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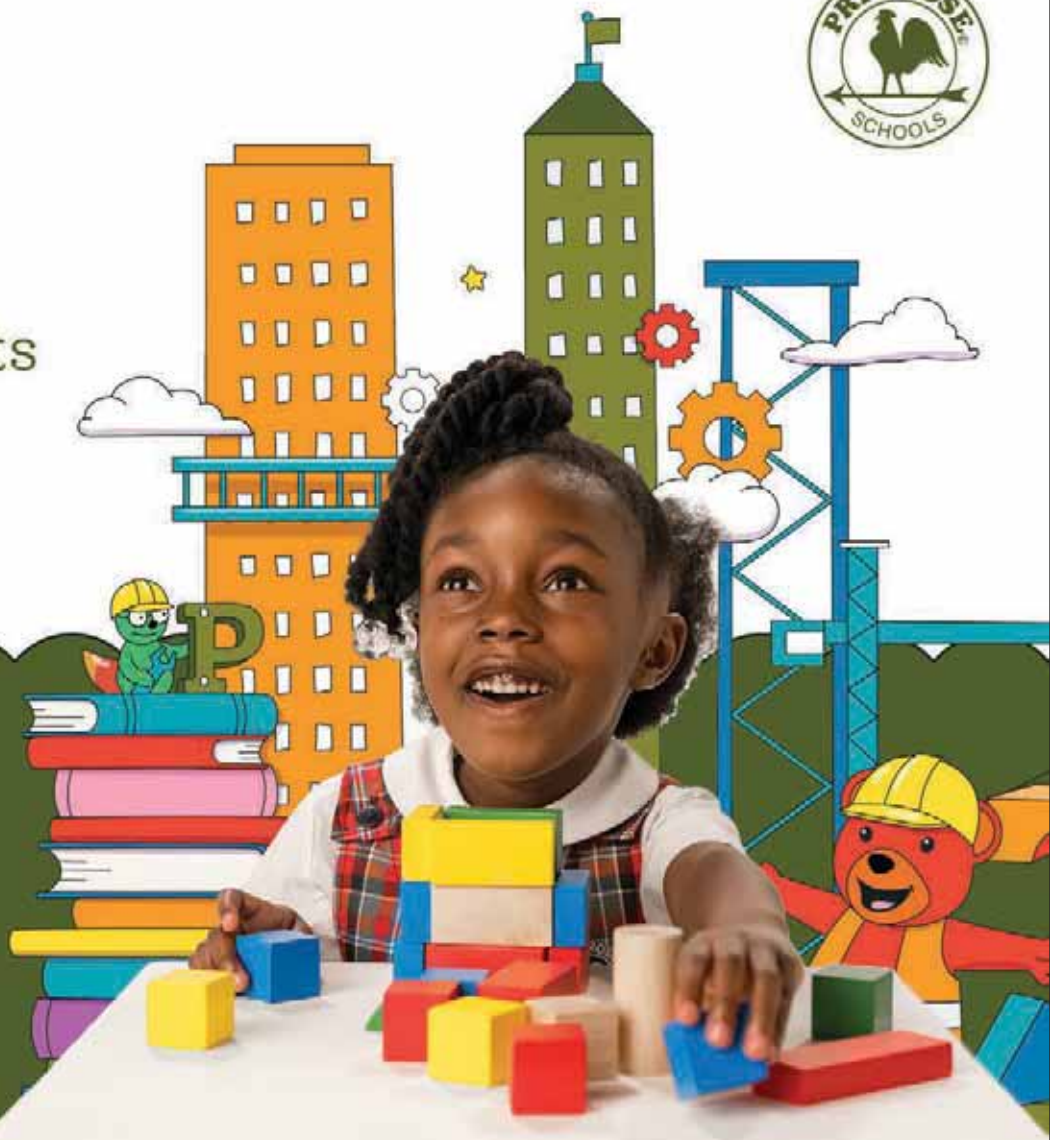


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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Summer at Bankhead

The Bankhead Theater in Livermore is ushering in the start of summer with a jam-packed schedule of performances and events at the downtown venue.

Whether offerings from its operator Livermore Valley Arts, resident companies or outside promoters, the bill at the Bankhead certainly turned my head as I looked at its online calendar. And it starts in the days ahead.

The youth performers of CYT Tri-Valley are taking audiences on a journey down the yellow brick road all weekend with its production of "The Wizard of Oz". The play inside the theater will coincide with the free public Juneteenth Festival outside it, organized by Tri-Valley for Black Lives from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

On Tuesday, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an appearance by Tulsi Gabbard, the former Democratic congresswoman turned independent political pundit who is now rumored to be on the short list for Donald Trump's vice presidential running mate.

The emotion and spirit of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir will fill the theater next Friday, and the Livermore Valley Vintners Collective wine tasting event will take over the Bankhead lobby that Saturday.

The following week is a crowded one headlined by the already nearly sold-out concert of Jake Shimabukuro on June 28, part of his "Tradewinds & Rainbows Tour" with special guests Henry Kapono and Jeff Peterson.

There will also be Bil Lepp's Comedy & Chronicles at The Stage Door Lounge on June 26, CYT's "Meet Me at the Emerald City" special event on June 27, familiar tribute band Fleetwood Mask on June 29 and the Pacific Chamber Orchestra concert with Broadway star Franc D'Ambrosio on June 30.

As the calendar turns to July, the Bankhead will be transformed into River City, Iowa as Tri-Valley Theatre Company presents a three-weekend run of "The Music Man".

But that won't be the only show during the month. Most notably, Grammy nominee Joan Osborne will be live in concert on July 26 on a tour in support of her recent album "Nobody Owns You". Audiences can also check out "The Best of SF Comedy Competition" on July 19 and the free admission ComicCon Livermore on July 20.

August will have a familiar feel,

whether acts returning to the Bankhead or recognizable sights and sounds making their first stop in Livermore.

Contemporary pianist Keiko Matsui will be performing on Aug. 2, followed by Freddy Jones Band (on tour celebrating the 30th anniversary of their hit "In a Daydream") on Aug. 9, "Toby: A Tribute to Toby Keith" on Aug. 16, "Whose Live Anyway?" (live renditions with improv stars and "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" alumni like Ryan Stiles and Greg Proops) on Aug. 17 and 18, "Piano Men: Generations" on Aug. 22 and magic and illusion with "Mike Super 2.OH!" on Aug. 23.

Not to be forgotten: Inside the Bankhead until Aug. 4 are two artistic exhibits: "Faces of Our Community: Tri-Valley Non-profits through Photography" in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery and "Community II" in the Founders Room featuring black-and-white acrylic paintings of local homeless folks by John Iacono.

And outside the venue weekly through Aug. 20, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council is holding its Tuesday Tunes family concert series with acts such as Sacred Fire (Santana tribute) next Tuesday, Death & Taxes Swing Band on July 2, Jeff Bordes & Friends on July 30 and The Hurricane Band as the closer.

The end of the summer slate will lead into Brilliance at the Bankhead gala on Sept. 7 starring singer and actress Katharine McPhee, which will kick off the 2024-25 Bankhead Presents lineup and the rest of the programming at the theater for the new season.

Among the long list of shows ahead is the annual Rae Dorough Speaker Series, which just opened up individual sales for its installments with comedian and actor John Cleese, science writer James Nestor, kidnapping survivor turned activist Elizabeth Smart and scientist Erin Macdonald, Ph.D. The June 1 announcement also revealed that the fifth speaker John Lydon (aka Johnny Rotten), who was originally set to open the RDSS in September, is now off the bill as he's canceled the North American leg of his Q&A tour. LVA officials say they're exploring replacements for later in the season as we speak.

For more information on the summer shows at the Bankhead, as well as the upcoming 2024-25 season, go to [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■

## About the Cover

The Alameda County Fair opens today for an 18-day run at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton between now and July 7. Photos courtesy Alameda County Fair. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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## How are you planning to celebrate dad this Father's Day?



**Evan Burke**

*Soon-to-be college student*

I think my mom has some big plans for a backyard gathering/barbecue for all sorts of family and friends. We'll show my awesome dad some extra love, for sure, and we'll be celebrating my high school graduation, too. You know, the whole "Dads and Grads" thing.



**Shrita Shah**

*Accountant*

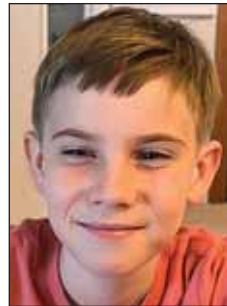
I'm planning to go to my parents' house with my husband and kids for a big family celebration, in person. We feel like we were robbed of several Father's Day celebrations on account of COVID these past few years, so we're really looking forward to all being physically together in the same place.



**Svetlana Ali**

*Consultant*

Sadly my father passed away, but we still celebrate Father's Day because my husband is a father and he deserves to be celebrated by our children. We also have a life-size cardboard photo poster of my dad that we will take turns dancing around with — so that even in death, he's still the life of the party.



**Zachary Yeargain**

*Elementary school student*

My mom and I are planning to make a great surprise Father's Day message for my dad on Minecraft. After that we're all going to go ice skating, and after that, we will be going out for a really nice family dinner. I know it will be a great day with my family.



**Lisa Mazerlev, with dad Norman**

*Teacher*

We are planning to go to the farmers market and make a fresh salad and have yummy fruit. I'm lucky to be able to be with my dad on Father's Day most years. He lives in New Mexico and still drives with my mom to visit a couple times a year. I feel so lucky and blessed that no matter what we do, we are together as a family. I couldn't love them more.

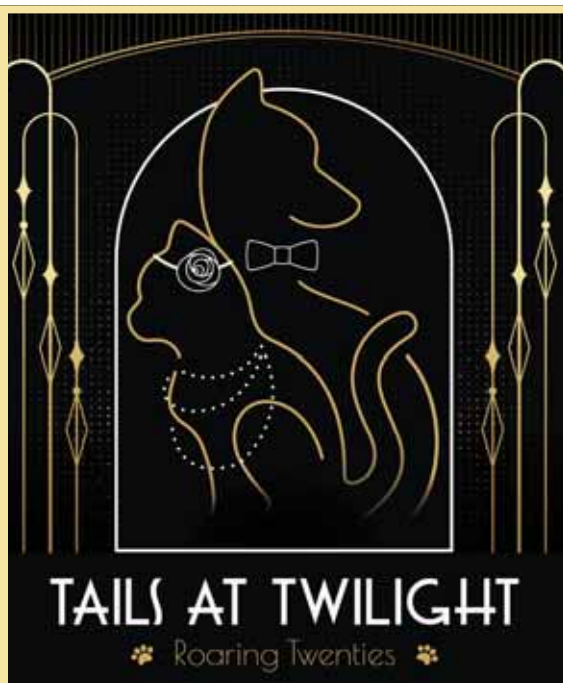
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## DIGEST

### Niles Canyon work

Crews are set to begin work to repair a damaged stretch of Niles Canyon Road (Highway 84) between Old Canyon Road and Main Street in Sunol starting next week and running through at least November, with a full overnight closure to be in effect on workdays.

"A new bridge on piles will be constructed at the location of the slip-out in the eastbound direction where a portion of lane collapsed into the creek four months ago," Caltrans officials said.

Work hours are set for 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays — motorists will be detoured to Interstate 680 during those times. The roadway will reopen every morning with one-way traffic control for daytime hours.

### 'AA' rating

The city of Pleasanton's Joint Powers Financing Authority was recently assigned an "AA" long-term rating by S&P Global Ratings for its series 2024 water revenue bonds.

"Notably, the positive outlook acknowledges the City's recent initiatives, including the implementation of updated policies and a revised rate structure aimed at bolstering financial resilience. These initiatives reflect the City Council's commitment to balancing the City's immediate financial needs with long-term fiscal stewardship," city officials said in announcing the news last month.

### 'WOF' result

As reported last week, longtime Livermore resident Tammi Barker Neilsen appeared on "Wheel of Fortune" last Friday — which made national headlines, as it was Pat Sajak's final episode as host.

How'd she do? Pretty well. Barker Neilsen correctly guessed on Toss Up puzzle and regular puzzle in the popular Before & After category ("Spelling bee in your bonnet"), earning the cash equivalent of \$20,890 in prizes including a trip to Barbados, but just missing out on the Bonus Round. ■

### Corrections

The Feb. 23 article "A fairy tale for the ages" included quotes incorrectly attributed to Yefim Maizel, director for Livermore Valley Opera's production of "The Magic Flute".

Additionally, the April 26 article "A glimpse inside Emerald High" misidentified a Dublin school official as having attended the April 16 media tour, and the origin of two quotes was not correctly attributed to a KTVU exclusive interview.

