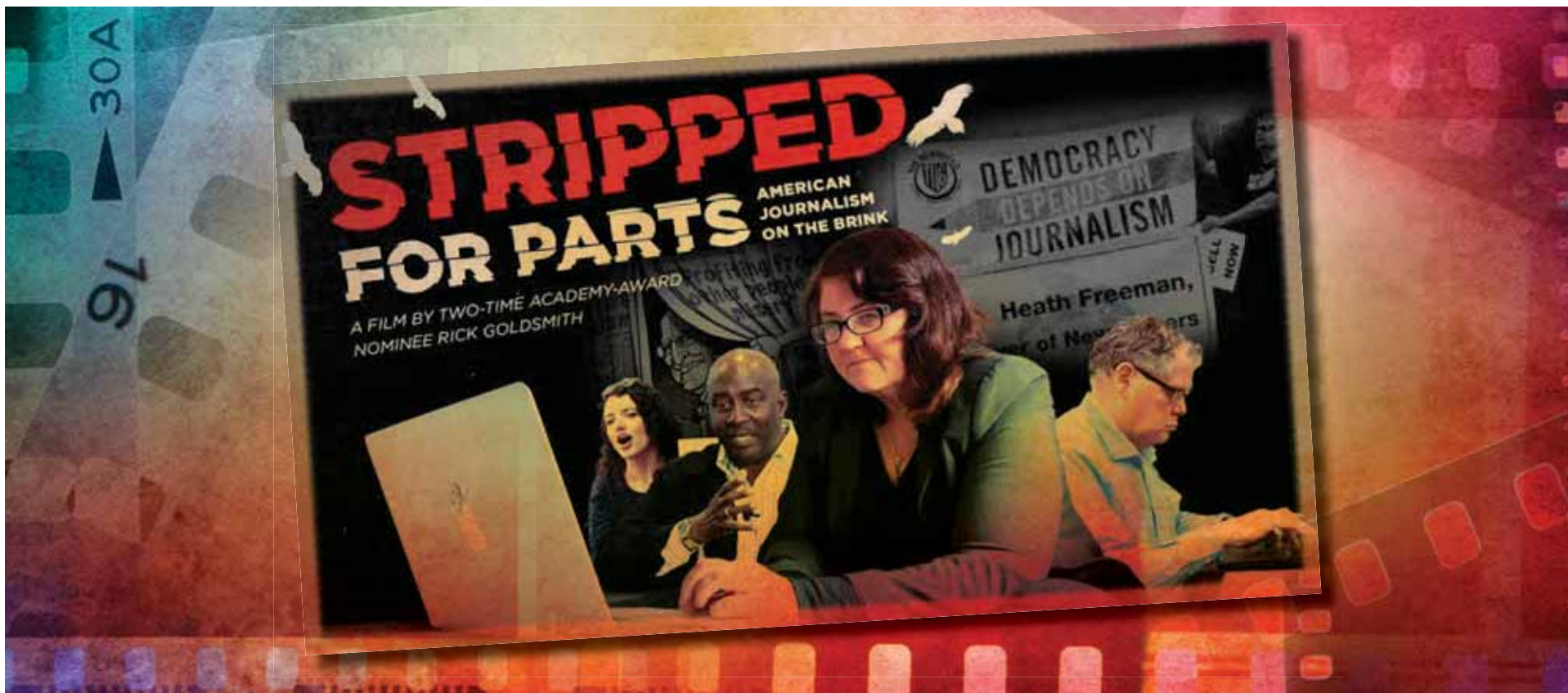
Prior to the fairgrounds celebration, the Caledonia Club is putting on a traditional Scottish dance and music performance at the San Ramon Marriott on Friday (Aug. 30). Performers at this event include Scottish folk singer Peter Daldry, fiddler Michael Mullen, Celtic folk musicians of the Katie Jane Band, the Vancouver Irish Pipes and Drums Society and more, according to the Scottish Games website.

This year's Scottish Games at the county fair take place on Saturday (Aug. 31) and Sunday (Sept. 1) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Tickets to the games and the Friday night concert are available for purchase at thescottishgames.com. ■



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In celebration of heritage, Scottish communities will gather at the Glen of the Clans to display their tartans.



A SCREENING OF

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AMERICAN JOURNALISM ON THE BRINK

Join us for a special screening of this award-winning documentary, and a conversation afterward on the future of journalism with filmmaker and director Rick Goldsmith, California State Senator Steve Glazer, local journalist and former Tri-Valley Herald Publisher Tim Hunt and Embarcadero Media East Bay President & Publisher Gina Channell Wilcox.

Local journalism throughout America is facing a financial crisis due to the collapse of its ad-supported business model. And while local newspapers seek grassroots public support to survive, a sinister and cynical force on Wall Street has quietly seized on the opportunity to buy up news organizations across the country, decimate their staffs, destroy their independence and deprive local readers of a critical tool supporting democracy. The Mercury News, East Bay Times and many California newspapers are among the approximately 200 newspapers nationwide now owned by Alden Global Capital, a New York-based hedge fund and a major subject of the film.

“**Stripped for Parts: American Journalism on the Brink**” exposes the battle between hedge funds and local community leaders for control over their local news and the future of journalism.

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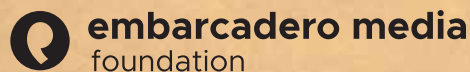
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POLICE BULLETIN

DPS: Confrontation with parent led to teens beating Dublin High student

Police have released new details about their investigation into an assault at Dublin High School last Friday, saying a confrontation with a parent precipitated an attack in which four teenagers beat up a student in the boys' locker room.

The announcement from Dublin Police Services on Tuesday afternoon corroborates some details shared publicly by the school principal Maureen Byrne and contradicts others, including Byrne's initial assertion that all five assailants were adults.

"It is not believed this was a random incident and school resource officers continue to interview witnesses and collect video evidence to determine a motive and how the victim, suspect, and Dublin High School parent know each other," Dublin police Lt. Kevin Monaghan said in the press release.

According to Monaghan, police officers responded to Dublin High at

about 3:30 p.m. Friday after receiving a call about a fight on campus after school. As police arrived, a 15-year-old boy was being transported to an area hospital for face and head injuries deemed non-life-threatening. The student was treated and released shortly thereafter.

The ensuing investigation revealed the teen boy was confronted by a Dublin High parent and then retreated to the locker room but was followed by the parent and four unidentified people, according to Monaghan.

"The four unknown subjects, who were wearing hoodies, reportedly assaulted the victim until the fight broke up, at which time, they fled the area," the lieutenant said. "The four subjects have not been identified; however, they have been described as being approximately 16 to 19 years of age."

Byrne said in an email to the school community that football players and head coach Napoleon Kaufman helped stop the altercation.

