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Breakfast in Dublin

Slipping on some much-needed coffee after a rough toddler sleeping night and a 4:30 a.m. alarm, I listened and learned from a self-proclaimed “legislative geek” along with a room of about 50 movers and shakers from Dublin and beyond.

Attorney, lobbyist and law professor Chris Micheli was presenting Tuesday morning at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce breakfast on “how businesses can influence California legislation” and taking questions on that and other subjects.

I had two main takeaways from Micheli — “engagement with your state officers at the local district level” (he told the local business officials and chamber representatives) and “we are nothing more than a bill factory” (he lamented about the reality in Sacramento).

Well a third bit that stood out was his quip in introductions about a 2-1/2-hour commute down to the Tri-Valley that morning — and I thought my drive in from Pleasant Hill was bad...

Micheli was the guest speaker thanks to Guy Houston, the former Dublin mayor and State Assembly member who now runs California Gold Advocacy Group here in town. They first got to know each other during Houston’s tenure in the legislature.

Calling California a “statutory state ... with a statute or regulation on almost everything”, Micheli cited some remarkable statistics, saying there are more than 155,000 statutes and another roughly 60,000 regulations on the books in California. “They just go on for shelves and shelves.”

Nowadays, the Democratic-led legislature introduces hundreds and hundreds of bills each session. This year they sent 1,206 pieces of legislation to Gavin Newsom’s desk, with the governor ultimately vetoing 189 and signing the rest.

Anywhere from 30 to 50 new labor laws pass each year in the state, something that particularly caught the attention of folks in the Holiday Inn Dublin conference room — and something I’m more attune to as well, as I rise within our organization.

I’ll admit that awareness about legislation with implications for the journalism industry is an area I’m working to improve upon, having dulled myself on professional advocacy over the years when these skills really need to be sharpened. The number of bills and governmental initiatives that impact the news business sure seem to be ticking up these days.

Micheli’s follow-up to his comment on the California “bill factory” really made a lot of sense: by focusing on introducing new legislation (which is more headline-grabbing for politicians), the Assembly and Senate have largely ignored their duties to monitor and assess how new bills are implemented as well as oversee the executive branch.

As he wrapped his presentation, Micheli encouraged the attendees to stay involved in their local chambers and help the chambers advocate to regional and state leaders on their behalf.

The message of focusing on a local groundswell of support to spur legislative action around and above can be a universal one too, not just for the business community.

Spending the morning in Dublin also gave me the opportunity to drive around a bit on the west and central sides of town.

It still takes a minute for me to get used to all of the major residential construction being done near the western BART station, although there might be plenty to come soon enough not too far away.

Commercial projects are underway in the vicinity, including the work in the parking lot of the little strip mall where Starbucks used to be before relocating a block away. The headline construction, though, is on the corner spot in the Dublin Retail Center, where crews have really started kicking into gear for the new home of Korean grocery chain H Mart.

First touted in late summer 2022, the store is still technically “coming soon” with no firm date cited at the property or on the company’s website — but it looks much closer to fruition to the naked eye than even just weeks ago. We’ll work to confirm that opening timeline.

I also took the advantage of the time in the field to make my way over to the East County Hall of Justice to check out court records in a few cases. Sitting at the computer kiosk really sent me back to my old general assignment reporter days — although those hours, barely a decade ago, were spent thumbing through physical case files, not digital records like now.

More on those Tri-Valley case leads in the days ahead.

Hopefully we can clear one or more of those court stories before Election Day because my mornings (and afternoons and nights) will be taken over by editing election stories for about a week straight starting next Tuesday. Can’t wait ... for it to be over. ■

About the Cover

Election Day finally arrives next Tuesday, bringing with it the final decisions from voters on more than 30 local elected offices and ballot measures across the Tri-Valley. File photos. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXV, Number 41

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

When you meet a stranger for the first time, do you expect to like and trust them?



Gabi Welk
Events director

I'm a very trusting person right off the bat and always give people the benefit of the doubt. Everyone has some good in them, and I will always go with that unless and/or until they give me a reason to feel otherwise.



Emma Martinez
Construction supervisor

Well, I just recently had a new baby, so when I meet strangers, I'm very wary. I feel I need to be really careful about who my little daughter is exposed to. I see and read about so many terrible people, who at least initially, appear to be safe and trustworthy. But then it turns out that they actually are just the opposite. I don't ever want to get into a situation like that.



Neil Swindale
Business owner/sales

I give everyone the benefit of the doubt until they prove me wrong. However, I'm always on the alert.



Amanda Kim
Special education teacher

I would really like to say I expect to like and trust everyone I meet, but the reality is that I'm very cautious when I meet people for the first time — especially if it's online rather than in person. Our society today can be a very dangerous place, and there are a lot of safety risks for those who are not wary and careful.



John Weller
SVP sales

Absolutely. Because I think in general I have an optimistic view of everyone I meet. Once I meet them though, and have that initial encounter, I'm able to learn very quickly whether I was justified in liking and trusting them. Or not.

—Compiled by Nany and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

DUSD seat opens up

Dublin finance professional and parent Jeff Clark, who was poised to be the next Area 3 trustee for the school board, recently informed the district that he is bowing out and will not take the seat he was set to be appointed to without an election.

The reason for Clark's withdrawal was not immediately clear. The Dublin Unified School District confirmed the news but did not release further details. Attempts to contact Clark were unanswered as of press time.

"There is currently no one attempting to fill that seat," DUSD director of communication Chip Dehnert told the Weekly. "As far as the next steps go, there are two options: an appointment or a special election. An appointment seems like the most likely route, but that is up to the board." The board's next regular meetings are Nov. 12 and Dec. 3.

Clark was the only candidate to file during the nomination window for the DUSD Area 3 seat, which was opening up after Trustee William Kuo announced he would not seek reelection. With only Clark to qualify, the Area 3 position is not on the ballot and he would have been scheduled to start his term in December.

Veterans Day Parade

The annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Concert event is set for this Sunday afternoon in downtown Pleasanton.

More than 75 organizations are expected to participate in the procession down Main Street to honor military veterans and active service members, organizers said. The grand marshal is U.S. Army Capt. Terri Sykes, a military chaplain stationed at Camp Parks in Dublin.

The parade is set to begin at 1 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 3) in front of the Veterans Memorial Building. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform patriotic music in front of the vets hall around 2 p.m. Free ice cream will be available after the parade.

Irish Guard Invite

Gaels Stadium at Dublin High School is hosting the 13th annual Irish Guard Invitational this Saturday, featuring 18 of the best field show performance bands including the combo Irish Guard with students from both Dublin and Emerald high schools.

Gates are open from 1:20-10 p.m. for the competition; the Irish Guard is set to perform at 8:40 p.m. For tickets and other information, go to www.dublinhsmusic.org/invitational.html. ■

Reviewing latest campaign finance records

Balch outpacing Brown in Pleasanton mayor battle, plus sign-stealing reports; following the money with PP committees, City Council and PUSD candidates

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

In the span of a month, Pleasanton mayoral candidate and current Councilmember Jack Balch raised over \$11,000 in political donations, bringing his campaign coffers to \$95,000 overall in monetary contributions this election season, according to his most recently submitted campaign finance statements.

While his previous statements showed that he contributed almost \$1,500 from his own money, plus over \$34,500 from a City Council 2024 campaign committee, more people continue to contribute to Balch's campaign compared to

incumbent Mayor Karla Brown.

During the same period between Sept. 22 to Oct. 19, Brown only raised an additional \$1,575, bringing her total contributions this year \$38,848, according to her campaign statements.

The Secretary of State requires campaigns that have raised more than \$2,000 in donations to file campaign finance forms known as a Form 460 four times per year — twice during campaign season, along with annual and semiannual reports. All told, available forms list the names of donors and how much they have contributed to a campaign from Jan. 1 to Oct. 19.

In Pleasanton, the city also adopted an ordinance in 2021 for voluntary campaign contribution and expenditure limitations. Mayoral candidates who pledge to uphold these limitations cannot receive a cumulative donation amount of \$1,000 or more from any person and cannot spend more than \$30,000.

"There is a public interest in keeping large contributions out of local politics by decreasing the maximum contributions being made to candidates running for local office," according to the ordinance language. "By meeting residents, business owners and community

members in person, candidates will not need to rely as heavily on mass media communication, and therefore campaign expenditures can be voluntarily reduced."

Pleasanton city clerk Jocelyn Kwong told the Weekly that Brown was the only mayoral candidate to take the voluntary pledge.

Kwong said Brown signed a pledge form with the city during the nomination period — those forms are not governed by the Fair Political Practices Commission, which is why they don't show up online on the state-mandated

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Then-Sheriff Frank Madigan poses on a ladder with a \$50 reward sign at the entrance of Old St. Raymond Church in Dublin. It is among the photographs featured in the research of local historian and author Steve Minniear, who is speaking at the Museum on Main next Thursday.

Sheriff's office history

Museum on Main hosting author Minniear next week

By JEREMY WALSH

For those looking for something a little less political to do during Election Week, the Museum on Main is presenting "A Discussion with Local Historian Steve S. Minniear" next Thursday evening in downtown Pleasanton.

Minniear, a local author and Dublin's city historian, will be talking about the history of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office — which, with its jail operations and patrol presence in particular, has been intrinsic to the Tri-Valley for generations. Minniear recently penned the "Images of America" book installment on the sheriff's office.

"Minniear collected and

assembled photographs and information from throughout Alameda County to bring to light the forgotten stories of the sheriff's office," museum officials stated in a press release touting the speaker event. "Many of these previously unseen photographs come from the Alameda County Sheriff's Archive. In that process, he uncovered the lost stories and forgotten incidents that shaped the office and the communities it serves."

Part of the museum's "A Discussion with ..." series, the free presentation will center around an hour-long conversation with Minniear moderated by Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan starting at 6 p.m. Thursday (Nov.

7). A reception will follow at around 7 p.m., at which the author will remain on hand for about a half-hour to sign books and answer more questions.

"You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear from and engage with this expert historian and exceptional storyteller," museum officials said, noting Minniear has also written books about the history of Dublin and of the Tri-Valley during the World War II era.

The program is free to attend, but pre-registration is required due to limited seating capacity, according to officials. Call 925-462-2766 to reserve a spot. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. in Pleasanton. For more information, go to museumonmain.org. ■

Debate on DA recall heats up

Public jabs, lawsuit threat, cash flowing ahead of Election Day

By JEANITA LYMAN

With less than a week to go until the upcoming November election in which Alameda County residents will make a final decision on a measure to recall first-term District Attorney Pamela Price, the pro- and anti-recall campaigns are continuing to battle one another in the push to win over voters.

More than a quarter million dollars poured into the pro-recall campaign in the most recent campaign finance reporting period from Sept. 22 to Oct. 19 in the final stretch of election season as Price, her supporters and her opponents blast one another in high-profile media appearances and announcements.

Over the past week, two prominent Tri-Valley residents — Rep. Eric Swalwell and Price's predecessor, Nancy O'Malley — have ramped up their support for the pro-recall campaign to remove Price from office partway through the six-year term she was elected to in 2022.

Following a series of public exchanges between Swalwell and Price in the wake of the former's press conference earlier in the month announcing his endorsement of the recall campaign, Swalwell issued a press release last week announcing that he'd retained legal counsel to pursue litigation against Price after she failed to retract

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Armed robbery victims 'disappointed' with how case quietly settled

Couple don't agree with DA's deal including expungement eligibility, say first they heard about it was from Weekly

By Christian Trujano

A Pleasanton couple who were robbed at gunpoint outside their home in 2021 said they were disheartened by how the Alameda County District Attorney's Office reduced the charges against two of the suspects and never even told them about it, the husband and wife told the Weekly.