The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the errors. ■

## Council to discuss details on placing sales tax increase on November ballot

Staff presenting latest public polling results, proposed draft language for measure at Tuesday's meeting

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council is set next week to review public polling results about a potential half-cent sales tax increase as well as draft language for what the proposed measure could look like on the November ballot.

According to the staff report for next Tuesday's regular meeting, the council will also be looking at the draft resolution and ordinance that are required to place the half-cent sales tax measure on the general election ballot in the hopes of helping address the city's growing budget deficit.

"Approval of a 1/2-cent sales tax increase would improve the city's ability to provide the level of services Pleasanton residents have consistently said they want," according to the staff report. "The proposed measure would provide the city with a guaranteed source of local funding for vital city services that will stay local."

Over the last two years, the city has been facing what it states is a severe and increasing structural deficit where expenses are growing faster than its revenues. Staff say this is being caused by several factors including increases in costs, slowing of real estate development, declining

retail sales and reduced hotel tax revenue ever since the pandemic took a heavy toll on the hotel business.

"Current forecasts indicate an average budget shortfall of approximately \$13 million annually over the next eight years, which city staff has been working to address proactively with a combination of reduced costs and new revenue," according to the staff report.

The city's infrastructure is also aging which brings its own financial burdens.

According to the staff report, the city has implemented strategies to save money such as not hiring new

people, limiting new service contracts, not starting new programs, and even approving \$2.5 million in reductions from the upcoming fiscal year's budget.

"As the city continues to transition from a growing city to a mature community, the rate of necessary revenue increases is no longer occurring," the staff report states. "Over the years, the city has implemented cost-saving measures to improve operational efficiency and reduce costs, including merging departments and operations, providing lower pension and

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COURTESY TV4BL

The Tri-Valley Juneteenth Festival returns to the Bankhead Plaza in Livermore on Saturday with a packed lineup consisting of hours of entertainment as well as showcasing Black-owned businesses throughout the day.

## Juneteenth in the Tri-Valley

Celebrations set Saturday in Livermore, Pleasanton; special run of 'The White Card' at Asbury church

By JEANITA LYMAN

While this June 19 is just the fourth to be officially recognized nationwide as a federal holiday, the upcoming Juneteenth celebrations throughout the country and in the Tri-Valley are aimed at recognizing the more than 150-year history of Juneteenth, with the occasion being marked throughout the Tri-Valley and the region's largest celebration set to return to Livermore.

The Tri-Valley Juneteenth Festival, now in its fourth year, is back in Livermore's Bankhead

Plaza this year on Saturday (June 15), showcasing dancing, music, speeches and local Black-owned businesses in celebration of the 158th anniversary of the first Juneteenth in 1866 that marked the end of slavery in the United States.

The event is expected to garner hundreds of attendees, with Las Positas College President Dyrell Foster and activist Ramona Tascoc set to speak at the free, family-friendly event organized by Tri-Valley for Black Lives (TV4BL).

Bay Area performer, community organizer and educator Jamey

Williams is set to host this year's six-hour lineup, with this year marking his first time at the event.

"I am excited to see how the Tri-Valley does Juneteenth," Williams said in an announcement from TV4BL. "We are going to sing and dance and have a great time celebrating this important holiday."

Following the numerous performers and speakers in the hours-long lineup kicking off at 10 a.m. Saturday, the celebration is set to continue with the East Bay Get Down Dance Battle from 4-6 p.m.

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## Galletti picked as Sunol finalist

School board to vote on contract for new superintendent

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees announced last week that it has found a finalist in the search to replace longtime superintendent and principal Molleen Barnes, according to the district.

In a press release on June 5, Shay Galletti — current Pleasanton Unified School District coordinator of early literacy and numeracy — was named as Barnes' potential successor. The Sunol school board still needs to approve Galletti's appointment. Her official start date has yet to be determined.

"I am honored to have been chosen as the finalist for the superintendent/principal position at Sunol Glen School District," Galletti said in the press release. "I look forward to collaborating with the dedicated staff, students and community members to continue the tradition of academic excellence and student-centered learning



Shay Galletti

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# Council approves extension of Stoneridge Mall expansion terms

Lack of progress on private redevelopment project frustrates city leaders

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Expanding the Stoneridge Shopping Center while developing housing has been an ongoing goal for the Pleasanton City Council, which is why the members voiced their concerns during last week's meeting where they found out that virtually no progress has been made on either front.

The delays, according to city staff and the property owners of the mall, can't be boiled down to one problem — some blame internal conflicts between property owners while others said the developer and main property manager, Simon Property Group, need to show more effort.

But, there is still a desire to at least try and move the project forward. That's why the council unanimously waived the first reading of an ordinance to approve a sixth amendment to the development agreement between the city and the mall owners, which outlines a timeline where either some progress will be made, or the city will have to figure out a way to redevelop the mall site and pay for it rather than have the property owners pay.

"There's a huge opportunity here, we're sitting on a really large site ... and the fact that we are having to pull teeth to get people to come to it and to plan it is really quite painful," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said during the June 4 meeting. "I do believe this gives us the opportunity to get us moving in the right direction."

"I don't know if there's going to be enough of a draw for everyone or if folks can figure out how to work together, but this is a good shot at it and taking a year to figure that out and hopefully get some progress made on the planning side is a good investment of our time," Beaudin added. "Our alternative as the city is to pay for it ourselves, and we just don't have the resources to do that right now."

According to community development director Ellen Clark, the city originally approved what's known as a development agreement for the expansion of the shopping center by 178,000 square feet in 1992.

Development agreements are contracts authorized by state law that provide property owners with more certainty about entitlements and obligations that apply to their property. It provides legally binding promises that developers can build projects while also promising that the city doesn't have to provide infrastructure or pay fees for those projects.

Since the original development agreement for commercial expansion in 1992, there have been five subsequent amendments to the agreement with the last one having been approved by the current council in December. The agreement,

since the fifth amendment, had approved a 362,790-square-foot shopping center expansion.

But when the council approved that expansion extension amendment late last year, it also emphasized the importance of the mall's long-term vitality, which ties into the property owners' plans to reimagine what the mall will look like and how to incorporate housing surrounding it.

The city even spent its own money, as Beaudin pointed out, to get started on a Stoneridge Mall Framework, which laid out how many housing units would be allocated to the shopping center area as part of the city's new Housing Element cycle.

Despite that, many of the councilmembers asked the same questions last week: Why hasn't anything been done since December, and will they ever see any progress done toward the project?

"There have been delays on getting this going — progress has not been happening," Councilmember Valerie Arkin said. "The mall is struggling ... that affects the property owners as well."

She and others on the council asked staff and the property owners why there hasn't been any progress on design or planning work, which was met with a wide range of answers.

Clark said that the developer had faced legal threats from a labor group and saw changes in key personnel who mainly dealt with the Stoneridge Mall, which detracted Simon Property Group from achieving any progress.

She also said there was a lack of ability to come to a consensus for how to move forward with the expansion, which is why the owners need to meet more and begin these discussions again in earnest, which is what the city hopes to achieve through this sixth amendment extension they just approved.

However, one main point that was repeatedly brought up was the reciprocal easement agreement (REA) between all the mall property owners, which speaks to the nuts and bolts of shared resources located at the overall shopping center property.

That's why the city's sixth amendment extension has various criteria that, if not met, means the city must move forward without the financial help of the property owners.

The key terms of the proposal is that Simon Property Group will extend the term to six months and pay a nonrefundable \$50,000 contribution to the city to advance the master planning for the future of the mall.

During these next six months, Simon will be working on getting matching funding from the other

mall owners to support future planning efforts.

If the property owner can get the other mall owners to put in \$150,000, then the development agreement will be extended for another 18 months — if Simon comes up with the \$150,000 then the agreement will be extended another 24 months.

Beaudin and staff noted that even \$200,000 is not enough money for the design work needed — he estimated around \$1 million is needed — but the developer from Simon said it would hopefully help to get the project started.

"It is just seed money," Cecily Barclay, a developer who has been working on this expansion since 2016, said during the meeting.

But as Barclay said, if they can't get the money and the property group decides to not spend any more money, they will have to figure out a different way to move forward even though she said that is not what her bosses want to do.

She said the latest extension was the best way for the city and the developers to work together and bring all the other property owners on the same page and get some progress done on this expansion.

"This is not a perfect solution — it's certainly not a perfect situation — but we do advocate and ask that we move forward in the way that this development agreement provides," Barclay said.

She also noted that if Simon doesn't get funding from the other owners within the next six months and puts in the \$150,000 on top of the original \$50,000, then it will still try to get the other owners involved financially during the next two years.

Some of the owners, however, spoke out during the meeting and said they did want to work together and get the planning done. They just had some issues with the development agreement and with Simon.

"We want to be at the table," Jerry Hunt, who is part of the ownership group at JCPenney, told the council. "So what is the development agreement? It does nothing for the other owners of the mall, it does nothing for the city other than maybe an instrument of enforcement of progress."

Hunt said he and other property owners went to the meeting to show they want to get back to discussions and move forward with the planning, but he added that the city needs to have clear milestones and objectives so that it can decide if it wants to keep going after six months.

As part of the discussion, the council asked Beaudin to commit to bringing the expansion amendment for an update one year from now. ■

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## June Pleasanton Real Estate Market Update — Inventory Rising

The Pleasanton real estate market was steady as she goes in May. While we saw a fairly large increase in inventory, it remains well below normal levels, and the best listings are still being snapped up quickly.

Let's take a dive into the numbers for May.

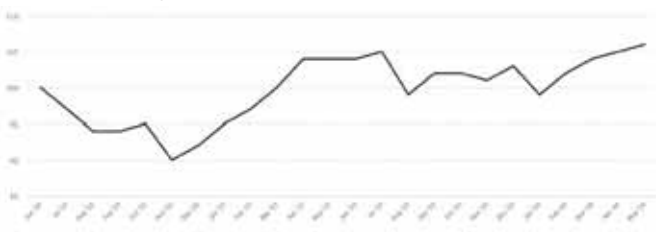
**Supply/Inventory:** We saw more homes come on the market in May, which is normal. There were 65 single family homes available at the end of May, which is 51% higher than April and 76% higher than May of 2023. While this surge in inventory is notable, it is still well below what we would see in a normal/balanced market. Historically it is normal to see around 150 homes on the market, and at times in the past we have seen over 200 homes on the market

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**Pleasanton Market Report**  
 Data for May 2024 — Single Family Detached Homes

	MAY 2024	CHANGE FROM APR 2024	CHANGE FROM MAY 2023
Homes sold	56	+3.4%	+3.7%
Homes for sale	65	+51%	+76%
Median days on market	8	+0%	+14%
Median price per square foot	\$906	+0.8%	+5.7%
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# Former Hearst secretary Flynn running for District 4 seat

‘While PUSD faces challenges, there are also great opportunities for growth’

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A former Hearst Elementary School administrative secretary and Pleasanton Unified School District parent is throwing her hat in the ring for the school board election to represent District 4, according to her campaign.



Jen Flynn

Longtime Pleasanton resident Jen Flynn announced her bid for the seat during her campaign launch event on June 1 where over 100 people, including teachers, administrators and even current District 4 Trustee Steve Maher, all showed their support for Flynn.

“While PUSD faces challenges, there are also great opportunities for growth,” Flynn said in a June 3 press release. “As your elected trustee for

District 4, I will represent the community and be a strong advocate for all students, teachers and staff.”

Maher previously told the Weekly he will not be running for reelection this year, which means the District 4 seat is up for grabs. Flynn is the second person to announce they will be running for the seat this November. Her only opponent thus far is Pleasanton resident and Hayward teacher Charlie Jones.

Flynn moved to Pleasanton with her husband in 2014 to raise their three sons. She said right from the beginning, she realized how important funding was for the schools and decided to get involved with the Hearst Parent Teacher Association.

She had been at the PTA there up until 2023 and even served as president — she was also PTA president at Pleasanton Middle School. She eventually saw a job opportunity open up at Hearst, which is when she was hired.

Apart from her time on the

PTA and as a PUSD employee, Flynn is currently a member of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation Board of Directors. She is also the vice chair of the superintendent’s Budget Advisory Committee, which is currently looking at both short term and long term solutions to address the district’s budget shortfalls and deficit.

While she said budget cuts are not easy to deal with, she believes her experience from all her different roles give her a unique perspective that could be beneficial when the school board will need to make difficult decisions in the future.

“One of the ways I would (make budgeting decisions) would be to do my investigations, listen to the people,” Flynn told the Weekly. “I’m a big community-oriented advocate ... and so taking in the information from the community and then making the best decisions based on all the information that you have, I

think is the best way for you to make informed decisions on budget cuts.”

She also said looking at other potential funding sources to help cover things like music and the arts, and utilizing those funds is important to her because she believes that is not currently happening.