The principal also stated that much of what occurred before and after the attack was captured on video, and that Dublin police had already identified some of those involved — a point which is now unclear

after Monaghan's case update. Byrne added that the incident would lead to campus safety changes.

"We are outraged that this happened on our campus. School must be a place where all feel safe and supportive," Byrne said in her email. "We are working with the police to address this to the full extent of the law."

"We will make sure to have continued adult presence in the locker room. Until further notice, the hallways facing the parking lot will stay locked and students will need to enter via the doors facing the practice field," she added.

The attack on Friday came the same week as a brief lockdown at Dublin High and adjoining Valley Continuation High School on the afternoon of Aug. 19 after a report of a fight that proved false, according to authorities. Emerald High School across town was also searched that afternoon but did not have a shelter in place.

James Dougherty Elementary School was also locked down last week — not long after school let out on Friday afternoon as Dublin police searched for a homicide suspect in the neighborhood.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- Authorities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, respectively, are investigating deaths at their jails in recent days with cases of Tri-Valley connections.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office on Monday reported the death of an inmate at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin over the weekend.

The circumstances of the death of 30-year-old Abrion William McElmore, who had been in custody for nearly two years on suspicion of rape and other charges, remains under investigation by the sheriff's and district attorney's offices, according to the sheriff's Capt. Tya Modeste.

Sheriff's deputies originally booked McElmore — an unhoused Black man known to frequent San Lorenzo, Hayward and Castro Valley — into Santa Rita on Sept. 9, 2022 at around 3:30 a.m. for multiple felonies including forcible rape, assault, burglary, trespassing and drug charges, according to Modeste. His criminal case was still active in the county court system.

Modeste said a deputy found McElmore unresponsive in his cell just after 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Personnel with Wellpath, Falck Ambulance and Alameda County Fire Department were called to the scene and performed life-saving measures, but McElmore did not regain consciousness and was pronounced dead at 1:02 p.m.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau informed McElmore's next-of-kin. "The medical examiner will determine the cause of death, as it is currently unknown," Modeste said. "The death investigation is ongoing, and no further information is currently available."

On the same day as the ACSO announcement, Contra Costa County officials confirmed that a man arrested by San Ramon police on suspicion of theft last week had died in jail in Richmond that afternoon.

The death, which officials said does not appear to be suspicious, is under investigation by the sheriff's and district attorney's offices under the countywide protocol for fatal incidents involving law enforcement.

The male inmate, whose name has not been released, was originally taken into custody by the San Ramon Police Department on Aug. 22 for multiple felony theft charges and subsequently booked into the Martinez Detention Facility, according to the sheriff's office.

At about 1:56 p.m. Monday, deputies responded to the inmate being found unresponsive in the housing unit at the West County Detention Facility and called jail medical staff to the scene, according to the sheriff's office. It was not immediately clear when the inmate was transferred

from Martinez to Richmond.

"Life-saving measures were attempted by deputies, medical staff and paramedics. The inmate, who was housed alone, was later pronounced deceased at the scene," the sheriff's office stated.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A driver was killed after his pickup truck crashed into a tree alongside Foothill Road just north of Sunol late Monday night, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Investigators suspect drunk-driving could have been a factor in the deadly crash because alcohol bottles were seen inside the vehicle, according to Dublin CHP Officer Tyler Hahn. The decedent, a 39-year-old man from Stockton, was also reportedly not wearing a seat belt.

"Luckily no other vehicles or parties were involved. Let this be a dark reminder to slow down, wear your seatbelt and never drink and drive," Hahn said Tuesday morning.

The investigation began at about 10:25 p.m. Monday (Aug. 26) when CHP dispatch received a call about an apparent crash with unknown details on Highway 84 at Foothill Road — the location was later clarified to be unincorporated Foothill Road just outside Sunol, Hahn said.

Arriving officers found the aftermath of a solo-vehicle crash, with the driver of the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado unresponsive and without a pulse in the cab, Hahn said. Paramedics soon pronounced the man dead. His name has not been released publicly yet.

The Silverado had hit a tree on the side of the road, but the other circumstances of the deadly crash remain under CHP investigation, Hahn said.

—Jeremy Walsh

- Police in Fremont have arrested a teaching assistant suspected of multiple sexual assaults, the department stated last week.

Brandon Duran, 25, of Fremont, is suspected of several crimes after multiple juvenile students at the California School for the Deaf came forward with stories of alleged sexual assaults in Fremont and Livermore, police said.

Duran, whom police said is a teaching assistant at the school, is allegedly linked to at least three separate assaults.

Duran was arrested on Aug. 22 and booked into the Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of annoying or molesting a child, oral copulation with a minor, oral copulation with a victim too intoxicated to resist, contact with a minor with the intent to commit a sexual offense, oral copulation by force or fear, and unlawful sexual penetration.

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 24

Theft

- 7:57 a.m. on the 4200 block of First Street

- 10:04 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft

- 2:09 p.m., 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; auto theft

- 6:33 p.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Weapons violation

- 9:47 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Graffiti offense

- 11:36 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Aug. 23

Theft

- 6:17 a.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; auto theft

- 1:44 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 4:53 p.m., 8000 block of Canyon Creek Circle

- 9:50 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

Aug. 22

Theft

- 9:27 a.m. on the 2200 block of Via Espada

- 9:21 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 3:12 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Aug. 21

Theft

- 7:09 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; auto theft

- 9:30 a.m., 3500 block of Utah Street; auto theft

- 10:27 a.m. on the 000 block of West Neal Street

- 11 a.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; auto theft

- 1:34 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 5:17 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Aug. 20

Weapons violation

- 8:46 a.m. on the 000 block of California Avenue

Fraud

- 9:02 a.m. on the 800 block of Rose Avenue

Domestic battery

- 3:06 p.m. on Corte Montanas

Shoplifting

- 6:28 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 10:15 p.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Aug. 19

Theft

- 6:29 a.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

- 7:08 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

- 7:47 a.m. on the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

- 11:59 a.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 4:50 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 8:33 p.m., 470 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

Aug. 18

Alcohol violation

- 2:55 a.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Assault/battery

- 1:16 p.m. on the 4500 block of Eull Court

Theft

- 4:14 p.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

- 5:13 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Aug. 17

DUI

- 12:39 a.m. on the 3100 block of Joanne Circle

Vandalism

- 1:11 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 8:20 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Theft

- 10:52 a.m., 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 3:26 p.m. on the 1500 block of Whispering Oaks Way

- 4:16 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 7:52 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Aug. 16

Fraud

- 8:36 a.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Shoplifting

- 3:14 p.m. on the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 6:38 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 5:19 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Aug. 15

Domestic battery

- 12:15 a.m. on Owens Drive

Auto theft

- 6:59 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Warrant arrest

- 3:18 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Tri-Valley police crack down on illegal tobacco sales

Some departments receive state grant that funds enforcement, including large-scale operations

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Police Department seized over \$130,000 of illegal products from three different smoke shops on Aug. 8 thanks to the Tobacco Grant Program, state funding that helps law enforcement agencies curb the unlawful sale of prohibited products.

