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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Awards Corner

Sure seems to be award season in the Tri-Valley, judging by the press releases coming into my inbox in recent weeks.

It's hard to keep up with all of this community news, but stay with me as I do my best.

The Pleasanton Community of Character on Sunday announced two families, one resident and one nonprofit as the winners of its 2025 Juanita Haugen Awards.

Retired health care professional Gretchen Kyle has found a second "career" through her charity organization Big Bay Ray, which collects recycled grain bags that volunteers wash and sew into shopping bags, bottle carriers, baby bibs and more to be resold at area stores to support other local causes.

The Gillette family (parents Audrey and Bryan and sons Colin and Decker) "have made it a priority to stay actively involved in their community" — a long list that includes Cycling for Civics, Kids Against Hunger, school district and city efforts, and even volunteering in Europe at a refugee camp and foster school early after war broke out in Ukraine.

With a history of giving back in their community, parents Steve and Mannie Nimmo and daughter Samantha refocused their efforts to mental health and suicide prevention in the wake of personal tragedy and created their Z Cares Foundation, which is named in honor of their late son/brother Zachary.

And this year's organizational recipient is the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, which fundraises to support Pleasanton's public schools.

The Juanita Haugen Award winners will be honored at a luncheon ceremony May 14 at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building.

The event will also recognize the recipients of the group's 2025 Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships.

Those students include the aforementioned Colin Gillette and his Amador Valley High School classmates Sagana Chattanathan, Taylor Cohn, Hope Fisher and Mateo Molina, as well as Foothill High seniors Aahana Biswal, Anisha Dan, Carina Montague and Crystal Wang.

In other marquee award news, the city of Dublin not long ago celebrated the winners of its Volunteer Recognition Awards with a ceremony at the Shannon Community Center.

The list featured Daniel Colley as Citizen of the Year, Suhani Gupta as Young Citizen of the Year, Sensory

Wall, Inc. as Organization of the Year, Susan Yan Tang as Mayor's Award winner and Alameda County Fire division chief Bonnie Terra for the Mayor's Legacy Award.

Just over a week later, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group CEO Katie Marcel earned the Women Making a Difference - Innovation Award at the East Bay Women's Conference.

"This recognition highlights Katie's unwavering commitment to innovation, from transforming Livermore's downtown into a vibrant destination to leading a dynamic business organization that drives the innovation economy. As CEO of ITV, Katie exemplifies innovation leadership every day, serving as a catalyst for solutions to some of our region's most pressing challenges," ITV Board Chair Stephanie Beasley, a Sandia National Laboratories executive, said in a statement.

Maybe not an award, per se, but Chabot-Las Positas Community College District last month called out that its OSHA Training Institute Education Center received certification from the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training.

Recently, Ben McEntee let me know that fellow longtime Pleasanton resident and St. Mary's College alumnus Neil Sweeney — the founding principal of Foothill High — was bestowed the SMC Golden Gael Award.

Former U.S. Olympian and gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi, who has lived in Alamo for years, is set to receive the Legendary Storyteller award at the Silicon Valley Community Media's 2nd annual Asian American Stories Video Contest Gala on May 1.

Speaking of galas, I'm set to again represent our Embarcadero Media Foundation at the California News Publishers Association's California Journalism Awards ceremony on May 17 in Universal City. Can't wait to see how the Pleasanton Weekly and the rest of our seven news publications make out.

Hopefully our haul can rival what the Alameda County Fair brought home from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and Western Fairs Association competitions — 34 awards in all, including 13 first-place honors.

The awards notices continue to come in fast and furious. Just as I was putting this column together, I received word of who won the coveted 2025 Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards. We'll have to wait for next week's paper on that one... ■

About the Cover

Foothill High School sophomore swimmer Luka Mijatovic is making a name for himself in the pool at the local, state and national levels. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXVI, Number 12

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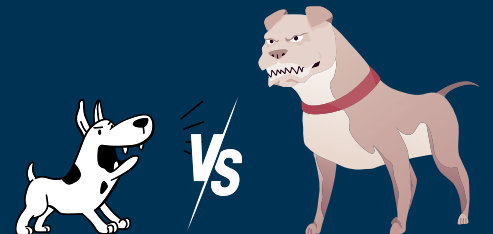
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To you, personally, what is Easter Sunday all about?



Robert Pettigrew
Retired

Well, because I'm of Scottish descent, Easter for me is all about renewal and the rebirth, and it ushers and brings spring time into season for me. Once Easter has come and gone, I'm really ready to embark upon the new season.



Holden Codelli
Student

It's all about searching for chocolate eggs with my family and friends, and eating delicious food cooked by my mom.



Megan Codelli, with Jude
Mom

It's about gathering together with family and eating good food. My family tells me I'm a great cook, and we all really enjoy spending the day together. And oh, those Reese's peanut butter eggs ... so good!



Yvonne Pettigrew
Retired

Easter to me is all about family. Having the whole family together for the day, spending time cooking, and then sitting down around the table to share and enjoy Easter dinner together.



Vincente Ruiz
Solar project developer

Easter to me is about my wife buying those little marshmallow Peeps, Cadbury eggs and other small gifts for our adult children because it is one of many rituals and traditions she has established over the years that make our kids feel loved, cherished and special. At least for our family, Easter itself is not really the point.

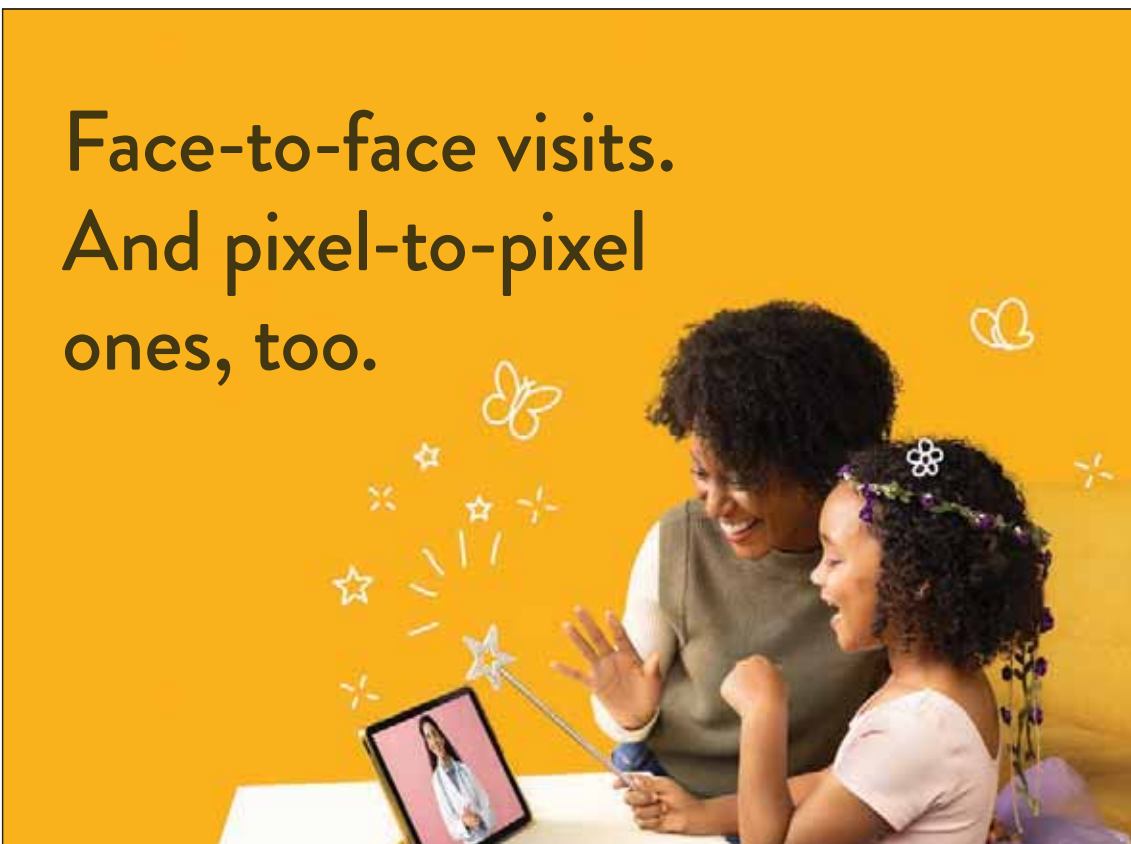
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580/680 interchange

Care to share your thoughts on perhaps the Tri-Valley's No. 1 commuting nemesis?

The Alameda County Transportation Commission and Caltrans have opened an online survey about the I-580/I-680 interchange so the agencies can "better understand the challenges" associated with the freeways' merger.

"Our early work shows that congestion and a high concentration of lane changes by drivers using on- and off-ramps in the vicinity of the interchange are factors that impact safety. The goal of our effort is to identify short-term solutions to reduce these issues and make the interchange safer," officials said.

The survey is available through May 2 at surveymonkey.com/r/580-680-interchange.

Alan Hu events

Pleasanton-based mental health support nonprofit, the Alan Hu Foundation, has its latest free lecture as well as its benefit concert both set for next week.

First up is the webinar "OCD: A Board Overview" on Tuesday evening led by Gerald Nestadt, professor of anxiety and OCD research at Johns Hopkins University. The online session runs from 5-6 p.m.; the RSVP deadline is Monday.

Then next Saturday (April 26), the nonprofit will gather some of the best classical musicians in the area for its "Over the Rainbow" benefit concert at 7:30 p.m.

The lineup includes Cecilia Thendean, Mai Weber and Yi-Hsuan Lee on piano, Li-Ling Chen and Ryan Wang on flute and Ewan Tsai on cello, along with the Pleasanton Middle School String Orchestra, the Amador Valley High School and Harvest Park Middle School Strand Symphony, and Chabot College Women's Vocal Ensemble.

TVC's new board

Tri-Valley Conservancy welcomed a reorganized Board of Directors for 2025, including the elevation of Scott Akin to succeed Mark Triska as board chair.

Akin, a retired environmental services project manager for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, joined the Livermore-based conservation nonprofit in 2019.

"Preserving land through conservation easements is almost always better than trying to restore it after degradation. I'm incredibly proud of the work TVC has done to preserve agriculture and open spaces in the Tri-Valley, and I'm excited to continue building on this important work as Board Chair," Akin said.

New directors added to the TVC board in 2025 are Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory engineer Charles Marker and Harrison Wood of Wood Family Vineyards. ■

Council supports \$6M in budget cuts after two days of deliberations

Library to close Sundays and lose staff, community grants chopped, planning dept. reductions and more — with work left to do

By Christian Trujano

After two lengthy meetings and receiving hundreds of resident emails in addition to the dozens who spoke during public comment, the Pleasanton City Council has officially given staff direction on what services, staff positions and amenities to reduce or eliminate as part of the city's budget development process.

"Our community came together in these last four months like I have not seen in a long time related to what is important to you ... and I do hope we honored as much of that as we can as we also face the situation that we are in," Mayor Jack Balch said during the April 10 meeting, which was a continuance from the April 8 regular meeting when the

discussion first started.