Apart from budget issues, Flynn said her other priorities as a trustee would be better communication and transparency so that the district can really listen to what the community has to say on certain issues.

“We may not always agree on everything but I really believe that when a community comes together and the board members listen ... you really do get to the best answers when everybody is collaborating together,” she said.

That also goes for the board members themselves, Flynn added. She said that while trustees might not get along or see eye to eye on certain topics, it’s important for them to put the students and

community above all else.

“It’s really important that we respect each other, collaborate together, because ultimately we’re here to serve our students and our teachers and our staff,” Flynn said. “And so if we can stay focused on that, then we really will make the best decisions.”

She also said the transparency aspect is important because they look at things like the budget and there has been a lot of distrust in the community toward the district, which she hopes to repair.

According to Flynn, trustees Laurie Walker, Justin Brown and Maher have all expressed their support for her candidacy. “She connects with people and has the right frame of mind to do what’s best for the children. I fully endorse her and want her to take my place,” Maher said in the press release.

More information about Flynn’s campaign can be found at [votejen-flynn.com](http://votejen-flynn.com). ■

# McCorriston selected as interim Dublin mayor

Dais now looks to fill council seat amid reshuffling after Hernandez left for BART board

BY JEANITA LYMAN

The city of Dublin has seen a changing of the guard in the mayor’s office last week, with now-former mayor Melissa Hernandez saying goodbye to her colleagues and the City Council swearing in first-term Councilmember Michael McCorriston to the position for the remainder of her term.



Michael McCorriston

Hernandez resigned as mayor effective 6 p.m. June 4, formally announcing the move days earlier following her appointment to the BART Board of Directors last month. The Dublin City Council began their regular meeting at 7 p.m. that day with a recognition of her years of service as mayor, then ended the meeting by swearing in McCorriston to the position through the end of the year.

“To the residents of Dublin, I am grateful,” Hernandez said in a video message distributed by the city. “Your unwavering support, dedication and passion for this city has been the true driving force behind every decision as your mayor.”

Vice Mayor Sherry Hu led the June 4 evening meeting in the brief absence of a sitting mayor ahead of McCorriston’s appointment and swearing-in towards the end of the meeting.

Hu — a candidate for mayor in the upcoming November election — said that she was willing to be considered

for the interim position, but agreed with a sentiment heard in some public comments ahead of their discussion that it would not be in the best interest of the city’s democratic process to appoint someone currently running for mayor to carry out the remainder of Hernandez’s term.

“I understand the concerns raised around these elections, and we want to ensure a fair process,” Hu said at the meeting.

With two out of four councilmembers — Hu and Jean Josey — currently in the midst of mayoral campaigns for the November election, that caveat left only two sitting councilmembers who could fill the role.

While Councilmember Kashef Qaadri said he would accept the position if that was the council’s decision, doing so would have required the first-term councilmember elected in 2022 to effectively forfeit the remainder of the term he was elected to, which expires in 2026.

“I’m not advocating for myself by any stretch of the imagination, but if we’re stuck in a position where we can’t make a decision, I’m happy to do that,” Qaadri said.

Josey also said she would comply with the council should they appoint her to the mayor’s seat, but added that she did not think it was in the best interest of the city for either Qaadri or herself — both currently in terms expiring in 2026 — to forfeit the remainder of their terms in order to take the position.

“It just throws further uncertainty into the process,” Josey said.

The council had other options to consider beyond an internal

appointment to the mayor’s seat — appointing an eligible resident not currently in office, or choosing to leave the position vacant until the results of the November election are declared. McCorriston voiced his opposition to the former choice and advocated that the council choose to fill the mayor’s seat internally.

“We have our differences of opinions, but we have what it takes,” McCorriston said. “We should be

focusing on one of us here, and not so concerned about whether we’re going to lose something or not — put aside our personal agendas and focus on what’s in the best interest of our city.”


McCorriston said he was confident that either Hu or Josey would be elected as mayor in November, and that the city’s future mayor would have his full support, but echoed concerns about either one of them stepping into the position on an interim

basis in the midst of their campaigns.

“What I would say is don’t focus on anybody on the outside,” McCorriston said. “Focus on one of us who I believe conveyed neutrality to all of you, and let’s try to get somebody selected tonight, and let’s move forward and get this thing going.”

After reviewing their options, Hu made an initial motion to open applications and consider external candidates for the mayor’s position through November, which was seconded by Josey. Qaadri countered that with a


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# LVJUSD announces Gibson as superintendent finalist

School board to review proposed contract for Amador County administrator next week

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore school board has announced a finalist in the search for the district's new superintendent.

Torie Gibson has been named the board's top candidate for the position following an extensive search and interview process facilitated by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and professional search firm, Leadership Associates.

Pending final contract approval next week, Gibson is poised to succeed outgoing Superintendent Chris Van Schaack, who announced his retirement earlier this year after just



Torie Gibson

two years at the helm of the district, but 37 years in education.

"We were fortunate to have had a number of great candidates to consider during this process, however, I am pleased to say that after careful consideration, Dr. Gibson's selection was unanimous by our Board. We look forward to the new perspectives and ideas she will bring to our district, while also maintaining the momentum of the progress that we've seen in a number of areas," LVJUSD Board President Emily Prusso said in an announcement Monday.

Gibson, who most recently served as dual superintendent for the Amador County Office of Education and Amador County Unified School District, will bring 26 years of educational experience to Livermore.

Gibson's career includes K-12 leadership experience from schools and

districts of varying sizes from both urban and rural areas throughout San Joaquin, Sacramento, Nevada and Amador counties. In addition to her nine years of superintendent experience, she has served in vice principal, principal and director of program improvement roles.

According to LVJUSD's announcement, Gibson believes the overall educational success of students requires a focus on both their academic and social-emotional needs, which aligns with LVJUSD's Framework for Success. To achieve the educational goals desired for students, Gibson maintains that creating a strong team on a foundation of transparency and trust is paramount.

"Collaboration and open communication are essential to creating a cohesive culture. Successful leadership requires approachability and

consistent engagement with those inside and outside the organization," Gibson said in the press release.

Gibson earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and an administrative credential from California State University, Sacramento; a Masters in Education counseling from Chapman University; and a doctorate degree in organizational leadership from the University of LaVerne.

The daughter of a now-retired teacher, Gibson grew up in Red Bluff where her family was involved in cattle ranching. She will relocate to Livermore with her husband Mark and their Portuguese water dog, Pavlov.

"I am excited to become a part of the Livermore community. My goal is to build on the strong foundation that exists and to work collaboratively to ensure that we

continue providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students," Gibson said. "I look forward to meeting each of you, hearing your ideas, and working together to achieve great things for our schools and community. Thank you for welcoming me to Livermore. I am eager to get started and to embark on this exciting journey with all of you."

Gibson's employment contract will be presented for board approval at its regularly scheduled meeting set for next Tuesday (June 18).

Although the district previously noted a plan to have its new superintendent begin work July 1, their announcement Monday said that Gibson's start date is yet to be determined but is planned to be well in advance of the start of the 2024-25 school year, which begins Aug. 13. ■

## Turnover continues for TVC with new executive search underway

Taggart has been nonprofit's interim leader since unpublicized departure of Epstein last fall

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley Conservancy is in the midst of its third executive director search in as many years after quietly elevating an internal official months ago to shepherd the land preservation nonprofit on an interim basis following its latest leadership departure.

In the wake of the nonprofit issuing a press release as part of its open recruitment for a new executive director, TVC Board Chair Mark Triska confirmed to the Weekly that David Epstein, who was hired in March 2022, left the organization last fall and director of finance and operations Jennifer Taggart has been serving as interim executive director

ever since. The leadership transition appears to not have been readily publicized by the nonprofit before.

"The terms of his departure are confidential," Triska said by email this week.

While speaking positively about Taggart's interim leadership and optimistically about the ongoing search for a permanent successor, Triska acknowledged the instability at TVC since former executive director Laura Mercier stepped down three years ago.

"Tri-Valley Conservancy has been undergoing a period of transition since our longtime executive director of 15 years retired in June 2021. Our Board of Directors is committed to

finding the right leader to guide TVC into the future," said Triska, who is chairing the search committee.

Following Mercier's retirement, the TVC board in July 2021 brought in Laura Antrim, who had prior experience with The Wine Group and BART. But Antrim only lasted five months, departing unexpectedly toward the end of 2021 and resulting in then-board chair Lori Souza being inserted as acting executive director.

Epstein, formerly CEO of CharityAdvantage, was selected as the next permanent executive director after a recruitment process that occurred in early 2022.

The exact date and reason for Epstein's departure after just over a

year with TVC remain unclear. The nonprofit's website says Taggart, who first joined TVC in January 2023, "stepped up as our interim executive director" in the fall of 2023. Attempts to contact Epstein have been unsuccessful to date.

Now, according to Triska, TVC is focused on positioning itself for leadership stability with the hiring search and the temporary ascension of Taggart, whom he called "highly capable". He noted that the nonprofit also inked a consultant contract with Megan Fluke, former executive director of Palo Alto-based environmental nonprofit Green Foothills.

"While leadership transitions can be challenging, TVC remains focused on our core mission and priorities," Triska said, later adding, "Despite recent changes, TVC is well-positioned to continue making a positive impact

in the Tri-Valley region."

"Our incoming executive director will spearhead exciting initiatives, including expanding our conservation easements, developing partnerships for habitat preservation, and securing funding for vital infrastructure projects like the sewer extension in South Livermore Valley as approved by the voters of Livermore in 2022," he said. "They will also oversee the growth of our youth education programs and the implementation of various programs to support local agriculture."

The board has elicited support from consultant firm Potrero Group for its executive search, with the application window closing next Monday (June 17). Triska said the directors hope to have a new executive director in place by late summer or early autumn.

"TVC seeks a visionary leader with proven experience in strategic planning, nonprofit operations, and community outreach. The ideal candidate will be a skilled communicator, collaborative bridge-builder, and passionate advocate for our mission," Triska said. ■



MOMS DEMAND ACTION

### Wear Orange Weekend 2024

Civic leaders, community organizers, local advocates and residents gathered at Lions Wayside Park in Pleasanton last Saturday in a show of support for Wear Orange Weekend to raise awareness about gun violence and prevention initiatives. Organized by the Livermore Valley chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, the event featured guest speakers, resource tables with information on violence intervention, mental health support and suicide prevention, and activities for adults and children such as "Chalk About Gun Violence" where people wrote gun safety messages on the sidewalk.

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motion to appoint McCorrison as mayor, which was also seconded by Josey and approved unanimously by the council.

With a campaign currently underway for reelection to his council seat, McCorrison committed to not running for mayor in the coming election and to handing the torch to the winning candidate at the end of the term in December.

"I think one of you will be very good mayors, and I'd like to see it that way," McCorrison said.

McCorrison was subsequently sworn-in as mayor at approximately 10:40 p.m., but the move is not

the end of the road for reshuffling on the council, with McCorrison's seat now vacant. At the conclusion of the discussion, councilmembers directed staff to open applications for McCorrison's council seat and planned to review applications at their next regular meeting on Tuesday (June 18).

While Dublin is beginning to transition from at-large to district-based elections starting in November, the current vacancy left by McCorrison's appointment is for an at-large seat through the remainder of his current term expiring in December. Applications were open to those who are both residents and registered voters of Dublin through Wednesday. ■

# Marchand praises Livermore's spirit at State of the City

Blacksmith Square expansion, Vineyard Resource Center and airport plans among topics in mayor's speech

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore Mayor John Marchand recently delivered his second state of the city address since his return to the helm of the city in 2022.

In his remarks on May 23, Marchand highlighted the special and unique spirit of Livermore that has persisted for more than 100 years. To illustrate his point, he shared a clip from a 1924 ad in The Livermore Journal that compared the community-driven spirit of Livermore to the hustle and bustle of larger cities like New York and Chicago.

The theme of Livermore's cohesive ethos carried on throughout Marchand's speech as he provided an overview of the city budget, at which point he echoed similar sentiments

he has shared in the past about public safety being a top priority for Livermore with nearly half of the city's budget going toward police and fire departments.

"The budget is a numerical representation of your priorities, so your top priority is where you spend the most money and our top priority in Livermore is public safety," Marchand said.

