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WHAT A WEEK



‘30 Under 30’

Leaders in the San Ramon Valley looked to the future last week and honored local rising stars during the State of the School District event.

Their second annual “30 Under 30” recipient list is chock-full of standout alumni from the four public high schools in Danville and San Ramon, young adults making their marks in fields like public safety, entrepreneurship, medicine, the arts and education.

“Hearing the stories of our 30 young alumni honorees gives me great hope for the future — not just the next two years, but the next 50,” San Ramon Valley Unified School District Superintendent CJ Cammack said in a press release after the morning ceremony Oct. 30 in the Village Theatre in Danville.

“They are talented, resilient and humble achievers who have confidently stepped out into the world, pursuing their dreams with passion and perseverance,” Cammack added. “I am immensely proud of how they credit their education in SRVUSD for laying the foundation for their varied paths and I know that they will continue to make the world a better place.”

Going through the list, I have to concur with Cammack’s call on hope for the next generation — after admittedly getting over the personal hurdle of that phrasing, since I now find myself closer to my 40s than my 20s like these young women and men are.

A partnership with the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, the program aims to recognize SRVUSD grads born in 1993 or later who “have made a significant impact on or contribution to the San Ramon Valley community; and/or have achieved their college and/or career goals; and/or have accomplished something else significant or impactful along their pathway since graduation.”

The district received 53 nominees this year and used a blind review process with representatives from the foundation, city of San Ramon, town of Danville, Diablo Valley College, PTA council and the wider community to whittle it down to the top 30, according to Ilana Israel Samuels, SRVUSD’s director of communications, family and community engagement.

These Tri-Valley success stories include Anthony Carbone, a member of the elite Navy Air Rescue team (SRVHS class of 2021); BART police officer Travis Dulaney (Cal High, 2021); San Ramon Valley firefighter Tyler Oranje (Cal High, 2016); and Garrett Steffen, a

firefighter-paramedic in Redwood City (SRVHS, 2017).

Steffen also represents local business owners on the list — the lacrosse coach now runs the downtown Danville gym where he trained as a teen athlete, renaming it Iron Horse Fitness and Sports Performance. Taylor O’Hanlon (DVHS, 2014) operates O’Hanlon Brass Instrument Repair in San Ramon while still playing music around the Bay Area.

Former Wolves baseball standout Anthony Villa is director of player development for the Baltimore Orioles. Anand Kannappan co-founded and serves as CEO for Patronus AI. Michelle Koo is a senior software development engineer at Workday. Caroline Mendel co-founded financial tech startup Pluto.

Others in business and innovation were Courtney Cheng, Ritika Mitra, Hannah Wald and Erika Wheeler.

The health field was well-represented: Nathan Gilbreth (emergency medicine physician), Olivia Jones (school psychologist), Julia Karczewski (occupational therapist), Bryant Li (chronic disease pharmacist), Natalie Oberhauser-Lim (pediatric emergency medicine), Deepika Pugalenth Saravanan (medical school) and Alagu Subramanian (medical school).

In education, there were Jessica Caston Di Dio (who teaches at Twin Creeks Elementary), Kiara Smith (teaching at Cal High), Sayam De and Benjamin Freiman.

Also: Ariela Castillo (culinary), Colin Cook (aptly, culinary too), Jacob Freiman (music), Isabella Ordaz (ministry) and Maddy Pisis (communications).

And close to home for me, professionally, was journalist Sejal Govindarao, who covers Arizona state government and politics with a focus on women’s issues for The Associated Press — I’ll even forgive that she’s a GW grad, the No. 2 university in Washington, D.C. in my book.

Gary Alpert, board president of the education foundation and a parent of two district alumni, perhaps summed it up best:

“These remarkable individuals exemplify the strength and quality of education in our schools, and each honoree has forged a unique path toward success. Recognizing their diverse accomplishments reminds us that our collective future is bright, thanks to the extraordinary contributions as demonstrated by these former SRVUSD students.”

Learn more about this year’s SRVUSD “30 Under 30” honorees online at www.srvusd.net/alumni. ■

About the Cover

The Bankhead Theater is featuring the exhibit “Back to the Moon and the Stars Beyond” in its art gallery in conjunction with the “Cosmic Odyssey: Immersive Encounters with the Universe” attraction on its stage. Photos by NASA; courtesy Livermore Valley Arts. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXV, Number 42

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Rick Altman, with Becky Altman
Presentation consultant

Most of the time, zero impact. A one-hour time change is a cakewalk. This year is different, though. I host a virtual conference attended by people from all over the world, and Europe switched to standard time a week ago. As I'm making the schedule, our 8 a.m. keynote address was GMT -7, but by the time we are ready to hold it, it will be GMT -8. That sent me on tilt.



Miles Santos
Dispatcher

We typically start our day at 5-6 a.m., which is quite early! When the clocks change in the fall, we get an extra hour of sleep. Even though it's just one night, it makes a really big difference and I love all 60 minutes of it.



Mathew Stiles
Banker

I find it very frustrating because no one likes to wake up and get their day started when it's still dark and cold outside. It imposes too much change for little to no actual benefit. I can't think of a single good thing about it.



Katy Flaherty
Nurse practitioner

As I get older and more set in my ways it becomes increasingly difficult to adjust to the change. It takes me about a week to adjust and I also change my children's bed time for a few days so that they feel ready to go to bed earlier.



Scott and Rhonda Burns
Director of e-commerce / self-employed

We are early birds, but our pets don't like the time change. They expect breakfast and dinner at the same time every day. We do whatever it takes to help ease the transition for them.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Holiday parade apps

Pleasanton city officials are gearing up for the annual Hometown Holiday Celebration, putting out a call for people to apply to be parade entries, volunteers or announcers at the Dec. 7 event.

"The Hometown Holiday Celebration parade features festive floats, cars, marching bands and community organizations, and is followed by a community tree lighting and live entertainment," officials said. "The parade is rain or shine. The city encourages the entire community to join this annual celebration of the winter holidays."

To apply or learn more, go to www.hometownholiday.com.

Power of Giving

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance is holding its fourth annual Power of Giving: Salute to Impact Makers event next week that will also celebrate the organization's 10th anniversary.

"We are incredibly proud to celebrate 10 years of supporting and strengthening our vibrant nonprofit community," said Marti Sutton, board chair of TVNPA. "The Power of Giving event not only acknowledges the profound impact made by these organizations but also brings together individuals and partners who share a passion for making a difference."

The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 13) at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

For tickets or more information, visit tvnpa.org.

LEAP strategy

The Pleasanton-based Alan Hu Foundation is hosting a webinar next Tuesday evening (Nov. 12) with psychologist Xavier Amador addressing the theme "I am not sick; I don't need help: How to help someone accept treatment."

Amador is a proponent of the LEAP (listen, empathize, agree, partner) communication strategy, which "can be used to help adolescents and young adults to accept treatment and to change maladaptive coping mechanisms," foundation officials said.

To sign up or learn more, go to alanhufoundation.org. ■

Corrections

Last week's print story "Reviewing latest campaign finance records" incorrectly identified the recipient of two donations in the Pleasanton Unified School District Trustee Area 3 campaign. Incumbent Kelly Mokashi received the respective contributions from the PACs of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Association of Pleasanton Teachers. The Weekly regrets the error.

Balch leads for Pleasanton mayor, Measure PP trails on Election Night

Eicher, Gaidos ahead for City Council; Jones-Flynn tight for PUSD; Yes on DA recall at 64%

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO,
JUDE STZREMP, JEANITA LYMAN
AND JEREMY WALSH

Jack Balch controlled Election Night with an almost 10% lead over incumbent Karla Brown in the Pleasanton mayor race and the city's sales tax increase Measure PP was trailing behind, according to the tallies reported by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office as of early Wednesday morning.

The registrar's office update as of 1:04 a.m. shows the initial vote-by-mail turnout of 163,665 (17.01%)

and day-of-election turnout of 69,781 (7.26%) of registered voters in the county.

Here's a rundown of where things stood in the races at the end of Election Night for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, plus the Alameda County district attorney recall, special districts, and state and federal legislature seats for the Tri-Valley.

The reported totals to date represent early vote-by-mail ballots and tallies at the polls Tuesday; there are an unknown number of eligible mail-in ballots, along with

provisional and conditional ballots, left to process.

Pleasanton mayor

A current city councilmember whose term expired this year, Balch is ahead by 54.56% (6,412 votes), according to the initial numbers. Brown, who is seeking a third term as mayor, trails behind with 45.44% (5,340 votes).

Balch, who was first elected to the City Council in 2020 after previously serving on the city's Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, has

been running on a platform of fiscal responsibility and believing the city needs a fresh start.

Brown, who was first elected as mayor in 2020 and won unopposed in 2022, ran a campaign where she lauded how much she has already done for Pleasanton — like taking over during a global pandemic — and how her experience will continue to benefit the city.

The contentious race has been a major talking point in city politics because if Balch unseats Brown,

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CHUCK DECKERT

The new Costco in Pleasanton is set to officially open its doors on Nov. 27.

Costco set to open in Pleasanton the day before Thanksgiving

Officials say warehouse store with gas station will help boost city's tax revenue, local economy

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton's first-ever Costco is scheduled to officially open its doors in three weeks after a decade of planning, lawsuits and recent construction delays.

According to the Costco website, the warehouse store with a gas station will begin welcoming customers on Nov. 27 — the day before Thanksgiving, arguably one of the busiest days for retail in general.

"The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is pleased that the long-awaited opening of the new Costco is nearly here," James Cooper, president and CEO of the chamber, told the Weekly on Monday.

The chamber will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on opening day at 7:30 a.m. at the store located just off Interstate 680 between Stoneridge Drive and the I-580 interchange. It will become the third Costco in the Tri-Valley, joining the stores in Livermore and Danville.

Cooper said the new Costco location in Pleasanton will be an asset for the city in many ways, one of which being financially. "Costco's presence in Pleasanton will provide an instant boost to the sales tax revenue the city receives each year," he added.

Cooper said that boost will be particularly important considering all of the recent discussions

the City Council has had about the city's projected budget deficit, which city officials have previously partially blamed on low sales tax revenue over the past few years.

"Costco will increase the sales tax revenue, regardless of the tax level," Cooper said.

Pleasanton city finance director Susan Hsieh told the Weekly on Tuesday, "The opening of Pleasanton's Costco marks a new source of sales tax revenue, coming at a critical time as the City works to address a structural deficit."

Cooper also said local small businesses in Pleasanton and the surrounding area will benefit from

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\$166M for freeway project

Shoulders for transit, express lanes, new technology on I-680

By JEANITA LYMAN

Several prominent elected officials representing the San Ramon Valley and greater Bay Area joined representatives from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority last week for a virtual press conference announcing and celebrating the award of a \$166 million "mega-grant" to fund the agency's Innovate 680 project.

Danville Councilmember and CCTA Chair Newell Arnerich, Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) joined CCTA Executive Director Tim Haile and Metropolitan Transportation Commission Executive Director Andy Fremier on Oct. 31 to celebrate and provide comments on the hefty grant — "the largest federal infrastructure grant awarded" within the state this year, according to officials — that was made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that was passed in 2021.

"This is a monumental award for Contra Costa County and the greater Bay Area," CCTA Haile said. "Thousands rely on this corridor and increased congestion has led to unacceptable delays. CCTA is excited to advance the I-680 corridor through focused modernizations that will maximize efficiency and

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Avaanti winery proposal sparks concern; county board requests more info

After preliminary meeting last month, topic expected to return by February

By JUDE STRZEMP

A preliminary review of the Avaanti Vineyards project produced over 15 concerned commenters and a handful of tasks for Alameda County staff at an East County Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting last month.

By February, staff will report back to the board with information on the winery's potential traffic impacts, water usage, golf course plans, wine sales and more, according to Alameda County planner Aubrey Rose.

Though the winery would require an official hearing to obtain a conditional permit, the board's current sentiments are uncertain.

"I cannot speculate as to the full board's opinion," EBZA vice chair Lori Souza told Livermore Vine after the Oct. 24 public meeting.

The proposal situates Avaanti Vineyards in the middle of a preexisting vineyard, along Reuss Road and south of the Livermore border in unincorporated Alameda County.