PPD officials said they had conducted a special operation in collaboration with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) and Pleasanton's code enforcement officer, according to an Aug. 14 social media post. The joint team inspected smoke shops in the city suspected of selling products to minors.

"Flavored tobacco sales are a concern throughout California," PPD Sgt. Marty Billdt told the Weekly. "We plan to conduct more operations as these types of operations are one of our grant goals."

Police agencies in the Tri-Valley agree that tobacco education and enforcing the ban is important, but they also acknowledge that there is more work to be done to keep kids away from harmful tobacco products like flavored vapes. And for some of them, that work includes using grant money to conduct similar operations like the one PPD did earlier this month.

"This year's inspections have so far been done without a grant. We have been using department time to respond to complaints, no special operations," said Azenith Smith, public information officer for the Livermore Police Department. "Livermore Police has applied for a grant for the upcoming two fiscal years. We will know in October if we were granted that money."

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a law banning retailers from selling most flavored tobacco products — including flavored vapes — in 2020 amid concerns about increasing



COURTESY PPD

Officers seized 4,300 units of flavored tobacco and psilocybin mushrooms and led the CDTFA to seize multiple illegal marijuana products that are pictured here. The retail price for everything seized totaled at about \$130,000.

numbers of teenagers using e-cigarettes and tobacco. Between then and the actual implementation of the law in 2022, cities like Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin all passed similar bans.

Police agencies have discovered that not all tobacco retailers are following the law and have continued selling these products in their stores as well as to minors.

"In 2020 the City of Dublin adopted a municipal code that banned the sale of flavored tobacco and electronic smoking devices. During that year we had several problematic retailers that conducted prolific sales to minors," Dublin Police Services Capt. Miguel Campos said. "One of the businesses had multiple violations resulting in multiple citations and eventually the revocation of their tobacco sales permit."

The grant program that funded Pleasanton's recent operation, which is administered by the office of the state's attorney general, was created in 2017 and has since distributed about \$184.7 million in grant funding to local law enforcement agencies, according to the Department of Justice website.

The site also states that the funds come from increased taxes placed on cigarettes.

PPD was awarded \$430,000 in grant money to fund enforcement operations such as retail stings and shoulder-tap operations like the one on Aug. 8, which helped officers seize 4,300 units of flavored tobacco and psilocybin mushrooms and led the CDTFA to seize multiple illegal marijuana products.

According to PPD, "Businesses found in violation of selling flavored tobacco were issued citations. In some cases, the tobacco sales license can be suspended for 30 days."

Billdt said PPD was first awarded the grant in July 2022 and that it will last until June 30, 2026. He said since the grant started in January 2023, the Aug. 8 operation was the first of its size — PPD conducted decoy operations this past June where they visited 23 stores but nothing came close to the most recent one this month.

In Livermore, Smith said they have done similar work but without the grant money. She touched on a May 13 joint cooperation with the CDTFA as well where

they performed regulatory inspections of several tobacco retailers in Livermore.

"The inspections stem from numerous complaints by Livermore parents and school officials of illegal nicotine use, especially the selling of flavored vapes to minors," Smith said.

She said during the inspections, LPD found illegal tobacco and cannabis products at five stores and the two agencies seized more than 8,200 prohibited, unlicensed and illegal tobacco and cannabis products that all had a retail value of about \$172,000. Smith said three smoke shops were cited this year.

"Our young people are using vaping nicotine products without knowing the repercussions," Livermore Police Officer Nathan Pearlman said in a statement. "By taking away the supply, it will prevent juveniles from easily getting their hands on these products."

While Dublin Police Chief Nate Schmidt told the Weekly the city does conduct enforcement using the state's grant money, Campos said it hasn't done any raids or has worked with the CDTFA like the prior two agencies.

Campos said Dublin had a tobacco enforcement program for years that was focused on stores selling tobacco to minors but that over the last four years, that program has evolved to also include tobacco retailer inspections, school-related investigations and officers on campus who offer education on substances like tobacco.

He said Dublin received the tobacco grant in 2021 and that it lasted until this past July. During that time, Campos said the department conducted in-store minor decoy operations, undercover officer operations, shoulder tap operations and in-store inspections at all 23 tobacco retailers in Dublin.

The department usually conducts three operations per quarter

to make sure these stores are not selling to minors or selling illegal products; however, Campos said they still usually have at least two violations where stores sell to a minor.

"Those cases are sent to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution," Campos said. "We conducted several successful shoulder tap operations that resulted in citizens buying tobacco products for underage decoys. Those cases were also sent to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution."

He noted that they have not had any recent violations involving flavored tobacco or electronic smoking devices being sold.

Campos also said officers going to schools to educate kids on the dangers of tobacco — and having officers investigate the sales of these products at schools — coupled with stores upgrading their cash registers to require swiping valid identification has all helped lower the number of people using tobacco and stores selling these products.

"We believe that our continued enforcement including citations and tobacco retailer permit revocations has helped to reduce the instances of problematic retailers," Campos said. "The funding from the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program helped to keep the program and staffing running as well as adding additional components of retailer education as well as the education of our school aged students."

Dublin has applied for the new grant cycle and is hoping to get the funding to continue its tobacco enforcement program.

While the San Ramon Police Department does not receive funds from the state grant program, Lt. Tami Williams said the city has recently added a second school resource officer to its Youth Services Program, which helps by providing education and addressing concerns regarding youth tobacco use on campuses. She noted, however, that the city "does not currently conduct organized operations that target these shops." ■

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The results of Duran's arraignment are pending.

Fremont Police Department declined to provide further details to Livermore Vine about the circumstances of the allegations originating in Livermore. A Livermore PD spokesperson deferred comment to Fremont PD as the lead agency on the case.

Detectives are looking for other potential alleged victims who may have had contact with Duran. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Crimes Against Persons Detective Ana Santana at 510-513-1091.

Anonymous tips can be texted to

"Tip FremontPD" followed by your short message to 888-777 or via the web at <https://www.fremontpolice.gov/Tip>.

—Katy St. Clair of Bay City News and Jeremy Walsh

- A man who died in a traffic collision on Interstate 680 between Fremont and Sunol last week was identified by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau as Eduardo Tovaraleman, a 37-year-old resident of Los Banos in Merced County.

Tovaraleman was driving a 1992 GMC Sierra pickup truck in the northbound lanes of I-680 north of Sheridan Road at about 6:30 a.m. Aug. 20 when he collided with the rear end of a three-axle Peterbilt dirt hauler semi-trailer, according to the

California Highway Patrol.