Community development, public works and the library are among some of the other expenses accounted for in the city's budget, according to Marchand's presentation which took place at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

"A lot of people talk about 'A city should be run like a business,' that's nonsense," Marchand said. "Cities do

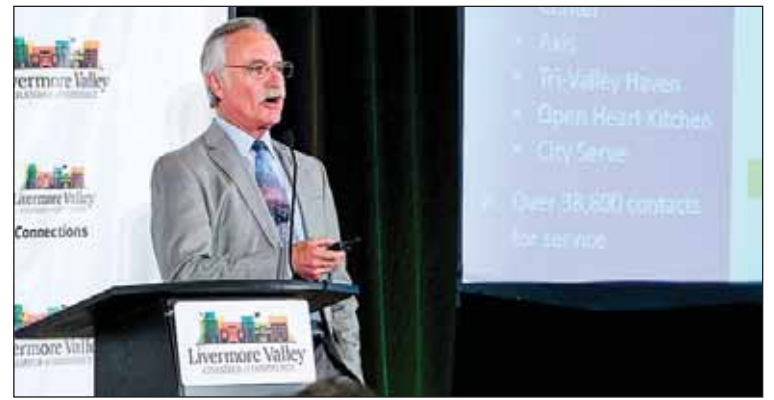
things much better than some businesses. It's very important that we run a very efficient operation and I assure you that Livermore is very efficient. We do a great job, the people here are dedicated and passionate," he added.

He used examples of resources like the public library and police and fire departments to reiterate that much of what makes a city different from a business is being about public service and community service.

Among other updates Marchand discussed was the recent groundbreaking of the Blacksmith Square expansion, which had taken place just two days before the state of the city event and celebrated the start of construction on the project that is set to bring approximately 13,000 square feet of additional retail and restaurant space adjacent to Stockmen's Park, including a three-story building with a second-floor restaurant and rooftop dining.

He also touched on a number of ongoing capital improvement projects, the General Plan update, the Climate Action Plan and the ongoing Livermore airport land use analysis to help determine current and future uses for the airport as a regional asset.

The mayor also highlighted the plans to transition airport fuels to



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Livermore Mayor John Marchand delivers his State of the City address on May 23.

unleaded which are already underway, following the city's approval of a resolution amending the minimum standards for commercial aeronautical activities to require the provision of unleaded aviation fuel.

Marchand's mention of the opening of the Vineyard Resource Center — also known as Vineyard 2.0 — was met with applause from the audience. The facility offers supportive housing and services to support low-income families and people who are unhoused.

Although earlier in his speech Marchand emphasized the difference between a city organization and a

business, he did take the time to shout out the many new businesses that have made a home in Livermore — bringing jobs, diverse food options, goods and services to the community in recent months and contributing to the city's economic vitality. Some of those include Patisserie by Simone, Ululani's Hawaiian Shave Ice, Teaspoon boba shop, JOLLI Faces balloon art studio and The Fat Pigeon bar, among several others.

For those who missed it, Marchand's speech is airing on TV30 through the end of the month at various days and times and streaming at tv30.org. ■

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that defines Sunol Glen School."

Galletti has a long history with the Pleasanton school district as she began her career teaching fifth grade at Alisal Elementary and then Hearst Elementary schools before moving up to become a principal at Fairlands Elementary School from 2015 to 2019, according to her LinkedIn.

She was also the PUSD director of elementary education for some time before she became the coordinator of early literacy and numeracy.

The Sunol school board has been on the search for someone to replace beloved superintendent and principal Barnes ever since she announced that she will be retiring this past February.

In the past few months, the Alameda County Office of Education agreed to help pay about \$13,000 for the hiring of a superintendent search firm, which the Sunol school board unanimously agreed during its March 12 meeting would be Leadership Associates, an employment firm based in Glendora — located in Los Angeles County.

The firm had an aggressive timeline to find someone by this summer, which had been met with some public doubt — but now after several interview sessions with the board and community forums with the search firm, it seems like Sunol might have its new superintendent and principal.

According to the Sunol press release, the school board has expressed its unanimous support for Galletti's appointment, which the board is set to vote on during its board meeting next Tuesday (June 18).

"The three members of the Sunol Glen School Board are all, with consensus, thrilled with the opportunity to present Ms. Shay Galletti as our choice for finalist to serve as the next Superintendent/Principal of our impressive historic school," Board President Ryan Jergensen

stated in the press release.

In her 24 years of experience in education, Galletti is bringing a wealth of knowledge to the Sunol community, according to the press release. She has a master's degree in early childhood education from Saint Mary's College, which combined with her focus on literacy and her other personal qualities, made her the ideal candidate for the job in Sunol.

"Ms. Galletti brings an impressively deep base of knowledge and experience from elementary school teaching, leading a school as principal, district administration, and a focus on literacy and early childhood development," Jergensen said. "With this and her outstanding personal qualities, it was clear that Ms. Galletti is the one to continue the momentum of educational excellence for which our school has come to be known."

Apart from her work at PUSD, Galletti also worked almost 10 years at the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program, according to her LinkedIn, which offers underrepresented, college-bound students an alternative to traditional schooling pathways. She taught the program in Livermore and Pleasanton, and according to the Sunol press release, she was in charge of evaluating and coordinating all of the district's programs at certain schools.

According to the press release, the Sunol board believes Galletti's leadership, dedication to student success and her focus on early childhood development were key factors in the selection process. The trustees also believe "her vision for enhancing literacy initiatives and fostering a culture of innovation aligns with the district's goals for continuous improvement and community engagement."

"The district looks forward to the leadership and vision that Ms. Galletti will bring to Sunol Glen School as it continues its tradition of academic excellence and student-centered learning," Jergensen said. ■



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# Culinary Angels hosting inaugural benefit concert

'Life Rocks' raising funds for cancer nonprofit — with food, drinks and music

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley cancer patient support nonprofit Culinary Angels is looking to bring the community together for a fun evening during the first weekend of summer while raising support and awareness for its cause.

The organization's first-ever

"Life Rocks" benefit concert in Livermore will feature food trucks, local beer and wine, and live entertainment from opener Lot 49, a reggae-inspired pop group with Livermore roots, and headliner Meredith McHenry, known for her "unique stylistic sound blending blues to rock and funk to pop,"

according to organizers.

"We are hoping to create a fun summer vibe where people can eat, drink, and enjoy themselves," Executive Director Lisa McNaney said in a press release. "We are excited to be partnering with 3 Steves Winery and look forward to a unique concert experience."

Founded eight years ago by McNaney, drawing inspiration from her own health journey, Culinary Angels is a volunteer-driven nonprofit that provides organic meals and nutrition education to cancer patients and their caregivers in all five Tri-Valley communities free-of-charge. "Our service visually represents a healthy, healing meal, as well as providing critical ingredients that

promote fortification at a time in a person's life where they can experience the benefits," McNaney says on its website.

The "Life Rocks" benefit concert is set for 6-10 p.m. next Saturday (June 22) at 3 Steves Winery on Greenville Road in Livermore. The event fundraising is being supplemented by an online-only auction with a range of offerings. To learn more, fundraiser. support/liferocks. ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Community members and city leaders turn out for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Emerald High School in Dublin on June 8.

## A green party

Dublin celebrates Emerald High ribbon-cutting

By JEREMY WALSH

The Dublin community joined together last weekend to mark another milestone in the development of Emerald High School — the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new campus due to open to students in August.

Constructed to help address overcrowding at Dublin High and equitability concerns for the east side of town amid Dublin's residential growth over the last two decades, Emerald will welcome its first students (the freshman and sophomore classes only) when the new academic year starts. An additional class will be brought on each

ensuing year while work on Phases II and III continues at the campus, in anticipation of full capacity at around 2,500 students starting with the 2026-27 term.

"We are two months away from a moment we have looked forward to for years. Aug. 13, the first day of classes on the Emerald campus, will be a milestone event for the City of Dublin. On that day, Emerald students will start to write the Emerald High story. We can't wait to see how that story unfolds," Dublin Unified School District Superintendent Chris Funk told Embarcadero Media Foundation after the June 8 ceremony.

The estimated \$347 million

project, which has been in the works for more than six years, is located at 3600 Central Pkwy., a 23.46-acre property that borders Dublin Boulevard and is blocks from Fallon Sports Park and Interstate 580.

Phase I of construction included the admin building, classroom tower one, student union, visual and performing arts center, library, gym and sports field, among other elements that are now complete. Phase II will include another academic tower, more visual and performing arts space, and stadium bleachers, while Phase III will focus on the 600-seat Catherine Kuo Performing Arts Center, according to district officials. ■

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retiree medical benefits to employees, implementing energy and water efficiency projects and establishing a pension trust to pay down the city's unfunded liability."

However, even after all that, staff believe a half cent sales tax increase is the best way to address these budget shortfalls.

"Sales tax revenues are paid by out-of-town visitors patronizing the city's retail, dining, lodging and entertainment businesses, as do local residents," according to the staff report. "Costs generated by visitors who impact Pleasanton's local infrastructure can appropriately be supported through a local sales tax measure."

The deliberations all started back

in 2023 when the council directed staff to conduct a public opinion poll last September to seek input from the community regarding the city's service priorities and to identify potential options for increasing revenues.

After the city explored other revenue source options, the focus shifted to the possibility of placing the half-cent sales tax increase on the November 2024 ballot.

That's why during a December meeting, the council directed staff to launch a comprehensive outreach plan to "engage, inform, gather, and listen to input from residents and other stakeholders on city needs and the proposed plan to meet these needs."

Staff met with community leaders and local community groups to talk about the budget deficit and to gather

questions and feedback for the City Council. Those engagement results were presented to the council during the June 4 meeting.

A second public opinion poll was then conducted in May to reassess the viability of the half-cent sales tax measure, which the results of the poll will be presented during Tuesday's meeting.

The council will also be providing staff direction on the content of legislation that would be approved at a future council meeting set to be held no later than July 16 and will discuss the content of information that will be used to communicate with residents regarding the sales tax measure.

The City Council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday (June 18). The full agenda can be accessed via the city's website. ■

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More information and a full lineup of performers and vendors is available on TV4BL's Facebook page.

While the upcoming festival is the main Juneteenth event in the Tri-Valley, the occasion is also set to be marked starting with a smaller celebration at the Pleasanton Public Library as part of its Cultural Celebration series followed by a three-night run of the one-act play "The White Card" hosted by Asbury United Methodist Church.

The celebration hosted by the Pleasanton's Library and Recreation Department is set to consist of two hours of music, dance, arts and craft booths, and live storytelling from author and podcast host Brother Ben Tucker. The event is free and open to the public, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday (June 15) on the patio of the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Ave.

The staged reading of "The White Card" — written by Claudia Rankine and set in 2017 following the 2016 election — is set for the 4743 East Ave. in Livermore next Tuesday through Thursday (June 18-20) at 7:30 p.m. with all performances free

and open to the public.

The approximately hour-long performances are set to be followed by discussions with the cast, including Apryl Chauhan, Don Faul, Kim Risedorph, Truett Malakoff and Jon Hart.

The upcoming production is directed by Martie Muldoon, who was a cast member in the play during a production last winter that was organized by Pittsburg Community Theater and the Pinole Community Players, according to an announcement from organizers with the church.

The experience inspired Muldoon to bring the production to the Tri-Valley, event organizers said, with the church's anti-racism committee sponsoring the production after she approached them with the idea.

"The White Card" stages a conversation that is both informed and derailed by the black/white American drama," Rankine said in a quote provided by church organizers. "The scenes in this one-act play, for all the characters' disagreements, stalemates and seeming impasses, explore what happens if one is willing to stay in the room when it is painful to bear the pressure to listen and the obligation to respond." ■



**Happy Father's Day!** Our editorial director Jeremy Walsh repped one of his son's favorite characters (Zurg from "Toy Story 2") during the family's day at Disney California Adventure Park — although the little guy was back in the hotel asleep for this nighttime Take Us Along.

BY BARBARA CLEMONS

### Taking the voice for homeowners and housing opportunities to Washington, D.C.

Spring and summer are busy times for Realtors as homebuyers and sellers are eager to make a move this time of year.

It's a particularly busy time for me, and my fellow leaders with the Bay East Association of Realtors, as we're also doing important work on housing and homeownership issues far from Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley.

In early May, our team traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for home ownership and to support legislation that creates housing

opportunities for everyone. We met with Reps. Barbara Lee, Ro Khanna and Eric Swalwell to report on the status of our local real estate markets and the impact federal legislation and policies have on the homebuying and selling experience.

One of our top priorities was to share insights about how updating currently restrictive tax policies can increase the housing supply and access to homeownership.

I'm happy to report on H.R. 1321, the "More Homes on the Market Act", which will double the capital

gains exclusion on the sale of a primary residence. This bill has strong bipartisan support and may become law as early as 2025.

The current limits, \$500,000 for married and joint filers, and \$250,000 for single filers, were set in 1997 and haven't kept pace with increasing home sales prices. Increasing the capital gains exclusion could help



many homeowners in Pleasanton who want to make a move but can't afford a massive capital gains tax bill. Making it easier for current Pleasanton homeowners to explore other housing options can increase the supply of housing for those who want to make Pleasanton their home.

We also urged our members of Congress to help incentivize and make homeownership more feasible by increasing the current \$10,000 cap on state and local tax deductions.