"We're pretty disappointed," the husband said. "We feel the justice system is broken. It's not on the people's side ... they care more about the criminals than the law-abiding citizens."

The couple spoke to the Weekly on condition of anonymity for privacy reasons as victims of a serious crime.

They also gave an interview to the Weekly in the days after the robbery in 2021, saying at the time they were left bruised, "frightened" and wondering whether the culprits targeted them because they were Asian American — in addition to praising Pleasanton and San Ramon police for "a job well done, for catching the robbers in only a couple of hours".

On April 10, 2021 they were pulling into their driveway at their home in Pleasanton after an afternoon of shopping when, according to the police report from that day, they were robbed by two Black men.

One of the culprits was holding a gun and telling the husband to give up his wallet while the other grabbed the wife by the arm as she stood outside the back passenger seat, according to a probable cause statement written by Officer Rudy Granados.

"That was a very, very scary moment for my wife," the husband said.

The two male robbers stole a wallet containing cash and credit cards as well as a smartwatch, jacket and their shopping bags, according to Granados, before running to a nearby getaway vehicle where a third individual was waiting.

Police later located the prime suspects after they allegedly used the couple's credit cards at a Target in San Ramon, and officers reportedly found the victims' belongings in the getaway vehicle along with a firearm in plain view that was fully loaded and had serial numbers partially scratched out.

Michael Walker III of Richmond; and Raymond Davis III of San Pablo — who were 18 and 19, respectively, at the time — were arrested and originally charged on counts of second-degree robbery and firearm-related charges.

But as court documents show,

those felony charges for both Davis and Walker were significantly reduced and the case ultimately settled by the DA's office in 2023. When contacted by the Weekly last week, the couple said they were never informed about the plea deal.

"The Alameda County District Attorney's Office takes its obligation under Marsy's Law very seriously. The supervising attorney will reach out to the family regarding their concerns," office spokesperson Haaziq Madyun told the Weekly. "We have initiated a review of our procedures to ensure that this does not happen again."

In those court documents detailing the case over the past couple of years, Davis was established as the getaway driver and not one of the two who robbed the victims. Walker was also never tied to the gun.

Hearing transcripts and documents indicate the third individual involved was a juvenile and never charged at the time. The then-17-year-old was alleged to be one of the robbers and the initial police investigation said Walker was holding the gun, but that was never proven in court.

According to a change of plea disposition from Oct. 31, 2023, based on their young age, the circumstances and this being their first offense, the two young men were given the chance to enter into what is called a "deferred entry of judgment" program.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Paul Delucchi said that sentencing and any judgment regarding their case is deferred on the condition that for a year, the two had to complete the Transitional Age Youth program, according to the hearing transcript.

According to court documents, the program is meant to help the young men "get life skills and learn how to effectively stay away from the criminal justice system". It also teaches them job skills and requires them to find employment.

"If you guys comply with all this stuff, then this goes away, which is a tremendous boon for you and your lives," Delucchi said at the hearing. If the two failed to complete the program, that's when prison time would come into play.

The two agreed to the program and pleaded no contest to the reduced charge of felony grand theft and admitted to having used a high degree of violence and cruelty while

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New Emerald principal Velez ‘ensures continuity and stability’

Following predecessor’s sudden resignation, AP promoted after 19 years at district

By JUDE STRZEMP

Lenni Velez officially took the helm at Emerald High School last week, following her appointment by the Dublin school board at its regular meeting.

Her leadership comes less than a week after founding principal Francis Rojas resigned from the role for undisclosed reasons two months

into the new high school’s first semester open to students. As the assistant principal of Emerald with nearly two decades at the school district, Velez brings a



Lenni Velez

wealth of experience to her new role, according to an announcement by the district on Oct. 23.

“Lenni’s dedication, experience, and deep understanding of our school district, and the Emerald High community, make her the ideal candidate for this position,” DUSD superintendent Chris Funk said the day after the board meeting. “We

are confident that her leadership will continue to elevate Emerald High and foster a positive and supportive learning environment.”

Velez has climbed the ladder of leadership at DUSD, starting as a math teacher at Dublin High School in 2005. After 11 years of teaching, she became the school’s assistant principal, where she helped lead the

school for six years. Then she relocated to Emerald to occupy the same position.

At Emerald she led the school’s design team in setting graduate aims and building the new community culture. And her experience was crucial to recruiting Emerald staff, establishing academic programs and working with stakeholders, according to the district.

“Promoting from within not only recognizes and rewards her commitment to our district but also ensures continuity and stability for our students, staff, and parents,” Funk said. ■

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what he called “untrue statements” her campaign made about him publicly in response to his endorsement.

In particular, the letter from Swalwell’s attorney Charles Stone that was sent to Price’s office on Oct. 19 points to remarks in an Oct. 2 Facebook post from her campaign following the recall alleging that Swalwell supports the death penalty — which his attorney called an “easily checked falsehood” — and that, as a former prosecutor in the office under O’Malley, Swalwell could be seeking to protect his image as Price’s office reveals new details and takes action to address issues Price said have been uncovered under her

predecessor’s leadership.

Price’s campaign publicly acknowledged the letter and announcement from Swalwell in a Facebook post on Oct. 25, calling it “political grandstanding.”

Stone told the Weekly on Tuesday that while his office had not yet filed litigation against Price despite the timeline outlined in his Oct. 19 letter saying a legal complaint would be forthcoming within a week if the remarks in question weren’t retracted, the attorney was anticipating that the complaint would be filed soon.

“The congressman feels it’s important to hold the district attorney accountable for the truth,” Stone said. “The truth is not a casual thing, and when someone who is entrusted with such an important role takes the truth

for granted, it is a strong indication that they are not suited for that role.”

The exchange between Swalwell and Price’s campaign came the same week that O’Malley held a virtual press conference on Oct. 23 in which she invited members of the media — excluding the Weekly — to announce her formal endorsement of the recall campaign and criticizing Price, her one-time political rival whom she had beat out in the election for her final term as DA starting in 2018.

“She is not qualified nor competent to hold that position,” O’Malley said at the press conference, according to KQED. “She ignores the rights of victims. She’s used this office improperly. She uses it to intimidate. Of course, she takes any chance to criticize me erroneously

for things that I didn’t do.”

Price and her campaign held their own press conference hours later announcing details of an investigation by her office into alleged juror discrimination and prosecutorial misconduct in death penalty cases going back decades.

“I presume that Ms. O’Malley must have heard about this press conference today and that we were at a point where we felt compelled to reveal to the public the kind of complicity in this office to prosecutorial misconduct,” Price said. “What the public should know is that this must be a sign apparently that we must be getting close to uncovering the role that Ms. O’Malley played as the former leader of this office while this prosecutorial misconduct actually was taking place.”

O’Malley herself was facing a recall effort organized by the Justice 4 Oscar Grant Coalition in May 2021 after she declined to reopen the case amid a report that was made available to the public 10 years after court proceedings. The recall effort ultimately did not go to the ballot, with O’Malley announcing the same month that she would not be seeking an additional term in the seat at the end of 2022 — paving the way for a fresh face in the office, which would be Price after defeating O’Malley’s choice successor Terry Wiley.

Critiques from Swalwell, O’Malley, and other supporters of the recall campaign have centered around allegations that Price is “soft on crime” with perpetrators of violent crime being offered plea deals and sentences lighter than the maximum allowed by law since she’s taken office.

One notable exception to that characterization is Price’s record on police accountability. Earlier in the same week, she’d held a press conference at her office on Oct. 21 announcing charges against at least two Oakland police officers for allegedly driving while intoxicated while on duty. Weeks after taking office in January 2023, Price announced that she was reopening investigations into the police shootings of eight different people within the county.

Those cases included the death of Cody Chavez, who was shot by Pleasanton police officers during a 2022 domestic violence standoff in which Chavez ultimately left the

apartment he’d barricaded himself in while holding a knife and moving toward police surrounding the area. A month prior, O’Malley had cleared the officers involved of any criminal wrongdoing. In addition to being revisited by Price’s office under the Public Accountability Unit that she formed upon taking office, that case is the subject of an ongoing wrongful death lawsuit in federal court.

For their part, Price’s supporters have contrasted her record with O’Malley’s, who only brought charges forward against one law enforcement officer behind a fatal shooting during her 13-year tenure, and pointed to ongoing campaign contributions from police unions and other law enforcement groups to both O’Malley and the recall campaign.

At the end of the same week in which Price squared off with both Swalwell and O’Malley, the final campaign finance reports ahead of the election were filed by the Oct. 24 deadline for the reporting period between Sept. 22 and Oct. 19, showing a total of \$282,500 raised during that period for the pro-recall campaign and \$41,527 raised by the anti-recall campaign.

Contributors to the pro-recall campaign include the Alameda County Prosecutors Association with a \$40,000 donation, as well as a \$10,000 donation from the Alameda County Police Officers Association and a \$20,000 donation from the Deputy Sheriff’s Association of Alameda County. No individual donations from Tri-Valley residents or groups were reported during the most recent period.

Despite the additional flow of cash in recent months, bringing the total contributions received by the pro-recall campaign to \$1,278,929, the campaign continues to be in debt as of Oct. 24, with \$1,409,704.63 in payments made over the course of election season.

The anti-recall campaign is also in the red after the most recent campaign finance report, with \$283,848.22 in monetary contributions as of Oct. 19 and \$314,457.87 in payments made. Pleasanton residents John Bauer, Megan Burns and Wendy Wong were among the contributors to the anti-recall campaign during the most recent reporting period, donating a total of \$829.32. ■



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Livermore campaigns spend over \$27,000 despite funding slowdown

In District 3 spat, Dunbar claims Kaskey's mailer 'misrepresents the facts' on urban growth boundary record

By JUDE STRZEMP

Livermore City Council District 3 opponents Steven Dunbar and Jeff Kaskey collected the most campaign contributions out of all council candidates in recent weeks, according to financial statements released last week.

During the same period, nearly all candidates racing for the districts spent thousands of dollars to garner voter support.

Among the expenditures, a recent Kaskey campaign mailer put Dunbar on the defensive. In that message to voters, Kaskey claimed that Dunbar doesn't protect the city's urban growth boundary — a claim Dunbar argues is inaccurate.

The financial filings are the second and final pre-election reports for campaign contributions and expenditures, covering the period from Sept 22. to Oct. 19.

In the three-candidate race for District 3, Dunbar and Kaskey have each amassed about \$27,000 in contributions this year, following higher gains for Dunbar this period. Meanwhile, Kaskey's recent expenditures elevate his yearly spending about \$3,000 above Dunbar.

Dunbar collected \$7,140 during the reporting period, for a year's total of \$26,977. All of his contributors this period were from Livermore, except the Los Angeles-based California Real Estate Political Action Committee — which also stood out as his largest donor this period at \$5,500; all other contributions were \$500 or less.

Among his other supporters were Livermore deputy city attorney Katherine Mirassou, Realtor Charan Wollard, president of Serviceware Justin Carvacho and vice president of Benevolent Tech Tracy Kronzak.

During the most recent reporting period, Dunbar spent \$6,994.39 for a year's total of \$15,518.49. His highest expenditure this period was \$3,515.18 for mailers. He also spent \$2,471.44 on print ads.