After going through the 21 items that staff recommended for reductions or eliminations, the council ended up agreeing to cuts that would result in approximately \$6.2 million in savings for the fiscal year 2025-26 and \$6.6 million in the following fiscal year — both amounts are short a couple of million dollars from the city's original reduction targets.

While the council did not hit the city's targeted savings goals for its two-year budget, staff said they will work over the next two months to bring back a balanced budget draft for final adoption in June and they will continue to look at other funding sources to pull from in order to meet its targets.

"Let us work with the moving parts and with the resources we have available and I can guarantee you that the town's finance staff will come back with a balanced budget for you," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said to the council.

Over the past year and a half the city has been warning residents of a structural budget deficit that is projected to set the city back, on average, roughly \$13 million each year over the next eight years — that number could go as high as \$22 million if a recession hits. These projections came from a 10-year financial forecast that was previously found to be accurate by an independent accounting firm.

Pleasanton is facing a \$10.4 million budget shortfall in the 2025-26

fiscal year and a \$12 million shortfall in the 2026-27 fiscal year.

The council recently authorized the city to draw down \$2 million in one-time funds from the Section 115 pension trust fund over the next two years to help offset the overall budget shortfall, which brought down the baseline reduction target of reductions to \$8.4 million in the first year and \$10 million in the second year.

For months, city staff have been compiling community input through various platforms and have been working with a Budget Advisory Committee to come up with the list of 28 recommendations for cuts across several city departments.

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JUDE STRZEMP

VirTra's recordings feature realistic situations that officers must often navigate with de-escalation techniques.

Inside Livermore PD's virtual training system

VirTra offers situational and weapons practice for officers to improve interactions and outcomes in the field

By Jude Strzemp

A Glock G17, loaded with invisible ammunition, is in my hands.

My shoulders feel like they're up to my ears, as I wait anxiously for a man on the screen to move. Suddenly, he raises a gun of his own and a single bang rings out. "Whoa! What happened?"

Sgt. Timothy Lendman of the Livermore Police Department asked as he paused the simulation from behind a computer screen.

"I didn't have time to process what happened," I told Lendman, still staring at the freeze-frame.

I was even forewarned that I'd need to fire a fake shot in this

particular scenario of VirTra, a virtual training system for police officers and military.

Had I fired though, a laser would have struck the screen and a canister of gas would have kicked back the gun for a realistic recoil. Except, I'm no

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Stanford Tri-Valley selects new CEO

Jones to take helm of local network in June

By Cierra Bailey

After roughly three months with an interim leader at the helm, Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley has announced Misty R. Jones as its new permanent president and CEO.

Jones is set to officially start in the role June 9. Her predecessor Rick Shumway left the position in January after being promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer for Stanford Health Care. At that time, the reins were taken over by Mino Sastry on an interim basis while the organization launched a national search for a permanent replacement.

Jones brings more than 20 years of experience in clinical and leadership roles in health care, most recently serving as chief operating officer for two academic medical centers at SSM Health — a Catholic, not-for-profit health system based



Misty R. Jones

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The Wine Group to acquire six labels, production facilities

Deal with Constellation Brands expected to close after May 31, pending regulatory review

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Wine Group, a global producer of wine and other alcoholic beverages headquartered in Livermore, announced that it is set to acquire several wine brands and associated assets through a mutual agreement with Constellation Brands, Inc.

Those expected to transfer from Constellation — an international producer and marketer of beer, wine and spirits — to TWG's 120-plus alcohol portfolio include Cook's, J. Rogét, Meiomi, Robert Mondavi Private Selection, SIMI and Woodbridge.

Along with the labels, TWG is also set to acquire associated inventory, approximately 6,600 acres of owned and leased vineyards throughout California and three facilities including production sites in Lodi and Monterey County as well as the SIMI winery in Healdsburg.

Through the agreement, TWG aims to grow and diversify its portfolio, increase on-premise volume, expand its retail presence and welcome new in-house operational capabilities, according to the company's



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The Wine Group agreed to purchase six wine brands, including vineyards and facilities, from Constellation Brands, Inc.

statement this month.

Meanwhile, Constellation aims to narrow its wine brands to "higher-end wine," the company said in a separate statement.

The transaction must pass regulatory review, per standard protocol, but the deal is expected to close immediately after May 31, according to Constellation's announcement. The purchase price was not disclosed by either company.

"We're thrilled to enter into an

agreement with Constellation to acquire these highly regarded brands and assets," TWG CEO John Sutton said in a statement.

"The addition of these assets will build on our commitment to being a consumer-led company, delivering a diversified portfolio that offers consumers exceptional taste, quality, and value — for any occasion," Sutton added.

Known for its portfolio of labels including Franzia, Cupcake and

Benziger, TWG has been in business for over 40 years. In addition to Livermore, the company has operations in Australia and New York.

The six wine brands TWG agreed to purchase include "popular, premium, and ultra-premium brands," the company wrote.

In Constellation's announcement, it described the agreement as a transaction of "primarily mainstream wine brands" with associated vineyards and facilities.

Constellation retains "highly regarded wines from top regions around the world," with the majority costing consumers \$15 or more per bottle, it stated. Wine brands it maintains include Napa Valley's Robert Mondavi Winery, Schrader and Double Diamond; Tuscan's Ruffino Estates and Ruffino Prosecco as well as Oregon's Lingua Franca. In the beer industry, it holds brands like Modelo Especial, Pacifico and Corona Extra.

"This transaction reflects our multi-year strategy to reconfigure our business, resulting in a portfolio of higher-end wine and craft spirits brands that are aligned to evolving consumer preferences and help bolster our competitive position," Constellation President and CEO, Bill Newlands said in a statement.

Newlands added, "Concentrating our wine and spirits portfolio in higher-growth segments remains an important element of our overall business strategy and complements our higher-end beer portfolio."

TWG declined to comment further prior to finalization of the transaction, and Constellation did not respond for additional comment. ■

Workday sues state after losing out on payroll system contract

Pleasanton company alleges technology department, controller's office violated law and solicitation provisions

By JEANITA LYMAN

The California State Controller's Office and Department of Technology are facing a lawsuit from Workday, with the Pleasanton-based company alleging it was unfairly rejected in the bid process for a new payroll system aimed at updating the state's existing, decades-old system.

Attorneys for Workday filed the suit in Sacramento County court on March 17, alleging a troubled request for proposals (RFP) process that led the state to select a vendor who had previously been passed over for the California State Payroll

System (CSPS) project without the same technical and proof-of-concept requirements that Workday had been subject to in partnership with Dublin, Ireland-based Accenture.

The move came following a Feb. 20 announcement from California State Controller Malia Cohen's office pointing to a "critical milestone" for the CSPS project with the approval of the fourth and final stage of the Project Approval Lifecycle (PAL) used by the California Department of Technology for IT projects in the state.

In March, a contract was awarded to CGI Technologies and Solutions

Inc., in what attorneys for Workday call a "gamble" of taxpayer dollars for a "less qualified contractor."

Representatives for CGI and the state controller's office had not responded to a request for comment as of Tuesday afternoon. A representative for the California Department of Technology referred questions to the controller's office.

The ambitious overhaul of the state's existing payroll system has been in the works for some time, with the need for an update continuing to grow as the existing system — developed in the late 1970s — heads toward its 50th anniversary. According to the state

controller's website, the existing system was put into place prior to the start of collective bargaining in the state, with the office recognizing the need for a new system as early as the 1990s.

The CSPS project aimed at overhauling the aging software kicked off in 2016, "with a renewed focus on requirements, enhanced functionality, and user-friendly design," according to the state controller's office website.

Workday and Accenture entered the scene during two requests for information (RFI) from the state aimed at informing the process of selecting a vendor for the new payroll project according to the former's attorneys in last month's lawsuit.

"Because of Workday's extensive experience deploying its HCM (Human Capital Management) Solution at scale, including for governments and unions, Workday, in partnership with Accenture, collaborated with the SCO during the RFI process by providing valuable insights," attorneys for Workday wrote.

This collaboration continued into the fourth phase of the PAL between 2023 and 2025 according to Workday's attorneys, with Workday and Accenture going on to partner on a response to solicitation from the state in 2022, which required that only one company be

contracted for both the design and implementation of the project. The two companies agreed to have the latter serve as the "prime contractor" for the purposes of meeting the solicitation requirements, despite their partnership.

According to the recent lawsuit, Workday and Accenture were "the only bidders to satisfy all minimum bidder qualifications" from the state, including having three to five reference projects meeting requirements for qualified bidders, including the successful implementation of projects that supported at least 25,000 employees and at least one "complex" reference project in which all HR functions were implemented to support 100,000 employees or more and at least 100 different entities. The initial requirements also stated that reference projects must be for contracts of at least \$10 million.

The two companies were then advanced to what attorneys described as a stringent, four-month proof of concept phase starting in August 2022, providing a phase two proposal in January 2023.

"At this point, under the plain terms of the Solicitation, the State was precluded from making any modifications to the Solicitation," attorneys for Workday wrote.

Workday's attorneys allege that

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Locals among county Classified Employees of the Year

Harvest Park's Libert wins for paraprofessional; Emerald's Chamberlain honored in security services

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Alameda County Office of Education recognized staff from the Pleasanton and Dublin school districts this month among its 2025 Classified Employees of the Year.

From Pleasanton Unified, Harvest Park Middle School's Lisa Libert took home the accolade in the paraprofessional category and from Dublin Unified, Emerald High School's Karen Chamberlain won in security services.

An ACOE panel chose these Tri-Valley employees as well as six others in the county for their work in classified, occupational specialties.

Following county-level victory, the winners will be considered by the California Department of Education for State Classified Employees of the Year. Statewide winners are set for announcement in late April.

"These honorees are undeniably committed and go above and beyond to make sure students have what they need to be successful," Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Alysse Castro said. "Their essential roles create the safe, supportive, and caring conditions where all students can thrive."

As a campus supervisor at Emerald, Chamberlain not only takes her work seriously, but also maintains a welcoming demeanor, the ACOE stated in its awards announcement.

"It's about building relationships, earning trust, and creating a space where students feel seen, heard and protected," Chamberlain said of her role.



Karen Chamberlain

"This recognition validates not only my work, but the importance of the role security staff play in fostering a positive school culture."

Prior to working at Emerald, Chamberlain served as a campus supervisor at Dublin High School for over 15 years.

"She consistently shows up, builds important relationships, and engages with students, staff, and community members," the ACOE said. "Her trusted commitment ensures a safe and supportive environment where students can learn and staff can perform their jobs effectively."

Her role as a valued member at Emerald is bolstered by her involvement in community athletics and students' lives, including those in the special needs adult

transition program.

"Every day, I remind myself that I'm not just showing up to enforce rules, I'm here to support students, create a safe and welcoming environment, and be a steady presence they can count on," Chamberlain said.

Within PUSD, Libert is considered among the longest-tenured special day class classroom aides, one-on-one aides, instructional assistants and registered behavior technicians. According to the ACOE, she has worked with "moderately-severely challenged" students for over 20 years and has been a registered behavior technician for 18 years.