We asked that Veterans Administration (VA) loan regulations be updated to allow VA homebuyers to compensate their broker. Our message was received, and the VA is now making policy changes that will help veterans secure professional representation in real estate transactions.

Supporting housing opportunities for all has been, and will continue to be, a priority for Realtors. We spoke up in favor of H.R. 4439, the "Fair and Equal Housing Act". While there are already laws in California providing protection against housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, we asked our Congressmembers to extend this protection nationwide.

I love serving my clients by helping them navigate the complexities of a real estate transaction. I also love being part of the voice for home ownership and housing opportunities and taking that voice to Washington, D.C. to make a difference here in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. ■

*Editor's note: Barbara Clemons is the 2024 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.*

## LETTERS

### New line at the dairy

I want to express my concern over the way the City of Pleasanton has handled enforcement of the new line for the Meadowlark Dairy. The line itself is likely necessary and the kids

who work at the dairy are efficient in helping all the cars. My concern is that the enforcement of the line has been left to the dairy employees, who are mostly kids and young adults.

When someone invariably cuts the line, the kids are exposed to rude, aggressive behavior from adults who don't want to follow the new rules. Already they have been called names, been ignored and even called racists for trying to enforce the line rules. If the city wants to impose this line on the dairy, where are they to install support for them to make this line work during their busiest time of the year?

To make matters worse, there is now a "street preacher" parking himself across the street from the dairy spouting hate speech several times a week. He is adding chaos and aggression among the people in the area and making it even harder for the kids to work. Where is the Pleasanton PD?

The Meadowlark Dairy has been a beloved Pleasanton institution for over 100 years. The Takens family have been generous in their support of local businesses and schools, in addition to bringing business to downtown with their popularity and charm. Pretty much everyone who works at the dairy is a Pleasanton resident. Where is the city and PPD to support and help our own?

I close with a plea to dairy patrons — Be kind! Be calm! It's ice cream!

—Laura Harris

### Stop the scare tactics

I was dismayed to read in the May 31 edition of the Weekly that Pleasanton finance director Susan Hsieh effectively threatened residents with the closure of a local fire station if the proposed sales tax increase is not approved by voters.

No one is minimizing the need

to address the city's budget shortfall. That said, it is insulting that the city is resorting to "scare tactics" to win support for a deeply unpopular measure.

Perhaps it would be more persuasive if the mayor and City Council offered to take voluntary pay cuts instead of trying to intimidate Pleasanton voters.

—Harry Edwards

### Mexican charreadas, the law and animal welfare

California boasts the nation's most comprehensive rodeo law, Penal Code 596.7, the result of 1999 legislation carried by then-Sen. Don Perata (D-Oakland), and sponsored by Oakland-based Action for Animals. The law was amended in 2007 to include the Mexican charreadas common throughout California (AB 1614, by Assemblymember Audra Strickland, R-Thousand Oaks).

Current law requires either an on-site or on-call veterinarian at every rodeo and/or charreada, and bans the use of electric prods in the holding chutes. The law further requires that animal injury reports be submitted to the State Veterinary Medical Board. These reports are public record; email enforcement. [vmb@dca.ca.gov](mailto:vmb@dca.ca.gov).

The law needs amending to require on-site veterinarians at all these events. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, racetracks, horse shows and endurance rides all require on-site veterinarians — so should all rodeos and charreadas.

Incredibly, no charreada injury reports have been submitted to the vet board since 2007. Three of the charreadas' nine scored events involve roping the legs of running horses. In the "steer tailing" event, tails are routinely stripped to the bone ("degloved"), broken, even torn off. It appears that the charro

community is unaware of state law. Please spread the word to help remedy this unacceptable situation.

—Eric Mills, coordinator, Action for Animals

### Read, read and read again

An important election on our horizon means we the voters must sit up and pay attention.

Who wants to read the fine print on all the bills, propositions and candidates in the voter guide? The crickets have it. But, if one can persevere through the fine print, one can sometimes find the most interesting little add-ons that have nothing to do with the title or the origin of the ballot item. And many times, those little add-ons affect we the people in very large ways.

Take Prop 47, for instance. Over a million people guaranteed this item to be on the ballot via the petition system. But, one person, Gavin Newsom, who thinks he should override the million plus, is suing us in California Supreme Court to keep it off the ballot, because in his own words, "There's no need to have it on the ballot."

His state legislative body has put together a clump of bills designed as tough on crime, but has a little add-on saying this clump will be automatically repealed if voters pass Prop 47. Surely our governor and our State Legislature wouldn't coerce or threaten us voters. Read, read, read!

—Phyllis Couper

### Making your energy system safer and more affordable

At PG&E, we recognize that like many goods and services, energy prices are increasing.

Those increases are essential investments to help build a safe, reliable and clean energy system for everyone and support the growing

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Through these actions, we're working hard to reduce your bill in 2025 and 2026.

—Jake Zigelman, PG&E vice president, Bay Area Region

### 80th anniversary of D-Day

Last week we paid honor to those brave servicemen who fought during D-Day June 6, 1944, known as "the longest day".

This battle was a very important strategic victory against the Nazis that ultimately led to the end of the war in Europe. Thousands of U.S. and Allied servicemen gave the ultimate sacrifice during this battle 80 years ago. We must always remember the sacrifice that these brave soldiers did for the free world to help keep it free. Freedom is not free and we should always remember.

If you get a chance you should visit the cemetery in Normandy, France to understand the details of this historic mission (6,939 Allied naval vessels, 156,000 troops, 11,590 aircraft, 23,400 airborne paratroopers and a very large, sad number of casualties). Thank you to those that served during World War II and to all who serve today. God bless America.

—David Ott

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# THE FAIR

Rides, food, races, concerts  
more bring 'that summer



BY JEREMY WALSH

Central Pleasanton will be abuzz with the sights, sounds and tastes of the county fair for the next three weeks and change.

Arriving in town with a theme “That Summer Feeling”, the 2024 Alameda County Fair is set to open its 18-day run this Friday, featuring familiar fan favorites like amusement rides, carnival games, fried foods and cool drinks, horse racing, nightly concerts, artistic and agricultural exhibitions, crafts and retail vendors, and drone shows — plus some new attractions and special events to further pique interests.

After this opening weekend, Pleasanton’s annual summer showcase at the fairgrounds at Valley and Bernal avenues is taking place on Wednesdays through Sundays through July 7, operating from 12-11 p.m. each day, except for shortened hours on Independence Day.

Among the highlights on the schedule for debut day include the initial races on the nation’s oldest 1-mile horse track, “Madagascar” for Movies on the Lawn, a fireworks and drone show at 9:30 p.m. from the Stella Artois Grandstand and R&B and soul singer Johnny Gill (formerly of New Edition) kicking off the Big O Tires Concert Series.

Friday will also mark the unveiling of attractions new to the fair this year including the Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show, a Raptor Show and the “Fields of Gratitude - #thankafarmer” exhibit that spotlights local agriculture contributions.

New too in 2024 is the Foodie’s Choice Awards, which allows visitors to vote on the best culinary and libation creations in the “Crazy New Item” and “Red, White and Blue” categories. Balloting runs through June, with the winners set to be announced on Facebook Live on June 30.

“From the classic favorites like funnel cakes, corn dogs or deep-fried oreos to fresh global cuisine like gyros, ceviche or pineapple teriyaki bowls, we are proud to offer such a wide variety of fair foods,” Alameda County Fair COO Angel Moore said in a press release announcing the new food contest. “With over 100 different food and drink booths, there is something for everyone’s taste buds.”

The fair is also highlighting the tasty treats on the grounds by offering its \$3 Fair Food Bites on the next two Thursdays (June 20 and 27) at participating vendors.

Another hallmark of the Pleasanton fair is racing.

The fairgrounds’ historic track will host live horse races every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (plus Fourth of July), with post time at 1:45 p.m.

Stakes competitions will get out of the gates this Saturday (June 15) with the Mary Clare Schmitt Oaks,

followed by the She’s a Tiger Stakes on June 22, the Oak Tree Sprint on June 29, the Everett Nevin Stakes on July 7 and The Pleasanton Mile (with a \$150,000 payout) on July 7.

Not to be outdone by their galloping four-legged peers, the new Corgi racing event will take over part of the track after each horse race on June 23, and the popular All Alaskan Pig Races return three times daily at the AgVenture Park.

Animals and agriculture are integral to the identity of the annual fair. The small animals and livestock displays draw droves of people daily. The Junior Livestock Auction is set for closing day, July 7.

The indoor and outdoor exhibition areas will also highlight local talents in the creative competitions such as photography, quilting, jewelry, flowers, baking, collectibles and art.

And speaking of special talents, opening weekend will bring together the best male and female

competitive eaters in regional qualifying for the Nathan’s Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest on Saturday (June 15) at 1:30 p.m.

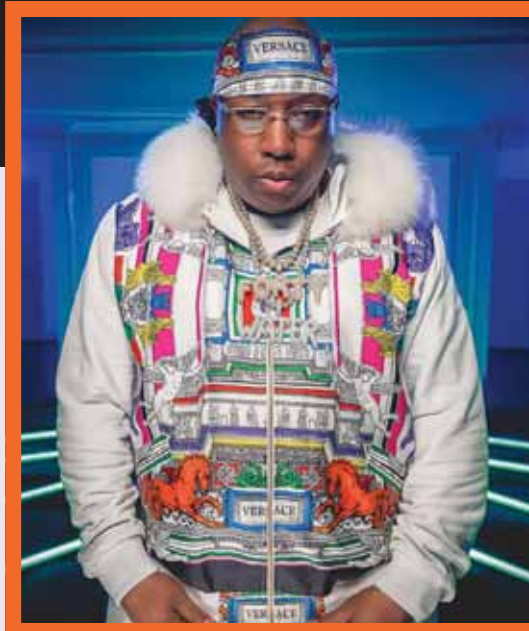
Sunday will feature a special giveaway for Father’s Day, as well as Fiesta at the Fair celebrating Latin culture all day long.

Colombian musical act Sonora Tropicana will play the concert series on Sunday night to round out fiesta day. Budding pop-country singer Ashley Cooke is the other concert performer for opening weekend, taking the stage on Saturday.

It’s an eclectic mix as ever for the Big O Tires Concert Series throughout the fair. While reserved seats are sold out for headliner E-40 on June 20, pre-order tickets remain available for every other concert thus far, according to the fair website. (General admission bleacher seats can still be obtained for the Bay Area rap legend’s concert next Thursday, while supplies last that evening.)

# AWAITS

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Other notable original artists on the bill include Theory of a Deadman on Wednesday (June 19), Exposé next Friday (June 21), Russell Dickerson on June 26, The Fray on June 27, X Ambassadors on July 3 and Grammy-nominated country singer Hunter Hayes on July 5.

The rest of the series offers cover acts: Twist on Taylor (Taylor Swift tribute) on June 22, Corazón De Maná on June 23, Revisiting Creedence on June 28, Lady Winehouse: A Tribute to Amy and Gaga on June 29, Spice Wannabe on June 30, Fast Times: '80s Concert Experience on July 6 and Sublime tribute 40oz to Freedom closing out the concerts on July 7.

"What's great about our concerts is that there really is something for everyone," Moore said in a press release. "Whether you're a fan of classic rock, Latin fusion, pop, country or hip hop, we have it all."

Just outside the concert venue,

the Ava Community Energy Movies on the Lawn Series will bring family entertainment each evening as the sun sets.

After "Madagascar" on Friday, opening weekend will feature "Finding Nemo" on Saturday and "Encanto" on Sunday. Other selections on the schedule include the likes of "Kung Fu Panda," "The Lego Batman Movie," "Lilo & Stitch," "Up," "Curious George" and "Trolls."

Kids 5 years old and younger get into the fair for free, with a discount price available for children 6-12 years old — as well as for seniors 62 years old and up. Elementary school children in Alameda County also received a free admission ticket if their district opted in to the program during the school term, fair officials noted.

Additional special admission promotions include military appreciation every day (one free ticket per valid military ID), First Responders' Day on July 4, Pet Food Drive and

\$1 Rides next Wednesday (June 19), Feed the Need Food Drive and \$1 Rides on June 26 and \$1 Ride Day on July 3. Check the fair website for the discount timeframes.

Other special events on the calendar include the Brew Fest next Saturday (June 22), the Wine Fest on June 29 and Blues at the Fair on June 30. The second (and final) fireworks and drone show is set

for June 28 — there will be drone shows every other evening, except for Fourth of July when the fair closes early at 8 p.m. for the holiday.

And across the grounds there will be a range of hands-on (and hands-off) displays, live entertainment such as motocross, comedy and music, vendor booths (artistic/crafts and commercial retail), special demonstrations and more.