Competitor Kaskey collected \$3,150 this period for a total of \$26,595 this year. All his contributions this period came from Livermore residents. And all were \$250 or less, except one donation of \$2,000 from Stephen Stradling. He also received \$50 from Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Director David Furst.

Kaskey spent \$11,821.24 on his campaign this period for a grand total of \$18,960.26 this year. His

greatest expenditures were \$5,256.30 for campaign literature and mailings, \$1,500 for consulting and \$1,208.76 for print ads in the Independent.

Among Kaskey's expenditures this year were mailers that Dunbar says make false claims.

It says Dunbar "recommended a study of breaking the Urban Growth Boundary" while on the Planning Commission. Meanwhile, it claims Kaskey "defended the urban growth boundary at (the) Planning Commission."

"This is untrue and misrepresents the facts," Dunbar said in a statement on Oct. 26.

At a committee meeting in December 2023, Kaskey said breaking the boundary should require compelling needs only reachable by breaking that boundary, according to the minutes.

At that meeting the commission didn't have the authority to vote or prevent the ongoing environmental review, Dunbar said in his statement. But in accordance with rules of the environmental impact report, Dunbar had said "no project alternative will be analyzed" — which Dunbar contends was not an endorsement of breaking the boundary. Finally, when the Planning Commission was able to vote, Dunbar said there lacked clear and compelling evidence to justify a study, according to his statement.

He supported removing the East of Greenville area from the General Plan, Dunbar said in his statement. Kaskey did not comment at the meeting.

"City Staff referred to this action as 'deferring for future study' - this wording is being twisted to imply that I did not defend the UGB. The reality is that my actions removed the area from the General Plan process and protected the UGB," Dunbar said in his statement.

In Kaskey's view, "wanting to keep the plan active, (the Planning Commission) passed a recommendation to have the Greenville area considered later."

"I stand by my mailer," Kaskey told Livermore Vine.

Afterward, Kaskey took on Dunbar's claim of being the "only candidate who knows firsthand how community, council and city staff work together" — as written on his website.

Given his experience, Kaskey said

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Measure II campaigns exceed quarter million dollars

Contributions, expenditures accelerate on both sides of issue marrying Dublin Blvd. extension, development, open space

By JUDE STRZEMP

High-rollers threw more than \$170,000 into the battle over Dublin's Measure II during the last few weeks, raising year-to-date committee collections to over \$250,000 combined, according to recently released financial statements.

Overall, the opposition committee has received \$136,304.42 whereas the supportive committee has received \$122,500.

Both groups have also paid out tens of thousands of dollars on voter outreach in recent weeks. These figures were released as part of the second and final reporting period for election campaigns, spanning Sept. 22 to Oct. 19.

The contentious item, dubbed the "Dublin Traffic Relief, Clean Air/Open Space Preservation Measure", asks voters to give City Council the power to approve limited commercial development along the future Dublin Boulevard extension. The

Crosby property would be included in the developable area.

Between late September and mid-October, the supportive committee called "Keep Dublin Moving - YES on II 2024" received \$102,500, for a year's total of \$122,500.

Its highest contributor this period was Bex Development, LLC (Randall Branaugh) from Castro Valley who gave \$48,000. The next highest contributor was Livbor-Manning LLC (Harry Crosby), owner of the Crosby property, who gave \$29,500 for a cumulative \$49,500 this year.

Support also came from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595 Issues PAC at \$15,000, the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 342 at \$5,000 and the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 104 Issues Committee at \$5,000.

In terms of expenditures, Keep Dublin Moving spent \$67,339.42 this period for a year's total of \$85,473.44.

The bulk of the money paid out

over the past few weeks went towards television and digital ads, campaign literature, mailings and campaign consultants. TV airtime cost \$20,000, digital advertising cost \$16,500, literature and mailings cost \$11,193.28 and consultants cost \$7,500.

An additional \$10,335 is still owed to Atomic Productions in Emeryville for video production.

On the same day Keep Dublin Moving filed its latest financial report, the committee also amended its list of expenditures made from Jan. 1 to Sept. 21. The amendment includes a bill for campaign consultants costing \$7,500.

On the other side of the argument, "Save Dublin Open Space - No on Measure II" raised \$75,273.20 this period for a year's total of \$136,304.42.

Contributor Jeanette King of Livermore gave \$20,000 this period for a total of \$45,000 this year. And Save Mount Diablo gave \$50,000.00 this period for a year's total of



JEREMY WALSH

Among Save Dublin Open Space's expenditures are signs campaigning against Measure II.

\$83,920.22.

Save Mount Diablo also contributed staff time and drone images valued at \$4,273.20 this period.

This year, Save Dublin Open Space has spent \$75,375.75 to oppose the measure, \$47,402.18 of which was paid during the most recent reporting period.

The majority of its recent campaign expenditures have gone towards direct mail, totaling \$34,221.90 this period. Though the committee's website and consulting fees have cost another \$5,868.20 this period.

To view the each committee's financial reports, visit public.netfile.com. ■

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Dunbar's statement is false. "I took that lack of honesty as part of his political discourse, but it is annoying

now to be called out on something that is documented in City paperwork," Kaskey told the Vine.

Outside the disagreements between Kaskey and Dunbar is their joint opponent David Farley, who

runs on the lowest-funded campaign in District 3.

Farley's total contributions grew by \$100 during this reporting period, thanks to a San Mateo resident. He now sits at \$3,869 in campaign

contributions this year.

Most recently, he spent \$1,016.20 on his campaign for a year's total of \$3,359.32. Of his expenditures, \$1,010 went to sending campaign texts this period.

In District 4, there were few contributions, but nearly \$8,000 in campaign expenses.

During this period, Tom Soules raised \$600 for a year's total of \$16,360. All contributions this term were \$250 or less. And all his donations were from Livermore residents, except one which was given by an Ohio resident.

Soules spent \$5,590.34 this period, \$5,570 of which went to pay for campaign mailers. This year, he has spent \$12,868.67.

Kristie Wang did not receive any contributions this period and remains at \$14,798.33 this year, according to the latest reports.

She spent \$2,415.82 this period and overall \$8,185.72 this year. Her highest expenses this period were fliers, which cost \$1,983.09 plus another \$178.55 to prepare.

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Livermore receives statewide award for Horizons program

Approach to youth mental health services is 'a model for other cities'

By JUDE STRZEMP

Livermore won the 2024 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Intergovernmental Collaboration at a recent statewide conference for the partnership between its school district and the city-operated Horizons Family Counseling.

Presented by the League of California Cities, the honor recognizes Horizons' work in Livermore schools as innovative, effective and replicable programming for children and families, according to a statement by the city. The Livermore City Council accepted the honor at its regular meeting on Monday night.

"This award underscores the power of collaboration in addressing mental health challenges and

demonstrates how partnerships with schools and local government can lead to meaningful, lasting change," Livermore Mayor John Marchand said in a statement.

As a division of the Livermore Police Department, Horizons has provided mental health services to local youth and families since 1973. It aims to serve them through counseling and other supportive services to promote their safety and success, according to the city's statement.

"Livermore's Horizons Family Counseling is a beacon of hope for our community, providing critical mental health support to our youth and families at a time when it is most needed," Marchand said.

Amid the rising demand for mental health resources, Horizons' services — counseling, workshops,

crisis intervention and support groups — were integrated into Livermore schools to serve hundreds of students every year.

"Through funding from various sources and strong collaboration, the City of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District are pioneering efforts to promote holistic well-being and resilience among the city's youth," city public communications officer Stephanie Egidio wrote in the statement.

Given the program's innovative approach to mental health services, it has become a model for other cities to address the needs of their young residents, according to the statement.

"Livermore's proactive and collaborative approach continues to



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A representative from the League of California Cities presents the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence to Livermore Mayor John Marchand on Monday night.

pave the way for other municipalities facing similar challenges, positioning the city as a leader in youth mental health support,"

Egidio wrote.

For more information about Horizons Family Counseling, visit police.livermoreca.gov. ■

Governor appoints Dublin man to state post

Pedroza named to workers' comp commission

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Nurturing the arts, helping ensure worker safety and helping to safeguard the rights of people with disabilities are priorities for many Bay Area residents, and four of them recently won appointments to related state commissions and councils.

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a number of appointments last Friday, including the following Bay Area residents:

Chris Pedroza of Dublin has been appointed to the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation. Pedroza has been executive director at Carpenters 46 Northern California Counties Conference Board since 2021. He was a marketing field representative at the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council from 2008 to 2021. Pedroza is a member of the Carpenters Local Union 152.

This position does not require

Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem, the governor's office said. Pedroza is a Democrat.

Kristi Montoya of Oakland has been appointed to the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation. Montoya has been director of claim operations at UPS since 2023 and has held multiple roles there since 2003, including director of risk management, risk management district case advisor, finance manager and revenue recovery manager.

This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem, according to the governor's office. Montoya is a Democrat.

Dorka Keehn of San Francisco has been appointed to the California Arts Council. Keehn has been a partner at Keehn Partners since 2021 and founder and principal at KEEHN ON ART since 2011, according to the governor's office.

Keehn was a curator and cofounder at Sites Unseen from 2014 to 2020. Also, Keehn was a development consultant at Illuminate the Arts from 2011 to 2013.

This position requires Senate

confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem, the governor's office said. Keehn is a Democrat.

Harold Ashe of San Quentin has been reappointed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, where

he has served since 2021. Ashe has been an in-home provider since 2016, providing care to his 14-year-old son with Down syndrome and his 11-year-old son with autism. He was a correctional officer at San Quentin State Prison from 1990 to 2001.

This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem, the governor's office said. Ashe is a Democrat. ■

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committing the crime.

The charges against Davis were dropped this past July after he successfully completed the diversion program. Walker was due in court on the matter this week, but, according to court documents, the county's probation department is recommending he be dismissed from the program after successfully completing it.

This was all news to the victims, who said that the DA's office never told them about the plea deal and that they were shocked to hear the outcome from the Weekly.

"Twenty years ago if you had an

armed robbery you're probably sitting in jail for more than a decade," the husband said.

He said the couple have since lost their sense of security and safety and that while they understand giving people a chance to reform themselves, lenient sentences like this could lead criminals to think there are no consequences for their crimes.

His wife also did not appreciate the lack of communication from the DA's office and wished they were represented as well as the defense attorneys had represented their clients. She said the last time they heard from anyone was early in October 2023 — before the plea change hearing.

"In this case we got no calls. We got nothing," she said. ■

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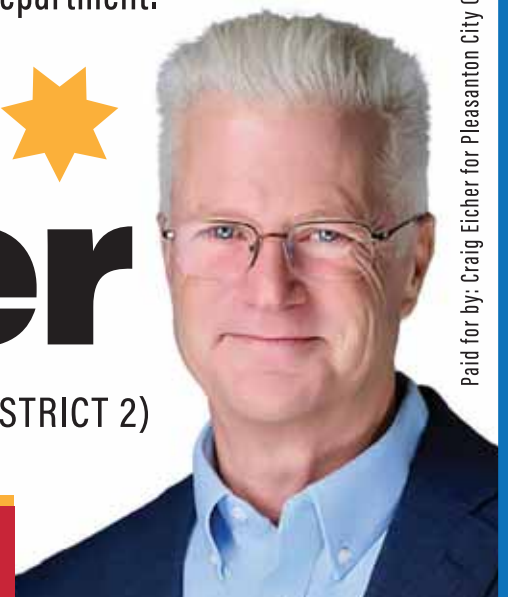
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STORY BY JEREMY WALSH

Election Day finally arrives next Tuesday, bringing with it the final decisions from voters on more than 30 local elected offices and ballot measures across the Tri-Valley — let alone the major outcomes on state propositions and national candidates.