"This recognition feels like such a meaningful way to close this chapter of my career," Libert told the Weekly, as she prepares for retirement. "Being acknowledged for doing something I genuinely love is incredibly fulfilling."



Lisa Libert

Libert's work at Harvest Park involves taking students to mainstream classes, such as P.E. and electives, attending to their hygiene and helping them develop life skills.

"I take time to understand what matters to each student, what motivates them, and how they learn best," Libert said. "It's about creating a space where every student feels seen, supported, and capable."

She has also played a vital role in training paraeducators, teachers and administrators for working with students with special needs, the ACOE said. In this, she has been key to the school's mainstreaming efforts for students with disabilities.

"Her loyalty and dedication to the students, the classroom teachers, staff, and parents of Harvest Park are truly outstanding," the ACOE said. "She models kindness and respect in everything she does, always keeping students' needs at the forefront."

Other employees recognized across the county include Castro Valley Unified School District's Nancy Mosbaugh in clerical and administrative services, Fremont Unified School District's Alexandra Lemus in custodial and maintenance services as well as Oakland Unified School District's Jenny Situ in food and nutrition services, Jaliza Collins in health and student services, Bobby Batom in skilled trades and Peter Bugno in technical services. ■

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DSRSD promotes Gallardo to admin services director

Takes over position permanently after serving in role on interim basis during past year

By JEANITA LYMAN

The Dublin San Ramon Services District has announced the promotion of one of its longtime employees to permanent head of the district's administrative services division following almost a year in the interim role and 18 years overall with the district.

Michelle Gallardo, who took the reins as interim administrative services director last year following the departure of Carol Atwood after more than seven years on the job, began serving in the role

permanently as of March 3, according to a recent announcement from DSRSD.

"I am excited to serve the District and our community in this new role," Gallardo said in the announcement. "The District's Administrative Services Department is an excellent team of dedicated professionals in the fields of information systems, human resources,



Michelle Gallardo

public affairs and workplace health, safety and emergency preparedness, and I look forward to continuing the great work we are doing to execute these important functions of the District's administration."

The administrative services division makes up a large portion of DSRSD's internal support operations according to officials, which includes human resources and risk management, public affairs, information, safety and security, emergency preparedness, and legislative affairs.

These are areas that are already familiar to Gallardo. In addition to

almost a year in the interim role, her 18-year tenure at DSRSD has included roles in the general manager's office, human resources, and organizational services, including an 11-year stint as human resources and risk manager.

"Michelle's deep understanding of DSRSD's operations and industry knowledge make her an invaluable asset to our team," DSRSD General Manager Jan Lee said in the district's announcement. "I am confident that under her leadership, the Administrative Services Department will continue to help

DSRSD thrive."

Prior to coming to DSRSD in 2007, Gallardo held multiple human resources roles following her graduation from St. Mary's College in Moraga with a bachelor's degree in management and certificates in human resources, including at the Livermore-based Performant Financial Corporation.

More recently, Gallardo served as special assistant to the general manager during Lee's first year on the job starting in late 2023 after she was appointed to fill the shoes of former GM Dan McIntyre. ■

WORKDAY

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despite the terms of the solicitation, the state would go on to modify the solicitation after months of negotiations with the state were ultimately stalled.

"After months of intense contract negotiations during which the parties worked diligently to craft a robust Statement of Work that met the State's needs, the State abruptly changed course," attorneys for Workday wrote. "The sticking point? The very one-contract model the State had insisted upon."

Negotiators for the state allegedly "attempted to walk away" rather than consider alternative requirements to the one-contract approach, such as the requirements under the state's Software Licensing

Program agreements that do not include the one-contract provision.

"But rather than admit the procurement process had failed, it (the state) took a more troubling approach," attorneys for Workday wrote. "At the eleventh hour, the State improperly modified the solicitation—despite clear terms prohibiting changes at this stage."

"Worse still, the State watered down technical requirements, scrapped the proof-of-concept phase and replaced it with mere demonstrations, but restricted the solicitation to the same initial bidders, all in an apparent attempt to create the illusion of competition," they continued.

According to Workday's attorneys, this situation created an "asymmetrical technical and financial evaluation", having already seen

Workday and Accenture's proof-of-concept demonstration and having negotiated financial terms that "other bidders were not privy to."

The updated technical requirements included reducing the number of employees reference projects had served from 25,000 to 10,000, reducing the cost of reference project contracts from \$10 million to \$5 million, and reducing the required employees served by at least one complex reference project from 100,000 to 50,000.

The new requirements also consisted of eliminating the proof-of-concept phase that Workday and Accenture had been subject to, instead requiring a 20-hour demonstration over four days "rather than the rigorous four-month proof of concept that was required in the original Solicitation," according to Workday's attorneys.

Another change was to the "sticking point" that had previously stalled negotiations, according to Workday's attorneys — the one-contract provision was adjusted to allow for one or more contracts.

"The State changed the contracting approach to allow either one contract award for a complete solution or multiple contracts: one for all implementation services and separate contracts for SaaS software," attorneys for Workday wrote.

Workday and Accenture tried their luck again, submitting their

phase one proposal by the new April 2024 deadline and becoming one of three bidders to proceed to the second phase according to Workday's attorneys. They went on to condense their previous proof-of-concept to a four-day, 20-hour presentation, later being moved to the third phase of the PAL.

"On information and belief, Accenture and Workday were one of three bidders selected to present best and final offers, which was inexplicably moved ahead of confidential discussions for the Revised Solicitation," attorneys for Workday wrote.

It was at this point that Workday and Accenture became aware of their alleged disadvantage in the new procurement process, having already negotiated a statement of work during the previous solicitation process, which included "nearly 90 final decisions regarding deliverables or project elements, including financial and other contracting requirements" that the state had requested in the original solicitation, according to attorneys for Workday. They further allege that the state declined to provide clarification when asked if those terms determined in the initial solicitation should be included in the new statement of work.

"In the absence of this crucial clarification, Accenture and Workday submitted their best and final offer cost evaluation, which

may have been higher than other bidders due to the additional work discussed and decided upon in confidential negotiations," attorneys for Workday wrote. "This naturally led to asymmetrical cost evaluations being submitted to the State for consideration from the bidders."

Accenture was later notified in September 2024, that its proposal alongside Workday would not be moving forward, with allegedly no justification provided and the state allegedly declining to engage in further discussions as it moved forward with the procurement process with the other two bidders and ultimately selecting CGI Technologies and Solutions last month.

According to the SCO website, the phased development of the project is set to be rolled out in four waves, the first of which is estimated for May 2028. However, Workday is seeking to compel the state to address the alleged violations of state law and procurement process requirements with the writ of mandate filed last month, and encouraging an injunction from the court.

"If the Court does not enter an injunction, there will be significant and irreparable harm to Workday and the taxpayers of California and the competitive procurement process as set forth above and there is no fully adequate remedy at law," attorneys for Workday wrote. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Happy 20th anniversary! Sanjit and Oanh Mandal brought the Weekly along on their cruise to Mexico celebrating their 20th anniversary.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

CEO

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in St. Louis, Missouri, according to a statement from the Tri-Valley health care network,

"We are excited to welcome Misty Jones to Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley," Shumway said in the statement. "With her impactful experience guiding strategic planning and performance initiatives, her leadership will advance our health system's mission to deliver world-class patient care and serve as a trusted source of support and healing for the Tri-Valley community."

Jones has held senior leadership

positions at SSM Health for the past four years. She served as regional vice president of operations for St. Louis before assuming the role of chief operating officer for St. Mary's and St. Louis University Hospitals. In these roles, Jones achieved significant improvements that increased operating room volumes and advanced the system's value-based care objectives.

Prior to her time at SSM Health, Jones held a number of roles at MU Health Care in Missouri, with responsibilities that included driving organizational change programs and continuous improvement initiatives. Jones has amassed a track

record throughout her career of developing complex service lines and optimizing operations to enhance efficiency and maximize patient outcomes.

In her new role as president and CEO of Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, Jones will lead development and implementation of its strategic and operating plans, according to officials. In partnership with stakeholders from Stanford Medicine and the Tri Valley community, she will be responsible for shepherding the Tri-Valley's alignment with Stanford Health Care and driving solutions that advance the health system's sustainable growth. ■

Chip Cookies comes to Dublin shopping center

First Tri-Valley store for cookie chain that releases new flavor weekly

By JUDE STRZEMP

Dessert company Chip Cookies launched its first Tri-Valley location in Dublin last week.

The cookie shop offers a rotating menu of cookies with a flavor every week as well as customizable cookies. Personalized cookies can include infusions and drizzles, frostings, vanilla ice cream and other toppings.

Celebrating its grand opening

April 5, the new storefront joins two other East Bay locations in Walnut Creek and Brentwood and dozens of stores nationwide.

“We had a great turn out for our Grand Opening and business has been good!” East Bay regional manager Breana Hachler told the Weekly. “We are so happy to be open and serving Dublin and the surrounding area!”

Chip is located in the Shamrock

Plaza Shopping Center at 6851 Amador Plaza Road. Cookies can be picked up in store, delivered locally or shipped.

“We are thrilled to welcome Chip Cookies to the City of Dublin!” city spokesperson Shari Jackman said. “Their arrival brings a delicious new addition to our community, and we’re excited for residents and visitors alike to enjoy this gourmet cookie experience.” ■



COURTESY CITY OF DUBLIN

Chip Cookies serves a rotating menu with options for customization.

TRAINING

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officer-in-training.

LPD introduced the virtual training system in 2022, becoming the only department in the Tri-Valley to-date with the technology. Since then, they have used VirTra to supplement every officer's training on less-lethal and lethal weapons as well as life-like scenarios.

“Every officer that goes through this at a high level of stress and comes out successful is successful in our community,” Lendman said. “They’re going to be so much better prepared out in the streets to deal with whatever it is that comes their way.”

Police officers enter a wide range of scenarios, whether a call is related to domestic violence, theft or mental illness, Lendman said. Each type of scenario also contains variables to make each one unique.

“I still have to perform. There's nobody else to call,” Lendman said amid the variety of issues the police face. “We need to train a lot, even on each one of those skill sets”.

This is where VirTra comes in, Lendman explained. It's a simulator that allows LPD to put officers in realistic situations they could see in the city.

Prepared with about 300 scenarios, VirTra includes active shooter, mental illness and traffic stop situations that change based on the officer's actions. An operator is required to interpret the participant's behaviors and select a pathway among branching outcomes.

Options in front of the officers include communicating with the actor and using de-escalation strategies or using force through unloaded weapons like firearms, tasers, pepper spray and bean bag gun.

If the student's words and tone are calming, the operator may choose scenes that indicate voluntary compliance. But if the student is agitated or raises their voice, the operator may increase the intensity of the verbal altercation to where the participant must use force.

“The end-goal is for better,

smarter outcomes when it comes to police interactions,” LPD spokesperson Azenith Smith said of VirTra.