After the impact, Tovaraleman's truck veered off the freeway and up a dirt embankment, the CHP said. It struck a tree and a streetlight and came to rest on its roof. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The CHP said no other injuries were reported. The wreck remains under investigation. Anyone with information can contact the Dublin CHP office at 925-828-0466.

—Bay City News Service

- BART's West Dublin-Pleasanton station experienced a brief closure on Tuesday morning because of police activity.

The transit agency issued an alert shortly before 8:45 a.m. about the closure and said trains were not

stopping at the station. About 15 minutes later, BART officials said the station had reopened and trains were stopping there again.

BART spokesperson Jim Allison said the closure was prompted by a report of someone who was slashing at people with a shiny metal object, though no injuries were reported. The alleged assailant was taken into custody, Allison said.

—Bay City News Service

- Livermore police arrested a man and woman this month for allegedly possessing three types of drugs for sale.

Around 11 p.m. Aug. 13, officers pulled over a vehicle for allegedly having an expired registration.

Police learned the driver, a

27-year-old man from Tracy, was unlicensed and had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest.

Officers searched the vehicle and allegedly found five ounces of methamphetamine, 89 alprazolam (Xanax) pills and more than 14 grams of heroin.

Police arrested the man on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell, possession of a narcotic, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police also arrested his passenger, a 36-year-old woman from Livermore, for alleged possession of a narcotic with the intent to sell, possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia. ■

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News

By JULIE TESTA

Let's work together to keep Pleasanton excellent

A recent community survey found that 91% of Pleasanton residents say the city is a good or excellent place to live. To maintain what is wonderful about our city, come November, we will vote on a measure that would increase sales tax by half of one percent.

That means, for every purchase of \$100, another 50 cents would go exclusively to the Pleasanton city budget. Prescription medicine, groceries, rent, mortgage payments and utilities will be exempt from the tax.

Of the existing sales tax of 10.25%, just 1% comes directly to Pleasanton. By law, every penny generated by this local voter-approved, half-a-penny sales tax must stay local. That means all funds generated by this tax would stay local to fund essential city services and infrastructure improvements for Pleasanton. None of the estimated \$10 million annually can be taken by the state or county.

Many residents are perplexed about the current budget shortfall in the city of Pleasanton. Pleasanton has never asked its voters for help, but with a growing tab that now stands at about \$13 million a year — for the next 10 years — it is necessary.

Some political self-interest opponents want you to believe that this is a new problem based upon fiscal mismanagement. Nothing could be further from the actual truth! Decisions that got us here date back decades, long before anyone now in leadership was in charge.

So, the question is how did we get here? There are several reasons: declining revenues from sources that were once robust (reduced revenue from Stoneridge Mall), unforeseen circumstantial challenges (Pleasanton lost more than \$11 million in hotel tax revenue during the pandemic and has not yet recovered to the pre-pandemic level), along

with costly repairs to the city's aging infrastructure that must finally be addressed, together with escalating expenses.

However, the most significant factor is the ballooning costs of legally mandated CalPERS government pension obligations, which continue to consume an alarming percentage of the city's general budget.

Greater payments toward this mandated obligation have been impacting the city's general fund for decades. The state has known for years that municipalities across the state would hit a pension tsunami, but has not offered adequate solutions, leaving California cities in a lurch.

City leadership has and will continue to implement cost-saving

and revenue-generating measures. Pleasanton has implemented all the legal corrections available to address unsustainable pension costs, including restructuring pension formulas for new hires and an account (called a 115 Trust Fund) to help fund the decade of peak years. But even these remedies are not enough.

As a city and a community, Pleasanton supports public safety, and we apply resources for public safety as a top priority (more than half of the general budget), which draws a significant portion of the pension obligation.

Please understand, this tax will not fund government pensions; they are an obligation that we owe to those who served our city, and they will be paid. This tax will help maintain our ability to sustain the services that residents value most.

We must join together to navigate these challenges. This small additional tax is an investment in maintaining what is wonderful about Pleasanton. I ask you to vote Yes on Measure PP, "Pennies for Pleasanton." ■

Editor's note: Pleasanton Vice Mayor Julie Testa represents District 3 on the City Council. She voted in favor of sending the 0.5% sales tax measure (Measure PP) to the voters in the Nov. 5 election.



LETTERS

Gravel trucks speeding down First Street

My husband and I have lived on First Street for 15 years, the majority of our residency here has been wonderful. We love Pleasanton, our neighborhood and the quaintness of our wonderful downtown.

However, since COVID impacting our community, there are many disturbing trends in our town. We cannot worry about the past three years, but since May 2024, we (the residents of First Street) have been sending emails and voicemails to our city government officials with very negligible response and no resolution.

The number of cars speeding in excess of 50 mph, in a 25 mph zone, is staggering — not to mention very dangerous. In addition, since June, we have been putting up with very large gravel trucks speeding north and south. A full gravel truck weighs in excess of 70,000 pounds. Our homes shake as they drive by at 4-7 a.m. The Pleasanton Municipal Code 11.48.060 set an 8-ton limit on First Street.

The Pleasanton police traffic enforcement unit has been disbanded and the result is total disregard for the local laws.

The primary responsibility of a government is to make and enforce laws that regulate the behavior of individuals and groups in a society. This is to ensure the safety of the citizens.

To compound these problems,

the recent rerouting of Meadowlark Dairy traffic exclusively to First Street has created additional safety and traffic issues. This traffic lane along Lions Wayside Park has eliminated safe parking for residents who wish to utilize the park. Due to this unfortunate decision, we regularly witness multiple illegal U-turns to access the lane, and verbal confrontations between dairy customers.

While we are big supporters of Meadowlark Dairy and the family atmosphere it supports, there are serious safety and traffic issues needing to be addressed. The common denominator appears to be lack of police presence and law enforcement.

—Karen Miller

Qualities for police chief

An ideal candidate for the position of police chief in the city of Pleasanton, with a population of 76,000, should possess a blend of leadership, community engagement and modern policing skills.

1. Proven experience in leading a police department, with the ability to inspire and manage a team effectively.

2. A commitment to building strong relationships with community members, understanding their concerns and working collaboratively to address issues.

3. The ability to manage stressful situations calmly and make sound decisions while being empathetic and understanding towards both officers and the public.

4. Familiarity with modern policing methods and a willingness to implement new strategies to improve public safety.

5. A track record of maintaining high ethical standards and being transparent in operations and decision-making processes.

6. Excellent verbal and written communication skills to effectively engage with the community, media and other stakeholders.

7. An understanding of and sensitivity to the diverse cultural backgrounds within the community.

8. A degree in criminal justice, public administration or a related field, along with advanced training in law enforcement leadership.