Here closer to home, tight mayoral races in Pleasanton and Dublin will set the stage for those cities for the next two years, City Council majorities in Pleasanton

and Livermore could flip or they could strengthen, the fate of Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price will be decided and all five local school boards have contested seats up to be claimed.

Tax measures are on the docket amid budget concerns cited by the city of Pleasanton (0.5% sales tax, Measure PP), city of San Ramon (1% sales tax, Measure N) and San Ramon Valley Unified School District (annual parcel tax renewal,

HERE'S A RECAP OF ALL CONTESTS WE'RE TRACKING

- **Pleasanton Mayor:** Jack Balch, Karla Brown
- **Pleasanton City Council District 2:** Valerie Arkin, Craig Eicher
- **Pleasanton City Council District 4:** Matt Gaidos, Vivek Mohan
- **Measure PP - Pleasanton 0.5% sales tax:** Simple majority to pass
- **Pleasanton School Board Area 3:** Donalyn Harris, Kelly Mokashi
- **Pleasanton School Board Area 4:** Jen Flynn, Charlie Jones
- **Alameda County District Attorney Recall:** Simple majority to remove Pamela Price from office
- **Livermore City Council District 3:** Steven Dunbar, David Farley, Jeff Kaskey
- **Livermore City Council District 4:** Tom Soules, Kristie Wang
- **LVJUSD Board of Education (2 seats):** Tara Boyce, Deena Kaplanis, Jean Paulsen, Amanda Pepper, Maggie Tufts, Christiaan VandenHeuvel
- **LARPD Board of Directors (2 seats):** Matthew Bogdanowicz, James Boswell, Jan Palajac, Jacob Vital
- **Sunol School Board:** Erin Choin, Ryan Jergensen
- **Dublin Mayor:** Shawn Costello, Tom Evans, Sherry Hu, Jean Josey
- **Dublin City Council District 3:** Razi Hasni, John Morada
- **Dublin School Board Area 1:** Kristian Reyes, Ramnath Shanbhogue
- **Measure II - Dublin Boulevard Extension:** Simple majority to pass
- **Measure JJ - Dublin Government Accountability:** Simple majority to pass



Four candidates are in the race for mayor of Dublin.



Robert Jweinat listens as opponent Vasanth Shetty speaks at San Ramon City Council District 1 forum.



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Measure Q). Measure II, related to the potential Dublin Boulevard extension, is on city ballots in Dublin but could impact traffic, development and quality of life across the southern Tri-Valley.

Local voters will also help decide one State Assembly, two State Senate and two U.S. House of Representatives seats, plus a handful of special district positions and the U.S. Senate contest with a Democrat who's a Monte Vista High School alumnus.

Read up on our past coverage of all the local races you want to know about on our "Election" page at pleasantonweekly.com or our sister sites, livermorevine.com and danvillesanramon.com. You can also see videos of our seven Tri-Valley candidate forum events online. For information about polling places, ballot dropboxes or other Alameda County election questions, go to acvote.alamedacountyca.gov. ■

G FOR ELECTION NIGHT AND BEYOND NEXT WEEK:

- **San Ramon Mayor:** Mark Armstrong, Chirag Kathrani
- **San Ramon City Council District 1:** Robert Jweinat, Vasanth Shetty
- **Measure N - San Ramon 1% sales tax:** Simple majority to pass
- **Danville Town Council (3 seats):** Newell Arnerich, Mark Belotz, Julia Gillette, Renee Morgan
- **SRVUSD Board of Education Area 2:** Shelley Clark, Karin Shumway
- **SRVUSD Board of Education Area 3:** Laura Bratt, Sukriti Sehgal
- **Measure Q - SRVUSD parcel tax renewal:** 2/3rds majority to pass
- **BART Board District 5:** Joseph Grcar, Melissa Hernandez
- **Chabot-Las Positas College Board Area 4:** Joseph Grcar, Maria Heredia
- **Contra Costa College Board Ward 2:** Diana Honig, Kofi Opong-Mensah
- **Central Contra Costa Sanitary Board District 5:** Bansidhar Giri, Jean Kuznik
- **State Assembly District 16:** Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D), Joe Rubay (R)
- **State Senate District 5:** Jerry McNerney (D), Jim Shoemaker (R)
- **State Senate District 9:** Tim Grayson (D), Marisol Rubio (D)
- **Congressional District 10:** Mark DeSaulnier (D), Katherine Piccinini (R)
- **Congressional District 14:** Vin Kruttiventi (R), Eric Swalwell (D)
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The candidates for Pleasanton City Council District 2 and 4.

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Dublin City Council District 3 candidate John Morada answers question during forum with opponent Razi Hasni.



The candidates for Livermore City Council Districts 3 and 4.



PUSD Board of Trustees election forum on Sept. 25.



Mark Armstrong and Chirag Kathrani are on the ballot for mayor of San Ramon.

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campaign finance records.

Brown's recent Form 460 falls in line with those pledges she took as her largest donation during this last statement period came from the Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 PAC, which donated \$950.

Similar to her previous campaign filings, apart from the union donation her other three donations ranging from \$50 to \$300 came from three Pleasanton residents. Her previous filings showed that most of the money she raised this election season came from her previous mayoral campaign in 2022, during which she ran unopposed.

Balch on the other hand continues to see more and more donations after having raised over \$80,000 as of the previous campaign finance statements.

During this most recent period covering Sept. 22 to Oct. 19, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's Business And Community Political Action Committee showed its support for Balch by donating \$2,000 to his campaign.

The Northern California Carpenters Regional Council POWER PAC, based in Sacramento, also donated \$1,000 in October, according to his 460 filings. Similarly, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595 PAC

Small Contributor Committee, also based in Sacramento, donated \$1,000 to his campaign.

Apart from those union donations, the other highest contribution during this last period was a \$1,000 donation from Pleasanton resident Gretchen Zaballos-Scherer. Other than that, Balch continued to see other smaller donations of anywhere from \$100 to \$500 come mostly from Pleasanton residents.

The only non-resident who donated to Balch's campaign this round was Brian Hughes, a Fremont resident who donated \$500.

On the expenditures side, Balch spent a total of just over \$70,000 this entire year — this last campaign finance period he spent just over \$32,000. Most of his expenditures went to The Tucker Group, a political consultant group based in Pleasant Hill.

According to Balch's Form 460 filing from this last period, he paid the group \$13,496 for campaign literature and mailings and \$2,500 for campaign consultancy. Another separate payment of \$13,610 was also made to the group for campaign literature and mailings.

A lot of Balch's other expenditures went to Meta for "campaign paraphernalia".

Brown, on the other hand, has spent much less this election cycle. According to her most recent Form 460 filing, she spent a total of about \$26,100 this entire year — this past

filing covering from Sept. 22 to Oct. 19 showed she spent \$10,835 on mostly posters and mailers.

And as it turns out, some of the signs that Brown spent her campaign money on were reportedly stolen from several residents' front yards.

According to a press release from Pleasanton Voters — a grassroots organization focusing on informing voters about local elections, which has endorsed Brown this year and in the past — "sign-stealing thieves" have taken more than 50 signs supporting Brown's mayoral campaign.

The organization said the signs have been randomly disappearing throughout the city but mostly in the downtown area. Multiple homeowners have submitted photos of their empty signs supporting Brown and have even submitted two video recordings showing people taking signs from the yard.

"This appears to be a last-ditch effort by one or more of the candidates or campaigns," Pleasanton Voters president Kelly Cousins said in the press release that alleged signs of incumbent Councilmember Valerie Arkin in the District 2 race were also stolen. "It certainly doesn't sync with the city's brand as a 'Community of Character,' and it has criminal implications too."

According to the press release, a case has been filed with the Pleasanton Police Department so that others can report these alleged thefts to the police.

Even though Cousins did not call out his campaign by name, Balch took to social media to address rumors blaming him and his campaign for the sign stealing.

"I am disappointed to hear that accusations are being directed at my supporters and campaign team," Balch wrote in a Facebook post Oct. 27. "Casting blame without evidence is not only irresponsible but harms our community, our neighbors."

He said that is not what his campaign is about and that he has "no tolerance for such actions".

Measure PP

Recently filed campaign finance statements show that the No on Measure PP committee has raised about \$4,600 the entire election cycle while the pro-Measure PP camp said it is still expecting significant donations from two local unions.

Pleasanton residents will be voting next week on Measure PP, a half-cent sales tax increase measure that, if approved, would be the first-ever revenue measure of its kind in the city's history.

The City Council approved placing the revenue measure on the November ballot earlier this year after roughly a year and a half of council meetings where staff reviewed public polling and emphasized the importance of bringing in new revenue in order to balance the city's budget where expenditures

are outpacing revenues.

If a simple majority of people vote yes on Measure PP, it would raise the city's sales tax from 10.25% to 10.75% for the ensuing 10 years.

Supporters of the revenue measure include the police and fire unions, the association representing city employees and some everyday residents who all say the tax increase will help address the city's structural budget deficit and deter the city from having to make deep cuts across its departments that will affect the city's overall quality of life.

However this support, while expressed many times at several recent City Council meetings during public comments, has not clearly shown up in any recently filed campaign finance statements.

During the last filing deadline in September, the pro-Measure PP campaign failed to submit any Form 460.

The group did not file any forms during this latest filing deadline last week, but that doesn't mean they did not receive any contributions. According to the Alameda County NetFile website, which provides public data on campaign finance statements, the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 PAC reported donating \$5,000 to the campaign.

However, that money hasn't made its way to the campaign, according to Matthew Gray, chairperson of the committee Protect Pleasanton's Future Supporting Measure PP, which is why the campaign did not file a campaign finance report with the city.

"Our group has not received the amount of contributions that would require us to file a form 460," Gray said.

But that doesn't mean the campaign won't be receiving the contributions at all, representative Craig Freeman told the Weekly.

Freeman, a local fire captain who acts as the treasurer for the International Association of Firefighters Local 1974 and supports the Yes on PP campaign, said the firefighters union verbally pledged the \$5,000 for the campaign after it was formed and those within the campaign were working to set up its bank account. However, he said the campaign never received the physical check for that contribution due to mailing issues.

"Between the slow mail system during the election cycle and/or a recipient PO Box, those physical checks weren't received by the Yes on PP Committee prior to the close of the last reporting period," Freeman said.

Once he learned about this, Freeman said he said he "physically cut a new check to replace that which appears to have been lost in the mail and have resent the replacement check to what we hope will be a more reliable physical mailbox."

He also said that the pro-Measure PP campaign is expecting another \$5,000 to come from the AFSCME Council 57, which is the union representing the city's employees.

Freeman said the AFSCME Council 57 was working on mailing a check to the Yes on PP campaign on Monday and that he will also be reaching out to smaller contributors from the community to see if they "will be able to reissue their checks which were included in the lost envelope."

"Those checks totaled about \$550 including \$100 from myself," Freeman said.

Freeman said the campaign approved expenditures for signs and mailers with pledged funds from the two labor unions and that the vendors understand they will be paid once the group receives all the promised contributions. That's why residents are still seeing signs and mailers from the pro-Measure PP campaign even though they have not reported any financial contributions.