The department was introduced to VirTra when Lt. Steve Goard and Lendman discovered the technology in 2017. The two then pitched the system to Police Chief Jeremy Young, who greenlit the idea after other training systems were evaluated.

Further, the Livermore City Council offered its approval and agreed to purchase the system at its June 27, 2022, meeting for an amount not-to-exceed \$260,000. The actual system cost was approximately \$250,000, according to Smith.

There are no additional costs for the system at this time. But if less-lethal weapons become available to law enforcement in the future, it may be incorporated into training for “minimal” costs, Smith said.

“We're really happy to leverage the technology and be a leader in the area, as far as training goes in virtual simulation,” Young said of VirTra.

While the use of VirTra cannot be statistically linked to scenario outcomes, the technology boosts officer's sense of preparedness, Goard said.

The LPD reports that the majority of its responses do not involve force. Last year, LPD officers used force 24 times out of 58,703 calls for service. In the years ranging from 2020 and 2024, LPD used force between 21 and 35 times per year, according to Smith.

Instead of directly impacting outcomes, Goard described VirTra as one of the contributing factors to officer responses.

Through VirTra, the department exposes officers to safe versions of high-stress situations so they can practice maintaining their processing abilities. Whether it be the branching scenario, a faulty mock weapon or a shock device, the stress level and cognitive load can be increased incrementally, Goard explained.

“We have to expose our officers to high-stress situations, to where they can still cognitively process

the same,” Goard said. “The more we can do that, the better they are.”

Among the major focuses of recent VirTra training has been mental health crises, which have increased industry-wide beginning in 2019, Goard said.

LPD is on its ninth training this year for mental crisis situations, above POST's requirement of eight hours every two years for this type of training, Goard said. The department aims to rehearse mental health-related scenarios with officers so they are familiar with how best to respond.

He stepped into such a scenario the afternoon of my visit to the police department.

In the scene, a man stood on a ledge, threatening his own life.

“I've got lots of resources”, Goard said to the actor on screen. “Can you just step down for me, please?”

With more encouragement, the projected man stepped safely onto the rooftop.

“That is an idealistic of what we're looking for,” Lendman said as

he paused the scenario.

Previously, this situation may have been run-through with a table-top or verbal exercise.

While the department has always pushed for more training, LPD found that time and money were limiting factors to the officer's training, Goard said.

Before the department began using the simulator, LPD held five trainings per year like most other agencies, Goard said. These sessions included societal demands and guidelines from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, which establishes professional standards for California law enforcement.

In this pre-VirTra time, the annual day of less-lethal training could cost the department \$36,000, Goard explained.

Now equipped with the technology, LPD holds six to 12 training sessions on less-lethal weapons per year, Goard said. Each session costs about \$2,000, or the wage of the instructor on overtime.

Not just frequent training, the technology also allows for quick lessons. For example, a new officer can go through 15 scenarios in half an hour, Goard said.

Plus, the technology allows LPD to run standardized training, rather than live-actor training which Goard said cannot be replicated precisely.

VirTra also allows room for officers to learn from failure, Lendman said.

“I would rather them experience failure here in a safe training environment, than when they're out there on the streets, dealing with it the first time where we want to see success,” Lendman said.

Through mistakes in virtual training the officers can learn the best tactics to use in the field.

Lendman added, “We can improve, sharpen ourselves many times and then get better for our community members and for us as well.”

“Perfect practice makes perfect,” Goard added. ■

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BUDGET CUTS

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The special meeting on April 8 was the first time the council analyzed the city's list of proposed budget cuts after months of community engagement, committee hearings and internal discussions.

The list originally included seven additional recommendations, such as closing the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, closing a fire station and reducing the Firehouse Arts Center programming, but the council unanimously agreed during its April 8 meeting to discard those controversial cuts after hearing from dozens of residents that same day who pleaded with the council to not touch those amenities and services.

Representatives and coaches from the Pleasanton Seahawks, a swim team that regularly uses the aquatic center, offered to help the city pay for some of the capital needs at the pool — things like pool covers and a pump for the pool.

"We believe that closing

one-of-a-kind assets in the city is a shortsighted view of savings," Steve Morsilli, head coach of the Seahawks, told the council. "Eliminating one-of-a-kind assets like the pool, theater and library should not be considered before curtailing services where we have multiple assets."

After narrowing the list of recommendations down to 21, the council was left with other tough decisions regarding cuts to the library, eliminating the crossing guard program, and cutting funding from the Museum on Main and other nonprofits.

One of the items that the council discussed in length was the proposed cuts to the Pleasanton Public Library, which garnered much opposition from residents during the April 8 meeting.

After listening to these comments — and others in regards to various other budget reduction items — staff presented some supplemental information and revised recommendations during the April 10 meeting following the direction they received

from the council two nights earlier.

Per the new alternative recommendation that the council unanimously supported, the library would have to eliminate all of its temporary staff (about 20 employees) who help with putting books back on shelves and fill in when staff are out sick or on vacation, one full-time position would be eliminated and a management position, which is currently vacant, would also be eliminated.

The library reduction recommendation would also change the library's schedule to 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and closing the library on Sundays.

Councilmember Julie Testa said that, much like all of the other items on the list, these cuts to the library are not something that she or the rest of the council want to do, but the fact the Measure PP sales tax did not pass means the city doesn't have much flexibility.

"It's tragic that we have to make these changes but I think we have to make these changes," Testa said. "I think it's the responsible thing to do."

Another point of contention during the April 10 meeting came up as the council discussed the item to reduce park and trail maintenance. Staff's recommendation was to eliminate mowing contracts and reduce irrigation frequency along with eliminating two vacant and two filled personnel positions.

Public works director Siew-Chin Yeong explained how the adjustment would mean reducing maintenance to underutilized parks and that overall, it would mean a change to how parks across the city would look.

The council was split with Councilmember Jeff Nibert and Testa supporting staff's original recommendation while the other three councilmembers wanted to eliminate the item from the list entirely in fear that the city would be losing, in a sense, assets that make the city great.

Nibert pointed out that staff's recommendation wouldn't affect the parks too much — it would probably lead to overgrown grass and grass that isn't as green, he said — and Yeong confirmed that with this reduction specifically, it would just mean the city would have to maintain these parks with its in-house staff.

Ultimately, the council remained split on the item but the majority agreed to have staff come back in May to look at further options to consider vacancies when talking about eliminating positions through attrition.

The council was similarly split on the revised item to retain one special enforcement unit officer rather than staff's original recommendation to eliminate both that position and an investigations unit officer position.

Councilmember Craig Eicher — a retired Pleasanton Police Department captain — was especially protective of this item and any reduction to the school resource officer program because he said he



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton residents filled the City Council chamber on April 8 to make their voices heard on what services and amenities they wanted the city to save.

was worried about the city's ability to serve its community.

Testa wanted to go with the original recommendation to eliminate both special unit positions and Nibert addressed that the council was not meeting its reductions target.

"I'm feeling somewhat dismayed that we aren't achieving the reductions that we need to achieve for the benefit of the city," he said.

Nibert also noted that voters during the recent election cycle had called for the city to find cuts where possible in light of Measure PP not passing and that they have not gotten close to those target goals. He also mentioned that, as staff have previously pointed out, there is a possibility of an economic downturn and recession that means these cuts could only be the beginning of future discussions.

Apart from removing the reduction to the school resource officer program from the list, the council also agreed that the Pleasanton Unified School District needs to return to the table to discuss cost-sharing options for that program and the crossing guard program.

"If we take this away and there's an accident, it would devastate me," Balch said in regards to the crossing guard program.

The council mostly supported the rest of the reductions on the final list April 10.

Those reductions include a \$2.8 million cut to internal services and operational support; reductions to landscaping services city-wide (this includes the removal of the city's Fall Leaf Pickup program); reducing community support and subsidies to Tri-Valley Community Television by 10% and to the Museum on Main and the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Other cuts the council supported are reducing the total general fund contribution to housing and human services grants to \$100,000; eliminating the entire budget for community grants in youth and civic arts categories; reducing funding for police special programs; and reductions to the city's planning and permitting department which translate to less in-person hours for the permit center and reductions to plan checking, long-range planning and permitting consultant contracts.

A sticking point that came up during both meetings last week was Balch's proposal to use money from the capital improvement program

and the city's other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability fund — in addition to the \$2 million that the council authorized to use from the Section 115 trust fund for pension payments — to reduce the overall reduction target goals for both fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Balch suggested not overfunding the OPEB fund as they have for the past two years, which would free up \$1.7 million in the general fund and not putting as much money into the CIP so that it would "free up approximately \$3.22 million in year one and \$3.391 million in year two".

"That would mean the cut target ... for year one would be \$3.48 million and the cut target for year two would be \$4.909 million," Balch said. "If we are willing to put a little less than in the forecast to CIP, but still again more than we've put in prior years, this could help us to have the general fund have additional funds to not cut as deep."

Susan Hsieh, the city's finance director, said staff could look at using savings, revisit the city's revenues and expenditures and even use some of that OPEB fund to balance the two-year budget as the city analyzes its options before returning to the council on May 20.

Eicher supported Balch's suggestion and Councilmember Matt Gaidos said he wouldn't be opposed to withdrawing money from those funds after looking at other options. However, Nibert and Testa vehemently opposed Balch's suggestion throughout the meeting.

Testa said not putting money into capital projects have historically led the city to where it is in regards to deteriorating facilities and that if the city takes away from the CIP, it would put them all in a deeper hole.

Nibert echoed her sentiments and said the city needs to catch up with its facility needs or else more measures such as parcel taxes might have to go to the voters.

"Many organizations have realized, in hindsight, that not putting money towards repair and replacement ... was a huge mistake," Nibert said. "In fact Pleasanton is already suffering from this."

"I know it's not easy to make these decisions. These are items that we all value," he added. "But pulling them from the CIP would be a very short-term solution and in the long term, it would come back to haunt the future councils as well as our city and all of its residents." ■

Forrest Sass

Forrest Sass, known for his deep devotion to family, faith, and his community, passed away in Pleasanton, California, on January 1, 2025. He was treasured by family and friends alike, and left behind a legacy of love, thoughtful guidance, and integrity.

Born and raised in Alameda, California, Forrest carried the values of his upbringing with him throughout his life. A proud graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, he went on to build a fulfilling career in electronics engineering—a field that satisfied both his inventive spirit and quiet intelligence.

He spent most of his adult years in Pleasanton, where he became an integral part of the community. He led Boy Scout troops in Sunol, piloted small planes out of Livermore airport, and sang with the East Bay Broadway Chorus. He was a dedicated member of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Livermore, a familiar face at the Pleasanton farmers market, and never missed the Alameda County Fair.

Forrest was a man of many talents and boundless curiosity: an engineer, entrepreneur, inventor, businessman, musician, and mentor. He approached every endeavor with principle and perseverance.