For the full daily schedule, ticket purchases and other information, visit [annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com). ■

COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

The Alameda County Fair offers a wealth of attractions, including carnival rides, fried treats, fireworks, pig races and nightly concerts with acts such as Lady Winehouse and E-40 (shown).



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

**Above:** “Recollecting Home” by Malery Nguyen, digitally printed photographs and xylene transferred text on handmade banana leaf paper, is among the items on display in the “Textures of Remembrance” exhibit at Pleasanton’s Museum on Main. **Below:** Other items in the exhibition include (clockwise from top) this photograph from “The Stories We Carry” series by Vi Son Trinh, a still from “So Long” by Barbara Tran, a work from the “Between Tower and Sea” series by Paul Bonnell and “Textures of my Father” by Terri Trang Le.

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton’s Museum on Main is opening a new exhibit that features 25 pieces of work from Vietnamese artists and writers who attempt to capture the impact the end of the Vietnam War had on the culture and diaspora.

The exhibit, titled “Textures of Remembrance: Vietnamese Artists and Writers Reflect on the Vietnamese Diaspora,” aims to show how refugees from the war were not just people who needed to be saved — they were subjects of artistic and political transformation, according to a May 25 press release from the museum.

“Understandably, much of our framework in the U.S. for the Vietnam War has come through the experiences of Americans who served in it,” Sarah Schaefer, executive director of the museum, said in the press release. “This exhibit gives us a unique opportunity to learn from the perspectives of those Vietnamese who had to flee their country at the end of the war and became refugees.”

April 30, 1975 is a date that many of south Vietnamese descent remember poignantly — it’s a date that marked new beginnings as North Vietnamese forces captured Saigon, capital of South Vietnam, and ended the Vietnam War.

According to the press release, the exhibit at Pleasanton’s museum will reflect on that day from different perspectives in the past and present through written word, visual creations and audiovisual pieces. The goal of the exhibit is to reveal an intimate look at the “diasporic experience that has been gathered, created, collected and re-collected, and imagined and reimagined since 1975.”

Those pieces are meant to showcase personal struggles and memories from those

who lived through that time in Vietnam and who were refugees to demonstrate the continued effects the war has to this day when it comes to issues such as identity, sense of family and community and representation.

“The project aims to present a humanities-driven exploration of the impact of the Vietnam War, collect and share stories in the diasporic Vietnamese community to foster healing and connection, build intergenerational and cross-cultural understanding, and counter stereotypes of and racism towards Vietnamese Americans and refugees,” according to the museum’s press release.

The exhibit also features work made within the Vietnamese diasporic community that looks to humanize the refugee experience from the inside out.

“We also hope that these reflections on the experience of flight, of seeking refuge from catastrophe, will resonate with a lot of people whose families came to America from elsewhere, or that they will spark empathy in people who don’t recognize a personal connection to the refugee experience,” museum curator Ken MacLennan said in the statement.

The pieces that are being showcased in this traveling exhibit were curated by the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network, a nonprofit organization that fosters diasporic Vietnamese and Southeast Asian literary and artistic voices, according to the nonprofit’s website. The exhibit was also created thanks to Exhibit Envoy — a nonprofit that helps provide museums with meaningful and diverse exhibits — and the Oakland Asian Cultural Center.

The exhibit opened to the public earlier this week and will be featured at the museum until Sept. 28. More information is available at [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org). ■



# Page-turner of an exhibit at Livermore Library gallery

‘A Novel Twist: The Art of Books’ on display through June 30

BY JEANITA LYMAN

Summer reading in Livermore is taking on a “novel twist” this year with a new art exhibit on display in the art gallery of the city’s main library.

“A Novel Twist: The Art of Books” is a joint effort with Livermore Valley Arts, aiming to capture the spirit of reading and literature with a range of art works that diverge in techniques but are unified around the same theme, as well as the spirit of summer reading.

Pieces in the exhibit include collage work, altered books and wall art, with some being made of book covers or pages, with others taking a less-literal twist on the theme and using more conventional media inspired by literature.

The exhibit “puts a spin on that ‘required summer reading’ everyone remembers from their youth,” according to an announcement from organizers.

“The public is invited to escape the heat and come witness this playful intersection of literature and visual art in this exciting Library exhibition,” LVA organizers said in an announcement on May 17.

One example from the exhibit of a

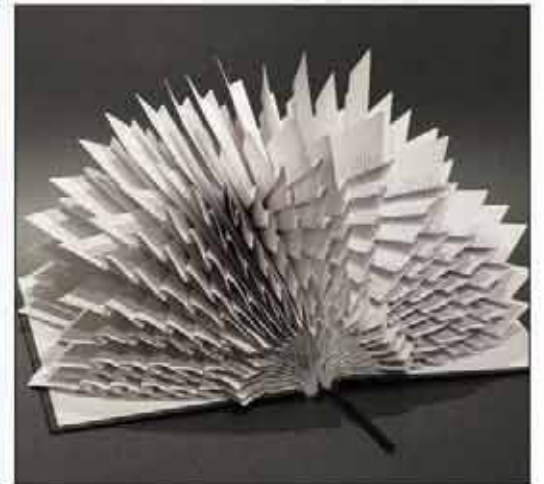
more traditional artistic medium is “Aja Reads” — a drawing of a woman sitting and reading with a look of satisfaction and contentment on her face by Big Al Lopez.

Phyllis Gooden’s “Love Songs for the Broken Hearted” is another example, featuring a painting of a woman as its base, but amplified with cut outs of poetry and book covers for Gooden’s own literary works.

Goran Konjevod’s “Origami Book,” consisting of an open book with artistically folded pages spilling out into a fan shape, serves as an example of the three-dimensional pieces and collage work on display in the exhibit, along with Vera Lowdermilk’s “Pages in Harmony,” a violin sculpted out of sheet music pages.

A majority of the pieces on display are available for purchase by emailing gallery@lvpac.org.

“A Novel Twist” is open through June 30 in Civic Center Library’s art gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. during open hours from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. ■



Pieces in “A Novel Twist” exhibit include (clockwise from top) “Aja Reads” by Big Al Lopez, “Origami Book” by Goran Konjevod, “Pages in Harmony” by Vera Lowdermilk and “Love Songs” by Phyllis Gooden. COURTESY LVA



Photo from “Resident Portrait Session” series for Goodness Village. RON ESSEX PHOTOGRAPHY

# ‘Faces of Our Community’ highlights work of nonprofits

New photo exhibition at Bankhead alongside separate display of art depicting local homeless folks

BY JEREMY WALSH

The art gallery spaces at the Bankhead Theater now feature separate exhibits portraying humanity in the Tri-Valley.

“Faces of Our Community: Tri-Valley Nonprofits through Photography” opened last month and runs through Aug. 4 in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the downtown Livermore venue. Then over in the Founders Room for the same period, “Community II” focuses on black-and-white acrylic paintings of unhoused or unsheltered people around Livermore by Bay Area artist John Iacono.

Described as a “heartwarming exhibition that shows the beauty of all of the nonprofits that are around us daily” by Livermore Valley Arts officials, “Faces of Our Community” seeks out to capture the hard work and human impact at the heart of charities across the region.

“The photography of this ‘home-grown’

exhibit demonstrates a keen eye for storytelling and documents the diverse spectrum of nonprofit initiatives, ranging from environmental conservation and social justice to healthcare and education and the arts,” LVA reps said. “Viewers are invited to be moved by these photographs, which highlight the collaborative efforts that bind our communities together, showcasing the transformative impact of collective action.”

Pictures were taken by a range of local photographers, such as Chuck Deckert, Ron Essex and Christina Gray, who use their camera skills to support local nonprofits. Deckert, who is also a freelancer for Embarcadero Media Foundation’s East Bay Division, has five photos in the exhibition, including three taken on assignment for the Pleasanton Weekly for its August 2023 cover story on Open Heart Kitchen.

Other participating nonprofits include

Livermore Valley Opera, Pedrozzi Foundation, Valley Humane Society, Cheza Nami, Culinary Angels, Sunflower Hill, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and Livermore Neighbors Care, among others, according to LVA.

The photography exhibit, which is free to the public, is open from 1-5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays as well as before or after Bankhead shows. An opening reception was held on June 1.

Also available through Aug. 4, in the gallery’s Founders Room, is a collection of large-format paintings created by Iacono in 2017 and 2018 highlighting homelessness in the Livermore area by depicting the people affected.

“There will be a handful of these compelling paintings, featuring powerful glimpses at a group that is often neglected but is indeed part of our community, too,” LVA officials said of the “Community II” exhibition. ■

# Pleasanton art school student wins congressional competition

Parachuri’s submission ‘Simply Chaos’ to be displayed in U.S. Capitol

BY JEANITA LYMAN

Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) has announced the top finishers in his district’s Congressional Art Challenge, with Tri-Valley students being named as two of the three leading artists in this year’s competition.

High school junior Nidhi Parachuri, who lives in San Ramon and studies at the California School of Art and Design in Pleasanton, was

selected as the winner of the competition for California’s 10th Congressional District, represented by DeSaulnier, for her submission “Simply Chaos” — which will now be on display at the U.S. Capitol.

“We had a very impressive and inspiring group of submissions this year that are a testament to the skill and ingenuity of CA-10’s student artists,” DeSaulnier said in an announcement last month.

Parachuri’s piece was among the 25 works that were submitted to DeSaulnier’s office this year, with the top two runners-up consisting of sophomore Michelle Tang of the College Preparatory School for her painting “Capturing the Moment, Missing the Experience” and Dougherty Valley High School sophomore Emma Wen for her sketch “Deer in the Headlights.”

The placements were selected by a panel of art faculty from Los

Medanos College — Eric Sanchez, Lucy Snow and John Schall. They were announced and celebrated during a show at the Moraga Art Gallery hosted by DeSaulnier in May.

“Each year, this competition reminds us of the importance of arts and humanities in our community and of fostering creativity in young people,” DeSaulnier said. “I’m looking forward to seeing Nidhi’s piece when I walk through the halls of the Capitol!” ■



Winning artist Nidhi Parachuri and U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier. DESAULNIER’S OFFICE

# Community Pulse

## Rick E. Case

August 22, 1950 – December 6, 2023

Rick E. Case (73) of Pleasanton, CA passed away peacefully in his home on December 6, 2023 after a brave battle with cancer. Rick was born and raised in Oakland, CA by his loving parents Warren and Flora Case. He graduated from Skyline Senior High School Oakland in the class of 1968, and was already working with his father by then at East Bay Excavating in Hayward, CA, where he established his 40+ year career, and later became the Quarry Operations Manager for Desilva Gates Construction.



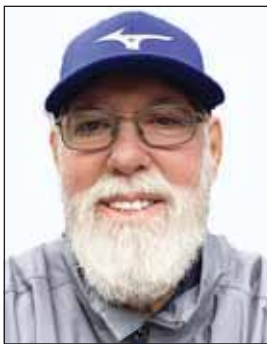
Rick started his family and moved to Pleasanton in the early '70s. At a young age, Rick developed a love for photography and in his retirement years it became his passion. It was his "life through the lens" he would say. Rick started his own photography business, Cases Custom Photos, and was living out his dream with studio portraits, corporate photo shoots, and artifact photography for the Alviso Adobe in Pleasanton, as well as other special events. Rick also covered some of the Pleasanton downtown events and countless wildlife landscapes, and family photos. Rick adored being a papa to his three grandchildren. He was also a big Raiders and Warriors fan, and loved fishing, golf, Legos, westerns, and a really good cabernet. Rick is preceded in death by his parents Warren and Flora Case. He is survived by his loving wife Liz Case, his sister Vicki Case Kelley, his brother Mike Case; his daughters Cheryl Case and Sheri Case McNutt (Scott McNutt); his grandchildren Tyler Case, Rachael and Zachary McNutt, and his dog Sophie. Rick's memory will live on though his loving family and in the amazing photographs he left behind.

PAID OBITUARY

## Larry Coppa

September 9, 1951 – June 1, 2024

Larry Coppa, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away suddenly on June 1, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He was born on September 9, 1951, in Berkeley, CA, to Joseph and Georgia Coppa.



Larry is survived by his devoted wife, Lorraine, and his children: Briana (Joshua Cordeiro), Ariele (Bento Teran), Lara (Kevin McHugh), Linda (Steve Kruschke), and Andrew Coppa. He is also survived by his loving sister, Cheryl Ramos and family. He was a proud grandfather to Makayla, Christiana, Joshua Jr., Wyn, Mossi, Fiona, Hannah, Stella, and great-grandsons Waylon and Parker.

Larry had a passion for golfing and found great joy in his rounds at Tracy Golf Club. He especially cherished his time on the green with his friends Steve and Kevin, fondly referred to as "the 3 amigos," sharing laughs and friendly competition as they pursued their shared love for the game.