However, some residents across the town have been very vocal in their opposition to Measure PP, citing transparency issues with current budget numbers, distrust with the council majority's previous handling of the city's budget and the city not looking into other options to address the deficit as reasons why they believe it's not the right time for a sales tax increase.

And while the No on PP campaign has not seen any considerably large donations, it has seen a good amount of residents contributing with what they can.

According to the 460 filings from back in Sept. 26 individuals — all Pleasanton residents, except for two — donated anywhere between \$50 to \$250 to support the campaign against the revenue measure.

In this most recent period from Sept. 22 to Oct. 19, 12 more residents contributed to the cause bringing the anti-revenue measure campaign's total contributions this year up to just over \$4,600. This latest period, the group raised nearly \$1,500.

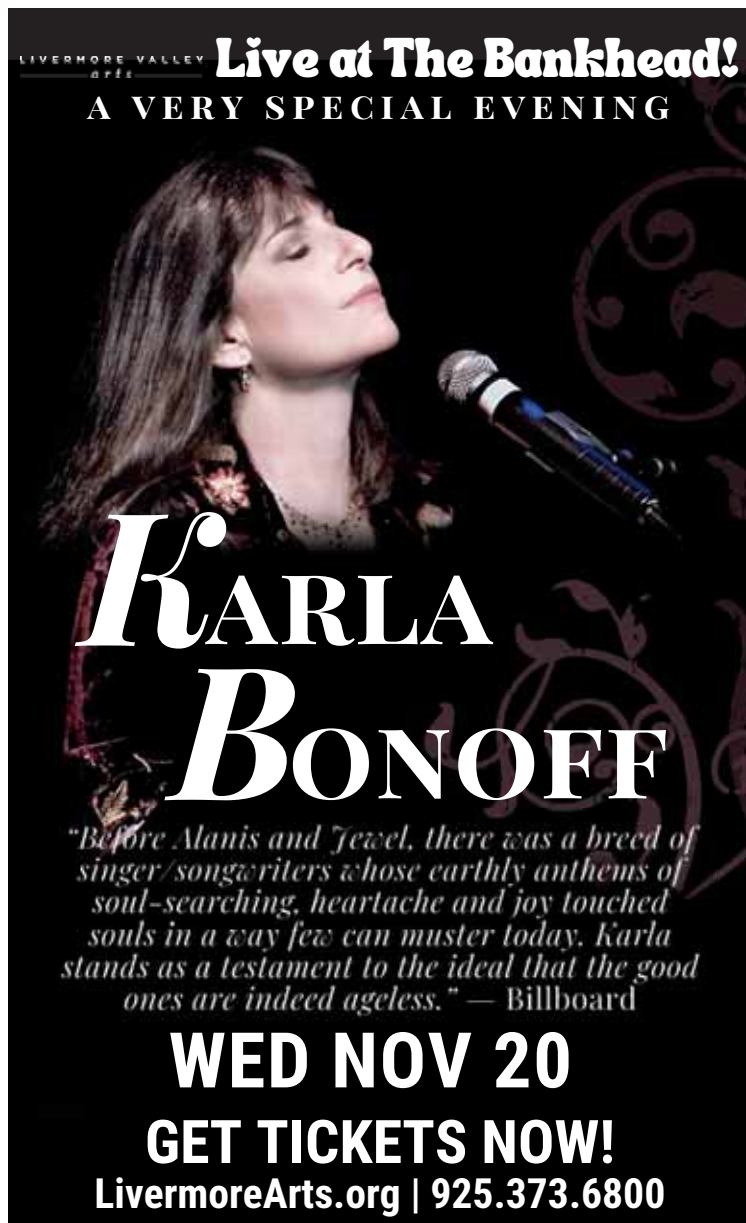
According to the recent 460 filings, some of the more notable contributions came from City Council candidates Vivek Mohan and Craig Eicher as well as former Pleasanton Unified School District board president Mark Miller. Eicher donated \$250 while the other two each donated \$100.

The nine other residents each donated anywhere from \$50 to no more than \$250.

According to the 460 filings, the campaign spent the majority of its funds during this latest filing period on yard signs, advertisements and email distribution services.

City Council District 2

Eicher, a retired Pleasanton police captain who also served a stint



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as interim police chief, continued to outpace his opponent having raised just under \$3,450 during September and October, which brought his overall donations this year to \$16,545. The challenger's largest donation this past filing period was \$1,000 that came from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee, based in Los Angeles.

Incumbent Arkin, who according to the city was the only council candidate to take a voluntary contribution and expenditure limitations pledge, raised \$1,550 during this past filing period. Her campaign raised a total of just over \$9,350, according to her Form 460.

Her two major donations this period were a \$500 donation from the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 and a \$1,000 donation from the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's Business And Community Political Action Committee.

City Council District 4

After having only received a \$1,000 donation during the previous filing period, Planning Commissioner Mohan has now found a considerably large base of CEOs, investors and business owners who have been donating large

sums of money to his campaign.

According to his most recent filings, Mohan received an additional \$28,471 to his campaign with the majority actually having come from himself after he donated \$11,000 from his own pockets. Apart from that, the rest of the donations mainly ranged between \$500 to \$900 but a few did donate from \$1,000 to as much as \$3,000.

His opponent for the open seat, fellow Planning Commissioner Matt Gaidos, on the other hand has stayed right around where he was last time after having raised a dollar short of \$2,000 in that time, bringing his total contributions this election season up to \$20,612.

Some more notable contributors to his campaign, according to his most recent filings, include the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, which donated \$1,000, and the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 union, which donated \$500.

PUSD Area 3

While Pleasanton Unified School District Area 3 challenger and parent Donalyn Harris has not filed any Form 460 or other contribution reports up to this point, her opponent and incumbent Trustee Kelly Mokashi continues to not show too many donations coming her way.

According to Mokashi's filings from Aug. 20 to Sept. 19, she raised

an additional \$651, which brought her total campaign contributions up to \$2,751. Her largest donations during that period was \$501 from Karen Lord-Eyewe who teaches Spanish at Amador Valley High School. She only received two other donations totaling \$150 combined.

However, according to more recent Form 460's filed on Oct. 24, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce showed its support for Harris with a \$500 donation while the Association of Pleasanton Teachers Political Action Committee showed its support with a \$2,967 donation earlier this October and a separate \$2,000 donation from last week.

PUSD Area 4

Over in the Area 4 race, Hayward educator and Pleasanton native Charlie Jones continued to receive several thousands of dollars in donations during these past two months as his recent filings show he raised nearly \$4,000, which brings his total contributions this year to just under \$30,250.

Jones previously received over \$13,000 in contributions from the Association of Pleasanton Teachers Political Action Committee, but apart from that a lot of his past donations came from individuals and groups outside of Pleasanton, which continues to be seen in these most recent filings. According to his Form 460, none of the seven

contributors from Sept. 22 to Oct. 19 resided in Pleasanton.

His most recent largest donation came from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Political Action Together Legislative Education Committee, based in Hanover, Maryland. The committee donated a total of \$2,200 to his campaign this month, according to his filings.

Meanwhile, former Hearst Elementary School administrative

secretary Jen Flynn's campaign filings show that she raised nearly \$3,800, which brought her campaign's total to a dollar short of \$9,800.

And unlike Jones, 19 of the 21 contributors listed in her recent filings reside in Pleasanton — the other two live in Oakland and Alamo. All but one of Flynn's contributions that she received ranged from \$100 to \$140 with the largest donation being \$250. ■

TAKE US ALONG



A news hound: Maggie McGrath catches up on a little light reading with the Weekly at home in Pleasanton. Her grandfather was vice president of Western Pacific Railroad, so she enjoyed seeing coverage of the "Rails Connect" art and history exhibition at the Firehouse Arts Center.

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Pleasanton Weekly

Sandia Labs commemorates 75-year milestone

Event recognizes work in national security, giving back to Livermore — plus opening time capsule

By JUDE STRZEMP

Sandia officials cut the cake and popped a time capsule with local leaders and employees at the labs' 75th anniversary celebration last week.

As a national laboratory centered on nuclear deterrence, its accomplishments have expanded to addressing climate change and contributing to combustion research, associate labs director Andy McIlroy said at the Oct. 22 celebration. On top of that, Sandia National Laboratories and its employees have contributed money and time to the Livermore community.

Now as leadership reflected on 75 years, they restated Sandia's national importance.

"The work that we do has become ever more diverse in impacting national security and economic security in everything from healthcare and energy to more traditional national security concerns like nuclear deterrence," McIlroy said. "The breadth of impact and the commitment of our people to that work is just incredibly powerful to me."

Formally established in 1949, the lab initially began years prior as a segment of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico called Division Z, according to Sandia historian Justin Olmstead.

Only in 1956 was Sandia's California location set up.

Of these years, the lab in Livermore revisited its most recent 25 when it cracked open a 1999 time capsule at the anniversary event. Inside were a spark plug with fiber optics, a team picture, a site photo, water and soil samples and much more.

McIlroy reflected on Sandia's legacy as he told the crowd, the Livermore-based projects have strengthened the U.S. nuclear deterrence program.

For Livermore Mayor John Marchand, its presence in the city is a point of pride.

"I'm a chemist by profession, so I celebrate the technologies that come out of here and not only for the good of our community, but for the good of the country and the world," Marchand said.

Beyond scientific developments, the lab has also donated directly to the community since 2005, McIlroy said during the ceremony. This year alone, the lab has given \$175,000 to support K-12 education and family stability.

During the ceremony, McIlroy presented larger-than-life checks of \$20,000 to Quest Science Center for its Planetary Health Action Program and \$20,000 to Tri-Valley Haven to rebuild its domestic violence shelter.



But Sandia's work in Livermore exceeds financial support, McIlroy said.

"It's not just the big checks," McIlroy told Livermore Vine. "We've got people who are contributing back to the community, not just with money but with time as well."

Marchand sees their presence in the Livermore-Amador Symphony, coaching Little League teams, serving on the City Council and tutoring in elementary schools.

"The impact of the Sandia National Laboratories extends beyond their immediate research endeavors, inspiring future generations of scientists and engineers and playing a pivotal role in shaping the technological landscape of our nation," Livermore Vice Mayor Bob Carling, a former Sandia director, said at the event.

As the team looked toward the future, it prepared items for the capsule's reburial and the labs' 100th anniversary: miniature 3D models of recent projects, a larger-than-life model of ducted fuel injection, a stuffed gavel signed by deputies at Sandia, a paintbrush used to paint a mural at the lab, federal authorization to do COVID testing and more.

"Sandia National Labs is absolutely critical to the national security of this country. And you got to see a piece of that from 25 years ago and today," labs director James Peery said. "And in 25 years, it's going to be just as important, if not more important for this country's security, both from the military standpoint but also the economic security." ■



Top: Per tradition, Sandia leadership posed for a cake-cutting at the labs' 75th anniversary event this week. (Photo by Jude Strzemp). Middle: Sandia's combustion research facility, circa 1979. (Photo courtesy Sandia Labs). Bottom: Staff photos from Sandia's 50th anniversary were included in the capsule. (Photo by Jude Strzemp).



JUDE STRZEMP

Sandia will repack the time capsule with current-day items for opening at its 100th anniversary.

PAL artists' talents on display in Harrington Gallery

Also: Lord's 'Valley Vernacular' paintings line Firehouse lobby

By JEREMY WALSH

The wide-ranging creativity of Tri-Valley artists is at the heart of the new group exhibition in the Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery.

The Pleasanton Art League's 17th annual "Fall Members' Show" is on display in the downtown Pleasanton venue now through Dec. 21, featuring nearly 80 works across many mediums.