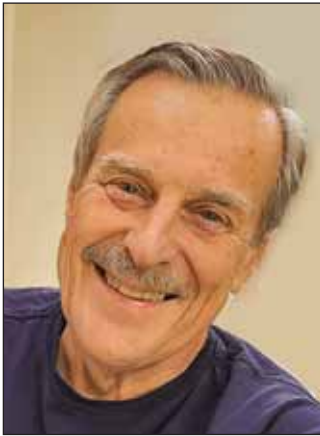
Forrest was a unique soul, known for his routines and cherished habits that endeared him to all who knew him. As a friend, he was the most steadfast and loyal companion one could ask for. He embodied the true essence of a Christian, living his values through kindness, selflessness, and quiet acts of goodness.

Above all, Forrest was devoted to his family. He took immense pride in his children and grandchild and cherished his role in their lives. His presence brought warmth and laughter, and his absence leaves a void that words cannot fill.

His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him, in the lives he touched, and in the countless stories of his generosity, humor, and ever-present support.

May he rest in peace, knowing he was deeply loved and will never be forgotten.

Please email COL.Forrest.Sass@gmail.com for Celebration of Life details.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Suspect in Livermore road-rage shooting arrested in Seattle

Authorities have arrested an Oakland man they believe shot someone last month in Livermore during a case of road rage.

The shooting occurred just before 5 p.m. on March 11 near North Vasco Road and Dalton Avenue.

Officers found the victim with a gunshot wound. He was taken to the hospital and is currently recovering, police said last week.

Detectives identified 26-year-old Demarionte Smith as the suspect.

With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, police arrested Smith on April 1 in Seattle. Police said he's been charged with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

Investigators believe Smith fled to Seattle to stay with family. He's currently awaiting extradition back to California.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting can contact the Livermore Police Department's anonymous tip line at 925-371-4790.

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News Service

Murder charge in Santa Rita inmate death

• An Oakland man being held for murder in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin has been charged with killing his cellmate — who was being held for a separate murder.

Paula Faau, 22, is accused of killing Elias Angel Rivera, 37, while both were inmates in the same jail cell, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office said last Friday.

Faau activated an emergency call button just before midnight on March 17, according to the sheriff's office. Deputies found Rivera unresponsive with visible injuries. He was taken to a local hospital where he died at 1:11 a.m. on March 18.

Rivera had been arrested by the California Highway Patrol on May 21, 2022, the sheriff's office said, after a wrong-way head-on collision on Highway 24 in Oakland that killed one person.

Faau was arrested in the Aug. 20, 2023, death of Julian Carillo Garcia in the 5800 block of Bancroft Avenue in Oakland, according to a police press release at the time.

Carillo Garcia was found just before 6 p.m. with at least one apparent



COURTESY ELITE TAEKWONDO ACADEMY

An allegedly drunk driver crashed into Livermore's Elite Taekwondo Academy early in the morning of April 9.

gunshot wound, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

—Bay City News Service

Police: Drunk driver hits taekwondo studio

• A 30-year-old Livermore man was arrested for allegedly crashing his car into martial arts studio Elite Taekwondo Academy while drunk last week.

Upon partially entering the building located at 53 Wright Brothers Ave. early in the morning of April 9, the vehicle shattered a 12-foot-by-10-foot window, according to Livermore PD. The driver remained at the scene and failed field sobriety tests, police said.

No one was present in the studio at the time of the incident, business owner Tharma Karunamoorthy said.

Since the damage, Karunamoorthy has paused instruction while the studio is being restored.

As for the recent outpour of community support, Karunamoorthy said he's very thankful. He also intends to use the incident as a teaching lesson regarding the dangers of drunk driving.

—Jude Strzemp

I-680 shooting

• The CHP is continuing to search this week for the suspect in a San Ramon freeway shooting Sunday evening in which no one was injured.

CHP officers met late Sunday night with a man in San Ramon who reported that the shooting came from the passenger of a Ford F250 who had aimed a gun in his direction and fired approximately five times while traveling northbound on Interstate 680 north of Alcosta Boulevard at approximately

8:08 p.m. that day.

No further details were available as of Monday afternoon.

The agency's Dublin division is continuing to work toward identifying the suspect. Anyone with additional information is asked to call investigating Officer Robert Purl at 925-828-0446.

—Jeanita Lyman

Hit-and-run driver on the loose

• Livermore police are looking for the driver of a silver minivan that allegedly struck and injured a bicyclist March 25.

Police said around 1:55 p.m., a female bicyclist was riding southbound on P Street and crossing First Street in the crosswalk when she was struck by a silver minivan.

The driver initially stopped to check on her but left shortly after, continuing southbound on P Street.

The bicyclist only had minor injuries.

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Police are looking for the driver. Anyone with information can call police at 925-371-4987.

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News Service

Chemical exposure sends kids to hospital

• More than a dozen juveniles were treated for shortness of breath or lung irritation Monday afternoon after exposure to chlorine at a private pool located in Livermore, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department said.

Three of the patients were transported to local hospitals for minor injuries and the remaining 10 were released to their parents and guardians on-scene, following assessment by first responders, department spokesperson Rosa Ramos said. The cause of the chlorine release at The Club @ Livermore — formerly known as the Livermore Valley Tennis Club —

is under investigation.

Club officials declined to comment on the incident.

At 4:36 p.m. on Monday, the fire department and Falck ambulances were dispatched to a medical assist call to The Club at 2000 Arroyo Road.

Upon arrival, the LPPFD said one patient was in need of medical assistance.

"While treating the patient, several other occupants reported medical complaints," Ramos told the Weekly.

Suspecting a chlorine release in the pool area, the engine captain requested additional resources to the incident.

In total, three engines, one truck company, one hazardous materials team, two battalion chiefs, an EMS supervisor and five ambulances responded to the incident. ■

—Jude Strzemp

Edward Patrick Shannon, Jr.

June 12, 1940 – March 31, 2025

Edward Patrick Shannon Jr., 84, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2025, in Pleasanton, California, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Jamestown, California, Edward lived a life defined by devotion—to his family, to his country, and to the simple joys that brought him happiness. He served honorably in the Air Force Reserve, reflecting a steadfast sense of duty and patriotism that remained with him throughout his life.

Edward's greatest pride was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Wilma Shannon; his son, Edward Shannon; and his daughter, Denise Disbrow. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren—Brandon (Rachel), Taylor, Bryce (Alyssa), and Carli Disbrow—and great-grandchildren, Jordan and Elijah Disbrow. He is also survived by his brother, Michael (Chris) Shannon, and nephew, Sean Shannon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mary Shannon.

A man of quiet passions and thoughtful craftsmanship, Edward found joy in restoring and driving Model A cars—a hobby that combined his love of history, hands-on work, and timeless beauty. He also cherished time spent boating and visiting Oregon, always finding peace in nature and the water.

Edward's warmth, humor, and steady presence touched everyone who knew him. Whether sharing stories, fixing something with care, or simply sitting with loved ones, he made the everyday moments count.

May Edward's memory be a source of comfort and inspiration, and may his legacy of love and quiet strength continue in the hearts of all who knew him.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Graham Hitch Funeral Home, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, California. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 10:00 AM at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, California. Burial and a reception will follow the service.

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'A GENERATION

STORY BY DENNIS MILLER | PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Luka Mijatovic.

If you don't know the name, you need to learn it. And if you do know the name, you fully understand why others need to familiarize themselves.

Mijatovic, 15-year-old sophomore at Foothill High School, is well-known in the USA Swimming community and could possibly be standing on the medal stand during the 2028 Summer Olympics.

Intrigued? Then keep reading.

It was last spring when Mijatovic arrived on the public scene around Pleasanton and the East Bay Athletic League when, as a freshman, he captured first place in the 500-free-style at the California Interscholastic Federation State Meet.

A freshman winning a state title in swimming-rich California. And doing it by seven seconds — a lifetime in swimming.

It's highly unlikely.

"Obviously he is a generational talent," said Steve Morsilli, the head of the Pleasanton Seahawks swim club and Mijatovic's coach.

Swimming is a unique sport where the top swimmers usually compete in high school as opposed to ignoring their schools like so many other Olympic sports. Mijatovic lives in Pleasanton and attends Foothill, representing the school during the spring.

"(High school) is a lot different from club," Mijatovic said. "The energy is a lot different. It's such a great time hanging with my friends. They go crazy when I win a race. It's a blast."

Mijatovic started swimming when he was 3-1/2 years old when the family lived in Campbell.

"My parents enrolled me in water safety when I was 4, but I quit at 5 to play soccer," explained Mijatovic.

He got back into the pool at 7 and within a couple of years it was obvious he was natural.

"By the time he was 8 or 9, we had an idea he could be pretty good," said Mijatovic's mom, Lana Djuric.

The family made the decision to move to Pleasanton and swim for the Seahawks and Morsilli.

Being a competitive swimmer is not for the faint of heart.

"Excellence is not convenient," Morsilli said of the motto they use with the Seahawks. "We talk about it with the kids all the time. You have to be organized in school and life. It's tough but if you want to be a great athlete ..."

Monday is the light day of the week with practice from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Then it gets crazy the rest of the week.



Foothill sophomore Luka Mijatovic as he captures the attention

Mijatovic is up at 4 a.m. each day and has a bagel at 4:15 a.m. From there he is off to practice, arriving at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton to convert the lane lines from short-course to long-course. Then there is practice from 5-6:30 a.m.

From there it's back home for breakfast and to get ready for school. He then is at Foothill from 8:30 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. as he has four classes in-person, and two online classes.

He then heads home, gets some lunch and takes a nap around 1:30 p.m. It's then back to the pool from 3:45-5:45 p.m. From 6-7 p.m. it's workouts out of the water like weights or other exercises.

Finally, it's back home for dinner, and some schoolwork, then he goes to bed at 8:30 p.m. to get some sleep so he can do it all over again the next day. This is every Tuesday to Friday.

Saturdays are 5:45-7:45 a.m. High school meets take the place of the afternoon workout when they occur.

Lost in the shuffle is that with Mijatovic being only 15,

he needs a ride to all the practices, and that comes in the form of his father. It's not only the swimmers who are dedicated.

There are about 30 members on the Seahawks that follow the same training regime, one of which is Tim Wu, a Dougherty Valley High School student. Morsilli has high praise for Wu, who will be heading to the University of California, Berkeley.

"They are the top two we have and it's not even close," Morsilli said of Mijatovic and Wu. "They wouldn't be who they are without each other. They push each other every day."

Swimming at high levels is certainly not for everyone.

"We draw a timeline for the kids from 0-85," Morsilli said of a life timeline. "We put a dot on the line for high school. High school is only a small part of life; you don't want to look back and not have done it. Why not be the best you can now?"

There has to be some time off.

PERSONAL TALENT'



Mijatovic focusing on the little things on the swimming world

“Three weeks,” Mijatovic said of how much time off he took last year.

And what did he do with the break?

“Laid in bed and ate sweets,” Mijatovic said. “I didn’t do very much.”

All the work and effort led to the sensational freshman year.

The amazing thing about his successful Foothill season was that he was actually training through the high school season, with the United States Olympic Trials two weeks after the high school season ended. That is where the focus was at the time.