He loved watching the wildlife from his back patio. He took great pride in his home in Diablo Grande and considered himself extremely blessed.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Georgia Coppa, and his brother, Mike. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of Larry's life is being planned, and details will be announced in the coming days. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, a cause that held special meaning to Larry.

Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue, Tracy is care of funeral arrangements. An Online guest book is available at [www.frymemorialchapel.com](http://www.frymemorialchapel.com) for condolences and special messages to the family, as well as updates on his Celebration of Life.

PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Two sentenced in killing of Pleasanton Home Depot employee

It was a moment of stark realization mixed with profound sadness for Pleasanton resident Lorie Mohs and her family last week as she read her victim impact statement during the sentencing hearing for the two people convicted in the murder of her son.

For the first time in more than a year, she had to state the one thing she couldn't bear herself to say in any official capacity: her son, Blake Mohs, is dead and is not coming back.

"Not saying my final goodbye or I love you to my son broke my heart. Telling my family Blake had been shot and killed was torturous," the grieving mother said during her statement in the Dublin courtroom on June 6. "Walking the past 415 days without our son here on Earth brought dark loneliness ... writing my victim impact statement brought the realization that my son is really gone."

She, her husband Eric Mohs, their son Matthew Labosky and Blake Mohs' best friend Matthew Ridings all gave their own victim impact statements during the sentencing hearing at the East County Hall of



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Eric and Lorie Mohs talk to media members after the sentencing hearing for the two people convicted in the death of their son Blake.

Justice in Dublin. Accompanied by additional family and friends, the group held each other as the judge read out the sentencing for Benicia Knapps, 33, and David Guillory, 32, for their roles in the murder.

Knapps, who pleaded no contest to a second-degree murder charge and a gun enhancement, was sentenced to 19 years to life in state prison as part of a plea deal she cut with prosecutors for shooting and killing 26-year-old Blake Mohs on April 18, 2023. Guillory pleaded no contest to child abuse, accessory to a robbery and evading an officer and was sentenced to seven years and four months in prison.

Neither defendant said anything to the judge during the hearing.



Benicia Knapps



David Guillory

The Weekly attempted to reach their public defenders but did not hear back as of time of publication.

Blake Mohs was a loss prevention employee at the Home Depot on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton who tried to stop Knapps as she

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 7

#### Domestic battery

■ 12:21 a.m. on Vintage Circle

#### Assault/battery

■ 9:22 a.m. on the 400 block of Vineyard Place

#### Theft

■ 2:15 p.m. on the 5200 block of Springdale Avenue

### June 6

#### Theft

■ 6:51 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Court; auto theft

■ 7:51 a.m., 3400 block of Vermont Place; theft from auto

■ 8:14 a.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

■ 9:39 a.m., 3500 block of Kirkcaldy Street; theft from auto

#### Alcohol violation

■ 2:28 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Assault/battery

■ 4:50 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Drug violation

■ 6:28 p.m. on Stoneridge and Hopyard roads

### June 5

#### Warrant arrest

■ 2:10 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

#### Theft

■ 8:02 a.m., 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto

■ 11:10 a.m., 7600 block of Chestnut Way; theft from auto

■ 2:32 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto

■ 5 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

■ 7:59 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Fraud

■ 10:57 a.m. on the 6600 block of Via San Blas

#### Robbery

■ 3:44 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

### June 4

#### Theft

■ 5:38 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 6:10 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 6:33 a.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 8:21 a.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; auto theft

■ 7:13 a.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

#### Warrant arrest

■ 7:43 a.m. at Laguna Creek Lane and I-680

■ 8:46 a.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

■ 7:58 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 7:19 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Fraud

■ 10:18 a.m. on the 4500 block of Lin Gate Street

#### Vehicle tampering

■ 5:55 p.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

#### Drug violation

■ 6:26 p.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

### June 3

#### Theft from auto

■ 3:03 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 6:04 a.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

■ 7:46 p.m. on the 1800 block of Cortez Court

#### Alcohol violation

■ 10:35 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Crestline Road

#### Fraud

■ 2:39 p.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

■ 3:13 p.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

■ 5:47 p.m. on the 6300 block of Shorewood Court

#### Robbery

■ 8:10 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

■ 8:24 p.m. on the 4100 block of Francisco Street

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attempted to walk out with a large yellow Dewalt box without paying, according to authorities. When Blake Mohs intervened, Knapps shot him and ran to the getaway car driven by Guillory before the two fled the scene with their 21-month-old daughter in the vehicle.

According to authorities, Knapps told police she was holding the gun but said it fired accidentally. After leading police on a chase that ended in Oakland, the two were arrested and have been at Santa Rita Jail ever since.

"I'm still lost and devastated. (I'm) barely able to convince myself of this new reality of a future without him," Eric Mohs told the court. "I will miss Blake. His smile, his laugh, his heart and his devotion to others was a bright light that this dark world really needed."

Initially, the two defendants were facing much more serious charges.

Knapps was initially charged with felony counts of first-degree murder, possession of a firearm by a felon and child abuse for holding her young daughter during the chase. Guillory was charged with four felonies: child abuse, accessory after the fact (knowledge of crime) to robbery, evading police with willful disregard for safety and evading police while driving against traffic.

But with the plea deal, the two were able to avoid more serious time in prison — Knapps could have faced 25 years to life in prison for first-degree murder, if convicted.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Paul Delucchi even mentioned toward the end of the hearing that while the family is in agreement with the disposition that was given, he still had questions regarding the plea deal.

"The sentence that is about to be imposed, I don't necessarily know that is commiserate with the offense," Delucchi said. "I know that on countless occasions, if an offense such as this was committed ... The ultimate result would be a sentence of life without the possibility of parole, but I understand that is not on the table today."

But as the two defendants stood inside the courtroom, with Knapps wiping away tears a few times as other family members spoke, Lorie Mohs said her son would have wanted his parents to forgive the two individuals on behalf of their faith.

That's why she said even from the beginning, they knew they wanted to take a plea deal and not drag out

the case by going to trial, which she said would only make her and her family relive the trauma of their loss.

"The charges were never accurate in Blake's case, but our hearts evolved and changed as we went through this process," Lorie Mohs said. "We (started) to look at the net loss of what a trial will do to your family, will do to your faith, will do to your finances, will do to your community."

She also said a jury trial would affect the families of the defendant, which she didn't want to see happen, and looking to further punish the two defendants through a jury trial would only feel like revenge, which is not something her son would want.

So she and her family were glad to put this behind them, not have to worry about the next court date and truly begin the healing process.

"Today was a long time coming for us," Lorie Mohs said. "It's been a long journey."

She even said after the hearing that she wants to start a new chapter in her family's life where they become advocates for victims of violent deaths. With all of the local and national media attention she and her family have been facing since her son's death, she thought it would be a good idea to form some sort of community where anyone who has been a victim of such a crime can come together as a group and be there for each other without having to worry about the attention that comes with such crimes.

She also said she wants to look into creating a paper-mache heart memorial for victims of violent crimes. She is still looking at funding and locations — although her favorite spot suggestion so far has been right in front of the courthouse because of her son's love for law enforcement.

"This is where Blake was," Lorie Mohs said. "I want it to be someplace that can be looked upon, and it can be thought about, and can be celebrated. These are lives that were taken too soon and I don't want it to be a cemetery. I want it to be a celebration of who they were." ■

—Christian Trujano

*Carmen Louise (Hansen) Merritt*

*April 1943 – May 2024*

Carmen was born in Hayward, Ca to Myron & Frances Hansen. She graduated from Castro Valley High in 1961. Carmen lived across the USA and abroad as a military wife, and spent the last 40 yrs living in Pleasanton. She worked in the nursing field as a registered medical assistant and surgical tech for 35 yrs, loving every minute of each day. Carmen is survived by her son Richard and daughter Gabrielle — according to her, her greatest achievements in life, adored daughter-in-law Stacy and grandson Christian (her greatest joy). She leaves many dear and treasured friends that gave her so much happiness and love throughout her life. Family and friends were everything to Carmen. She was one of the most giving people around, mom to all and is missed tremendously. Per her wishes no services were or will be held.

PAID OBITUARY

*Stevan Pittl*

*August 30, 1941 – May 21, 2024*

It is with great sorrow that the family of Stevan F. Pittl announce his passing. Steve was born August 30, 1941 and died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 21, 2024 at the age of 82.

Steve was born in Vukovar, Yugoslavia to Stefan and Teresa (Ther) Pittl, the same year the Axis powers invaded Yugoslavia in World War II. At the age of 4, along with his older sister Mary, Steve and his parents fled from Vukovar as the war continued, and after a short stay with family in Linz, Germany, they went to Ternberg, Austria. The family was placed in a displaced persons camp. It was here in Austria that Steve started school and learned to speak German in the hopes of one day making it to America.

In 1951, at the age of 10 and with the help of Catholic Charities, the family traveled by boat and arrived in New York. Steve had an uncle living in Dayton, Ohio so the four Pittl's boarded a train and put down roots in Dayton. Steve started fourth grade at Holy Trinity Catholic School not knowing a word of English. He went on to graduate from Chaminade High School in 1959.

Soccer had always been a constant in Steve's life and so he joined Edelweiss Soccer Club in Dayton and was soon offered a soccer scholarship to Indiana Tech.

His professional career began at National Cash Register (NCR) in Dayton, where he was a design draftsman. As if living through one war was not enough, in 1966 Steve was drafted into the Army where he earned the rank of Sergeant and served as a radio operator in the Vietnam War. When he returned to the States in 1967, Steve resumed his job at NCR and returned to playing soccer at Edelweiss.

In 1968 he went on a blind date with an elementary school teacher, Barbara Redden. They were married in June of 1970 and welcomed their first daughter, Christine four years later. In 1975 Steve accepted a job with Quartz International (QI) and the family moved to Danbury, Connecticut. It was here that Steve and Barbara welcomed their son, Danny. After only a year in Danbury, Steve was transferred

to Quartz International's home office in Silicon Valley. Steve and Barbara settled down for good in Pleasanton, California where they had two more children, Stefanie and Anthony.

Steve's easygoing nature and engaging smile led him to lasting friendships and great business success for over 38 years in the semiconductor industry. His strong work ethic and determination contributed to his success at first as a sales representative and eventually as President of QI.

After his retirement, Steve honed his golf skills and improved his game with weekly rounds and regular visits to the driving range. His favorite pastime however, was spending time with his wife, four children and their spouses, and his eight grandkids.

Steve was a devout Catholic starting with his baptism in Yugoslavia, First Communion in Austria, and his Confirmation and Marriage in Dayton, Ohio. Steve's faith continued as he and Barbara have been active members of St. Augustine's Catholic Church for 47 years.

In 2003, Steve and Barbara found a cause close to their heart — Pleasanton Military Families. With multiple family members having served in the Armed Forces, it's only fitting that the couple become involved in this group that supports local military personnel and their families.

The family wishes to thank everyone for the extreme outpouring of support and sympathy. Steve was an incredible man and was clearly loved by so many.

Steve is survived by his wife Barbara (Redden), daughter Christine Butler (Billy), son Danny Pittl, daughter Stefanie Wierda (Andrew), son Anthony Pittl (Brandy), and 8 grandchildren — Lucas, Sammy, Avery and Ben Butler, Tate and Marley Wierda, Alyssa and Mason BasBas.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Augustine's Church at 10am on Saturday, June 22, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pleasanton Military Families — <https://www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org/>.

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

# 'How great was that' —Foothill basketball court dedicated after late former coach Isaacs

Also: Gearing up for 13 days of racing at Alameda County Fair

**I** mentioned right after the passing of Randy Isaacs —the beloved former Foothill High basketball coach —that the school was going to name the Falcons' main court after Isaacs.

This Monday that became a reality when the court was dedicated to Isaacs in front of family and friends, including his wife Karen and daughter Allyson.

Soon after Isaacs died unexpectedly on April 6, there was a plan in place to dedicate the basketball court in Tom Hansen Gymnasium to Isaacs, along with a favorite saying of Isaacs.

The finished product is Randy Isaacs Court with the saying "How great was that" underneath.

Foothill principal Sebastian Bull took the proposal and ran with it,

**'Everything came together quick ... I think it's a great tribute to a great person.'**

**Sebastian Bull,**  
Foothill principal

pushing it through all the necessary channels to get it done within two months.

"It was an easy choice," Bull said. "Everything came together quick and we were able to get done quick. I think it's a great tribute to a great person."

### Horse racing at Alameda County Fair

The 13-day Alameda County Fair horse racing begins this Friday (June 14), with the final day of racing locked in for Sunday, July 7.