The ideal candidate is expected to be very visible in the community, possess strong emotional intelligence and have progressive leadership qualities. The ability to build community relationships and use evidence-based policing.

—Michael Austin

Shame on Newsom

The scary truth is most Californians are only a few bad breaks away from homelessness.

Insurance companies won't sell wildfire coverage to people living in high-risk areas (you would instead need CA's FAIR Plan). A few may lose everything that way, but more likely the unlucky blow will come from an unexpected medical bill.

Insurers profit most off denying

you coverage, and if they weasel out of their responsibility you could lose everything. That is, if you were fortunate enough to have health insurance in the first place.

Between the crush of student loans and unaffordable housing, too many working-class people end up living out of their cars. But if your vehicle breaks down, or you lose the ability to make payments on it, you may land hard on the street.

Capitalism turns housing into a scarce commodity and then blames people who lack it. The unhoused are on the balance just like us, only a little less lucky. Rather than treating them as untouchable, we should give them security and more chances. It is the Christian thing to do and a humane imperative.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's executive order to sweep away homeless encampments is cruel. It does nothing to solve the systemic problems that cause homelessness in the first place. And by treating other people like trash, the governor has proven he's garbage.

—Alan Marling

Thank you, Weekly

My team and I are extremely grateful to you for publishing a wonderful article about our "Flora in Focus" show. Thank you so much for your help and support. Means the world to us as we try and bring new creative programs like this for our community.

—Meghana Mitravotri

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Rage squad scrimmages with Fiji's U-20 National Team

Also: EBAL football season getting underway with Amador at El Cerrito, Foothill at Heritage

When opportunity presents itself, you take advantage.

Such was the case for a Pleasanton Rage youth soccer team when it got the chance to scrimmage Fiji's Under-20 National Team on Aug. 14.

The Fijian side was in the area continuing their preparation for the upcoming U-20 Women's World Cup to be held this Saturday through Sept. 22 in Colombia.

The America Fiji Sports Commission hosted the team for its Northern California camp, which included training sessions and friendly matches with the Rage, Sacramento United and Lincoln University in Oakland.

Fiji will open the World Cup against Brazil, then will face Canada and France in group play.

"We were thrilled when the American Fiji Sports Commission reached out offering the opportunity to play a friendly against our Rage 2007 ECNL team," said Erin Sharpe, Rage director of coaching.

"Not only is this the first World Cup that Fiji will be competing in, but it is the first time their delegation has come to play in the United States — and to be their opening game here was very special," Sharpe said. "The experience provided a lot for our players, both in terms of opportunities to compete against players of that elite caliber on the field, but also the special cultural

exchanges and relationships that developed off of the field."

It was a dynamic that benefitted both teams.

"The team sang a moving traditional Fijian song in advance of the game and after the game, brought our team in to sing the song together," Sharpe explained. "Both teams then went out to dinner and were able to spend more time getting to know each other and learning about each other's cultures. Rest assured we will be watching the U-20 World Cup games and rooting on our new friends!"

Playbook starts next week

Tri-Valley Preps Playbook — the popular look at all East Bay Athletic

League action will have its first edition for this season available by email next Tuesday (Sept. 3).

The Playbook is a free e-newsletter that must be subscribed to for delivery to your inbox each Tuesday afternoon!

The Big Picture (an exclusive weekly column by me looking inside EBAL high school sports) is back as the anchor each week. Also included will be the well-read EBAL Power Rankings, starting out EBAL football, girls' volleyball and flag football power rankings.

The What to Watch segment each will focus on a few big matches/games each week. We will also be bringing back the Fast Five, a segment that allows readers to get to know EBAL athletes a bit better as they answer pop culture questions!

As is the case each year, we are always looking for story ideas for the Playbook. If you know of a great and interesting story, please don't hesitate to let us know.

The same can be said for Fast Five candidates. If you would like to participate or know an athlete that would like to, please once again, let us know.

The Playbook is, hands down, the best way to stay current with the EBAL athletic season — and once again, it is free. All you need to do is

sign up online and you are set to have a front row seat for EBAL action.

To register to the Playbook, please go to www.pleasantonweekly.com/sports and then scroll down a bit to the box to subscribe to the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook. (Or do the same on livermorevine.com or danielvilasanramon.com, if those are your primary sites in our network.)

All you must do is enter your email address, and you are good to go!

EBAL football is back!

The two local high schools are in action this week, with both teams on the road.

Amador Valley travels to take on a talented El Cerrito team, with the Dons having lost 14-7 to El Cerrito last year.

Foothill goes on the road to play at Heritage.

Both games are at 7 p.m. Friday (Aug. 30).

Check back in this space in a couple weeks for an expanded column talking about the Dons and the Falcons football squads. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division.

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Grab a front row seat to local high school sports

The Playbook gives you an in-depth look at what's going on in prep sports.

Every Tuesday, veteran sports writer Dennis Miller emails you exclusive insights into:

- Season and game previews that tell you what to look for and what's at stake
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- Post-game analysis
- Entertaining features
- Local sports trends

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Entertainment

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

BUCK FORD AT THE FIREHOUSE Nashville recording artist Buck Ford, a real western wrangler, manages to bring forth music that ropes in both devout country traditionalists and contemporary fans alike. 7 p.m., Sept. 13. Tickets \$30. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE JAYHAWKS AT THE BANKHEAD The Jayhawks bring their rootsy sound and four-decade musical journey to life featuring tracks from their latest studio album. 8 p.m., Sept. 14. Tickets \$25-\$85. Visit livermorearts.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH EDITH GALT WILSON Edith Galt Wilson was the second wife of Woodrow Wilson, and some considered her as the first woman President as in his second term Wilson suffered a stroke which paralyzed his left side. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 17. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit museumonmain.org.

SF COMEDY COMPETITION Fox Family Productions is bringing the finals of its San Francisco Stand-up Comedy Competition to Livermore. 7:30 p.m., Sept. 19. Tickets \$25-\$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

FOREVER MOTOWN Experience the ultimate Motown reunion with Forever Motown and celebrate the timeless classics of Berry Gordy's legendary hit factory. 8 p.m., Sept. 20. Tickets \$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

LOCOMOTIVE EXHIBIT The exhibit, Rails Connect: A Livermore-Pleasanton Railroad Journey through Art & History, is on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery featuring artists and photographers with artwork that highlights Livermore and the Amador Valley's rich railway history and culture. Now through Oct. 5.

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

Fundraisers

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. For more information 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 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.

EVENING AT THE OASIS Join this magical giving event for Tri-Valley Reach which raises funds to build and maintain inclusive communities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live independently in the community. 6 p.m., Sept. 12. McGrail Vineyards. Tickets \$125. Visit trivalleyreach.org/events.