Still when he got to the high school postseason, he was just that much better.

In the North Coast Section meet, he took the 200 free and 500 free, earning automatic All-American marks in both. His time of 4:21.94 in the 500 free was 10 seconds better than second place.

That sent him to the state meet, where he was second

in the 200 free by less than a second to a senior. He won the 500 with a time of 4:16.51 — seven seconds faster than second place.

Mijatovic knew he was going to do well.

“Yeah, I was looking at all the (competitors) times before state,” he said. “I was just focused on not getting DQ’d.”

Almost before he could digest the success at state, he was off to the Olympic Trials in Indianapolis. Nothing could prepare Mijatovic for that.

They built a special swimming pool in the middle of Lucas Oil Stadium, where the NFL’s Colts play.

“It was amazing and kind of scary,” Mijatovic said. “There were 50,000 people there. The pool was humongous. I got lost the first time I walked in there.”

He turned in personal bests in both the 200 and the 400 frees, and more importantly, earned a spot on the 2024-25 Junior National Team.

That led to a spot in the Pan Pacific Championship in Australia in August. He won three gold medals, taking



the 200 and 400 free, and swimming a leg on the winning 4x200 free relay.

Recently Mijatovic set the swimming world on fire again with his performances from the Pacific Swimming Far Western Championships.

The meet was conducted in Pleasanton, and he went nuts, setting personal bests in every event he swam.

In the 500 and 1,650 freestyles, he set new 15-16 national age group records.

In the 500, he lowered his own mark by a second to 4:10.96. The time would have qualified for the Consolation Final in the last NCAA meet.

The 1,650 saw him clock 14:37.63, a mark that would have finished 12th in the NCAA meet.

Message boards in swimming sites have been full of amazement and praise. There is now talk about a chance of Luka earning a spot in the World Championships later this year.

But right now, it’s what is right in front of him.

The CIF meet is May 15-17 in Clovis. The NCS meet is a week earlier at the Concord Community Pool.

Two weeks after CIF, there are nationals in Indianapolis, which could lead to spots in the World Junior Championships in Romania in August.

It could also see Mijatovic earn a spot on the U.S. National Team. Not just the Junior National Team.

“At the end of the season, the fastest six in each event make the national team,” Morsilli said. “If you make the national team, you get preference to the national training center.”

And down the line, the Olympic team? The 2028 Summer Olympics are in Los Angeles.

“In the Olympics, it’s down to the top two swimmers in each event,” Morsilli said. “But if you are named to the national team, you know you are in the mix.”

Mijatovic is staying in the moment. It’s almost hard to believe he is a 15-year-old high school sophomore.

“I’m just taking things day by day and focus on doing the little things right,” Mijatovic said. “But making the team for Los Angeles would be amazing.” ■

Foothill High School sophomore swimmer Luka Mijatovic is making a name for himself in the pool at the local, state and national levels. Photo collage shows Mijatovic at practice with Pleasanton Seahawks and at a meet with Foothill.

Pacific Chamber Orchestra presenting 'Mozart Rocks'

Shows set in Livermore and Lafayette next weekend

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Pacific Chamber Orchestra is preparing to take audiences on a musical journey through the playful, lyrical and innovative spirit of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The compositions the orchestra is set to play during the "Mozart Rocks 2025" concerts this month are rarely played together and they showcase the breadth of Mozart's genius, according to a statement from PCO's music director Lawrence Kohl.

Program highlights will include the "Cosi Fan Tutte" overture followed by soprano Shawnette Sulker singing Despina's flirty aria, "In Uomini, in Soldati". Concert-goers can experience the mischievous charm of this aria inspired by the beloved character Despina. "Its spirited rhythms and witty motifs set the perfect tone for an evening of Mozart's ingenious theatrical flair," Kohl wrote.

The First Movement of Mozart's "Flute Concerto" captures the lightness and refined lyricism that have made the concerto a favorite. It will be played by flautist Leslie Chin who has recorded music for numerous video games and movies and can be heard on the Pixar short, "Presto". She played late Russian composer Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird" ballet at Burning Man 2019 and plays in orchestra pits for various shows.

The "Alleluia" from "Exsultate, jubilate" radiates spiritual fervor and buoyant energy, inviting listeners to celebrate the divine through music.

The Second Movement of Mozart's "Clarinet Concerto" serves as a testament to Mozart's ability to infuse his compositions with profound emotion and elegance.

The "Mozart Rocks" concert will also feature "L'Amore, saro costante" from "Il re pastore," "A Musical



COURTESY PCO

Flautist Leslie Chin will play with the Pacific Chamber Orchestra at its concerts April 26-27.



COURTESY PCO

The "Mozart Rocks" shows will also feature soprano Shawnette Sulker.

Joke" K-522 IV. Finale and Mozart's vengeful queen finale from "The Magic Flute".

Lastly, Symphony No. 41 in C Major, K. 551, "Jupiter" is the grand culmination of Mozart's symphonic writing. It juxtaposes the forceful and the gentle, building to a

combination of ideas that feel both logical and surprising at the same time, according to Kohl. This piece showcases Mozart's ability to layer intricate counterpoint with dynamic contrasts.

PCO is set to present "Mozart Rocks" on two separate occasions

this month including next Saturday (April 26) in Lafayette at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. and next Sunday (April 27) at 3 p.m. in Livermore at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets and more information can be found at pacificchamberorchestra.org. ■

Hike for Hope returns to Del Valle next month

Hope Hospice fundraiser has 300+ participants registered so far

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley nonprofit Hope Hospice & Health Services is getting ready for its 2025 Hike for Hope fundraising event next month at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore.

The scenic hike on the morning of May 17 raises money to support Hope Hospice's efforts to bring care to people in the region facing serious illness and the end of life, as well as no-cost grief support services and dementia education programs, according to the nonprofit.

"The Tri-Valley community has embraced this cherished annual event," Jennifer Hansen, Hope's senior vice president, told the Weekly.

"We love seeing familiar faces return year after year. While this event originally began as a memorial for those who had a loved one in our care, it has grown into something much greater — bringing together hundreds of community members who share in our mission," Hansen said. "The funds we raise through registration fees and generous

donations play a vital role in helping us provide exceptional care and support to our patients and their families."

The Hike for Hope includes a "fairly flat 2.6-mile out-and-back route" along the regional park's East Shore Trail, according to organizers. Participants can add a 2-mile loop with a moderate climb to a scenic overlook, and both options are designed for people to go at their own comfort level and pace.

Registration for this year's event opened last month. So far, 30 teams and 311 individual participants have signed up, committing 134 donations for more than \$24,000 overall as of Tuesday afternoon, according to the Hike for Hope webpage.

Hikers are encouraged to arrive by 8 a.m. to the Fiesta Grande Picnic Area in the Del Valle Regional Park on May 17. The event will start at 8:30 a.m. with announcements and a blessing before hikers set out on the trail.

To sign up or learn more, go to p2p.onecause.com/hikeforhope. ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Scenic outlook at top of longer Hike for Hope route above Lake Del Valle in Livermore.



CHUCK DECKERT

The 2025 Hike for Hope is scheduled for May 17 at Del Valle Regional Park.

‘Star Trek’ science adviser speaking at Bankhead Theater

Erin Macdonald is ‘rocket scientist by day, warp drive expert by night’

By JEREMY WALSH

Physicist, writer and “Star Trek” science adviser Erin Macdonald is appearing at the Bankhead Theater early next month to close out Livermore Valley Arts’ 2024-25 Rae Dorough Speaker Series.

A “rocket scientist by day, warp drive expert by night”, Macdonald has attained a reputation as a “leading voice in science communication” throughout her career as an astrophysicist, educator, public speaker and author, according to LVA officials. But “Dr. Erin” is now best-known for her work consulting for the “Star Trek” franchise during the past six years.

“Bringing her expertise in gravitational astrophysics to the forefront as the science adviser for Star Trek, she ensures scientific accuracy while bridging the gap between science and pop culture,” LVA reps said in a press release. “Audiences will not want to miss this chance to hear from Dr. Macdonald as she shares her insights on the universe’s mysteries and the fascinating world of science fiction.”

A Colorado native, Macdonald completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder and earned her Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow in Scotland at age 25. She did post-doctoral research on gravitational waves and went on to teach at the college level, according to LVA.

She entered the world of entertainment by writing and narrating science podcasts, publishing original books and founding Spacetime Productions — in addition to the science adviser work she began with the “Star Trek” franchise in 2019.

Macdonald’s matinee appearance at the downtown Livermore theater is set for 3 p.m. May 4. For tickets and more information, visit livermorearts.org. ■



COURTESY LVA

Astrophysicist and “Star Trek” science adviser Erin Macdonald is appearing in Livermore on May 4.

Art walks focusing on artworks around Firehouse

Pieces donated by Harringtons ‘await your reflection and inspiration’

By JEREMY WALSH

Get to know more about 12 pieces of public art in Pleasanton donated by Gary and Nancy Harrington during new guided walking tours at the Firehouse Arts Center downtown this spring.

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and Museum on Main are partnering to present the series on four Saturday mornings in May and June led by docent Jan Coleman-Knight.

“Come sit next to Monet, marvel at dancers in ‘pas de deux’, meet the four amazing works of a female blacksmith and gaze in awe at the optic wonders of a crystal bell,” Coleman-Knight said, alluding to several of the artworks inside and outside the Firehouse.

“Twelve monuments await your reflection and inspiration,” arts council officials added. “Learn about the artists who created these enduring works. Each piece represents the generosity of the Harringtons’ and their unique contribution to the public memory of Pleasanton.”

Registration is now open for the free tours, which are limited to 25



COURTESY PCAC

“Firehouse Optic Crystal Bell” by Jack Storms.



COURTESY PCAC

“Monet’s Bench” by Gary Lee Price.

people per event. They are scheduled for 10 a.m. May 3, May 17, June 7 and June 21 at the city-owned theater and gallery at 4444 Railroad Ave. — and organizers encourage participants to walk

another block on their own afterward to the museum at 603 Main St. where three additional pieces of public art are installed.

Go to museumonmain.org for more information. ■

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We are seeking local high school or college students with an appetite for news and an interest in learning about print and digital media for internship opportunities. The interns will research stories, do interviews and help with fact checking and rewrites for the award-winning Pleasanton Weekly, LivermoreVine.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com. They will also be introduced to the other aspects of publishing, including advertising and production.

During the internship period, the intern will be an integral part of the team, participating fully in the process of gathering and presenting news.

Candidates must be responsible, have good writing skills, be available 10 to 12 hours a week and have reliable internet access. Internships require an academic sponsor. Applicants should send a resume, a cover letter explaining your interest and links to at least three examples of journalistic work to editor Cierra Bailey at cbailey@embarcaderomedia.org by 11:59 p.m. April 21.



Opinion

GUEST OPINION

By OLIVIA SANWONG

Response to concerns raised by LARPD

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has recently raised concerns about the East Bay Regional Park District's role in the Livermore-Amador Valley.