The winery-related facility would total 30,234 square feet across four buildings and include space for wine production, a tasting room and bottle shop, restaurant, banquet room and event center. Adjacent to the winery facility would be a 9-hole golf course and putting green.

On one side of the property would be a new 9,467-square-foot, two-story home with a pool.



COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The proposed Avaanti Vineyards winery and related events center would be constructed at 9846 Reuss Road.

At the board meeting in Dublin, 16 of the 20 commenters raised concerns about the potential development. Of the remaining four, three could not be heard at the in-person meeting due to technical issues for online attendees.

Additionally, the audio and video recording of this meeting is not available because of technical difficulties. In lieu of the recording, Rose provided Livermore Vine with

the meeting notes.

A top worry for the speakers was water use, according to Rose's notes. The next most common concern was the winery's traffic impact. But commenters also expressed worry over on-site wastewater treatment systems, the size of the event center, the size of the home and the idea of a short-term rental.

Following the onslaught of resident concern, Jonathan James of William Wood Architects

— applicant for the property owner Uday Gurram of Avaanti Vineyards LLC — shared design considerations for the development.

They've considered parking needs, noise and glare attenuation for the courtyard and low-water plants, James said according to the meeting notes. Lighting in accordance with the Dark Sky Ordinance is still being determined.

As for the property uses, neither a bed and breakfast nor short-term

rentals are being considered.

Souza was the first board member to comment. She requested staff look into the source and amount of water the project would use. She also requested details on the golf course.

"Based on the documentation, it wasn't clear whether the intention is for a miniature golf course or a traditional 9-hole golf course," Souza told Livermore Vine.

Following Souza's comments, EBZA chair Derek Eddy clarified with the applicant that the event center capacity would be 200 people. Also, the vines on the property would all be replaced. And only one event would be held at a time, where people would arrive by bus or car.

According to Rose, other directions to the county staff included clarifying the floor-area ratio, determining the number of restrooms and annual visitors, defining the traffic impact and clarifying any policy for acreage changes under the East County Area Plan.

The board also asked staff a slew of questions, such as: How long would it take to replace the vines and what would the land be used for in the meantime? How much of the space would be refilled with vineyards? Where would the wine be sold? Would there be other wines sold on site too?

These questions are unlikely to be answered at the board's next meeting date, according to Rose. ■

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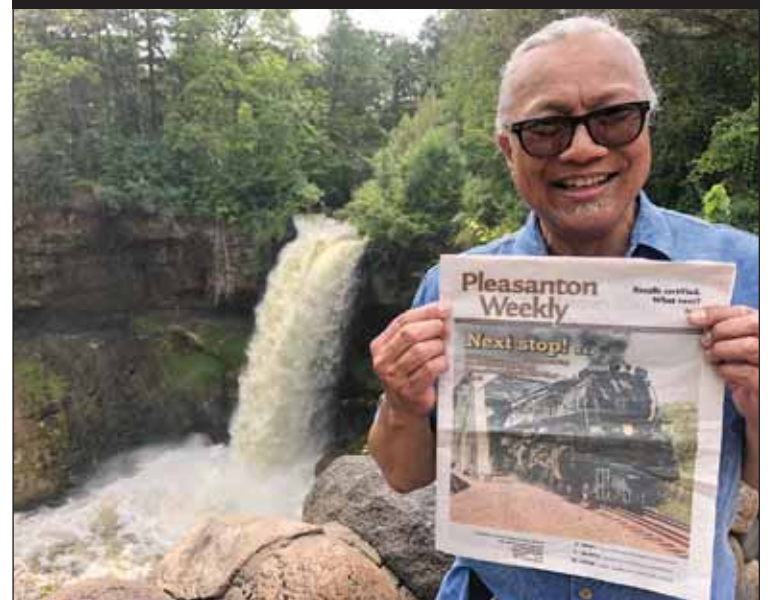
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Childhood cancer nonprofit to host fundraising gala

Last year's event helped Neev Kolte and Brave Ronil Foundation donate \$100,000 toward research

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A Pleasanton-based nonprofit, which was formed last year and is dedicated to raising awareness and research money for pediatric brain cancer, is hosting its second fundraising gala after last year's event helped raise \$100,000 that recently went toward research.

Sandeep Kolte, one of the parents behind the Neev Kolte and Brave Ronil Foundation, told the Weekly however, that the donation and the upcoming gala are just one of many recent endeavors he and other people involved in the foundation have been up to this past year.

These efforts included lobbying trips to both the state and U.S. capitols as well as local efforts from Pleasanton kids who volunteered to try and get as many Bay Area cities as possible to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. He said his main goal is to eventually create a movement for not just the specific type of brain cancer that killed his son Neev, but for childhood cancer in general.

"What we have today for breast cancer (awareness), why can't we have that for the kids?," Kolte said.

Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, otherwise known as DIPG, is a rare



COURTESY NEEV KOLTE AND BRAVE RONIL FOUNDATION

The two couples who founded the Neev Kolte and Brave Ronil Foundation pose for a photo with Sabine Mueller, a doctor who the foundation recently awarded \$100,000 for research, during last year's BORN Gala.

type of brain tumor that took the lives of 6-year-old Neev Kolte in 2021 and 14-year-old Ronil Mehta in 2018.

After the Kolte family's first stint at philanthropic work through their older son Rayaana, who put together a toy drive for the hospital where his

younger brother was treated, Kolte and his wife Misha Mehta decided to pair up with the parents of Ronil Mehta to create the nonprofit in October 2022. (There is no relation between the families despite a last name in common.)

One of the foundation's most

recent accomplishments was that \$100,000 grant it was able to contribute to Dr. Sabine Mueller and Dr. Sebastian Waszak from UCSF.

"Only 6% of all federal funding is allocated towards all pediatric cancers, making it critical for family foundations such as Neev Kolte and

Brave Ronil Foundation to support research advancement in pediatric brain tumors," Mueller said in a Sept. 5 press release from the foundation.

He said the foundation's medical board sent them the proposals of which clinical trials they should donate to and coincidentally enough, Mueller happened to be the same doctor who treated Neev.

According to the press release, the grant will specifically fund the UCSF doctors' "groundbreaking research on cell-free DNA whole-genome sequencing" for ongoing Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Consortium clinical trials.

"This research aims to measure residual disease and antitumor response in DIPG clinical trials," according to the press release. "This is critical research as it will enable doctors and families with a new, novel and noninvasive way to assess treatment response, bringing us one step closer to better treatments and hope for families affected by these devastating diseases."

Kolte said he hopes the upcoming BORN Gala, which stands for "Because of Ronil and Neev", will be as successful as the last one.

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COSTCO

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the warehouse because Costco's business memberships allow those business owners to shop during special hours, which makes purchasing essential items quicker.

"Many of our smallest for-profit and nonprofit businesses use Costco as a 'wholesale' vendor from which they buy items in bulk for their business," he said. "There are even vendor opportunities a small business may take advantage of to grow their business."

The new Costco store — located at 7200 Johnson Drive — is one piece of the larger Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone initiative. The project aimed to redevelop approximately 40 acres of land fronting Johnson Drive — near Stoneridge Drive and I-680 — into a commercial corridor including the wholesale retail giant and two new hotels, which both opened in late 2023 and at the beginning of 2024, respectively.

The new warehouse store is set to be approximately 160,000 square feet and will come with 768 parking stalls and 15 double-sided fuel pumps at its Costco gas station.

The Weekly has reached out to Costco for comments about other details and about the opening but had not heard back as of time of publication.

The JDEDZ project also included mandated street improvements such as making the Stoneridge Drive and

I-680 northbound on-ramp wider in order to create a second lane, making Johnson Drive wider to create a second northbound lane and traffic signalization improvements on Owens and Commerce drives.

"We're excited to bring a business that the community has long supported and anticipated," Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin said in a statement to the Weekly. "The new Costco will not only boost our sales tax revenue, but it has also provided necessary roadway improvements in the area. These upgrades are especially valuable with the increased traffic expected from Costco's opening."

The City Council voted to move forward with allowing the construction of the property, which estimated a total cost of about \$33.5 million — an increase from the initial \$21.47 million in 2017 — in July 2022.

The project recently saw some minor roadwork and PG&E-related setbacks, which is why the opening day shifted from August to October, to now the end of November. However, the real hurdles happened earlier on in the overall JDEDZ project timeline.

Those issues included a 2016 voter initiative to prohibit large-scale retail stores within the JDEDZ that ultimately lost at the polls as well as the Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth lawsuits and appeal that took place a few years back over whether air quality and traffic impacts were appropriately analyzed as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. ■

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Proposal out to raise Bay Area bridge tolls above \$10 by 2030

'This one is hard. But it's the right thing to do,' BATA/MTC chair says

By DAN McMENAMIN / BCN
A comment period begins soon for a proposal to raise tolls on the Bay Area's seven state-owned toll bridges starting in 2026, according to the Bay Area Toll Authority.

The proposed toll hikes would piggyback on a \$3 increase approved by voters in the nine-county area as Regional Measure 3 in 2018 that added a \$1 increase in 2019, another in 2022 and will add a final \$1 increase on Jan. 1, 2025, bringing the toll for regular two-axle cars and trucks to \$8 to cross a bridge.

The bridges affected by the upcoming toll increase and proposed additional increase are the Bay, Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael and San Mateo-Hayward bridges.

The proposal was presented last month to BATA, which oversees toll revenue from the seven bridges and is directed by the same board as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission that serves as the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county Bay Area.

It proposes increasing tolls for cars and trucks to \$8.50 in 2026, then for people who use FasTrak tags, it would increase to \$9 in 2027, \$9.50 in 2028, \$10 in 2029 and \$10.50 in 2030. People not using FasTrak and instead using a pre-registered license plate account would have to pay an extra 25-cent premium starting in 2027, while paying by an invoice mailed to them would cost an extra \$1 starting that year.

The toll authority says the proposal comes as it is collecting less revenue each year than would have

been expected before the COVID-19 pandemic, while construction costs have also gone up more than 30% since 2020.

"I'm sensitive to the overall cost of living in the Bay Area," Napa County and BATA and MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza said in a statement about the toll hike proposal. "Working families really feel the impact, not just in transportation but back at home with utilities, groceries, children. This one is hard. But it's the right thing to do."

People wanting to give their opinion on the proposal will have

the opportunity to do so in various ways during a comment period that begins Nov. 4 and runs through Dec. 3. People can send emails to info@bayareametro.gov with "Proposed 2026 Toll Increase" in the subject line, or send mail to the MTC's Public Information Office at 375 Beale St., Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.

They can also attend a webinar on Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. or go to a public hearing in San Francisco on Nov. 20. More details about the proposal can be found at mtc.ca.gov. ■



COURTESY LPD

Livermore Police Department reintroduced its Mounted Police Unit in October after about five decades of the group's dormancy.

Livermore police say 'hay' to horses on duty again

Mounted unit returns for community connection, deployment to rough terrain

By JUDE STRZEMP
Officers on steed will once again ride the streets of Livermore, as the city's police department reintroduced its Mounted Police Unit in October.

The team will help patrol most community events in the city, assist on search and rescue missions in difficult-to-reach areas and increase the police's community outreach, Livermore Police Department public information officer Azenith Smith told Livermore Vine.

The department has restarted the group because "Mounted Patrol Units have been shown to be an effective crime prevention

and enforcement tool for special events and rough terrain locations," Smith said.

She added, "The City of Livermore has a western-themed heritage and a long history of equestrian-related activities."

The unit is composed of four Livermore police officers, three of which are full-time and one of which is a volunteer reserve officer. Each has an equine partner: Gabe, Tank, Ruby and Betty.

As an ancillary unit, LPD will deploy the officers and their horses as they are required in parks and open spaces, where traditional patrols may be unable to reach, according to Smith.

In addition to patrolling,

the mounted unit is meant to strengthen the relationship between the police and community. They will be at events like the Livermore Half Marathon, Downtown Street Fest and the Fourth of July celebration. And they may appear in future parades.

As of now, they're in the midst of specialized training, but they attended several outreach events in October and could be deployed immediately for search and rescue missions, Smith said.

The department announced the unit on Facebook on Oct. 17 and wrote, "If you see us around town, be sure to stop by and say hello!" ■

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According to the foundation's website, the new fundraising goal is set at \$150,000.