"This year's edition of annual show with the Pleasanton Art League is brimming with works of all mediums and an incredible vitality from the group's many new members," Harrington Gallery curator Sydney Tang told the Weekly.

"Apart from the two-month long exhibition, there will be an incredible lineup of live artist demonstrations on select Saturdays where visitors are able to take a deep dive into an artist's creative process," Tang added.

An opening reception and awards ceremony, with the honors judged by Bill Carmel, was held last weekend. The exhibition is accessible during the gallery's normal hours on Wednesdays to Saturdays.

Meanwhile, visitors to the Firehouse may also view "Valley Vernacular" — a solo exhibition in the theater's lobby featuring paintings by Livermore artist Carolyn Lord.

With nearly 20 works on display, the exhibit "reflects Lord's artistic lineage of tonalism and impressionism" via landscapes, architectural studies and botanical paintings, according to Tang.

"Taking a mundane scene and breathing life into it, Carolyn Lord's



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

"Specialty Swamp Coolers" by Carolyn Lord is part of her new exhibition at the Firehouse.



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

"Lovers Point Rhythms" by Marc Casad.

solo exhibition explores the artist's work from recent years," Tang said. "Carefully drawing out shadows and thought-provoking perspectives from a common setting, viewers can expect to see a wide range of Lord's signature watercolors to her oil paintings."

"Valley Vernacular" is also open through Dec. 21. A special reception



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"Those Who Wait" by Susan Ostroski.

is set for Nov. 16 from 1-3 p.m., and a gallery talk is due to follow on the closing afternoon in December. ■



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

"Cypress Cove Sentries" by Dennis Baker is hanging in the PAL "Fall Members' Show" in the Harrington Gallery.

Younger generation shines in 'The Sound of Music'

Musical at Bankhead features youth actors, musicians from the Tri-Valley

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Get ready to take a long trip down memory lane with an all-youth cast and orchestra who will be showcasing their musical adaptation of the iconic "The Sound of Music" at the Bankhead Theater starting this weekend.

Presented by the Christian Youth Theater Tri-Valley, the resident children's theater company at the Livermore venue, the musical will feature 41 actors broken up into two casts who will perform unforgettable melodies from the well-known stage production and film such as "Do-Re-Mi," "My Favorite Things" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain."

"We know it's sort of a nostalgic trip down memory lane with this musical," the musical's director, Lana Ivashin-King, told the Weekly. "It's a standalone, iconic story ... I'm super thrilled to be able to do 'The Sound of Music' for this community."

Just like the upcoming CYT Tri-Valley musical, the 1965 film was also based on the original musical from 1959 that told the story of the Von Trapp family singers, one of the world's best-known concert groups before World War II, and an Austrian woman studying to become a nun.

The main protagonist, who was famously played by actress Julie Andrews in the movie adaptation, is sent to the family home to teach and look after seven children whose mother passed away and ends up bringing in new love of life and music into the home.

There will be two casts of kids ranging from ages 8 to 18 years old who will be performing the musical over the first two weekends of November. Most of the kids are from the Tri-Valley, Ivashin-King said.

Ivashin-King said that while she knows most people who will be attending the show will have grown up with those iconic songs and scenes,



she is particularly excited for the younger audiences who might have never seen any adaptation of the musical.

The nurse by day and director by weekend said that this will be the fifth musical she has directed and ever since auditions ended in August, the kids have been working hard during their weekend-only rehearsals.

"The kids work very hard to put on a show in such a short time," she said.

As someone who started with acting classes before taking on the director role in 2019, Ivashin-King said

she has really enjoyed seeing the theater company grow, despite all of the hardships from the pandemic. She said before they would have shows with 20 actors and now some shows might have up to 80.

She also said it has been great to see how much families have been getting involved in helping with the show, especially during technical week, which was last week — that's when the costumes, sets and lights come out and when the actors are finally able to combine all of their individual hard work into one show.

"It's a pretty crazy week but totally exhilarating and fun and exciting to see the show really start to emerge during tech week," Ivashin-King said.

"It's very exciting for a director when the kids finally put their scripts down and we're able to start working not just on making the show and learning the technical pieces," she added. "When the show starts to come alive in them, when they can

start with their eyes acting and feeling the character that they're playing, that's always my favorite."

She also commended the young actors' work ethic and said she is going to be really excited to see some of her own favorite scenes such as "Do-Re-Mi" number, the ensemble of nuns singing "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" and the dramatic ending come to life.

"They're wonderful actors," Ivashin-King said. "We have some very strong actors in this company and I don't think any of us get out of a rehearsal without tearing up every week just from the art that we see on stage."

The production is set to debut on Friday (Nov. 1) at 7 p.m. at the Bankhead in downtown Livermore. There will also be showtimes that Saturday and Sunday. Similarly, the performers will return the following weekend starting on Nov. 8. Visit www.cyttrivalley.org to learn more. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Student arrested after violent attack on Cal High administrator outside dance

One of California High School's assistant principals was reportedly attacked by a student from a different high school outside of the Cal High homecoming dance last month, with the student taken into custody and district officials condemning the incident in the days that followed.

San Ramon Valley Unified School District Superintendent CJ Cammack issued a notice to the district community on Oct. 21 with information about the incident and an emphasis that such behavior is not welcome in the district.

The assistant principal approached two students from a different school in the parking lot outside of Cal High's homecoming dance on Oct. 19, with one student assaulting her and both teens leaving the scene, according to the superintendent.

"We want to be clear that, in no uncertain terms, this conduct will not be tolerated at Cal High or at any school in SRVUSD," Cammack said in the district statement. "We care deeply about the safety and well-being of our students, as well as all of our staff."

The San Ramon Police Department confirmed that its officers responded to the scene at Cal High following the incident, and determined through their investigation that the administrator was assaulted and dragged by her hair. They found the 16-year-old suspect at his home and booked him into juvenile hall in Martinez later that evening on charges of battery and kidnapping.

"The investigation was presented to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office yesterday by our Investigations Division, and they filed a complaint against the juvenile for the above charges," SRPD Lt. Mike Pistello told DanvilleSanRamon on Oct. 23.

Cammack said that the district would "cooperate fully" with SRPD's investigation into the matter, adding that the district would be conducting its own "comprehensive investigation" and seeking the maximum

disciplinary consequences allowed by law.

"This incident is not a reflection of the outstanding character and conduct of our student population at Cal High or in SRVUSD as a whole," Cammack said. "As we shared directly with the Cal High community, we all have a collective responsibility to care for one another and ensure that each and every site in SRVUSD is a place where all members of our community are safe, both physically and emotionally."

Cammack acknowledged that the incident could have an impact on the community at-large, and encouraged students and the rest of the community to take advantage of resources in its wake, noting that parents can contact a principal directly in order to facilitate counseling.

SRPD's investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information on the incident is asked to contact the department's investigations division at 925-973-2700 as well as school administration.

—Jeanita Lyman

In other news

- A man was sentenced to more than nine years in prison last week as part of a plea deal with state prosecutors to settle a case stemming from a string of robberies in casino parking lots in 2022, including two in Livermore.

Charged with crimes at five Bay

Area casinos, Sirron Croskey pleaded guilty in the end to two felony counts of second-degree robbery, one count of recklessly evading law enforcement, one count of carrying a loaded unregistered gun in public and two enhancements for personal use of a firearm, according to the California Attorney General's Office.

"Californians deserve to live their lives free from the shadow of violence," Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a press release last Friday. "I am immensely proud of my team for their unwavering commitment to justice and for ensuring that those who violate the law are held responsible. When we work together, we get results that create a safer and more secure California for everyone."

Croskey was taken into custody on Aug. 26, 2022 following an armed robbery in the parking lot of Napa Valley Casino. State prosecutors say afterward he attempted to escape arrest via a high-speed chase with deputies from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, ultimately abandoning his vehicle and running on foot, while leaving behind the gun used in the crime.

Investigators would go on to tie Croskey to seven parking lot robberies from that month, including two outside Livermore Casino, one at Bay 101 Casino in San Jose, one at Casino M8trix in San Jose, two at California Grand Casino in Pacheco and the last one in American Canyon.

Livermore police confirmed

Croskey's involvement in their local cases.

The first call came in around 9:50 p.m. on Aug. 17, 2022 from a Manteca man reporting he was just robbed at gunpoint in the Livermore Casino lot on First Street. The culprit took \$675 in cash and drove away in a newer-model white sedan, according to police.

The other Livermore Casino case occurred three nights later, just after 10 p.m., with a Tracy man telling police someone stole his wallet and iPhone at gunpoint. "When the victim was approached by the suspect, the victim fell to the ground and had minor abrasions to his hands from falling. The suspect drove off in a white Ford Fusion," police said.

The gun brandished in all of the crimes was loaded, according to state prosecutors.

The case was overseen by the California Department of Justice's special prosecution section, which takes on complex criminal cases in the state, according to the AG's office.

Croskey was sentenced in Contra Costa County Superior Court on Oct. 23 to nine years and eight months in state prison and was ordered to pay \$9,855 in restitution among the seven victims. "The plea agreement includes a provision allowing DOJ to seek restitution for losses at locations associated with dismissed counts," an AG's office spokesperson said. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 27

Theft

- 7:41 a.m. on the 4400 block of Second Street
- 6:08 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 9 a.m. on the 4400 block of Newman Place

Domestic battery

- 5:43 p.m. on Via Del Cielo

Oct. 26

Burglary

- 8:19 a.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Fraud

- 4:34 p.m. on the 7900 block of Kemper Court

Oct. 25

Domestic battery

- 3:39 a.m. on Division Street

Theft

- 9:25 a.m., 1500 block of Whispering Oaks Way; auto theft
- 6:39 p.m., 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; auto theft
- 8:27 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

Warrant arrest

- 9:36 a.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Burglary

- 7:19 p.m. on the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Assault/battery

- 7:51 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct. 24

Theft

- 8:54 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 10:38 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 10:45 a.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 12:30 p.m., 4800 block of Willow Road; theft from auto
- 9:06 p.m., 3600 block of Carlsbad Way; bicycle theft

Fraud

- 8:58 a.m. on the 4200 block of Tulipwood Court

Oct. 23

Burglary

- 10:21 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

Oct. 22

Theft

- 8:49 a.m., 1300 block of Harvest Road; auto theft
- 9:05 a.m., 400 block of East Angela Street; theft from auto
- 10:51 a.m., 4900 block of Hillcrest Way; theft from auto
- 5:19 p.m., 4100 block of Hazelhurst Court; theft from auto

Burglary

- 7:38 p.m. on the 4800 block of Canary Drive

Warrant arrest

- 11:02 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct. 21

Drug violation

- 12:52 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 6:25 a.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; auto theft
- 8:50 a.m. on the 4600 block of Whiting Street
- 10 a.m., 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2 p.m. on the 800 block of Kolln Street
- 5:29 p.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

Fraud

- 9:46 a.m. on the 5900 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 11:32 a.m. on the 3700 block of Thistle Way
- 2:46 p.m. on the 000 block of West Neal Street

Alcohol violation

- 9:52 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 12:02 p.m. at Valley Trails Drive and Shenadoah Court

Burglary

- 12:47 p.m. on the 6100 block of Corte Altamira
- 1:46 p.m. on the 5200 block of Blackbird Drive
- 6:32 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Oct. 20

Theft

- 12:07 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Place

Vandalism

- 4:16 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 19

Vehicle tampering

- 11:08 a.m. on the 600 block of Concord Place

Drug violation

- 2:26 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 5:45 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct. 18

Vehicle tampering

- 8:50 a.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

Theft

- 9:36 a.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Graffiti offense

- 1:09 p.m. on the 800 block of Main Street

Drug violation

- 4:11 p.m. at Gibraltar Drive and Hopyard Road

DUI

- 7:27 p.m. at Stoneridge and Johnson drives

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LETTERS

Addressing the misinformation against Measure PP

There's a lot of misinformation floating around about Pleasanton's Section 115 Fund and Retiree Medical Trust Fund.