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 Rec

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY Come together for volunteer projects from the City of Livermore, LARPD and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to enhance the beauty and quality of life in Livermore. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sept. 7. Visit larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM AT LARPD "Let's Talk Bears" is the subject for this LARPD Ranger Program. Learn about all the different species of bears, including the largest extinct bear species. 6-7 p.m., Sept. 14. Sycamore Grove Park, Wetmore Entrance. Visit larpd.org.

TOOTH TIME RANGER PROGRAM Join LARPD to discuss all the teeth the natural world has to offer. Learn about different animals just from the kinds of teeth they have, and the amazing impact evolution has on tooth design. 2-3 p.m., Sept. 15. Sycamore Grove Park, Reservable Picnic Area. Visit larpd.org.

Festivities

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.

SIP WITH US LIVERMORE Celebrate California Wine Month in Downtown Livermore with No Corkage Fees. Bring a favorite bottle of Livermore produced wine and the first bottle's corkage fee is waived. Sept. 1-30. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

FORKFUL Join downtown Pleasanton's renowned restaurants as they come together to serve the "perfect forkful" of their signature dishes. Don't miss out on this opportunity to discover new flavors and satisfy cravings. 3-5 p.m., Sept. 7. Tickets \$60.54. Visit pleasantondowntown.net/forkful-2024.

ART IN THE PARK The Livermore Art Association presents Art in the Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 9. Carnegie Park, 2155 3rd Street, Livermore. Visit livermoreartassociation.org/art-in-the-park.

CORGI CON Spend a day with fluffy stumpers and celebrate all things Corgi at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 14. Tickets \$9-\$12. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Talks

SCREENING & CONVERSATION OF STRIPPED FOR PARTS Join Embarcadero Media for a screening of the award-winning documentary "Stripped for Parts: American Journalism on the Brink" followed by a conversation about the future of journalism. 6:45 p.m., Sept. 6. Free. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. To

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

Cole loves to cuddle

Adorable Cole is a very sweet, young adult Chihuahua/Pug mix. He's a nice compact-size companion (only 11 pounds). He is friendly, playful and affectionate, and he loves to be held and adored. Receiving belly rubs and going on daily walks are his favorite activities. He is housebroken and sleeps quietly at night. Cole would make a delightful addition to any family, and he would love to have a forever home. He is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue via tvar.org.

register, visit tinyurl.com/stripped-for-parts.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Mark McLaren will discuss "Scotland and Northern Ireland Research". His presentation will provide information to assist in Scottish genealogy research and will cover the origin of Scottish surnames and naming conventions. 7-8:30, Sept. 9. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Visit l-ags.org.

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES This Alan Hu Foundation webinar by Abigail Gewirtz, Ph.D. will discuss "When the World Seems Like a Scary Place: Essential Conversations for Anxious Parents and Worried Children". 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 10. Visit alanhufoundation.org.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY Juls Vistnes will present an Armchair Travelers program entitled "Portugal: Moors, Port and Fado: Living from the Earth and Soul" sharing photos and stories of her adventures in Portugal. 1:30 p.m., Sept. 12. Livermore Civic Center Library.

WINEMAKER ROSA FIERRO MEET & GREET Join for an evening with Latina winemaker Rosa Fierro, owner of Rosa Fierro Cellars in Livermore. Rosa founded the winery in 2014 and has been involved in every aspect of the winemaking process. 7 p.m., Sept. 12. Livermore Civic Center Library.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB Join for an interesting presentation by Elizabeth Fields, an urban flower farmer, who will share insights on cultivating beautiful blooms. Discover the unique challenges and rewards of growing flowers as a business. 6-8 p.m., Sept. 12. Crosswinds Church. Visit lavgc.org.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PANEL Hear from influential women leaders from the California Credit Union League, Pacific Service Credit Union, Patelco Credit Union and Valley First Credit Union as they share their insights, experiences, and perspectives as Women in Leadership. 5 p.m., Sept. 18. Tickets \$50. Visit livermorearts.org.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club

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

Farmers' Markets

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

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

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

Auditions

AUDITIONS FOR VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills. Singers commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Sept. 9 & 16. Call 925 866-4003.

HARMONY FUSION OPEN REHEARSAL Harmony Fusion, a women's a cappella vocal ensemble, will host an open rehearsal guest night to welcome new singers from around the Bay Area. 7-9:30 p.m., Sept. 23. Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 B St., Hayward. For more information contact Joanne Morrison at 925-784-2950.

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., Sept. 3. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Livermore City Council meets

Employment

The Pleasanton Weekly offers employment advertising.

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm.

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For assistance email LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com.

CALENDAR

the second and fourth Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 9. Visit [cityoflivermore.net](#).

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 11. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](#).

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Sept. 12. Visit [pleasantonusd.net](#).

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION

Livermore Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center Meeting Hall, Mendenhall Room, unless otherwise posted. 7 p.m., Sept. 3. Visit [livermoreca.gov](#).

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board Meetings take place at the LVJUSD Boardroom. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 3. 685 E. Jack London Blvd. Visit [livermoreschools.org](#).

Seniors

LUNCHESES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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

AMERICAN STYLE MAH JONGG This drop-in program at the Pleasanton Senior Center is 1-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50NR.

SENIOR (50+) POP UP TRIP

Register now for Wicked at the Orpheum Theatre with LARPD. Board a luxury motorcoach to San Francisco and stop for lunch/brunch (on your own) at Union Square. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 11. \$126R/\$139NR. To register call 925-373-5763.

Support

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM

Open Heart Kitchen serves free meals, first come, first served, that are nutritious and freshly prepared. 12-5 p.m. weekdays at the Vineyard Resource Center, 450 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

OPEN HEART REFUGE

Open Heart Refuge is a 20-bed overnight shelter in Livermore for adults who are in crisis or experiencing homelessness operating 7 days a week from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. and includes both a hot dinner and hot breakfast. For more information visit [openheartkitchen.org/refuge](#).

GRIEF WORKSHOP

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss and this 8 week workshop explores the stepping stones that are part of each grief journey. Sessions begin 7 p.m., Sept. 5. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Pre-registration is required and a \$20 donation is requested. Contact Barbara at 925-846-3904.