The gala will be held at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville on Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. and will feature a silent auction, live music and a three-course meal. Tickets will go for \$200 per person and most of the money will go toward funding research for DIPG.

But the gala and recent grant donation are just some of the many things Kolte and others have been up to over this past year.

One of the most notable local endeavors Kolte brought up was how four Pleasanton high schoolers got 33 Bay Area cities to pass a proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Supreethi Jammalamadaka is a mom of Dhruv Pandrangi, a freshman at Foothill High School and one of the four teens who called around 100 Bay Area municipalities regarding the proclamation.

She first met Kolte in 2020 when Neev was still alive. She was one of the many neighbors who dropped off food to the family so they could focus on taking care of Neev.

"Something about the way Sandeep spoke to me was really really touching and moving," Jammalamadaka told the Weekly.

So when she was trying to find a cause for her son to stand up for, she couldn't think of a better endeavor after Kolte told her about his ambitions for getting the entire U.S. to recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

"The reason I have also consciously chosen to help them is because I see in them a certain selflessness and a certain mindset to help others," she said.

Jammalamadaka said at first her son and the other kids needed a little help but after they got the proclamation approved in Dublin on Sept. 1, they really hit the ground running and took charge in getting the other 32 Bay Area cities to approve similar proclamations.

She said the main reasons the

other cities couldn't approve the proclamation is because of scheduling issues but that the kids were told to try and apply next year.

She also said she and the four kids want to continue to do everything they can to continue to help the foundation and its effort to raise awareness through these proclamations and that her son even accompanied Raayan to the U.S. Capitol to advocate for laws that would help combat childhood cancer.

'Only 6% of all federal funding is allocated towards all pediatric cancers, making it critical for family foundations to support research advancement in pediatric brain tumors.'

Dr. Sabine Mueller,
Professor of Neurology,
Neurosurgery and Pediatrics, UCSF

Kolte said it's those types of grass-roots, on-the-ground efforts that help the foundation because it gets the name and the overall issue of childhood cancer — specifically the brain cancer that killed his son — out there.

He also spoke on his older son's continued toy drive, which Raayan hopes to get up to 1,000 donations this year, and his wife's continued lobbying trips to the U.S. and state capitols as many other ways the foundation has been busy.

But he once again emphasized how little funding there is from the government that goes toward pediatric cancer research and how these families need more attention. That's why he said the foundation spotlighted one family who is or was affected by childhood cancer every day during September so that people hear their stories.

"We don't want to make money out of this," he said. "What we want to do is make people more aware."

Learn more about the foundation and its fundraiser at www.neevronil.org. ■

Birds to blame for recent power outages in Dublin

PG&E installs line guards to protect against animal contact

By JUDE STRZEMP

Swaths of East Dublin saw three unplanned power outages last month triggered by bird-related incidents, according to a PG&E spokesperson.

Each time a bird collided with a power line, or is suspected to have collided with it, Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings automatically turned off power to prevent a potential wildfire, PG&E's Tamar Sarkissian told the Weekly.

The cause of a fourth outage

in Dublin during October is still under investigation, Sarkissian said.

But aiming to prevent more animal-related outages in the future, PG&E installed bird mitigation on power lines on Oct. 24.

"Despite the untimeliness and direct impact that the unplanned outages have, PG&E's EPSS is a proven wildfire prevention tool," Dublin city officials wrote in an announcement on Oct. 30.

Sarkissian said, "In 2023, we saw

72% reduction in CPUC-reportable ignitions on EPSS-protected lines in High Fire-Threat Districts" — compared to the 2018-20 average.

Dublin's power outages hit on Oct. 12, twice on Oct. 17 and once again on Oct. 23, according to Sarkissian. About 7,000 people in eastern Dublin were affected, the City said in a news announcement on Oct. 24.

The cause of the outage on Oct. 12 is not yet clear, but the other three involved "animal contact

or suspected animal contact with our lines — specifically birds", Sarkissian said.

Within a tenth-of-a-second of contact or suspected contact, safety settings turned off the power as an automatic protection against possible ignition.

Settings are extra sensitive during times of high fire risk, like those Dublin has experienced in recent weeks, according to city communications analyst Ryan Moran.

"Although we can't inform

customers about outages on an EPSS-protected powerline beforehand, we will share texts and social posts via Nextdoor to discuss outage causes and reliability improvements, if available, after the outage occurs," Sarkissian said.

For more information on the power outages, visit the city's website at dublin.ca.gov.

PG&E is also holding a Virtual Town Hall Bay Area on Wednesday (Nov. 13) at 5:30 p.m. To attend, visit the PG&E website at pge.com. ■

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promote shared transportation."

In the years since its inception, the infrastructure bill has gone on to provide more than \$11 billion in funding to 2,014 projects throughout the nation aimed at contending with environmental challenges, settling water rights with and making investments in indigenous territories, and ecosystem restoration, officials said.

A portion of that funding is going toward clean transportation initiatives, with the \$166 million grant to CCTA being part of a total of \$220 million awarded statewide for transit projects since last month, according to an announcement from Gov. Gavin Newsom's office, and of the \$360 million awarded in total from the federal bill to California projects.

While Newsom pointed to a number of significant projects benefiting from funding under the recent infrastructure bill, the grant for the Innovate 680 project is the largest so far in the state.

Innovate 680 is described by CCTA officials as a vision that will connect the full I-680 corridor throughout Contra Costa County, spanning from San Ramon to Martinez, by addressing existing traffic congestion and seeking to facilitate travel between communities along the route.

"CCTA is grateful for the efforts our federal delegates made to secure much needed federal dollars from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for California infrastructure improvements," Arnerich said. "Upgrading I-680 will truly improve our quality of lives as they ease congestion, make our roads safer, and boost our economy by creating 3,500 direct and indirect jobs per year for the duration of the projects."

According to information from CCTA, Innovate 680 is a "congestion management plan" for the corridor consisting of six different projects. The first is part-time transit lanes — either shoulder or transit-only lanes — for buses to navigate past traffic during busy

hours that is intended to "make transit a more reliable and attractive travel option." Specifically, the part-time transit lanes are planned for between Bollinger Canyon and Ygnacio Valley roads, alongside additional buses.

The second project is to extend existing express lanes between Rudgear Road in Walnut Creek through the Benicia-Martinez Bridge, which would mean nearly 25 miles of continuous northbound express lanes throughout the corridor aimed at decreasing travel times for carpools and motorcycles.

The third project is increasing the use of advanced technology throughout the corridor via a county-wide data center that will be fueled by information from Integrated Corridor Management and Adaptive Ramp Metering systems and provide real-time traffic information that can inform adjustments to traffic signals and keep travelers informed on the latest traffic conditions.

The fourth project is set to consist of "shared mobility hubs" installed at existing park and ride lots along the corridor between Bollinger Canyon Road and State Route 4.

"These hubs will complement part-time transit lanes and connections to other modes, such as microtransit, carpooling, vanpooling, ride-sourcing (i.e., Uber, Lyft), and bicycle and pedestrian facilities," CCTA officials said in the program's brochure.

The fifth project will be to implement a "Mobility As A Service" model for both public and private transit services aimed at adapting to the personalized needs of travelers "allowing you to plan, pay, and receive rewards for your trip," CCTA officials said.

The sixth and final project listed in information for Innovate 680 consists of automated driving systems.

"Safety data gathered during this pilot project will inform the development of technology that allows infrastructure and vehicles to communicate with one another and avoid collisions," CCTA officials said. "This data will also guide the creation of more accessible travel

options for the elderly and disabled."

The pilot project is set to consist of automated vehicles in Rossmore, accessible transit at the county hospital in Martinez, and "improved personal mobility on I-680 corridor."

While Innovate 680 is aimed at benefiting those traveling throughout the county and region at large, it is also specifically aimed at contending with new challenges and projected population increases in growing communities along the corridor, including San Ramon.

DeSaulnier began his remarks by thanking his predecessor George Miller and Pelosi for putting him on the House Transportation Committee, as well as acknowledging Sunset Development Company founder Alex Mehran and highlighting the role of Bishop Ranch and its ongoing redevelopment in the corridor.

"Our mutual friend Alex Mehran — a wonderful visionary — his father started Bishop Ranch, his son is now implementing much of the new vision there, and is so much a part of this corridor," DeSaulnier said.

However, Arnerich noted that as planned, the goal for a majority of new housing projects at Bishop Ranch was aimed at preventing long commutes and facilitating a "live-work" environment.

"What Bishop Ranch is doing is responding to the new paradigm which is post-COVID and as planners and as decision-makers, policy makers, we were trying to solve environmental congestion through commuting and things by getting people to live-work," Arnerich said. "And what's happening in Bishop Ranch, it's right-sizing. There was an excess of office space, even in one of my companies, we don't need the space we had before. And the wonderful part is we can now have — I have a young mom, she just had her third child, she gets to work at home, comes into the office once or twice — so our footprint is much smaller."

"So the type of housing and the several thousand people that will be added into Bishop Ranch, it is the type of housing and the type of

jobs to get people to live-work so that they don't have to commute," Arnerich continued. "Because one of our largest job centers in Contra Costa County is Bishop Ranch."

Arnerich added that he and other transit officials, as well as city officials in San Ramon, were informed by studies projecting that a majority of new residents in San Ramon's central core would be working where they live, thereby separately taking numerous drivers off the road and reducing congestion along the corridor as redevelopment projects unfold in Bishop Ranch, and as the city's population increases.

"I think what you're going to see, and what all the studies have proven and what we're looking at from a transportation point of view, that the majority of those people will be living and working," Arnerich said. "Their lives will be so much better. And again, from a policy point of view, we've been trying to do this for 30 years. So it's kind of exciting to see what's

happening at Bishop Ranch.

Pelosi emphasized that the project is aimed at benefiting the entire Bay Area region, much of which is impacted by existing traffic congestion and challenges on the I-680 corridor, including those who live throughout the state and country — and that its capacity to do so is one reason it was prioritized for federal funding.

"When we go for money, it's a competition for the money, so you want to make sure it is spent — soon," Pelosi said. "Because there are other people who could be getting something, and they were ready. You're ready. And again, as I said to you, when the money is allocated for a project of this magnitude, we want to see dirt fly — that is physical dirt flying. So congratulations to all of you for what you have done to make this so palatable, and again, a national model for the rest of the country to think regionally — and meeting local needs, and creating jobs, and improving quality of life." ■



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it could possibly mean a flip in the council majority. However, the council majority flipping would also depend on the District 2 and District 4 races.

Pleasanton City Council District 2

Retired Pleasanton police Capt. Craig Eicher is currently leading by nearly 500 votes in the District 2 City Council race as he seeks to unseat incumbent Valerie Arkin, according to the Election Night results.

Eicher, who also served as the city's interim police chief for about six months between 2019 and 2020, has 57.84% (1,826 votes) of the early votes compared to Arkin, the longtime Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustee seeking a second term on the council, who is right behind him with 42.16% (1,331 votes).

Pleasanton City Council District 4

Pleasanton Planning Commission Chairperson Matt Gaidos is narrowly pulling ahead in the District 4 City Council race over his opponent and fellow Planning Commissioner Vivek Mohan, according to the Wednesday morning numbers.

According to the initial returns, 52.93% (1,626 votes) prefer Gaidos — the Pleasanton native and prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office — over Mohan, a first-generation immigrant who has called Pleasanton his home for the past 12 years and founded two small companies. Mohan stood at 47.07% (1,446 votes).

Measure PP

The early polling results currently show that the city's proposed half-cent sales tax increase, Measure PP, was trailing on Election Night.

The revenue measure needs a simple majority to pass and the first round of election results show that 53.60% (6,246 votes) are against the measure while 46.40% (5,408 votes) are in support of the tax increase.

Measure PP would bring Pleasanton's sales tax up from

10.25% to 10.75% and would supposedly bring in roughly \$10 million every year in revenue exclusively for the city.

Pleasanton is facing a significant structural deficit that could cost the city tens of millions of dollars each year, according to the city. City staff have projected a yearly budget shortfall starting at \$10,788,817 in 2026, with that number rising as high as \$15,678,578 in 2030.

PUSD Area 3

Pleasanton Unified School District Area 3 incumbent Trustee Kelly Mokashi is on track for a second stint on the school board as the first round of polling results show a moderate lead over challenger Donalyn Harris.