Opponents to Measure PP argue that these are reserve funds that can be used to address our city's projected \$13 million annual deficit over the next eight years. It needs to be emphasized that these are investments which will help pay for Pleasanton's future financial obligations. The longer we leave these investments intact, the longer they will grow.

To advocate tapping in to these funds before necessary is to argue for increasing Pleasanton's long-term borrowing costs. This would be short-term gain for long-term pain.

Opponents to Measure PP argue that City Manager Beaudin's projections for future property tax revenue growth is a "low-balled figure". The last four years of explosive growth in home property values in Pleasanton is not a sustainable trend. One only needs to look at home listings on Zillow to see price cuts across the Bay Area.

I cite the recent example of a house which was sold this October in the Vintage Hills neighborhood to illustrate a broader cooling trend: A buyer purchased this particular house for \$1.725 million in May of 2022. This house was then listed for sale in May of 2024 at \$1.82 million. After seven months of sitting on and off the market, and a series of price reductions, this house sold for \$1.68 million at a loss.

—Sandra Gray

Recall DA Pamela Price

On Nov. 5, Alameda County voters should vote Yes and recall Pam Price as District Attorney.

When Price was voted into office, her position was for a six-year term. Now, only two years into that term, the Alameda County DA has turned into the public defender protecting criminals and not victims.

Due to rampant crime in our county, Governor Newsom offered state resources to Price. Yet Price refused his help. Our U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell called for Price's recall because she gives "bad guys a green light to hurt people".

The DA of SF Brooke Jenkins has said Price's policies have only led to an increase in crime. Price's own deputies voted overwhelmingly to recall her. And all 14 police unions in our county have demanded her recall.

She issued a directive to all her lawyers preventing them from

charging common criminal enhancements increasing prison sentences without her express permission. It gave a quadruple murderer 15 years in state prison. It will let Shawn Killian, the Alameda man charged with executing his family of five, be eligible for parole in 20 years once he is convicted. It is giving sheriff's deputy Devin Williams Jr. a reduced sentence for murdering his girlfriend and her husband in front of her family.

Vote Yes and recall Pam Price on Nov 5.

—Simon Li

Response to supermajority letter

This serves as a response to Anne Fox's misconstrued letter in the Pleasanton Weekly regarding Councilmember Valerie Arkin's past vote, as it does not describe the full story.

The vote Fox refers to occurred in June of 2022, right after City Manager Gerry Beaudin was hired and before he uncovered some significant financial issues. At that time, it was customary to allot excess funds to capital projects, as part of the budget process. Now eliminated from the current budget, an expanded skate park was on the priority list for many years, well before Valerie Arkin joined the council.

Such priorities are selected through a public process with public input. The ending "reserves" for the 2021-22 year amounted to over \$41 million (30.7%), more than city policy which sets reserves at 20-30%. The council, as suggested by city staff, could use the surplus over the maximum of 30% toward a capital project.

This is an action that is completely reasonable and logical with all the data provided to the council. True leadership analyzes all data and makes decisions that keep our city in good financial standing while still honoring previous commitments to the community in providing amenities and services that we all value.

I urge my fellow residents to confirm the facts and obtain all the information when erroneous statements are being levied against an elected official's decision, as we are encountering times of excessive bias and vitriol in our community.

—Sandra Yamaoda

No on PP

Measure PP is basically an admission that our current City Council, with the exception of Jack Balch, does not have the fiscal responsibility that is required of their jobs.

I have been a Pleasanton resident for 46 years and can't remember a City Council that has made so many decisions that are not in concert with the majority of Pleasanton citizens. You only need to think of

the skate park and Century House renovation over the park downtown to know this council does not care what the rest of us think.

This tax increase will tie the city of Pleasanton for the highest sales tax rate in the country (the other six are also in Alameda County). Please vote no on PP.

—Bob Watson

What are they hiding?

Much has been made by city leaders about the "unparalleled transparency" around the sales tax increase. But for the Yes on PP campaign, which is co-chaired by two city employees, "unparalleled secrecy" seems to be their modus operandi. We recently discovered information that suggests the Yes campaign believes they are above the law, are not acting in good faith and are not being transparent.

As the treasurer of the No on Measure PP campaign, I diligently ensured that all state-mandated financial reporting requirements for all campaigns were met. Apparently, not so for the city employees running Yes on PP.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 Political Action Fund reports an allowable \$5,000 contribution to the Yes campaign in their own filing in Alameda County. However, it's nowhere to be found in the local Yes on PP required filings in Pleasanton. Since the treasurer for the firefighters' union is also the principal officer for the Yes campaign, it's unusual they have not disclosed their contributions — in-kind donations or cash — to Pleasanton voters.

Our campaign has nothing to hide. We've played by the rules; we're founded and funded by residents who oppose this sales tax increase, having lost trust in the city's leadership, believing they failed us by not doing the necessary work of implementing other revenue generating measures and exploring additional cost savings prior to pushing a sales tax increase.

What is the other side hiding, and why do they believe they can operate above the law?

—Erwin Ricafrente

No on Measure II

In the midst of all the national- and state-level decisions on the ballot this year, there is an important local issue for Dublin voters. Measure II would give the City Council permission to break Dublin's urban limit line and allow commercial development on what is now open space between Dublin and Livermore. This development threatens to bring warehouses, truck traffic and associated air pollution into critical wildlife habitat.

Tri-Valley Conservancy has worked

for 12 years to protect the land in question, including Doolan Canyon, a fragile ecosystem that serves as a well-used wildlife corridor and habitat for golden eagles, California tiger salamanders, badgers and other rare animals. Measure II would fragment this greenbelt and open the door to urban sprawl.

Dublin voters said No to urban sprawl 10 years ago when they overwhelmingly rejected a similar ballot measure. The fundamentals remain the same, and Dublin voters should again vote No.

Tri-Valley Conservancy is willing and eager to join a conversation and help broker a deal to get the road built, while making sure the wildlife corridor and open space are protected, preferably by conservation easements.

Measure II would amend Dublin's General Plan, chip away at a precious greenbelt and violate the principle of open space in the region. And it would undo the hard work the people of Dublin did when they established the urban limit line to prevent exactly the type of controversy Measure II is stirring up.

Tri-Valley Conservancy urges Dublin residents to vote No on Measure II.

—Rebecca Spector, executive director, Tri-Valley Conservancy

Bright future for Livermore

From the windmills crowning our hills, our tradition of green energy can bolster our other tradition of agriculture. As temperatures warm, solar panels installed over fields can help keep plants cool. In turn, the green growth lowers local temperatures, increasing the efficiency of photovoltaic cells. This partnership is called agrovoltatics.

Green tourism can flourish thanks to building artistic solar statues, solar-shaded walkways and the Lab's renown as the world's first successful fusion ignition. Visitors can stay at a new hotel downtown, and they can arrive on The Valley Link or other trains, continuing our proud heritage as a train town. Increased use of public transit will reduce congestion on 580 and pollution.

Within the city, better safety pathways combined with more e-bikes and other transit options ranging from buses to golf carts will alleviate parking woes downtown and decrease car collisions. Though we will need to build more housing, creating walkable communities near hubs of public and active transportation will allow Livermore to grow in a responsible and healthy way.

Achieving this bright future will require the participation of citizens, elected officials, and volunteer commissioners, all working together to improve their community.

—Alan Marling



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Foothill Falcons repeat as EBAL girls' volleyball champions

Also: Trying to wrap my head around El Cerrito football scandal that just gifted Amador forfeit win

In a dramatic week, the Foothill girls' volleyball team took care of business and will hang another East Bay Athletic League championship banner in the Falcon gym.

The week started with the final regular season game where Foothill hosted an Amador Valley team that was on a 10-game winning streak.

On an emotional Senior Night, the Falcons took down the Dons by a 25-13, 25-27, 25-15, 25-23 final.

The four Foothill seniors who were honored before the game all played well: Ella Choudhry (MB), Lulu Hoenninger (MB, captain), Sophia Burdick (opposite) and Kaycie Burdick (OH, captain).

Next up were the EBAL playoffs

where the Falcons were the top-seed from the Valley Division.

The Falcons hosted Carondelet, a team that beat Foothill earlier in the season.

Foothill dropped the first two sets, and then was down 18-13 in the third set, before rallying to win 26-28, 15-25, 26-24, 25-19, 15-10.

Highlights came from Kaycie Burdick (26 kills, 10 digs, 4 aces), Paige Nelson (34 assists, 9 kills, 2 blocks), Kait Vogel (18 digs, 7 kills) and Hoenninger (15 kills).

The never-say-die attitude continued in the championship match at San Ramon Valley two days later.

The Falcons were down 23-17 in the first set but battled back to win it.

After dropping the second and third sets, the resolve of the Falcons was again on display as they roared back to take the final two games and complete the 26-24, 23-25, 21-25, 25-13, 15-8 final, giving the school its second straight title.

Leading the way was Sophia Burdick (20 kills, 11 digs), Nelson (39 assists, 14 digs, 12 kills), Kaycie Burdick (20 digs, 18 kills) and Olivia So (12 digs, 3 aces).

Amador Valley football picks up extra win

The Dons got an additional win on the season when El Cerrito was forced to forfeit five games, including the Gauchos' 38-16 win over the Dons in the first week

of the season for using ineligible players. Players — not just one player.

It's another case where there are people who think rules don't apply to them. I wrote a big column last year heading into football season about the vast number of transfers in Northern California.

I went to the California Interscholastic Federation (the governing body for prep sports in the state) and read through its transfer policies.

It's a long, boring read. But get through it and you see why we have the chaos we do with high school athletics. One of the main points is that transfers are not supposed to be about athletics.

The other problem we face is that the rules are being selectively enforced, or not enforced at all. Some schools try to do the right thing and follow the rules, while others run wild and do what they want, brazenly flaunting it in front of others.

I grew up old-fashioned in that you went to school at least in the town where you grew up and currently live in. Those days are gone.

It's nuts. High school athletes are now commodities, often exploited

by their club sport coaches — coaches that have slimed their way into high school positions.

I don't blame the kids, as they are being influenced by adults with promises of scholarships and playing at the next level.

Think about this and let it sink in: Parents are basically selling their kids to the highest bidder.

The situation at El Cerrito has the potential to become national news if even half of what I am hearing is true. I kid you not — you could not dream up some of the stories I have heard.

These stories are being conveyed by people I have known for years and respect, holding their character above reproach. They are not prone to hyperbole and with that being the case, there must be some truth in the stories.