EBRPD has consistently made long-term investments aligned with the intent of the 1992 tax-sharing agreement. LARPD contends that the agreement excludes Del Valle, Morgan Territory, and Shadow Cliffs — a view I respectfully disagree with.

I am disappointed that LARPD canceled our April 4 liaison meeting, following an earlier postponement of the Jan. 31 meeting. Both times, I had hoped the EBRPD—LARPD liaison meetings would provide an opportunity to engage the community on

projects like a Phase I opening of Doolan Canyon and new regional trail connections at Brushy Peak. I remain hopeful that future meetings will provide an opportunity to advance these conversations together with community input and support.

Providing safe public access to open space is complex. For example, LARPD currently manages Sycamore Grove Park (850 acres), a community gem, but scaling up to larger properties would likely be a significant challenge.

Unlike EBRPD, LARPD lacks its own planning, public safety, and fleet vehicle departments, relying instead on the City of Livermore for these services. Scaling up would require

substantial staffing, equipment and infrastructure — resources that LARPD would need to coordinate in partnership with the City of Livermore.

To put this into perspective, next to Sycamore Grove and within the defined Murray Township area, EBRPD manages Del Valle Regional Park (4,395 acres) and the Ohlone Wilderness (9,737 acres).

These properties are more extensive and complex than Sycamore Grove, with rugged terrain, diverse ecosystems, critical fire management needs, and the 28-mile Ohlone Wilderness Trail, which crosses multiple jurisdictions. EBRPD's long-term investments at Del Valle include Camp Arroyo (opened in 2001) and over 150 public campsites. By contrast, LARPD's camping efforts are based outside the region, in Lake Tahoe.

It's also important to understand how EBRPD's budget is structured.



The 2025 budget lists Del Valle's operating costs at \$3 million, excluding essential public safety services such as EBRPD's Aerial Support Unit, based at Livermore Airport, and vital to regional emergency response. The budget also excludes shared services like planning and fleet vehicle management, which EBRPD maintains in-house — reflecting a higher level of operational readiness than LARPD.

I remain committed to equitable investment and long-term community engagement, grounded in EBRPD's proven ability to provide safe public access to open space.

The views expressed in this statement are my own and do not represent the official position of the East Bay Regional Park District or its Board of Directors. ■

Editor's note: Olivia Sanwong, who was born in Livermore and has lived most of her life in Pleasanton, was elected to her first term as director of EBRPD Ward 5 in 2022. She served as an elected Zone 7 Water Agency director from 2018-22, including as board president from 2020-21.

LETTERS

Civic Square is horrid

Civic Square in downtown Pleasanton is a horrid place to live in. Today, they had a tow truck that they're partnered with tow my husband's car while he was taking groceries inside. There was a tow truck waiting for the moment when he was taking groceries inside to tow his car and fine over \$500 to him in towing fees.

This is extremely predatory on

Civic Square, contracting tow trucks to wait outside our apartments to tow us in the mere moments we're unloading.

This is in addition to the recent requirement for any vehicle within the property to have a parking permit, barring any resident from having a guest visit their apartment. We were also advised that our guests cannot park on Case Avenue at risk of tow.

This means despite the \$3,200/month rent we pay, we are barred from having any visitors to the property. This was not within the lease agreement that I signed and I believe

that rent adjustment should be administered considering the changes of lease terms.

Civic Square has been a nightmare to live in, first giving us an extremely dirty and stinking apartment that we had to recover ourselves. There was also a gas leak diagnosed by PG&E, and Civic Square refused to fix it for over 10 days after PG&E put in the work order.

In closing, Civic Square is abusing its residents and is offering subpar dwellings based off its exorbitant rent and is in cahoots to extort its tenants alongside the towing company

—Grace Edgar

Response to Around the Valley blog

It's rather telling that Mrs. Gina Wilcox is omitting my Letter to the Editor of her Pleasanton Weekly, dated March 30 of this year, in her April 8 blog, "Pleasanton has a trust problem".

In that letter I point out for readers the absurdity of hosting an \$11,500 party at taxpayer expense held at Callippe Golf Course, the annual Mayor's Award event, considering the severe budget situation facing the city. I asked why the \$500 alternative event was not considered by the council majority? If sponsorships are realistic for the city, the mayor should have his company sponsor the event.

To give context for the community, I'm a city employee who was involved in the Yes on PP committee. I do park maintenance. I mow lawns, pick up trash, spray for weeds. Very low level grunt-stuff.

The question for readers should be: Why is Mrs. Wilcox, the president and (publisher) of the Pleasanton

Weekly, elevating a very low-level city-worker like myself? I'm honored really. But this is her second editorial on me. What does it say about a paper that is registered as a 501c(3) non-profit, and the president/(publisher) chooses to pick fights with a guy who drives a lawn mower for the city?

Mrs. Wilcox, if bestowed the honor for the annual Mayor's Award, can you commit to kindly refusing it considering the excessive taxpayer expense? No one should be celebrating at a golf course in light of the truly awful budget situation in Pleasanton.

Thank you for your years of journalistic service to the community.

—Matthew Gray, via online comment

Disrespectful article on murder in Pleasanton

I am appalled at the article you printed titled, "Prosecutors charge man with murdering his mom, popular senior services provider."

Marjory Tilley, the mother, was a respected and valued member of our community. Her murder is a horrible tragedy. Your inclusion of graphic details is distressing and unkind to her memory. No one needs to read the horrendous details that you printed. She was one of us and deserved respect.

Your quotes from Malcolm Tilley are unnecessary and painful. You are supplying information that is only helpful to the legal and medical personnel. These statements further misunderstanding mental illness.

You have turned a horribly sad situation into a gossip column, and hurt those who cared for this family. I thought your Weekly newspaper held higher standards.

—Carol Little

Employment

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Insurer pushback adds strain for paralyzed Foothill pole vaulter, family

Sophomore Aman Deshmukh in early stages of rehabilitation

March 6 of this year was a lot like plenty of other days for Foothill High sophomore Aman Deshmukh.

After school that day, the 15-year-old Deshmukh headed down to the track at Foothill for track-and-field practice, where he was working on the pole vault for the Falcons.

And soon his whole life would change.

Sometime during practice, Deshmukh went down the runway, planted the pole and launched himself in the air toward the bar. Somewhere along the way, things went wrong — very wrong.

“Aman had a clean jump, cleared the bar and landed in the landing area on the mat,” his mother Yogini Joglekar said, recounting what happened. But he landed badly, suffering a severe spinal cord injury, injuring the C4 and C5 of his cervical spine.

He was rushed to the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland, where he went through three surgeries to stabilize his spine.

While the surgeries stabilized the spine, the damage was done, leaving Deshmukh paralyzed from the neck down.

Now the rehabilitation begins, and it’s turned out to be a major issue for the family.

The family is insured by Kaiser Permanente, so ultimately the company will determine which rehab center they feel is best for Aman.

Locally, that would be the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCV).

While it is a highly regarded facility, the question is: Is that the best place for Aman?

Not to take anything away from SCV, but there are others who think there is another center that would be a better fit for Aman’s rehabilitation.

The doctors at UCSF who have taken care of Aman since the injury occurred recommend Craig Hospital in Colorado, a world-renowned rehabilitation hospital that exclusively specializes in neurorehabilitation and research for individuals with spinal cord and brain injuries.

The facility also offers Teen Rehabilitation at Craig, an adolescent-focused program for Craig patients provided during their stay. TRAC is a comprehensive and inclusive opportunity for teen patients and their families to empower each other during the rehabilitation process.

The program also fosters positive peer support, having the teens together to encourage each other.

It’s the same center where another Foothill student following a similar injury was assigned for rehab.

“We talked with the parents, and they highly recommended Craig,” Joglekar said. “You work together with other teens. It builds camaraderie and a support system.”

The problem is that Kaiser would need to recommend Craig as the best place for Aman — something

they have done before with other patients. At this point, Kaiser has not done that for Aman and has opted to decide that Aman will be better served at SCV.

“They have said they are going to recommend what they think is the best place for Aman,” Joglekar said. “But they have not told us why Santa Clara, which does not have a teen specific section, is better for Aman.”

Both the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center acute care rehab and Craig are “out of network centers” for Kaiser and as mentioned before, Kaiser has recommended Craig before for patients.

But despite sending letters from experts that have been attending physicians at UCSF, which all clearly state Craig is best for Aman, there has been no explanation for why not Craig, other than the decision has “zero dependence on financial criteria, that it is driven solely by clinical factors”.

It is a mystery on so many levels. Follow along and draw your own conclusions.

A committee that has yet to care for Aman is deciding against the strong recommendations of the experts that have been treating him.

It seems like a slam dunk that Kaiser should be able to supply tangible evidence why they feel Santa Clara Valley is better suited for Aman’s rehab.

The family has responded to Kaiser with questions such as:



COURTESY DESHMUKH FAMILY

Aman Deshmukh (right) pictured in the hospital with Boy Scouts Troop leader Filiberto De Cal.

“How do you plan to address the lack of crucial elements at SCV such as lack of a teen SCI cohort, lack of a dedicated schoolteacher, lack of appropriate therapeutic recreation options that Aman’s care physicians have highlighted are important for acute rehab for Aman? What is the clinical team’s concern about Aman’s respiratory state? Please provide specific information (website link, news articles, awards, brochure, etc.) of how SCV is the only respiratory hospital/rehab facility to serve Aman’s needs as you mentioned during the call.”

Thus far — crickets from Kaiser. How does that make any sense?

Insurance companies in this country are taking a PR beating right now, and it’s easy to see why with the way Kaiser is handling this case.

It is almost impossible to believe Kaiser would be purposely ignoring what’s best for Aman but at the same time, when recommendations from doctors who have been treating him are being ignored, where else does that leave your

belief system to go?

“He is working very hard every day,” Joglekar said regarding Aman’s current rehab work. “We have been told the first three months are crucial — we just want what is best for our son.”

If you are curious as to how you can help, other than sending prayers and support for the family, friends have started an online petition to advocate for Aman.

There have been thousands who have signed the petition from across the United States, and there have been numbers from outside the country.

It would be wonderful if as a community we could all come together, sign the petition, as well as find out if there are other ways to help.

I have always thought Pleasanton is a wonderful community and rallying together for causes such as this is one of the reasons I feel this way.

I hope Kaiser sees the light and does what is right for Aman and his family. Make sure to check back here each week, as I promise to provide updates as to what is going on. ■

Rich Guasco, hall-of-fame drag racer, dies at 88

Pleasanton native known for ‘Pure Hell’ brand left lasting impact on racing, hometown and family

By JEREMY WALSH

Rich Guasco, an International Drag Racing Hall of Fame inductee known for his “Pure Hell” car and racing team and a lifelong “proud Pleasantonian”, died Monday in hospice care at home from complications from aspiration pneumonia and cancer, according to family. He was 88.

An Amador Valley High School alumnus who ran his parents’ salvage yard and tow business for decades while also remaining heavily involved in racing teams, Guasco was well-recognized around his hometown and beyond for his roadster

proWess while keeping his community and family close to his heart, according to those who knew him.