Harris, a Pleasanton native, longtime member of various parent-teacher associations across the district and a former substitute teacher, was behind nearly 350 votes as Mokashi had 56% (1,572 votes) while Harris had 44% (1,235 votes).

PUSD Area 4

In the closest race in Pleasanton, Charlie Jones, who grew up in Pleasanton and now teaches social studies at a high school in Hayward, held a slim lead over Jen Flynn, a former Hearst Elementary School administrative secretary and parent of three PUSD students, in the Area 4 trustee race, according to the registrar's office.

As the night went on that lead shrunk to the point where the two candidates are now separated by a handful of votes as the most recent results show Jones has 50.64% (1,023 votes) while Flynn has 49.36% (997 votes). One of the main talking points in the race was how Jones received thousands of dollars in campaign funds from people and organizations outside of Pleasanton while Flynn mainly received local funds.

Sunol school board

Recently ousted Sunol school board trustee Ryan Jergensen trailed far behind first-time candidate Erin Choin who seeks to make sure the recalled former trustee does not regain a seat on the board.

Choin, who was one of the people

to work on the campaign to recall the two trustees, is a Sunol Glen School parent, resident and substitute teacher. She currently holds an advantage of 58.99% (128 votes). Jergensen, who was originally serving a term from 2022 to 2026 before being recalled in July, is trailing with 41.01% (89 votes).

The two are running for the seat that was previously occupied by also-recalled trustee Linda Hurley.

Alameda County DA recall

Election Night returns show that Alameda County residents want to recall first-term District Attorney Pamela Price.

According to the registrar's office, 64.79% (134,256) of voters wish to recall the county's first African American District Attorney while 35.21% (72,977) of voters do not wish to see the top county prosecutor leave. If the numbers continue to trend how they are, Price could also be the first district attorney in the county's history to be recalled.

Price recently came under fire from two prominent Tri-Valley residents — Rep. Eric Swalwell and Price's predecessor, Nancy O'Malley — who have been vocal in their support for the pro-recall campaign to remove Price from office partway through the six-year term she was elected to in 2022.

Livermore City Council

Steven Dunbar leads in the battle for the Livermore City Council District 3 seat with 1,316 votes or 38.98% of the counted votes. If he wins, he would represent southeast Livermore on council.

But not far behind is Jeff Kaskey, who has earned 1,074 votes, or about 31.81% of the counted votes. Trailing behind him is David Farley at 986 votes or 29.21%.

In District 4, Kristie Wang has taken the lead to represent southwest Livermore at 55.98% of the votes, compared to Tom Soules' 44.02%. Whereas Wang has collected 2,044 votes, Soules is currently sitting at 1,607.

Incumbent Mayor John Marchand was also on the ballot unopposed, receiving 11,425 votes so far.

LVJUSD Board of Education

Deena Kaplanis holds a comfortable lead of about 3.2% over second-place Maggie Tufts in the six-candidate race for two seats on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education. Kaplanis received 5,709 votes for 26.11% of the vote, Tufts is at 5,019 for 22.95% in Alameda County.

Close behind Tufts is Christiaan VandenHeuvel at 4,801 votes for 21.96%

Next is Tara Boyce, who has 17.95% of the vote. Amanda Pepper stands at 7.13% and Jean Paulsen at 3.9%.

A total of 131 votes in Contra Costa County also weighed in on the race for LVJUSD Board of Education, as of 11:25 p.m.

LARPD

Incumbents Jan Palajac and James Boswell lead in the race for two seats on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors. They have collected 7,090 votes (33.33%) and 6,799 votes (31.96%), respectively.

Behind them is Matt Bogdanowicz at 4,522 votes or 21.25%. Meanwhile, Jacob Vital is coming in at 2,864 votes or 13.15%.

Dublin mayor

Current Vice Mayor Sherry Hu leads the race for Dublin mayor by about 250 votes at 36.71% (3,153 votes).

Close behind her is Tom Evans at 2,809 or 32.70% of the vote. Next up is Councilmember Jean Josey at 2,323 votes or 27.05%. And lagging in last is Shawn Costello who has received 304 votes or 3.54%.

Dublin City Council

In District 3, John Morada leads over Razi Hasni by about 8% of the vote. Morada has collected 899 votes or 54.05%, whereas Hasni has received 759 votes.

In District 1, current Mayor Michael McCorriston was the only candidate and has received 100% of the votes so far.

DUSD Board of Trustees

Kristian Reyes has collected about 15% more votes than Ram Shanbhogue in the race for the Dublin Unified School District Trustee Area 1 seat — 907 votes for Reyes brings him to 56.94% and 686 for Shanbhogue brings him to 43.06%.

Measure II

Measure II, the "Dublin Traffic Relief, Clean Air/Open Space Preservation Measure" is sitting at 4,995 Yes votes or 57.92% of the votes counted so far. This exceeds the majority threshold required to pass, with the No side at 42.08% (3,629 votes).

If passed, Dublin City Council will gain the power to approve limited commercial development along the future Dublin Boulevard extension. The area under consideration includes the unincorporated land between Dublin and Livermore called the Crosby property.

Measure JJ

The "Government Accountability Act," has received voter approval with a landslide 79.50% saying Yes to the measure. As it stands now, 6,806 have voted in favor of the measure whereas 1,755 have voted against it (20.50%).

If passed, the measure would institute anti-lobbying and transparency rules as well as a term limit extension for future Dublin mayors and council members.

BART District 5

Incumbent Melissa Hernandez, the former Dublin mayor, leads

the race with 68.30% of the votes for BART Board of Directors in District 5. Far behind is Joseph Grcar who has collected 13,860 votes to Hernandez's 29,866 votes.

Hernandez is likely to represent Tri-Valley stations and those in Castro Valley and Hayward once again.

Chabot-Las Positas Board of Trustees

In Area 4, incumbent Maria Heredia is on track to maintain her seat on the college board, having gathered 64.21% of the vote so far. Heredia has earned 8,332 votes while Joseph Grcar trails at 4,645.

The winner will represent Castro Valley, east San Lorenzo, Sunol and areas of Pleasanton.

Races for Areas 5 and 7 are uncontested, so Catheryn Grier (Area 5) and incumbent Steve Lanza (Area 7) are set for appointment by the board in lieu of an election.

Hayward voters have also weighed in on their representation for Area 1, favoring Hector Garcia with 71.15% of the vote over incumbent Luis Reynoso at 28.85%.

State Legislature

The State Senate District 5 contest, which includes most of the southern Tri-Valley, remains too close to call. Former congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is ahead of Jim Shoemaker (R-San Joaquin County) by 591 votes, 50.2% to 49.8%.

In State Senate District 9, which includes the San Ramon Valley, Assemblymember Tim Grayson is comfortably ahead of fellow Democrat and San Ramon City Councilmember Marisol Rubio, 55.2% to 44.8%.

State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) seems to have won easy reelection to a fourth term, defeating Alamo Republican Joe Rubay for the third straight time — margin at 63.5% to 36.5%.

Congress

In the U.S. House of Representatives, incumbent Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) finished Election Night with 63.6% to the 36.4% of Vin Kruttiventi (R-Pleasanton) in District 14.

In the Tri-Valley's other area, District 10 incumbent Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) appeared poised for another term in office with a strong lead of 66% of the results at the end of Election Night compared with 34% for Republican challenger Katherine Piccinini of Oakley.

For the second California seat in the U.S. Senate, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank), an alumnus of Monte Vista High School in Danville, was in the lead over Republican challenger Steve Garvey as of Election Night with more than 57% of the vote for both the full and the partial term that both were on the ballot for in the statewide race. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Woman sentenced for drunk-driving crash that killed two motorcyclists in Livermore

A Tracy woman is serving a prison sentence in Santa Rita Jail after accepting a plea deal for gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated in a 2018 crash that killed a motorcycle-loving couple out for an anniversary ride on Altamont Pass Road, the Weekly has learned.

Courtney Lynne Andrade, also known as Courtney Peterson, pleaded no contest on the precipice of trial in June to the two manslaughter counts and two DUI injury felonies in exchange for the remaining charges and special allegations to be dismissed.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Jennifer Madden handed down the cumulative sentence of four years in county jail during a hearing on Sept. 5 during which the court heard emotional testimony from several friends in the motorcycle community of victims Mark Nida and Kathleen Seifert, according to court transcripts.

“So Mark and Kat went out that day celebrating their anniversary, and they also were celebrating that they were retiring. They were going to move to Arizona. They never got to do that. That’s a shame,” Roger Hicks told the court.

Rick Turnhole also testified, saying in part to Andrade, “So them two together, losing them in our family is devastating — and that’s more or less what I wanted you to understand is how much you hurt a group of people. Like we don’t even get together

anymore like we used to because Mark would pull us in. He was a hell of a man, and it’s just a damn shame.”

Andrade, now 41, did not speak to the court during the sentencing hearing, according to the transcripts. Email inquiries to her defense attorney, James Bustamante, were unanswered as of Wednesday morning.

The Alameda County District Attorney’s Office provided sentencing information but did not offer further comment when contacted by the Weekly.

The double-fatal collision unfolded at around 4:45 p.m. on Oct. 14, 2018 when the Ford F-250 that Andrade drove drifted into the opposite lane and struck a motorcycle on Altamont Pass Road east of Dyer Road, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Authorities reported that Andrade was drunk and had been driving 75 mph in the 45 mph zone that Sunday behind the wheel of the pickup truck, which was registered to Peterson Automotive in Livermore, according to court records. The business website describes a Courtney Peterson as a co-owner.

First responders arrived to find the truck down an embankment with an injured male in the passenger seat and two injured motorcycle riders down on the road. Nida, 63, of Pleasanton died at the scene, according to court records.

Seifert, who lost her leg in the wreck, was flown to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where she was pronounced dead that evening — four days shy of her 65th birthday, according to court records.

Andrade, who smelled like alcohol and would later record a blood-alcohol content of 0.14%, attempted to leave the scene with a family member and initially refused a blood test,

according to court records. She was placed under arrest that day but released pending further investigation, and later turned herself in and spent five days in jail after charges were filed in March 2019.

After more than five years of legal proceedings with Andrade pleading not guilty, the case was scheduled to start trial on June 3 but it was halted that day and she took a deal from prosecutors on June 4, according to court records.

In remarks before delivering the sentence, the judge noted that Andrade has shown remorse for what happened and is the mother of three young sons, including one born in the time after the crash.

Madden sentenced Andrade to the upper term of four years for the lead manslaughter count and terms of 16 months each for the remaining charges, with the time to be served concurrently and in the county jail rather than state prison.

“This particular case is very tragic because it was avoidable,” Madden said, according to court transcripts. “When you’re behind a motor vehicle, you essentially have a weapon that cannot only cause damage to yourself and any passenger in your vehicle, but anyone else on the road. In this situation, there were two individuals who were on a motorcycle. That makes them particularly vulnerable.”

“Tragically, there are a number of things that could have been done that were not done here, and as a result, there are two individuals who — as one person indicated, they were about to retire and relocate to another state — and as a result of what you did in your actions, they’re not here anymore,” the judge added.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• The Danville Police Department is set to be under new leadership in the new year, with the current chief set to retire after 25 years with the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office and seven years at the helm of the town’s police operations.

DPD Chief Allan Shields is set to pass the torch to sheriff’s Lt. Thomas Rossberg effective Dec. 31, marking a return to Danville for Rossberg who spent four years of his 20-year tenure with the sheriff on assignments in several capacities in Danville.

Danville contracts for police services from the sheriff’s office, where Shields is set to return and retire from following his departure at the end of the year, according to an announcement from the town last Friday.

Town officials pointed to Shields’ efforts to expand community outreach

and forge connections with residents, with his weekly “10-8” podcast, Recess with a Cop, and Citizens and Youth police academies being some examples of the initiatives he founded during his time in the position.

“During his tenure as chief, the town of Danville has repeatedly been named safest city of its size in California, and has implemented many cutting-edge investigation and crime prevention technologies,” town officials said in Friday’s announcement.

Prior to his time as DPD chief starting in 2017, Shields served as an investigations supervisor and administrative lieutenant in Danville.