I know some of the governing bodies for high school athletics know what is going on, so I hope they do the right thing and try to help the kids. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609959
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Something Blue Productions, located at 4403 Valley Ave, Apt C, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANNEMARIE AUSTIN
4403 Valley Ave, Apt C
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/8/2019
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VELVET AND VEIL PAPERIE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609960
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Velvet And Veil Paperie, located at 4403 Valley Ave, Apt C, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.
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ANNEMARIE AUSTIN
4403 Valley Ave, Apt C
Pleasanton, CA 94566
AMANDA GIRARDIN
4403 Valley Ave, Apt C
Pleasanton, CA 94566
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SERENE PRANA AYURVEDA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609712
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Serene Prana Ayurveda, located at 2352 Haggerty Dr., Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
INFOSWAN INC
2352 Haggerty Dr
Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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WAXING THE CITY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609719
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Waxing The City, located at 39176 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4648 Fall Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ABHIVRIDDI LLC
4648 Fall Ct
Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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YOU ARE TALKING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610017
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) You Are Talking, located at 5239 Claremont Ave - Suite #B, Oakland, CA 94618, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1336 Sherwood Drive, Concord, CA 94521
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SHUNNAE DESTEPHANO

1336 Sherwood Dr
Concord, CA 94521
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/1/2021
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SPOILURHAIR STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609322
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Spoilurhair Studio, located at 4230 Rosewood Dr. Suite 139, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SHEKEBA AZIZ
4230 Rosewood Dr. Suite 139
Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on April 1, 2022
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INDUSTRY ON MAIN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610033
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Industry On Main, located at 349 Main Street Suite 204 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):
ARTISTRY BY ELLA, LLC
826 Discovery Bay Blvd.
Discovery Bay, CA 94505
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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IXD TRAVELINC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610202
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) IxD Travelinc, located at 22480 Fuller Ave, Hayward CA, 94541, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
INTERNATIONAL X DOMESTIC TRAVELINC LLC
22480 Fuller Ave
Hayward CA, 94541
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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PBJ MEGA LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609440
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PBJ MEGA LLC, located at 2188 POMAR VISTA ST. SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PBJ MEGA LLC
2188 POMAR VISTA ST
SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/19/2024
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VICTORY MAZDA SAN LEANDRO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609687
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Victory Mazda San Leandro, located at 680 Marina Blvd. San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 46352 Michigan Ave, Canton, MI 48188.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CAPPO MANAGEMENT LXXIV, LLC
46352 Michigan Ave.
Canton, MI 48188
State of Incorporation/Organization: Florida
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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UNIQUARKETING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609459
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) UNIQUARKETING, located at 2930 Domingo Ave #1510 Berkeley, CA 94705, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 47 Independence Dr. American Canyon, CA 94503.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
UNIVERSE BOUTIQUE LLC
2930 Domingo Ave #1510
Berkeley, CA 94705
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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SOLID DESIGN SOLUTIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610009
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SOLID DESIGN SOLUTIONS, located at 2491 ALLEGRO STREET, LIVERMORE, CA 94550, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JERREL KENT ANTOLIK
2491 ALLEGRO STREET
LIVERMORE, CA 94550
ILONA MARIA ANTOLIK
2491 ALLEGRO STREET
LIVERMORE, CA 94550
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STRETCHAEZ
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609054
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) STRETCHAEZ, located at 717 Whitney Street, San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DOUBLE V INDUSTRIES
717 Whitney Street
San Leandro, CA 94577
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 22, 2024
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ORSEA ILLUSTRATED
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609817
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) OrSea Illustrated, located at 6782 S Mariposa Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RACHEL CROWLEY

6782 S Mariposa Lane
Dublin, CA 94568
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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GREGORY WOLFE PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609612
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Gregory Wolfe Properties, located at 1793 San Lorenzo Ave, Berkeley, CA 94707, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
GREGORY MICHAEL WOLFE
1793 San Lorenzo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94707
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 11, 2024
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CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609605
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1.) California Real Estate Services, located at 2411 Santa Clara Ave Suite 1 Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CRES ENTERPRISES
2411 Santa Clara Ave Suite 1
Alameda CA 94501
State of Incorporation/Organization: Wyoming
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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BAYVIEW PLACE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609421
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Bayview Place, located at 1440 40th St Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3461 Bonita Bay Blvd, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EMERYVILLE SENIOR HOUSING, LLC
One Town Center Rd STE 300
Boca Raton, FL 33486
State of Incorporation/Organization: DE
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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EAST BAY DRIVING SCHOOL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609353
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) East Bay Driving School, located at 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 250 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 530 Labro Ct. San Ramon, CA 94582
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EAST BAY DRIVING SCHOOL LLC
6701 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 250
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2024
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
Case No.: 24CV094025
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Danielle Abidi and Samy Abidi filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ALEXANDER LOUIS ABIDI to ALEXANDER

GREGORY ABIDI
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: 02/21/2025, 9:30am, 103 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: 10/04/2024
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

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Case No.: 24CV095738
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Nitish Krishna Kaveri Poompatnam Chandrasekaran filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
NITISH KRISHNA KAVERI POOMPATNAM CHANDRASEKARAN to NITISH KRISHNA 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: 03/07/2025, 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: 10/17/2024
Thomas J Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 24CV093969
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: FUCHANG WANG AND YUHUA WANG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
XIYUE WANG to SISSELA WANG
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: 02/21/25, 9:30AM, WILEY W. MANUEL COURTHOUSE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 661 Washington Street, Oakland, CA 94607.
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PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 10/04/2024
THOMAS I. NIXON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 18, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 2024)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 24CV093728
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Leticia Fernandez and Rene Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: EVANNY RUBY MORENO-FERNANDEZ to EVANNY RUBY MORENO
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: 2/14/25, 9:30am, Willey W. Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington St, Oakland, CA 94607.
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Date: 10/2/2024
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 24CV094910
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Jiafu Lam Zhan and Nerissa Monica Ignacio Zhan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LUCA IGNACIO ZHAN to LUCA ZHIHONG IGNACIO ZHAN
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: 02/28/2025, 9:30am, Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington Street, Oakland, California 94607.
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Date: 10/10/2024
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Oct 18, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 2024)

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Calendar

Entertainment

ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL - YOUTH EDITION This 60-minute adaptation of the Broadway hit is about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be. 7 p.m., Nov. 1-3; 8-10. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

TRADITIONAL KOREAN DRUMMING PERFORMANCE The Livermore Civic Center Library will host a traditional Korean drumming performance and Taekwondo demonstration by Hansamo. 2 p.m., Nov. 3. 1188 S. Livermore Ave

MACBETH AT LAS POSITAS Journey into the heart of ambition, betrayal and dark magic as Macbeth tells the thrilling story of a courageous warrior who, driven by prophecy and a thirst for power, descends into madness and murder. 7 p.m., Nov. 1-2. 2 p.m., Nov. 3. Visit lpc.ludus.com.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC This Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is the inspirational story of Maria Augusta von Trapp, governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain von Trapp, who brings music and joy to the household. Nov. 1-3; 8-10. Tickets \$30. Visit livermorearts.org.

DUBLIN IRISH GUARD INVITATIONAL Join the 13th Annual Irish Guard Invitational at Gaels Stadium where eighteen of the best field show performance bands, composed of students from both Dublin High and Emerald High, take the field to compete and perform. Nov. 2. Visit dublinhsmusic.org/invitational.html.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Featuring jazz singer Noa Levy, Scott Sorkin on guitar, Michael Hughes on drums and Matt Finders on bass. 6 p.m., Nov. 9 Limited seating. Reserve at meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society.

Exhibitions

PIRATES OF EMERSON Pirates of Emerson is an extremely frightening, walk-thru Haunted House celebrating 34 years of fear. Enjoy 4 haunted houses, a virtual reality ride, games, bands and a gift shop. Through Nov. 2. Alameda County Fairgrounds. Visit piratesofemerson.com.

DIWALI - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS The celebration is an ancient Hindu festival that marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year and signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 3. Bankhead Theater.

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

PET OF THE WEEK

Keep it Toasty

The color of a toasted marshmallow, Toasty is a very nice boy who just came into the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue foster program. He is just 1 year and 7 months old, and a nice, compact size at 12 pounds. This sweet Chihuahua mix is shy, quiet, housebroken and rarely barks. Toasty has a good appetite, loves walks, and sleeps quietly through the night. He would make a great companion for a person or family with a low-key lifestyle and a home without a lot of activity. Visit tvar.org.



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HULA FESTIVAL & COMPETITION

Hula schools from all over the world will perform with distinguished judges flown in from Hawaii to judge this competition. Experience an assortment of cultural dance, music, food and arts and crafts. Nov. 1-3. Tickets \$16-\$26. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

BACK TO THE MOON AND THE STARS BEYOND This captivating and educational art exhibit merges space exploration history with modern advancements in astronomy taking visitors on a visual journey through time. Experience this free exhibit at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater. Through Jan. 5.

Talks

LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE Join the Dublin Library and Towne Center Books for their annual Local Author Showcase with over 25 authors tabling at the library. Speak with authors and have books signed. 1-4 p.m., Nov. 2. Dublin Library.

FREE POETRY WORKSHOP This workshop will stimulate creativity, enhance understanding of the free verse style and provide tips on composing, fine-turning and publishing work. 1 p.m., Nov. 2. Civic Center Meeting Hall, 1016 S. Livermore Ave. Register at Poet_Laureate@LivermoreCa.gov.

A DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL HISTORIAN STEVE MINNIEAR Join at the Museum on Main where Steve S. Minniear will discuss his newest book, Alameda County Sheriff's Office. 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 7. The hour-long discussion will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Pre-registration required for this free event at 925-462-2766.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS Join for an evening to discuss ways to cope with the holidays where all are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. 7 p.m., Nov. 7. St Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS In this Zoom meeting, Barbara Black will give a lecture titled "My Joyful

Journey", a look back and ahead at the life and work of quilt maker. She'll discuss her progression from new quiltmaker to quilt artist. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 9. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/.

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.

Parade

VETERANS DAY PARADE Starting at the Veterans Memorial Hall, Pleasanton. 1 p.m., Nov. 3. Visit pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

Farmers' Markets

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

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

Support

REGISTER FOR FAMILIES IN NEED Tri-Valley Haven's holiday registration is open for local families in need offering support during the holiday season by providing both food and gifts distributed ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday. Call 925-449-5845 or email development@trivalleyhaven.org.

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM Open Heart Kitchen serves free meals, first come, first served, that are nutritious and freshly prepared. 12-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Vineyard Resource Center, 450 N Livermore Ave, Livermore.



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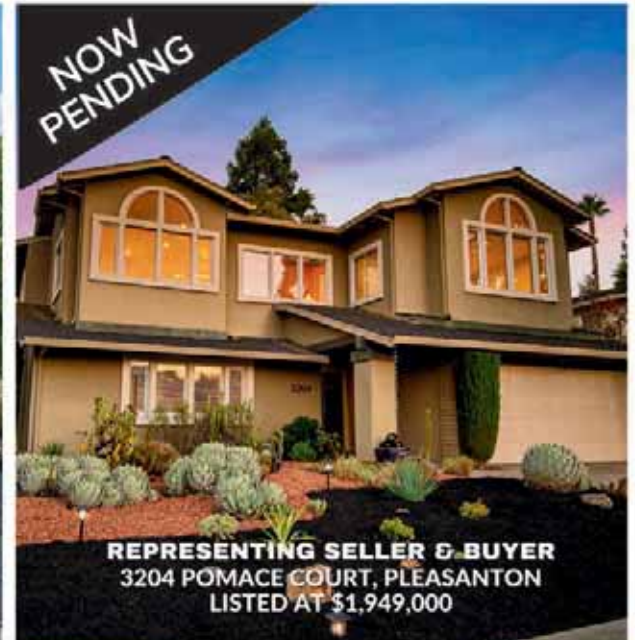


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