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 606981

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): ROW HOUSE ROW HOUSE PLEASANTON 3903A SANTA RITA PLEASANTON, CA 94588 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 06/05/2024 UNDER FILE NO. 606981 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): AP VENTURES LLC 3512 York Lane San Ramon, CA 94582 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Limited Liability Company. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 07 2024. (PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

OXFORD ROYALE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608359

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) OXFORD ROYALE, located at 2601 Warring Street, Berkeley, CA 94720, Alameda County. Mailing Address: c/o Reynolds & Rowella, LLP, 90 Grove Street, Suite 101, Ridgefield, CT 06877 This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): OR EDUCATION, INC. c/o Reynolds & Rowella, LLP, 90 Grove Street, Suite 101 Ridgefield, CT 06877 State of Incorporation/Organization: Delaware Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 01 2024. (PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 09 2024. (PLW Aug 16, 23, 30 and Sep 6, 2024)

SUPER STAR FOODS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608440

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) SUPER STAR FOODS, located at 5972 Topsfield Circle Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PRAFULLA MUKHI PRABHU VENKATESH 5972 Topsfield Circle Dublin, CA 94568 PRABHU VENKATESH SUBRAMANIAN 5972 Topsfield Circle Dublin, CA 94568 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 06 2024. (PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

HLW WINES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608709

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) HLW WINES, located at 44400 Parkmeadow Dr., Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 15193, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

HLW WINERY, LLC
PO BOX 15193
Fremont, CA 94539

State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/27/2015 This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 19 2024. (PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

HLW VINEYARDS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608711

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) HLW VINEYARDS, located at 44400 Parkmeadow Dr, Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 15193, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): HLW LLC PO BOX 15193 Fremont, CA 94539 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/6/2005 This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 19 2024. (PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

DECKED OUT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 608726

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) DECKED OUT, located at 3263 Vineyard Ave. Spc 99, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6342, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): EMILY WARREN 3263 Vineyard Ave. Spc 99 Pleasanton, CA 94566-6342 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 15 2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 19 2024. (PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

WILDERNESS TAXIDERMY 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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 09 2024. (PLW Aug 16, 23, 30 and Sep 6, 2024)

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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 29 2024. (PLW Aug 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2024)

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

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 01 2024. (PLW Aug 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2024)

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 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on August 02 2024. (PLW Aug 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2024)

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 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 24 2024. (PLW Aug 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2024)

J ARROYO'S CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 607957

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) J Arroyo's Construction, located at 1855 Locust Street Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JOSE LUIS ARROYO BECERRA 1855 Locust Street Livermore, CA 94551 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/15/2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 17 2024. (PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 29 2024. (PLW Aug 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV087499

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Kristina Joy Constantino Budnik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KRISTINA JOY CONSTANTINO BUDNIK to KRISTINA JOY TORREALBA

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: DECEMBER 20, 2024, 9:30 am, WILEY W MANUEL COURTHOUSE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 661 WASHINGTON STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94607. 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: AUGUST 16, 2024 THOMAS I NIXON JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV084894

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Kaitlin Alexia Culata-Lontok filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KAITLIN ALEXIA CULATA-LONTOK to KAITLIN AVYANNA MARTINEZ 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: 11/22/2024, 9:30am, 1B of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, Ca 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY Date: 07/26/2024 Thomas J. Nixon JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

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

Case No.: 24CV087659

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Kalena Ramos filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KALENA RAMOS to KALENA NICOLE LUTHER 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: 11-08-2024, 9:30AM, Alameda of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington St, Oakland, CA 94607. 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: Aug 19 2024 Thomas J Nixon JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

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Real Estate

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 3-14 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and July 22 to Aug. 2 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 3565 Arbor Court** Richmann Living Trust to R. & K. Gogineni for \$2,250,000
5736 Belleza Drive Y. Palanisamy to R. & P. Kasi for \$1,165,000
1699 Bivar Court Efigenio Family Trust to N. & T. Do for \$1,600,000
1119 Blanc Court Catalano Family Trust to Astro Ent's LLC for \$1,640,000
1534 Calle Enrique Giovanetti Trust to Giovanetti Family Trust for \$750,000
2746 Corte San Blas Koberle Trust to Kadam Trust for \$1,850,000
847 Division Street #A A. Gore to J. Proctor for \$530,000
34 Golf Road A. Ahluwalia to P. & J. Trivedi for \$3,565,000
3735 Kamp Drive C. & R. Haynes to H. & D. Breiner for \$1,800,000
3802 Kamp Drive S. & S. Kotha to A. & P. Joshi for \$1,700,000
2669 Maria Street J. & M. Papale to Serri-Tian 2022 Living Trust for \$1,650,000
6647 Paseo Santa Cruz Gates Family Trust to A. & N. Penukonda for \$2,150,000
1559 Rubino Court D. & M. Splain to Y. Xu for \$5,250,000
3299 Runnymede Court Walder Family Trust to L. & R. Weitershausen for \$1,880,000
7429 Stonedale Drive Selyia Living Trust to S. Nauroth for \$1,125,000
2455 Via De Los Milagros T. & R. Gerami to Wang & Chen Living Trust for \$2,380,000
1145 Vintner Way Winston Living Trust to P. & C. Yeh for \$1,910,000
3405 Bordeaux Place Leung Family Trust to F. & R. Ghaemi for \$1,920,000
2694 Calle Alegre Cartan Trust to P. & P. Krishnamurthy for \$2,500,000
681 Concord Place D. Banister to A. Joshi for \$702,000
3561 Crespi Court J. & G. Fedirko to S. & R. Mukkamala for \$3,150,000
4917 Golden Road L. & M. Telli to Shrivastava Family Trust for \$1,580,000
4268 Lucero Court Darabala-Agraharam Trust to K. & A. Subramanian for \$999,000
438 Puerto Vallarta Gallagher Trust to Patel-Contractor Living Trust for \$2,600,000
4217 Silver Street Schaffer Trust to N. & S. Gupta for \$1,425,000
2348 Silver Oaks Lane V. & F. Reyes to Huie Family Trust for \$3,637,000
3556 Touriga Drive Cunningham Trust to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Gr for \$1,472,500
3212 Touriga Drive Brown Living Trust to C. Cho for \$1,650,000
3628 Valenza Way Wong Trust to H. Yen for \$2,680,000
7293 Valley Trails Drive K. & H. Springer to A. & T. Das for \$1,500,000
2959 Victoria Meadow Court M. Ali to Raza-Sajjad Trust for \$2,825,000