Rossberg — who worked as a patrol officer, a K-9 officer and a field training officer in Danville from 2011 to 2015 — was selected “after a rigorous interview process,” town officials said. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

Frances Irene Cassell

October 5, 1937 – August 31, 2024

Frances Irene Cassell, 86, of Campbell, Ca., passed away peacefully on August 31, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. Born on October 5, 1937 in Leavenworth Kansas, Frances was a beacon of kindness, strength, and positivity throughout her life.

Frances married William J. Cassell in college, moved to the Bay Area to teach and Bill to attend Stanford Grad school. They eventually resided in Los Altos and raised their 3 daughters there. They had a wonderful marriage and a very happy life together.



Frances dedicated her career to teaching public school in Cupertino and Los Altos, where she was known for her unwavering commitment and passion. She touched the lives of many, always lending a helping hand or a listening ear. Her warmth and generosity were felt by all who knew her.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Frances was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend. She cherished her family above all, often organizing gatherings that brought everyone together. Her love for the outdoors and traveling made for many fun filled family trips.

Frances had a passion for the outdoors in particular hiking, which brought her much joy and fulfillment. She was an avid traveler and her adventurous spirit inspired those around her to embrace life’s opportunities.

Frances is survived by her beloved children, Nancy Cassell, Diane Whisenhunt, and Gail Boddy, her grandchildren, Courtney, Kyle, Sara, Sean and Jack and great grandchildren William and Carter, and many dear friends who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her husband, William John Cassell who she deeply loved.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday November 16th at 2:00 PM at the Lynnewood United Methodist Church 4444 Black Ave. Pleasanton, Ca, where family and friends can share their memories and honor her legacy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat For Humanity in her memory.

Frances Irene Cassell will be remembered for her infectious smile, unwavering love, and the countless lives she touched. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

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PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 1

Theft

- 12:42 p.m., 400 block of Vineyard Place; auto theft
- 2:23 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

- 1:09 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Oct. 31

Theft

- 12:46 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 1:07 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting
- 2:56 p.m. on the 3500 block of Kirkcaldy Street

Fraud

- 5:55 p.m. on the 3200 block of Chablis Court

Oct. 30

Theft

- 2:46 a.m., 6300 block of Carriage Drive; auto theft

- 6:41 a.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

- 7:49 a.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

- 5:38 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Fraud

- 9:38 a.m. on the 3800 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

- 9:39 a.m. on the 1500 block of West Lagoon Road

Fire

- 11:28 a.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

Alcohol violation

- 3:33 on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct. 29

Theft

- 9:36 a.m. on the 4300 block of First Street
- 1:40 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:10 p.m. on the 3900 block of Valley Avenue

Vandalism

- 12:21 p.m. on the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

Warrant arrest

- 1:06 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road

Oct. 28

Vehicle tampering

- 7:22 a.m. on the 4100 block of Holland Drive

Theft

- 9:31 a.m. on the 6200 block of Calle Fuego
- 11:00 a.m. on the 5900 block of Via Del Cielo
- 2:02 p.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
- 3:39 p.m., 2800 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

Graffiti offense

- 3:07 p.m. on the 5300 block of Sunol Boulevard

Vandalism

- 6:25 p.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Experience t

NASA images share space exploration in T

By JUDE STRZEMP

The moon and stars come down to Earth — in the form of photographs and projections — at the Bankhead Theater for a new exhibit and immersive event by the Livermore Valley Arts this fall.

The collection of photos and infographics called “Back to the Moon and the Stars Beyond” combines space exploration history with modern astronomy for an educational journey through time in the venue’s art gallery, according to LVA.

The companion experience, “Cosmic Odyssey: Immersive Encounters with the Universe”, brings the images to life on stage via 360-degree projections.

Through the displays, one can “not only learn about the vast universe that surrounds us but also about ourselves as humans on this home we call Earth,” LVA officials said.

At the free exhibit, visitors can see large prints of the sun, the solar system and even a depiction of a

black hole. They can also revisit the Apollo missions and humanity’s first time on the moon.

“More of our exhibits are based on an art-side of things,” LVA visual arts and education manager Anne Giancola said. “But outer space is so widely appealing to absolutely everybody and all ages. So it’s kind of fun to do something that’s a little bit outside of the realm of strictly art and present it as, ‘wow these images are beautiful. This is the universe we live in.’”

Visitors can also visualize the future of space exploration through infographics about NASA’s Artemis II program, which aims to send people to the moon’s surface again.

“This exhibit is a celebration of both our historical achievements in space exploration and our ongoing quest to understand the universe,” LVA officials said. “It balances the beauty of the cosmos with the scientific ingenuity that allows us to explore it.”

A section of the exhibit is dedicated to international achievements in



he universe

ri-Valley art exhibition, immersive attraction

space exploration. It features India's Chandrayaan missions, China's Chang'e program, Japan's space endeavors, South Korea's recent lunar initiatives and Russia's space contributions.

In addition to images of the great beyond, attendees can learn about astrophotography, including its use of false colors to display information that is invisible to human eyes. Visitors can also gain an understanding of how modern telescopes capture images in such high resolution.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Bankhead is hosting a ticketed, immersive experience of the cosmos on select evenings. As an on-stage event, attendees of "Cosmic Odyssey" will be surrounded by all-encompassing projections of the universe.

Narrated by American astrophysicist and former NASA astronaut Tamara "Tammy" Jernigan, attendees will be immersed in NASA's photographs of distant galaxies, the birth of stars and our own planet.

"I wanted people to get a sense of the vastness of the universe and how unique Earth is and how it's just this fluke that we're positioned in this spot close to the sun so that we can have liquid water that allows life to start," Giancola said.

After the journey, attendees can join a 15-minute post-tour discussion led by scientists in the Founders Room at the Bankhead.

Opening last month, "Cosmic Odyssey" runs on select weekdays from 4-8 p.m. through Nov. 27 at the Bankhead in downtown Livermore. Showtimes for the event begin at the start of the hour.

"Back to the Moon and the Stars Beyond" is free and open to ticketed patrons during performances and to the general public from 1-5 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays until Jan. 5 in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery in the Bankhead.

For tickets to Cosmic Odyssey or more information, visit livermorearts.org. ■



The Bankhead Theater is featuring the exhibit "Back to the Moon and the Stars Beyond" in its art gallery in conjunction with the "Cosmic Odyssey: Immersive Encounters with the Universe" attraction on its stage.

(Photos by NASA, courtesy Livermore Valley Arts)



VETERANS DAY PARADE 2024

Reverent and celebratory procession, concert honor military service ahead of holiday

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

The annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Concert commemorated local military veterans and active service members last Sunday in downtown Pleasanton, with scores of participants in the procession down crowd-lined Main Street on the autumn afternoon. ■



Backstreet Boys singer Nick Carter coming to San Ramon

Dougherty Valley theater is pop star's final stop
on international 'Who I Am' solo tour

By JEANITA LYMAN

Backstreet Boys member and solo artist Nick Carter is making appearances throughout the continent on his ongoing "Who I Am" tour, with this month seeing him traveling from New York and New England states to major cities such as Montreal and Las Vegas — and ultimately a finale in San Ramon.

Carter's upcoming performance at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center on Nov. 23 marks the final concert in his current tour, marking a return to his solo career after several years during which he joined his fellow Backstreet Boys for a world tour that kicked off in 2019 and ultimately concluded last year following delays brought on by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

The pop star's solo tour kicked

off in May in Taiwan before proceeding through numerous dates in Europe, Scandinavia and the United Kingdom before a series of North American performances that he is currently in the midst of as part of the final leg of the tour.

Now 44, Carter launched his career more than three decades ago at age 12, when he turned down a \$50,000 contract to join the Mickey Mouse Club in favor of becoming the youngest member of a newly formed musical group that would go on to be known as the Backstreet Boys.

The rest is pop music history, with the group going on to be top-selling boy band of all time, and among the most successful recording artists of all time, with more than 130 million records sold to date and memorable hits like "I Want It That Way," "Everybody"

and "Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely."

Following their debut in 1996 and rapid rise to worldwide fame in the years that followed, Carter launched his solo career during the band's hiatus in the early 2000s with his first album "Now or Never". He went on to release two more solo albums following the band's reunion in 2004 — "I'm Taking Off" in 2011 and "All American" in 2015.

The tour for "All American" that kicked off in 2015 was the last time that Carter performed solo prior to the ongoing tour for his upcoming fourth solo album "Who I Am".

Carter is set to take to the stage at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center at 10550 Albion Road in San Ramon on Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets and more information are available at tickets.sanramon.ca.gov. ■



COURTESY CITY OF SAN RAMON

Backstreet Boys member and solo artist Nick Carter is set to perform in San Ramon on Nov. 23.

Goodguys set for Autumn Get-Together at fairgrounds

Hot-rodding weekend featuring muscle machines, indoor displays, Vettes for Vets and more

By JEREMY WALSH

The muscle car community is ready to converge upon Pleasanton this weekend as the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association brings its annual fall showcase event back to the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, the 34th FuelCurve.com Autumn Get-Together features a little bit of everything for car and truck lovers of all ages, organizers said.

"The Autumn Get-Together is a two-day family friendly event that welcomes a combination of late model muscle machines with traditional hot rods, classic trucks, customs and unique lowriders so there will be something for everyone to enjoy," organizers said. "Not only

will the fairgrounds be packed with hot rods and classics, but there will also be three special indoor displays featuring trucks, Oldsmobiles and a special Lowrider area organized by Deadend Magazine."

With Veterans Day arriving on Monday, the Goodguys event will feature its familiar Vettes for Vets parade including the presentation of colors and a live rendition of the national anthem. All retired and active military members get free admission to the car show with proof of service.

Other special attractions this weekend include the "metal-crunching Smash-4-Cash Demolition Derby" on Saturday, CPP AutoCross series both days and the Nitro Thunderfest vintage dragster exhibition, organizers said.

"The Get-Together also hosts a huge Swap Meet and Cars 4-Sale Coral, as well as Indoor and Outdoor Vendor Midways with many top name manufacturers and vendors on display," they added. "There's also a Family Fun Zone for the kids to have a chance to play some games or try a craft. Sunday afternoon culminates with a parade of chrome, glowing paint and rumbling exhaust as all the award winners, including the finalists for the 2025 Truck of the Year titles (Early and Late) roll past the stage."

The Autumn Get-Together, which is Goodguys' final event of the year, is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 9-10) at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. For tickets or more information, go to good-guys.com/agt. ■



GOODGUYS

Goodguys' 34th FuelCurve.com Autumn Get-Together is set for Nov. 9-10 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Pianist Nakamatsu performing again for Del Valle Fine Arts

Concert in Livermore on Nov. 16

By JEREMY WALSH

Award-winning American pianist Jon Nakamatsu is set to make his fifth appearance at the Bankhead Theater next weekend as part of Del Valle Fine Arts' 2024-25 concert season.

Nakamatsu, who performed at the White House for President Bill Clinton and was gold medalist of the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, has entertained audiences touring year-round with top conductors and orchestras as well as public speaking

engagements and concerts at festivals, recitals and chamber collaborations, according to Del Valle Fine Arts board member Denise Leddon.

"Jon Nakamatsu has developed a multi-faceted career that encompasses recording, education, arts administration and public speaking in addition to his vast concert schedule," Leddon said. "His sublime program will include works by Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Liszt and Chopin."

Pianist Markus Pawlik added,

"I'm looking so much forward to hearing Jon Nakamatsu again on the beautiful Steinway he selected for the Bankhead. And in particular, his performance of the rarely heard, the brilliant Mendelssohn 'Fantasy'. And did you know that Beethoven was especially proud of his 'Pastorale Sonata'? No doubt it will be a wonderful evening."

Free tickets for the concert are available for local youth. Nakamatsu is also due to take part in a complimentary reception after the show to meet with attendees.

The concert is scheduled for next Saturday (Nov. 16) at 7:30

p.m. in the Bankhead in downtown Livermore. For tickets, go to livermorearts.org.

Ticket sales are a primary fundraising source (along with individual donations) for Del Valle Fine Arts, a nonprofit organization that focuses on "bringing world class chamber music to the Tri-Valley area and introducing school children to classical music," according to its website. ■

Jon Nakamatsu will be in concert at the Bankhead Theater next weekend. (Photo courtesy DVFA)



Opinion

AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

After being employed in some manner since I was 14 years old — spending 35 years of that time as a journalist, on call basically 24/7 — I am taking a sabbatical.