There will be a different vibe this year as this meet is not the only time you will be able to see live horse racing in Pleasanton in 2024. With Golden Gate Fields now closed, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) awarded the fall racing dates previously held by GGF to Pleasanton.

That means there will be horse racing in Pleasanton from October (following the Big Fresno Fair) into December. By that point, the CHRB should have awarded the winter/spring meet dates to Pleasanton as well, meaning there will be racing from January to the beginning of the fair in 2025.

More about that down the line — it's fair time now, and that means plenty of fun at the races!

The races will run every Friday to Sunday of the fair as well as



DENNIS MILLER

Honoring the late Foothill basketball coach at dedication ceremony for newly renamed Randy Isaacs Court were Karen (wife) and Allyson (daughter).



Thursday, July 4. Post time is set for 1:45 p.m.

I will be back in my role as the host for the Daily Handicapping Seminar that starts at 12:30 p.m. each day. I will be joined once again by co-host Andrew Champagne, a well-followed social media handicapper and one of the top handicappers for summer racing at Saratoga in upstate New York in Saratoga Springs.

Each day we break down the day's races, giving our choices and why we like the horses we do. It's always an interactive event where we take questions throughout.

There are six stakes' races scheduled for the meet, with the big day coming on Sunday, July 7.

That day will see the running of the Everett Nevin —a race for 2-year-olds for \$50,000. Later in the card July 7 will be the second running of

The Pleasanton Mile for a purse of \$150,000. Last year in the debut running, the race was the richest in the United States on that day.

The other stakes are the Mary Clare Schmitt Pleasanton Oaks (Saturday, June 15), the She's A Tiger (Saturday, June 22), the Oak Tree Sprint (Saturday, June 29) and the Jack Robinson Handicap (Thursday, July 4).

There will also be peripheral events with the races. Opening day features a traditional T-shirt giveaway while supplies last.

June 22 will be the Brew Fest that takes place in the grandstand at the races. The Wine Fest is set for June 29, also taking place throughout the grandstand.

On June 23 there will be Corgi races scheduled on the track. Finally, there will be a T-shirt giveaway on July 7, while supplies last.

Each night, except for July 4, there will be a drone shown at the track at 9:30 p.m. Having seen the show last year, this is a must-see event! There will also be fireworks along with the drone shows this Friday and June 28.

There are two reserved dining options —the open-air Trackside Terrace and the climate-controlled Sky Lounge. Go to [annual.alameda-county-fair.com](http://annual.alameda-county-fair.com) for more information or to buy tickets for one of the festivals or reserved dining experiences. ■

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THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Geologic Hazard Abatement District Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:55 p.m.  
The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Adopt resolutions approving the annual assessments according to the Engineer's reports for the Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHAD) for Laurel Creek, Moller Ranch, Lemoine Ranch, and Oak Tree Farm

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
The meeting will be held at the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- **Public Hearing** - Adopt resolutions approving the 2024/25 Annual Assessments for Landscape Maintenance Districts 1984-1 (Ponderosa-Del Prado), 1993-1 (Windsor), 1993-2 (Bonde Ranch), 1994-1 (Oak Tree Farm), and 1995-1 (Moller Ranch)
- Receive a report outlining polling results, draft ballot measure language, and other considerations related to a local sales tax ballot measure

**Economic Vitality Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.  
The meeting will be held at the Remillard Conference Room, Public Works Center – 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation on Citywide Sales Tax Revenue and Retail Development Program
- Update on Economic Development Strategic Plan Implementation

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## Employment

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# Calendar

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## Entertainment

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** Join the fun Friday night at Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concert in the Park featuring live music spanning various genres. 7-8:30 p.m., June 14. Lions Wayside Park.

**WENTE SUMMER LIVE MUSIC-QUEEN NATION** Crawdad Republic plus Wolf Hamlin and The Front Porch Drifters. 5 p.m., June 14. Tickets \$50. Visit wentevineyards.com/events.

**THE WIZARD OF OZ PRESENTED BY CYT TRI-VALLEY** Join CYT Tri-Valley, the Bankhead Theater's new resident children's theater company, on a journey to Oz. A cast of 68 students, ages 8-18 performs the timeless tale. June 13-16. Tickets \$29.25. Visit livermorearts.org.

**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** Join this free Juneteenth celebration with family and friends at the Firehouse Arts Center with a mix of dance, storytelling, and music. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 15.

**AN EVENING WITH TULSI GABBARD** Former congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard is a veteran with three deployments to war zones in the Middle East and Africa and currently a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. 7:30 p.m., June 18. Tickets \$80-\$105. Visit livermorearts.org.

**OPERA IN THE VINEYARD** Escape to a world of music and merriment at Opera in the Vineyard and enjoy unique performances of opera arias, show tunes and cabaret. Door open 4:15 p.m., June 23. Individual tickets \$80. Reservations close June 20. Garré Vineyard & Winery. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

**OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR** Celebrate Juneteenth with the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir at the Bankhead Theater. Experience the music that brings resiliency, joy and strength to the African American community. 8 p.m., June 21. Tickets \$25-\$35. Visit livermorearts.org.

**OLIVER THE MUSICAL** Royal Theater Academy brings the classic Charles Dickens tale to life on stage at Livermore High School Theater in this captivating performance promising to enchant audiences of all ages with its poignant story, unforgettable music and a diverse cast made of youth and adult local talent. June 22-23; 28-30. Visit royaltheateracademy.com.

## Exhibitions

**ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR** Themed "That Summer Feeling", the Alameda County Fair runs from June 14 to July 7. Filled with summertime favorites including carnival rides and games, classic fair food and drinks, vendor booths, arts and culinary exhibitions, livestock displays and more. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

## PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

### Jennipurr Aniston

The One with the Adorable Adoptable Cat: Jennipurr Aniston is the Rachel Green of Kitty City — social, friendly and always the center of attention. Whether she's lounging on her window bed like it's Central Perk or chilling on the Cattio like it's Monica's apartment, Jennipurr is the boss and she's always ready to be there for you! Visit valleyhumane.org to learn more or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

**COLORS OF SUMMER** This Harrington Gallery exhibit embraces the brimming excitement and bright hues of a summer holiday. Featuring 97 works of oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel and more, 20 artists will be featured in this vibrant group exhibition. Now through July 27. Visit firehousearts.org/gallery/current-exhibit.

**FACES OF OUR COMMUNITY** Faces of Our Community: Tri-Valley Non-profits through Photography reveals the impactful work and the human stories behind the many local nonprofits that contribute to the well-being and fabric of the Tri-Valley community. On display through Aug. 4. UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, 2400 First St., Livermore.

**TEXTURES OF REMEMBRANCE** Textures of Remembrance: Vietnamese Artists and Writers Reflect on the Vietnamese Diaspora, explores a date that impacts many Vietnamese Americans: April 30, 1975, the end of the Vietnam War featuring works by 25 Vietnamese artists and writers. Through Sept. 21. Visit museumonmain.org.

**QUILT SHOW** The Amador Valley Quilters 18th quilt show features an exhibit of over 200 traditional, modern and art quilts, a raffle, vendors and products. A food truck will be available during the show. June 22-23, Trinity Church. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/.

## Outdoor

**FATHER'S DAY FAMILY HIKE AT DEL VALLE** Join this 2-mile hike into the hills and learn about some of nature's fantastic fathers. The trail is a wide gravel road with gradual hills. 1:30-3:30 p.m., June 16. Meet at East Shore/Dog Run Trailhead, near the marina boat launch. \$6 parking fee.

**JUNETEENTH FREE PARK DAY** Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. The East Bay Regional Park District is honoring Juneteenth with a free park day on June 19 with naturalist-led public programs to celebrate and reflect. For more

information visit ebparks.org/we-celebrate/juneteenth.

**FREE WALKING TOURS** Explore Pleasanton's various historical neighborhoods and learn about the architecture and backstories of some of the town's most notable buildings. 9 a.m., June 22. Rain or shine. 603 Main St.

**SNAKES ALIVE** Join LAPRD to talk about local snakes where there will be things to touch and see plus an opportunity to meet one of the snake animal ambassadors. Open to all ages and free to attend. 12-1:30 p.m., June 23. Register at larpd.org.

## Government

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** Pleasanton City Council Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is 7 p.m., June 18. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION** Livermore Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center Meeting Hall, Mendenhall Room, unless otherwise posted. 7 p.m., June 18. Visit livermoreca.gov.

## Volunteer

**OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER DAYS** Help maintain Sycamore Grove Park as a beautiful and healthy place for visitors and wildlife. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., June 15. Visit larpd.org.

**VOLUNTEER AT OPEN HEART KITCHEN** Volunteers at Open Heart Kitchen help create a more food secure future in the Tri-Valley. Visit openheartkitchen.org.

**VOLUNTEER AT VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY** Join Valley Humane Society's valued team of volunteers for a rewarding experience that has a meaningful impact on the lives of animals and people in the community. Visit valleyhumane.org.

**VOLUNTEER WITH HOPE HOSPICE** Hope patient care volunteers help patients and their families in many different ways by interacting with patients, escorting a canine companion to visit patients, or helping in the office.

## Public Notices

BLAKE STREET BAKING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606595  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Blake Street Baking, located at 1404 Blake Street, Berkeley, CA 94702, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SARA SARASOHN  
1404 Blake Street  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/30/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 20 2024. (PLW May 31, Jun 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

ART'S HEATING AND COOLING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 605822

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) ART'S HEATING AND COOLING, located at 1048 Serpentine Lane Suite 314, 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):  
ECO TECH SOLUTIONS LLC  
1048 Serpentine Lane Suite 314  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 25 2024. (PLW May 24, 31, Jun 7 and 14, 2024)

APEX OUTDOOR CARE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606278

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Apex Outdoor Care, located at 3422 Stacey Way Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
KARAN SINGH  
3422 Stacey Way  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
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 May 10 2024. (PLW May 24, 31, Jun 7 and 14, 2024)

CLOUD CARE PHARMACY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606453

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Cloud Care Pharmacy, located at 6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Ste 180, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 104 Wilmot Rd MS 3215, Deerfield, IL 60015. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
WALGREEN CO.  
104 Wilmot Rd MS 3215  
Deerfield, IL 60015  
State of Incorporation/Organization: Illinois  
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 May 16 2024. (PLW May 31, Jun 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

GETTAPES  
TRANSCIEVERS DIRECT  
DELTATECHSTORE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606175

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Gettapes, 2.) Transceiverdirect, 3.) Deltatechstore, located at 7059 Commerce Cir, Ste H, Pleasanton, CA, 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
DELTATECHSTORE, LLC  
7059 Commerce Cir, Ste H  
Pleasanton, CA, 94588  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 1-10-2018  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 07 2024. (PLW Jun 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2024)

THE FREDERICKS SISTERS  
NEVERENDING STORIES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606823

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) The Fredericks Sisters, 2.) Neverending Stories, located at 5567 Martinelli Way, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
PRESCILLA DESERAE PRESCOTT  
5567 Martinelli Way  
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 May 28 2024. (PLW Jun 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2024)

4613 WESTERN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606384

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) 4613 WESTERN, located at 4090 Rennellwood Way, 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):  
4613 WESTERN, LLC  
4090 Rennellwood Way  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
State of Incorporation/Organization: Texas  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/1/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 15 2024. (PLW May 24, 31, Jun 7 and 14, 2024)

ANNOPURNA MANAGEMENT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 607104

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Annopurna Management, located at 5325 Prato Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
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Pleasanton, CA, 94588  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 07 2024. (PLW Jun 14, 21, 28 and Jul 5, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 24CV076506  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Shan Tsai filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SHAN TSAI to SHANNON TSAI  
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: 07/26/2024, 9:30 am, Dept. 1B of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon Street, 2nd FL Oakland, CA 94612.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
PLEASANTON WEEKLY  
Date: 05/03/2024  
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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
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- 1 cup non-iodized salt
- ¼ cup granulated garlic
- ¼ cup onion powder
- ¼ cup paprika

Mix the rub ingredients in a large bowl. This mix will make more than you need for one brisket; store the remainder in an airtight container.

Trim the excess fat from the brisket. Trim the fat off the bottom of the brisket leaving only ¼ in fat. Apply rub to all sides of the meat. Cover the brisket and place in the refrigerator to marinate overnight.

Set the EGG for indirect cooking at 250°F. Place the brisket on the grid, fat-side down. Fat-side up is fine if that is your preference. When the meat reaches an internal temperature of 160°F, double wrap the brisket in non-waxed butcher paper or aluminum foil. The bark will have formed nicely by this point.

Continue to smoke the brisket until the meat is "probe tender," Each piece of meat is different but this will likely be at an internal temperature of between 200-202°F. Remove the brisket from the EGG, wrap in a towel and place in a cooler for at least one hour. This will allow the juices to re-distribute in the meat. Unwrap the brisket and slice against the grain.

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