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Livermore

- 5543 Agatha Way** J. An to K. & M. Kalra for \$1,740,000
1339 Calle De Las Granvas Hurtz 1999 Trust to C. & S. George for \$1,108,500
5679 Dresslar Circle Soud Family Trust to C. & S. Herwadkar for \$1,893,500
5032 Erica Way Angulo Family Trust to H. & K. Kaur for \$1,310,000
5658 Firestone Road Cruz Family Trust to O. & A. Abdelaziz for \$1,050,000
468 Hagemann Drive D. & B. Paine to T. & K. Tai for \$1,233,000
925 Hazel Street Sturtz Living Trust to H. & M. Ravi for \$1,225,000
1385 Lambaren Avenue Schaefer Trust to M. Westphal for \$940,000
998 Madrone Way Boone Living Trust to M. & H. Hartman for \$1,110,000
384 Misty Circle B. Heeran to G. & A. Gabbiti for \$1,435,000
170 North N Street #118 N. Migita to S. Mogha for \$708,000
5296 Theresa Way S. Irwin to Wise Family Trust for \$1,275,000
434 Willow Court Rashe Family Trust to D. & P. Carlson for \$945,000
1167 Aberdeen Avenue Frischkorn Trust to Cozy Canopy Ca Homes LLC for \$950,000
1227 Aster Lane T. Peterson to K. & N. Nino for \$980,000
2813 Briarwood Drive Whippet Trust to M. & T. Sawant for \$845,000
1782 Calle Del Rey Ross Living Trust to B. Cunningham for \$1,160,000
1045 Canton Avenue Kuesel Trust to B. & S. Saswade for \$1,205,000
4136 Davis Way Jensen Family Trust to T. & G. Carpenter for \$1,340,000
3958 Devon Place A. & J. Reichert to O. & M. Borg for \$1,935,000
4419 Edgewood Way Gould Living Trust to Hudson Family Trust for \$2,035,000
434 El Caminito Lamee Trust to T. & W. Sullivant for \$1,020,000

- 855 Highland Street** J. & D. Ondricek to N. & L. Singh for \$1,888,000
2710 Kelly Street Nikolich Living Trust to Y. & J. Ren for \$856,000
1087 Murrieta Boulevard #344 Scherbarth Trust to N. Miley for \$345,000
1753 Normandy Way Loisel Trust to T. & W. Haro for \$2,275,500
5033 Pisces Avenue Vallandigham Living Trust to C. & E. Agness for \$970,000
511 Rose Street C. & J. Chavarria to M. & A. Desai for \$1,150,000
5267 Roxanne Court Howard Family Trust to Stevens Trust for \$1,235,000
1022 Roxanne Street Stevens Family Trust to L. & J. Thissen for \$1,240,000
5552 Stockton Loop G. & M. Smith to Dontoboyina Family Trust for \$2,124,000
796 Tranquility Court #1 L. Sison to Dasgupta Living Trust for \$1,062,000
687 Trinity Hills Lane B. Bach to Abdul Family Trust for \$2,750,000
274 Wood Street #502 A. & M. Sharma to D. Johnson for \$755,000

Dublin

- 6516 Amador Valley Boulevard** R. Potel to Parmar Family Trust for \$878,000
2858 Cathedral Rock Lane Subramanian Trust to S. & J. Kou for \$2,757,000
7223 Cronin Circle J. Guimaraes to I. & P. Muruganandan for \$650,000
2707 Eagles Landing Court C. Lin to Arvind-Priya Family Trust for \$2,127,000
8011 Iglesia Drive Bechtel Family Trust to F. & R. Sharma for \$1,670,000
7546 Langmuir Court S. & L. Stauffer to A. & S. Sarkar for \$1,550,000
5821 Midnight Place #G J. Che to H. & S. Li for \$1,205,000
4372 Roscommon Way Q. & R. Brickley to A. & A. Mani for \$2,000,000
7700 San Sabana Court Cramer Trust to B. & S. Bandaru for \$1,800,000
6850 Syrah Drive N. Das to N. & A. Reddy for \$2,165,000

- 9587 Albert Drive** M. & R. Rashid to J. & B. Lazar for \$2,700,000
3753 Edgcomb Court M. Ueda to Palaniappan Trust for \$1,902,000
5538 Gracen Way Huggins Trust to S. & D. Murthy for \$1,605,000
5751 Juniper Way S. Muthuraj to P. & S. Turlapati for \$2,301,500
11854 Kilcullin Court Lll Trust to Q. Ju for \$705,000
6969 North Mariposa Lane M. Popuri to Catapult Custodian LLC for \$1,250,000
7579 Mindy Mae Lane A. Jhalani to L. & S. Kasichayanula for \$2,900,000
7405 Oxford Circle Magovski Family Trust to C. Costello for \$915,000
4361 Panorama Drive T. Nachiappan to D. & S. Bihade for \$1,500,000
3763 Rimini Lane S. Dwaral to S. & S. Bhatia for \$1,490,000
11726 Serra Court M. & J. Revay to K. & S. Cheng for \$1,520,000
4750 South Spago Drive Y. & J. Liu to A. & H. Singh for \$2,156,000
7073 York Court Rice Trust to Catamount Properties 2018 LLC for \$1,135,000

San Ramon

- 840 Bergamot Court** Dubey Trust to Chen Family Trust for \$2,700,000
18 Broadmoor Court Eckardt Living Trust to J. Sinfuego for \$1,300,000
48 Canyon Crest Court Tsai Living Trust to K. & N. Bhatt for \$2,050,000
412 Constantine Court D. & K. Chow to T. Truong for \$1,230,000
636 Dromana Court Weaver Living Trust to V. & K. Meduri for \$2,470,000
53 Longwood Court M. Zhu to K. & S. Prasad for \$1,938,000
2494 Paddock Drive Smith Family Living Trust to L. & P. Bare for \$1,900,000
2927 Pine Valley Road Bock Living Trust to S. & B. Paramasivam for \$1,349,000
7684 Stoneleaf Road M. & M. Tejwani to S. & D. Wong for \$1,310,000
1505 Umbria Court C. & E. Roces to A. & M. Kini for \$1,800,000
1051 Via Veneto Daniel Family Trust to V. & M. Mannam for \$2,700,000
1090 Vista Pointe Circle Adler Trust to N. & P. Huang for \$1,600,000
2183 Watermill Road L. & K. Pohlson to H. & S. Vemuri for \$1,275,000
2220 Whitetail Lane Shabes Living Trust to M. & N. Adnani for \$1,175,000
492 Bridle Court L. & D. Bowen to R. & B. Srinivasan for \$3,211,000
5065 Canyon Crest Drive J. & D. Lam to Chinnapannagari Family Trust for \$2,000,000
909 Country Creek Court L. & M. Balleza to T. & P. Phachanh for \$1,750,000
15 Montevideo Court #B M. & M. Masukic to Ramanujalu Family Trust for \$2,575,000
5009 Queensbury Way T. Ramu to R. & S. Gupta for \$2,100,000
550 Ryan Terrace J. & J. Macairan to Ravindran Family Trust for \$1,140,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 3-14)

Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$530,000
Highest sale reported: \$5,250,000
Average sales reported: \$1,994,693

Livermore (June 3-14)

Total sales reported: 34
Lowest sale reported: \$345,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000
Average sales reported: \$1,296,867

Dublin (June 3-14)

Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$650,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,900,000
Average sales reported: \$1,737,979

San Ramon (July 22-Aug. 2)

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$1,140,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,211,000
Average sales reported: \$1,840,869

Source: California REsource



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