After the first of the year and a break to move some personal projects forward (and a “news detox” of several weeks), I will return as the president of Embarcadero Media Foundation’s East Bay Division and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, DanvilleSanRamon.com and LivermoreVine.com.

I will shed my duties as Embarcadero’s vice president of sales, which I took on about 16 months ago, and return to the reason I’ve wanted to be a news reporter since I was 5 — a desire to bring accurate, honest information to people through writing and to help raise the money necessary for us to operate successfully as a nonprofit news organization.

Raising awareness of and funds for the East Bay Division will be a priority, which I am eager to embark on so the publications I’ve grown to love over the past 18 years stay strong and thrive.

The rather daunting responsibility of procuring funding so we can continue our work is not lost on me. Weekly reader Linda Kelly pointed out something in a recent letter to the editor that struck a nerve because it summed up how important our coverage is.

In regards to our campaign finance reporting, Linda wrote, in part, “We know journalism has changed, not always for the best, and local coverage is diminishing. This thoroughly presented assessment of local campaign finance, for many undecided, perhaps first-time voters, remains the bedrock of unbiased information available to the general public.”

Campaign finance reporting, candidate profiles, moderating candidate forums and the like are extremely important, as is routine coverage of city council and school board meetings and other coverage we provide on a daily basis.

Another very important duty of journalists is to correct factual inaccuracies, give context to potentially misleading statements, and shed light on contradictions, inconsistencies and questionable behaviors.

Public comment during the Oct. 15 Pleasanton City Council meeting provided a plethora of examples to choose from, but I will focus on only one speaker.

Matthew Gray, a city of Pleasanton employee in the parks division and co-chair of the committee Protect Pleasanton’s Future: Supporting Measure PP, came up to the mic to “support Mayor Brown and encourage others to vote yes on Measure PP.”

Instead of addressing talking points on why voters should support Measure PP, though, Gray launched into an ad hominem attack on the No on PP organizers, omitting key facts and context.

Gray said, “Certain vocal individuals that are here in the room tonight are leaders against Measure PP. They are the very same individuals who were against the city council adopting a formal code of conduct last year.”

Yes, many people were opposed to making the “code of conduct” that Mayor Karla Brown and councilmembers Julie Testa and Valerie Arkin were trying to make “official” because it was a ploy to silence Councilmember Jack Balch, who was voicing his opposition to decisions being made by Brown, Arkin and Testa, such as voting to: Raid the rainy day fund, against advice of staff and two fellow council members, of \$1 million in June 2022 to fund an expanded skatepark and improvements to historic Century House.

Scrap the Lions Wayside Park renovation project (which was in the works for 20 years and would benefit thousands in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley) without having all the information — like actual cost estimates, which would have been key in making that decision.

And defund the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce-led

Leadership Pleasanton program citing cost, while continuing to push the skate park and Century House renovations and eventually forcing city staff to spend time and resources to create its own, similar program.

For the co-chair of a group that is trying to sell how transparent it is, Gray’s next statement actually left me more stunned than lack of context and facts about the “code of conduct.”

Speaking about the same group of residents, Gray said, “They’re the very same individuals who bombard the city clerk’s office with PRAs (public records act requests), which cost the city thousands upon thousands of dollars to fulfill.”

How dare citizens ask for transparency and the ability to access information!

Gray followed his reprimand for submitting records requests by saying the opposition is “steering a narrative on social media, the goal of which is to undermine trust in the city council, city management staff, and our current mayor...”

I’ve attended or watched recordings of hundreds of public meetings, but I have never witnessed a city employee gushing over an elected official and berating people who disagree with him during public comment of a city council meeting. It was absolutely cringe-worthy.

I understand anyone, regardless of employment status or employer, residency in a certain city or views and beliefs, can have their three minutes at the mic, but just because they can doesn’t mean they should.

If Gray’s supervisor and / or the Measure PP supporters knew what he planned to say, they should have thought it through a bit longer. It was embarrassing and should raise eyebrows and the ire of citizens.

From what I’ve seen, the Yes on PP leaders are doing more to undermine trust of city staff and council by vilifying those who don’t agree with them, criticizing people for exercising their rights as citizens and being less than transparent about their campaign finance reporting.

The “Protect Pleasanton’s Future: Yes on PP” campaign received \$5,000 from the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 Political Action Fund Issues on Oct. 8. They missed filing two forms on time — the form that acknowledges

contributions of more than \$1,000 within 24 hours of receipt and a form for contributions received between Sept. 22 and Oct. 19.

As of 8 a.m., Oct. 30, nothing had been filed.

Another curious issue is that the Yes on PP FPPC number, which is listed on the group’s website, a mailer and yard signs, cannot be found on the City of Pleasanton’s campaign finance portal.

But why were we even debating the issue of a sales tax increase ballot measure?

I am perplexed why the council majority, while claiming the city is facing a “budget crisis,” voted to put Measure PP on the ballot regardless of what the consultants they paid over \$380,000 told them about the chances of it passing.

FM3 Research was hired to poll likely Pleasanton voters on whether they would support a half-cent sales tax increase. In June, council members were told a sales tax measure “may be viable for the November 2024 election with a strong campaign in favor and no organized opposition.”

The proponents eventually formed a group led by two city employees and a handful of residents, but the No on PP committee was in place before the ink was dry on the city’s press release.

The measure had a slim chance of passing in the beginning, so it seemed like a waste of time and money to me.

Based on the Yes on PP group chairperson’s choice to falsely imply wrongdoing by people who disagree with him rather than talk about reasons to vote yes and try to build trust with the public, it seemed the Yes on PP folks were getting nervous.

I’m a big believer in the importance of fact-based and explanatory journalism, whether in reporting or opinion, and will embrace my development role and writing responsibilities when I return next year. The Tri-Valley needs and deserves a strong local press.

A year-end fundraising campaign is in the works, though, and I hope you will join me and others who care about a strong local press by making a donation before Dec. 31 at embarcaderomediafoundation.org. ■

Editor’s note: Gina Channell Wilcox has been the president and publisher of Embarcadero Media’s East Bay Division since 2006.

LETTERS

Trust your public employees

Trust in government and experts takes generations to build but only a few election cycles to destroy. I am sure many residents are worried about the lasting harm that has been caused this election cycle to our local civic institutions.

The challenges Pleasanton faces are numerous. City employees are

acutely aware of these problems. I am a city employee. We are stakeholders in our community. Let us not be afraid to communicate honestly and openly with the residents of the city we serve. Residents deserve this.

Just like all citizens and residents in our town, those of us employed by the public can practice our First Amendment. It’s the very same First Amendment which protects

a citizen’s right to speech (say for instance before one’s local City Council) which also protects a free press and the practice of journalism. Free exercise of speech and written word are inseparable constitutional freedoms.

Lastly, I’d like to commend Ms. Wilcox on her 35 years of service to the community through journalism. I’ve read Ms. Wilcox’s writing since

I was a kid. Thank you Gina for the work you do.

Though the Pleasanton Weekly is now a designated 501(c)(3) organization, the paper has never lost its commitment to reporting the local news vital to the community’s interest. The community can trust the Pleasanton Weekly for its balanced take on the issues of the day.

—Matthew Gray

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Foothill girls beat Redwood to start inaugural NCS Open Division volleyball tournament

Also: Big win over Monte Vista sets up Amador football showdown with Cal High

For the first time ever, the North Coast Section is playing in an Open Division for girls' volleyball, featuring the elite teams from the entire section.

The East Bay Athletic League is represented by a pair of teams in Foothill and Carondelet.

The Falcons made the most of the opportunity in the first round as the No. 4 seed, beating No. 5 Redwood 22-25, 25-17, 28-26, 25-19.

In the win, Foothill got highlights from Paige Nelson (32 assists, 15 digs, 13 kills), Kaycie Burdick (18 kills, 15 digs), Lulu Hoenninger (10 kills, 10 blocks) and Kait Vogel (14 digs, 5 kills).

Carondelet fell on the road to James Logan but will play Redwood in a 5th place game and a possible NorCal berth.

Foothill flag football

The Falcons closed out the regular season with an intense 19-12 win over rival Amador Valley on Oct. 18.

In a standout performance, Foothill quarterback Brea Olsen went 24-for-33 for 243 yards, connecting for three touchdowns to lead the offense.

Claire Young caught three of Olsen's passes for 45 yards and scored twice, while Morgan O'Brien added another touchdown with three catches totaling 44 yards.

Addie Cortez and Jessica Gadd

were also essential in the receiving game, contributing 71 and 40 yards, respectively, with Cortez leading in receptions with six.

Jazzy Simons was relentless defensively, recording 10 tackles to anchor the defense and keep up the pressure on the opposition throughout the game.

Foothill finished the regular season 9-5 overall and 4-4 in league play. Amador finished 6-13 and 2-6.

Amador Valley girls' water polo

Regan Braga scored five goals to lead the Dons to a 15-1 win over Foothill.

Susan Swyers, Dori Selway and Olivia Ritter each had a pair of goals, with Kate Hopkins, Claire Kunich and Caitlin Brown all also adding goals.

Deepika Suresh had four saves for the Dons.

Amador football

The Dons got arguably their biggest win in recent years as they went to Danville and got the better of Monte Vista 32-28 last week.

The game was huge on a couple levels.

First, the Dons were coming off a heartbreaking 29-28 loss at San Ramon Valley and having to go back into Danville to play a Monte Vista team that has had a solid

season was a tall order.

Second, the Dons and the Mustangs, along with California, are fighting to finish second behind San Ramon Valley.

In looking for the highlights of the game, one need look no further than quarterback Tristan Ti'a and receiver Anthony Harrington.

The senior Ti'a finished the night an amazing 24-for-30 for 405 yards and two touchdowns. Harrington was on the other end on a majority of the passes, catching 15 balls for 255 yards and both scores.

The Dons added 123 yards rushing, leaving the team 528



COURTESY PEI-CHI CHEN

Paige Nelson (14) of Foothill hits the ball with Brooke Stedman (13) and Emily Evans (17) looking on in Foothill's NCS win over Redwood.

yards of offense.

For the season, Ti'a is 163-for-211 (77%) for 2,627 yards, with 22 touchdowns and just three interceptions. Harrington has 63 catches for 1,103 yards and six touchdowns.

Overall this year, the Dons are averaging 455 yards per game, with 291.9 yards coming in the air and 163.7 yards on the ground.

Ti'a leads the Dons with 586 yards, but there are four other backs over 156 yards rushing on the season. Harrington (252), Vince Maiorana (212), Ismael Duenas (178) and Chudi Obiekea (156) have all carried the ball well this year.

There is one game left in the regular season for the Dons, and it's a huge one as they host California on Friday night at 7:15 p.m. The Grizzlies are 7-2 overall and 1-1 in the league. They are also going to be looking for a big rebound following a 48-10 loss to De La Salle.

Cal boasts a prolific offense led by a pair of players. Junior running back Jhadis Luckey has run for 1,558 yards and 23 touchdowns. He is averaging 9.7 yards per carry.

Quarterback Arjun Banerjee has thrown for 1,331 yards and 17 touchdowns with eight interceptions.

Overall, the Grizzlies are averaging 409 yards of offense per game, with 261 yards of the total coming on the ground. ■

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ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL - YOUTH EDITION This spectacular new musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be. This 60-minute adaptation of the Broadway hit is specially tailored for young actors. 7 p.m., Nov. 8-10. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

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.

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.

COSMIC ODYSSEY AT THE BANKHEAD Step into the extraordinary with Cosmic Odyssey, an outer space immersive experience on stage, followed by a 15-minute post-tour discussion led by scientists in the Founders Room. Nov. 11-12; 14, 18-21; 25-27. Tickets \$15-\$30. Visit livermorearts.org.

ENCORE PLAYERS PRESENT THE CURIOUS SAVAGE When her husband dies and leaves her \$10 million dollars, Mrs. Savage intends to give the fortune away to people to pursue their foolish dreams, unfortunately, her stepchildren strongly object. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16, 22-23. 2 p.m., Nov. 17 and 24. Tickets \$25. Bothwell Arts Center. Visit livermorearts.org.

PIANIST JON NAKAMATSU Nakamatsu, gold medalist of the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, has developed a multi-faceted career that encompasses recording, education, arts administration and public speaking in addition to his vast concert schedule. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16. Tickets \$35-\$57. Visit livermorearts.org.

KARLA BONOFF IN CONCERT Experience the magic of Karla Bonoff, one of the most acclaimed singer/songwriters of our time. With hits made famous by Bonnie Raitt, Wynonna Judd and Linda Ronstadt, her timeless ballads have shaped a generation. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 20. Tickets \$25-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibitions

GOODGUYS AUTUMN GET-TOGETHER The Goodguys FuelCurve.com 34th Autumn Get-Together is a celebration of cool cars, cool people and good times bringing over 2,500 American-made or -powered rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and trucks of all years. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 9-10. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

MAJOR LEAGUE TABLE TENNIS Major League Table Tennis, the first-ever professional table tennis league in the United States, is celebrating its second season and hosting an exciting series of matches between four of eight teams. Cheer on our very own Bay Area Blasters. Nov. 15-17. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE EXHIBIT The Harrington Gallery welcomes back the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) for their 17th annual Fall Members Show exhibition featuring approximately 80 works of all mediums. Now through Dec. 21. Visit firehousearts.org.

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. 1-5 p.m., Thursdays to Sundays, through Jan. 5.

GADGETS GALORE EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM ON MAIN A wide variety of gadgets, both recognizable and strange, will be on display in Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household, illustrating how industrialization

transformed every American household in the 19th century. Now through Jan. 11. Visit museumonmain.org.

Talks

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 a quilt maker. She'll discuss her progression from new quilt maker to quilt artist. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 9. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY In this zoom meeting, Mary Kircher Roddy will discuss "Bagging a Live One-Connecting with Cousins You Never Knew You Had". Mary will show how to find distant relatives, perhaps ones you never knew existed. 7-8:30, Nov. 11. Visit l-ags.org.

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES Xavier Amador, Founder and President of the LEAP Institute presents a free webinar, "I Am Not Sick; I Don't Need Help: How to Help Someone Accept Treatment" as part of the Alan Hu Foundation Mental Health Lecture Series. 5-6 p.m., Nov. 12. Register by Nov. 11 to obtain zoom link. Visit alanhufoundation.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Tri-Valley Writers is exploring writing short stories. Join for a free drop-in writing session, meet-and-greet and informal discussion of all things. Register at treasurer@trivalleywriters.org by Nov. 13. Meeting 2 p.m., Nov. 16. Las Positas College. Visit trivalleywriters.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB Join for a presentation by Master Gardener Laura Cornett focusing on when to prune native shrubs and perennials, the pruning cuts that are recommended and the tools needed. 6-8 p.m., Nov. 14. Crosswinds Church, 1660 Freisman Road, Livermore, Red Farm Theater Building.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: BUS TOUR OF HISTORIC ISRAEL Harry Briley presents this presentation where he will discuss his experiences on a six-day bus tour of Israel, visiting Mt. Carmel, the Crusader Castle in Acre, the Galilee sites, the Jordan River and more. 1:30 p.m., Nov. 14. Livermore Civic Center Library, Storytime Room.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH BENJAMIN O. DAVIS JR. Feared by Nazis and loved by U.S. bomber crews in WWII, the Tuskegee Airmen were an all African American squadron of fighter pilots led by Cmdr. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Scholar-actor James Armstead will portray this four-star general. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Nov. 19. Tickets \$15-

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

On the beat with Bob Redell

Today in the Bay, or rather the Tri-Valley area, Valley Humane Society wants to introduce you to Bob Redell. Named for the NBC Bay Area reporter, Bob is an energetic guy who loves chasing a toy almost as much as he loves chasing a story. With his beautiful coat and striking eyes, he is always ready for primetime. If you're in need of a great co-host in life, visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption process.

\$25. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit museumonmain.org.

THE TRUE WESTERN SYCAMORE LARPD Ranger Eric Whiteside presents "The True Western Sycamore" where he will discuss the wonders of the Western Sycamore and outline some of the troubles facing these beautiful trees. 2 p.m., Nov. 17. Livermore Civic Center Library, Storytime Room.

CYBERSECURITY PRESENTATION Learn about hackers, viruses and cyber threats posing significant threats to information and privacy. This presentation is by Amador Valley High School students. 1 p.m., Nov. 20. Pleasanton Senior Center.

INNOVATION TRI-VALLEY'S ANNUAL DREAMMAKERS & RISK TAKERS Join this thrilling tribute to students from Tri-Valley public school districts and Las Positas College who are innovating the future as they fearlessly pursue their dreams. 8:30-10:30 a.m., Nov. 21. Shannon Community Center. Visit innovationtrivalley.org/.

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

Support

CANNED FOOD DRIVE Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry is in need of instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberries, mandarin oranges, pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk, chicken broth, turkey gravy packet and boxed Jello. Drop off 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., through Nov. 13. 50 North L St., Livermore.

REGISTER FOR FAMILIES IN NEED Tri-Valley Haven's holiday registration is open for local families in need in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol 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.

SOUPER TUESDAY Local volunteers serve warm soup during the chilly months. Grab and go or stay inside to connect with others and learn about local resources. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesdays. CityServe Care Center, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

ANNUAL WARM COAT DRIVE Donate clean and gently used winter coats to local nonprofit Hively, a social service organization that provides resources and support to families in the Tri-Valley. Porky's Pizza Palace will provide a coupon for a free large one topping pizza with donation. 9-11 a.m., Nov. 16. 4151 W. Las Positas Blvd.

VA MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH The VA Palo Alto Health Care System's mobile medical outreach unit will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library parking lot where medical providers will be on-site to provide examinations, consultations and referrals to veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. No appointment is needed. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 21. VA

Government

PLEASANTON YOUTH COMMISSION The next Pleasanton Youth Commission meeting is 7 p.m., Nov. 13. Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Nov. 14. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is Nov. 12. Visit livermoreschools.org.

Employment

The Pleasanton Weekly offers employment advertising.

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm.

Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/employment_ads/.

For assistance email LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com.

Public Notices

XX ESTATES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610069
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) XK Estates, located at 8390 Golf Links Rd Oakland, CA 94605, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
IVAN KRAUSE
8390 Golf Links Rd
Oakland, CA 94605
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/27/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 18 2024.
(PLW Nov 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 02 2024.
(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

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):
ABHIVRIDDDHI 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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2024.
(PLW Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 17 2024.
(PLW Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

EMBARC DISPENSARY
EMBARC ALAMEDA CANNABIS DISPENSARY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610055
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Embarc Dispensary, 2.) Embarc Alameda Cannabis Dispensary, located at 1616 Webster Street Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. Mailing Address: 440 N Barranca Ave #8433 Covina, CA 91723.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ALAMEDA PATIENTS GROUP LLC
1616 Webster Street
Alameda, CA 94501
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/23/2021
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 18 2024.
(PLW Nov 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 17 2024.
(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 23 2024.
(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

SOMETHING BLUE PRODUCTIONS
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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 15 2024.
(PLW Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

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.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANNEMARIE AUSTIN
4403 Valley Ave, Apt C
Pleasanton, CA 94566
AMANDA GIRARDIN
4403 Valley Ave, Apt C
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 15 2024.
(PLW Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

UNIQMKTETING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 609459
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) UNIQMARKETING, 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):
UNIQUVERSE 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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-

Recorder of Alameda on September 23 2024.
(PLW Oct 18, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 2024)

PAWS OF PLEASANTON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610272
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PAWS OF PLEASANTON, located at 3128 Santa Rita Road, Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PAWS OF PLEASANTON, A VETERINARY CORPORATION
3128 Santa Rita Road, Suite B
Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/07/2019
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 25 2024.
(PLW Nov 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

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
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/15/1998
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 17 2024.
(PLW Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 16 2024.
(PLW Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 08 2024.
(PLW Oct 18, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 2024)

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)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 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.
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 Oct 18, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 2024)

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, Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of

California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington St, Oakland, CA 94607.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 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.
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: 10/10/2024
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 18, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 2024)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

ORDER

The Court, having reviewed Plaintiff THE CITIZENS BANK's ("Plaintiff") Application for an Order Allowing Service by Publication, the supporting declarations, and the evidence presented, finds as follows:
1. Plaintiff has exercised reasonable diligence in attempting to serve Defendant, DEMOLITION & HAULING MANAGEMENT, INC. ("Defendant"), by other means as specified in California Code of Civil Procedure §§ 415.10 et seq. Despite these diligent efforts, Plaintiff has been unable to effect personal service on Defendant.
2. The evidence presented shows that multiple attempts at service were made at Defendant's registered address, 3325 Revere Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605, as well as efforts to contact Defendant through additional means, including mailing a Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt and conducting an Accurint search. Plaintiff's diligent efforts to locate and serve Defendant have been unsuccessful.
3. The Court further finds that a cause of action exists against Defendant, who is a necessary and proper party to this action. Additionally, Defendant has or claims an interest in real or personal property in California that is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
4. Given the circumstances and the likelihood that Defendant is evading service, service by publication is appropriate. The Court is satisfied that publication of the summons is most likely to give actual notice to Defendant of the pendency of this action.
1. Plaintiff's Application for an Order Allowing Service by Publication is GRANTED.
2. Service of the summons and complaint in this action shall be made upon Defendant DEMOLITION & HAULING MANAGEMENT, INC. by publication in *Pleasanton Weekly*, a newspaper of general circulation in Alameda County, California, which is most likely to give actual notice. Publication is to be made at least once a week for four successive weeks.
3. If Defendant's address is ascertained before the expiration of the time prescribed for publication of the summons, Plaintiff shall mail a copy of the summons, complaint, and this order to Defendant forthwith.
4. Proof of publication shall be filed with the Court following the completion of the publication period.
(PLW Nov 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

Place a legal notice at
PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/

Construction underway on Dublin Centre community

Groundbreaking ceremony ushers in start of 500-home Landsea development on east side

By JEREMY WALSH

A focus in East Dublin this fall has been on DC ... but not necessarily because of the election.

Landsea Homes recently broke ground on its 500-home Dublin Centre residential development, a set of neighborhoods newly dubbed “The DC” that will have a mix of standalone houses and townhomes at the northeast corner of the Tassajara Road-Dublin Boulevard intersection.

The project is the largest master-planned community ever built from the ground up by Landsea Homes in the Bay Area, according to Tom Baine, president of the company’s California division.

“This groundbreaking symbolizes more than just the start of construction — it represents the creation of a vibrant and sustainable new master-planned community that will serve as a cornerstone for continued growth in Dublin,” Baine

said in a press release after the Oct. 24 ceremony at the project site.

“By delivering high-quality housing and thoughtfully designed communities, we’re proud to contribute to Dublin’s evolution as the East Bay’s most desirable place to live, work and thrive,” he added.

Dublin Mayor Michael McCorriston was among the dignitaries to grab a shovel and turn the dirt at the groundbreaking event.

“The Dublin Centre project will become a thriving, connected and inclusive environment where families and businesses can grow together,” McCorriston told the Pleasanton Weekly. “We’re building a legacy of sustainability, community and opportunity that will enhance Dublin’s identity and create lasting value for all residents. I am excited to see this vision coming to life right here in the city of Dublin.”

Being developed on the formerly named SCS property just north of Dublin Boulevard, The DC will



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Rendering shows one angle of homes in the Dublin Centre development.

span just over three blocks along Tassajara Road on either side of Central Parkway plus a sliver just north of Gleason Drive.

The Dublin Planning Commission approved the project in the Eastern Dublin Specific Plan area in February, and Landsea — a developer based in Dallas with regional offices in San Ramon — acquired

the development rights in May.

Landsea described the project as a collection of five neighborhoods with “both single-family detached and attached townhomes, offering a variety of traditional and modern architectural styles” and the company’s “High Performance Home” features including smart-home technology. Select floor

plans will include suites designed for multigenerational living with first-floor bedrooms and optional kitchenettes.

The developer noted The DC will be close to Emerald Glen Park, The Wave and shopping centers, as well as the new Finnian Square retail development, public park and community center planned for adjacent to the residential neighborhoods. Schools and trails are also walkable or bikeable, and the site is near the freeway, with BART a few more blocks away.

“Dublin offers a unique blend of suburban charm and urban convenience with its excellent schools, beautiful parks and vibrant community spirit that make it the ideal location for every type of homebuyer,” Baine said.

With construction underway, initial home sales in The DC are expected to begin by the end of the year, according to Landsea. To learn more, visit landseahomes.com. ■

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during Aug. 12-23 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Sept. 30 to Oct. 11 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4356 Chapman Way Whippet Trust to G. & J. Fernandez for \$980,000
- 654 Concord Place M. & H. Kim to Z. & J. Lim for \$700,000
- 4288 Dorman Road Mcglinchy Trust to P. & S. Kunaboina for \$1,200,000
- 8132 Ensenada Drive #4 Coffin Living Trust to C. Greiner for \$535,000
- 6227 Gibson Court Gotsu Inc to L. & W. Yao for \$1,365,000
- 4764 Golden Road Panmajid & Wen Family Trust to G. & P. Dewani for \$1,450,000
- 2121 Inverness Court Beidleman Family Trust to N. & M. Patva for \$2,000,000
- 7850 Marigold Court S. Ferolito to B. & X. Lai for \$1,468,000
- 7635 Maywood Drive Bas Family Trust to S. & S. Pittanikat for \$2,075,000
- 370 Amador Court A. & A. Messenger to S. & S. Garg for \$1,330,000
- 5943 Arthur Drive Conley Family Trust to Y. & Q. Liu for \$1,820,000
- 3636 Ashwood Drive T. & S. Pellegrino to K. & J. Naruka for \$1,770,000
- 1057 Bartlett Place Cooper Family Trust to J. & M. Chen for \$2,650,000
- 6273 Camino Del Lago A. Hong to S. & S. Puchakayala for \$1,780,000
- 4628 Carson Court Bevers Family Trust to H. & M. Yeh for \$1,510,000
- 680 Concord Place S. Mitra to N. & N. Jain for \$725,000
- 2195 Goldcrest Circle Burns Trust to M. & V. Ganapathy for \$1,035,000
- 4166 Hall Court Cerri Trust to A. & Z. Chen for \$2,016,000
- 4644 Herrin Way C. Yeh to G. & A. Kokje for \$1,475,000
- 3016 Leger Court M. & J. Geasa to S. & S. Bokka for \$1,868,000
- 4485 Linda Way S. & D. Musket to Canales Family Trust for \$1,581,500
- 1045 Riesling Drive M. Deggelman to A. & P. Cheluvakumar for \$1,925,000

- 5007 Rigatti Circle Raghu Family Trust to L. & R. Shedge for \$1,600,000
- 3527 Stacey Court K. & B. Wheeler to A. Montgomery for \$1,570,000

Livermore

- 836 Bellflower Street J. & S. Porwal to R. & P. Patel for \$830,000
- 512 Brookfield Drive Godfrey Trust to U. & B. Kaur for \$1,325,000
- 958 El Rancho Drive Dobbins Living Trust to E. Yi for \$1,030,000
- 2376 Farnsworth Drive M. Roberts to M. & D. Aliamus for \$1,313,000
- 1976 Helsinki Way V. & A. Castelli to S. Mangat for \$1,365,000
- 3940 Hillside Avenue D. Wilson to S. & C. Uliana for \$1,540,000
- 5655 Idlewild Avenue N. Degrano to J. Coppedge for \$1,000,000
- 425 James Street A. Martinez to M. & J. Dejesus for \$998,000
- 1012 Lucille Street Boccoleri Family Trust to D. & J. Terrel-Perez for \$1,230,000
- 1742 Mira Loma Street K. & A. Uhlhorn to K. & E. Chiu for \$850,000
- 418 Persimmon Common #11 H. Kumar to S. & A. Patil for \$950,000
- 610 Placer Court Takemura Trust to Edsen Living Trust for \$1,326,000
- 425 Ridgecrest Circle Mussen Living Trust to A. & S. Cherukuri for \$1,468,000
- 2005 Rovello Loop D. & J. Stolken to Y. & A. Lee for \$1,130,000
- 3982 Santa Clara Way G. & T. Carpenter to A. & P. Kushwaha for \$965,000
- 1556 Wagoner Drive Reifyr Investments LLC to P. Rajadhyaksha for \$535,000
- 2335 Westminster Way King Family Trust to S. & V. Garza for \$1,240,000
- 4717 Zinnia Court E. Purcell to R. & M. Winters for \$690,000
- 2345 4th Street Solomon 2012 Trust to L. & J. Lin for \$1,175,000
- 4085 Bristlecone Way Naima Trust to M. & V. Rouhani for \$735,000
- 4254 Cornell Way Bettencourt Living Trust to V. & J. Oliver for \$1,175,000

- 851 Geraldine Street G. Uhlhorn to V. & S. Yeole for \$1,170,000
 - 1382 Hillview Drive Bays Family Trust to M. Fernandez for \$865,000
 - 519 Humboldt Way D. & G. Manchester to D. & A. Dongarwar for \$1,135,000
 - 5288 Iris Way J. & J. Chwastyk to J. & S. Munoz for \$915,000
 - 2737 Kelly Street R. & D. Silvey to K. Regatte for \$1,020,000
 - 314 North L Street Vol 2017 Special Needs Trust to Prusso Family Trust for \$900,000
 - 4984 Lyra Court Waelde 1996 Trust to T. & M. Tindall for \$1,000,000
 - 783 North O Street Rebello Family Trust to A. & J. Finestone for \$1,150,000
 - 131 Obsidian Way M. & J. Villarreal to D. & J. Patel for \$1,920,000
 - 1843 Paseo Laguna Seco C. Erickson to M. Marlett for \$620,000
 - 1890 Peary Way Delima Living Trust to L. & J. Ottey for \$950,000
 - 5787 Pienza Street Schultz Family Trust to S. & G. Kurakula for \$2,276,000
 - 5757 Rainflower Drive M. & J. Aranguren to J. & J. Gilliland for \$1,600,000
 - 882 Tanager Road Garcia Living Trust to P. Patel for \$1,500,000
 - 1304 Windsor Way Battaglia Trust to M. & S. Kizhakkepurayil for \$1,515,000
 - 993 Wynn Circle B. Amador to S. & B. Wagle for \$1,160,000
- Dublin
- 6987 Allegheny Drive Lynch Family Trust to V. & K. Jayakrishnan for \$1,310,000
 - 4713 Boxwood Way Brennan Living Trust to R. & A. Dharumar for \$1,570,000
 - 7128 Cross Creek Circle #B Bradley 1990 Trust to E. & T. Kim for \$690,000
 - 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #519 K. Chen to L. & P. Dutta for \$799,000
 - 7356 Glenoaks Way G. Lee to J. & S. Subramanian for \$1,300,000
 - 7637 Tuscany Drive Asprer Living Trust to N. & A. Bello for \$725,000
 - 4909 Winterbrook Avenue N. Chidambaram to V. & V. Elangovan for \$2,125,000

- 7772 Canterbury Lane Glass Living Trust to A. & A. Gupta for \$950,000
- 4840 Central Parkway #79 V. Bhaireddy to S. & S. Moholkar for \$1,100,000
- 3707 Central Parkway #19 C. Bourne to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,150,000
- 3003 Copper Peak Drive X. & J. Gotch to N. & A. Krishna for \$3,400,000
- 7614 Donohue Drive S. & A. Powers to Q. & F. Lu for \$1,250,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #311 Aida Family Trust to V. Khatri for \$730,000
- 4533 Fabriano Place R. Narra to Patel Family Trust for \$1,825,000
- 7754 Landale Avenue Fountaine Family Trust to R. & R. Kumar for \$1,250,000
- 7577 Landale Avenue M. & P. Pezzi to S. & S. Srivastava for \$1,620,000
- 7946 Regional Common Chan Living Trust to Ninomoto Trust for \$1,088,000
- 6118 Romeo Street Lennar Homes Of California LLC to D. & S. Pinappu for \$1,690,000
- 4251 Sunset View Drive Y. Deng to N. & Z. Mohammad for \$1,150,000

San Ramon

- 1352 Amalfi Court Su-Lim Family Trust to Mehrotra Living Trust for \$2,775,000
- 4045 Canyon Crest Road T. & J. Haidet to A. & N. Pandit for \$1,885,000
- 36 Centennial Way D. Currie to A. & J. Dinh for \$1,625,500
- 4833 Cornflower Street B. Sundaram to J. & Y. Geng for \$1,570,000
- 3665 Crow Canyon Road Ho Family Trust to Steele Trust for \$725,000
- 236 Latera Court D. Low to Y. & M. Hsieh for \$2,000,000
- 565 Marble Canyon Lane L. & M. Mezenski to C. & W. Huang for \$2,100,000
- 2640 Meadow Glen Place #1 K. & C. Wheaton to E. & T. Huxtable for \$875,000
- 1426 Ontoro Terrace Toll West Coast LLC to A. & A. Kulkarni for \$1,389,000
- 1418 Ontoro Terrace Toll West Coast LLC to C. & J. Zhang for \$955,500

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PLEASANTON REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE – MIXED BAG IN VOLATILE MARKET

The Pleasanton real estate market in October was a mixed bag. Some data pointed to a moderately robust market, other data not so much. Buyer demand remains fickle, while inventory declined. Still, the market is strong in some neighborhoods and market segments, while others were experiencing sluggish activity. The pace of the market continued to slow in October, and an upward surge in Mortgage rates did not help. And anxiety about the election and the political and geopolitical situations added to the unease. We will see where things go as we enter the Fall.

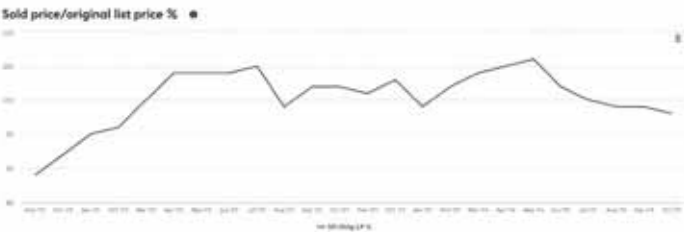
Let’s take a dive into the numbers for October.

Supply/Inventory: The inventory of available single-family homes declined in October, with a scant 57 homes on the

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Pleasanton Market Report
Data for October 2024
Single Family Detached Homes

	OCT 2024	CHANGE FROM SEP 2024	CHANGE FROM OCT 2023
Homes sold	47	↑2.7%	↑81%
Homes for sale	57	↓26%	↑2.8%
Median days on market	20	↑11%	↑150%
Median price per square foot	\$871	↓2.4%	↑2.5%
Months of inventory	1.2	↓42%	↓31%
Median sold price	\$1,695,000	↓0.6%	↓0.9%
Homes under contract	48	↑17%	↑71%



3829 Vine St
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43054 Gallegos Ave
\$2,525,000 | 4 Bed | 2 Bath



2533 Wood Hollow Dr
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Kris is one of the best realtors I have worked with. She is knowledgeable, listens, has excellent communication skills and works hard behind the scenes. She always knew where we were in the process and kept me up to date. This is the second time I have had the pleasure of working with her and she was as excellent as I remembered. I highly recommend her.

— Seller, Justine



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Kris was absolutely awesome in guiding us through the complexities of selling our dad's San Ramon house. I really appreciated her mapping out the expected timelines, attention to detail, and directing us to professionals that were needed to get the house in selling condition. She was extremely responsive in her communications and always cheerful and pleasant. Her deep knowledge and experience gave us a lot of peace as we worked through the process of selling the house. I was concerned that we would be able to close escrow before our overseas vacation, and she got it done for us in good time. We are so thankful for Kris, and highly recommend her to anyone needing to buy or sell real estate.

— Sellers, Dan & Kim Marie



455 Covellite Lane
Livermore
Sold for \$1,325,000

It has been a pleasure working with Kris to sell our home. We had a tight timeframe to sell, and Kris made the entire experience very smooth. She helped us prepare for the sale, coordinating activities even when she was on a family vacation. Being first time home seller, she was able to walk us through the process and helped us understand the terms of our offers and get the best price for our home. I highly recommend Kris to anyone in the Livermore area as her knowledge, connections, and experience are unmatched.

— Sellers, Brett and Sarah



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Pleasanton
Sold for \$1,845,000

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