“He didn’t see what the big deal was: ‘I just do it because I love it.’ He was just very humble, funny, kind,” daughter Jill Swain, also a member of the Pure Hell team, told the Weekly on Tuesday. “All of Pleasanton was his home.”

“He was the best dad ... No matter how busy he was, he never missed anything,” daughter Gina Tomasini added.



Rich Guasco

Guasco made his mark racing his trademark altered 1932 Austin Bantam dubbed “Pure Hell” in the 1960s before transitioning to funny cars, then as a mechanic for professional drag racers and later running his own team. He was inducted into Don Garlits’ International Drag Racing Hall of Fame and the Grand National Roadster show Hall of Fame.

“Rich was one of the “Greats” in drag racing, and we will miss him tremendously! RIP, Rich Guasco!” Garlits told the Weekly.

“All of us at Goodguys are terribly saddened to hear about the passing of our longtime friend and hot

rod family member, Rich Guasco. Rich’s legendary persona is deeply intertwined with the history of Goodguys, and I have many fond memories of Rich from the past 40-plus years,” Goodguys president Marc Meadors said Tuesday.

Born March 11, 1937, Guasco grew up on Old Santa Rita Road in a house on the property where his parents operated Santa Rita Tow and Auto Wrecking. He attended St. Michael School in Livermore and then Amador Valley High, graduating in 1955.

Tomasini said her dad would tell stories about crank calling the police station as a teenager and

misdirecting the lone officer on duty at night, so he could drag race down another street. “His car wasn’t pure hell; he was,” she added, laughing.

He worked seemingly day and all, running the wreckage yard and driving a tow truck during the week and racing on the weekends — and building or fixing cars on off-time, according to his daughters.

But family time was always a top priority too: “He really tried hard to not miss any of our sporting events,” Swain said. “He just was the coolest dad ever.”

And while his driving days were done years ago, Guasco was still actively involved in the Pure Hell team and was at their race just last month in Bakersfield.

A public celebration of life will be announced soon. ■

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 594262
The following person(s)/registrant(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
TOSCHI COLLINS DOYLE & HOUVENER
5145 Johnson Drive
Pleasanton CA 94588
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 12/22/2022
UNDER FILE NO. 556913
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
STEVE TOSCHI
5145 Johnson Drive
Pleasanton CA 94588
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on April 01 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

NURTURING NOOKIE LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612856
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Nurturing Nookie LLC , located at 900 143rd Ave #52 San Leandro. CA 94578, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
NURTURING NOOKIE LLC
900 143rd Ave #52
San Leandro. CA 94578
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/15/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 03 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

SPORTSPUS INJURY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613635
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SportsPlus Injury Prevention And Rehabilitation , located at 7051 Commerce Circle Suite B Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BRUCE CHIROPRACTIC CORPORATION
7051 Commerce Circle Suite B
Pleasanton CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/02/2015
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 02 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

ANDERSON SEWER & ROOTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612965
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Anderson Sewer & Rooter , located at 346 Rose Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SAMUEL ANDERSON
346 Rose Ave
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 06 2025.
(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

LA UNICA NEVERIA Y PALETERIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613512
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) La Unica Neveria Y Paeteria , located at 920 W. A St, Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 135 Coelho St. Milpitas, CA 95035.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):
LA UNICA NEVERIA Y PALETERIA
135 Coelho St.
Milpitas, CA 95035
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 28 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

PREMIER PROPERTIES PREMIER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PREMIERE PROPERTIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613221
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Premier Properties , 2.) Premier Property Management , 3.) Premiere Properties , located at 39488 Stevenson Place Ste 106, Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: P O Box 8335 Fremont, CA 94537.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CRAIG NATHAN THOMPSON
P O Box 8335
Fremont, CA 94537
SANDRA MARLENE THOMPSON
P O Box 8335
Fremont, CA 94537
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/05/1995
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 18 2025.
(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

TOSCHI DOYLE HOUVENER & WELLEN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613574
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Toschi Doyle Houvener & Wellen , located at 5145 Johnson Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
TCD PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
5145 Johnson Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 01 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

MUMA BAC MANAGEMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613795
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) MUMA BAC MANAGEMENT , located at 729 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, CA 94710 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
FILIPI MARCONDES
729 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710
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 April 10 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

BERKELEY DENTAL GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613337
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Berkeley Dental Group , located at 3000 Colby St STE 300 Berkeley, CA 94705, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MI HYUN KIM DDS
3000 Colby St STE 300
Berkeley, CA 94705
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/08/2015
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 21 2025.
(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ECO-SMART SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613117
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Eco-Smart Solutions And Services , located at 900 36th Avenue Oakland, CA 94601, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ECO-SMART JUNK REMOVAL SERVICES
2100 N Street #12039
Sacramento, CA 95816
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 13 2025.
(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

MUMS BAKEHOUSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612976
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Mums Bakehouse , located at 17500 Vineyard Rd Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MUMS BAKEHOUSE LLC
17500 Vineyard Rd
Castro Valley, CA 94546
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/30/24
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 06 2025.
(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

RECRRAFTABLE RECTAFTABLE.COM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613183
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Recraftable , 2.) Recraftable.com , located at 1841 Harms Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 10022 Pleasanton, CA 94588.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RECRRAFTABLE LLC
PO BOX 10022
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 17 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

CAPITAL TAX GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613641
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Capital Tax Group , located at 6088 Sunol Blvd Ste 101 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JONATHAN P.K. YEE
6088 Sunol Blvd Ste 101
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/06/2020
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 02 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

BLACK OWLS NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613131
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Black Owls Network Communications , located at 271 Sunset Blvd, Hayward, CA, 94541, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SHIVAN LLC
271 Sunset Blvd
Hayward, CA, 94541
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 March 13 2025.
(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

PLANETITAD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613516
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PlanetITAD , located at 4352 Douglas Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 25 Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
TEXTILEZEN LLC
PO BOX 25
Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 28 2025.
(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

TRAVEL POINT PLAYBOOK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613602
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Travel Point Playbook , located at 8131 Moller Ranch Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
KRISTINA MARIE MANNING
8131 Moller Ranch Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588
KARIE CHAMBERLAIN
8131 Moller Ranch Drive
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 April 01 2025.
(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

AWESOME DUDES MAKING TOOLS ADMT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613487
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AWESOME DUDES MAKING TOOLS , 2.) ADMT , located at 3701 Elston Ave, Oakland, CA 94602, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RYAN LEARD
3701 ELSTON AVE
OAKLAND, CA 94602
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/15/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 27 2025.
(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

FINEXUS STRATEGIC PARTNERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612842
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Finexus Strategic Partners , located at 25757 Durrwood Court, Castro Valley, CA 94552, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Joint Venture.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SHIV RAJ ANAND
25757 Durrwood Court
Castro Valley, CA 94552
KHOOSHBU SHAH ANAND
25757 Durrwood Court
Castro Valley, CA 94552
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/03/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 03 2025.
(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

KWAYEE ARTWORKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612814
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) KwaYee Artworks , located at 921 De Caen Court, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
KATHY LEE JUNG
921 De Caen Court
Livermore, CA 94550
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 February 28 2025.
(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

HAPPY PETS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613287
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Happy Pets , located at 2402 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MOBEMOBO LLC
2402 Telegraph Avenue
Oakland, CA 94612
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 20 2025.
(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

LEGACY FINANCING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 612961
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Legacy Financing , located at 4163 Hall Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CJC LENDING CORP
4163 Hall Ct
Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/03/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 06 2025.
(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

ELITE TRANSPORTATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613578
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Elite Transportation , located at 4031 Stanley Blvd #136 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
TAREQ BARUKZAI
4031 Stanley Blvd #136
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 01 2025.
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SPECIALTY TERMITE INC
SPECIALTY HOME INSPECTIONS INC
SPECIALTY INSPECTIONS ROOFING INC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 613372

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

1.) SPECIALTY TERMITE INC , 2.) SPECIALTY HOME INSPECTIONS INC , 3.) SPECIALTY INSPECTIONS ROOFING INC , located at 261 SPRING ST, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.

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

MARK KEARNS
474 AMARAL CIR
PLEASANTON, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:
CALIFORNIA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/24/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 24 2025.

(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

OFFICEPAK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 613171

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

1.) OfficePAK , located at 1452 N Vasco Road #315, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

BLUEBIT DIGITAL LLC
1452 N Vasco Road #315
Livermore, CA 94551

State of Incorporation/Organization:
California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/15/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 17 2025.

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

SOULFUL THERAPY & WELLNESS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612869

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

1.) Soulful Therapy & Wellness , located at 2111 8th St., Berkeley, CA 94710, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ERIN O'CONNOR
2111 8th St.
Berkeley, CA 94710

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 March 04 2025.

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

CHEF MAK EXPRESS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 613225

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

1.) CHEF MAK EXPRESS , located at 390 W Tennyson Road, Hayward, CA 94544, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

UNCLE YU RESTAURANY INC
390 W Tennyson Rd
Hayward, CA 94544

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 March 18 2025.

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

HOMEM DECOR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 613185

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

1.) Homem Decor , located at 1733 Beachwood Way Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MARGARET HOMEM
1733 Beachwood Way
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 17 2025.

(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

HENRY AND ELIZABETH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 613187

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

1.) Henry And Elizabeth , located at 7703 Cottonwood Lane, 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):

R&A MOBILE SCREENS LLC
7703 Cottonwood Lane
Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization:
California

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 17 2025.

(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

KEEPER BOOKS
DON MARTINS BLOG
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 612527

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

1.) Keeper Books , 2.) Don Martins Blog , located at 21314 Gary Drive, Apt 201 Hayward, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MARTINS EWERE
21314 Gary Drive, Apt 201
Hayward, CA 94546

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/18/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 18 2025.

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV118183

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Shameeka Ceion Jackson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SHAMEEKA CEION JACKSON to MIEKA CEION JOHNSON

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: 8/1/2025, 9:30 am , Civil division of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward Ca 94544.

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: 4/10/2025

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV118003

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Aleksandrs Yurievich Podvisockis aka Aleksander Y. Podvisotsky filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ALEKSANDRS YURIEVICH PODVISOCKIS AKA ALEKSANDER Y. PODVISOTSKY to ALEXANDER PODVISOTSKY

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: August 15, 2025, 9:30am, Hayward Branch of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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: April 8, 2025

Honorable Han Tran

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV115244

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Sonia Elizabeth Fulop filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SONIA ELIZABETH FULOP to ZOEY SIMONE NIAMH ROSE

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: July 18, 2025, 9:30, Department 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: April 8, 2025

Honorable Han Tran

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV117233

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Yang Hyo Kim filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

YANG HYO KIM to ELIOT YANGHYO KIM

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: 08/08/2025, 9:30am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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: March 21, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV114311

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Joshua Ross Yost filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JOSHUA ROSS YOST to JUNE ROSS YOST

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: 08/08/2025, 9:30am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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: April 03, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

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: May 9th, 2025, 4:59pm, Renee C. Davidson Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 1225 Fallon , 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: March 4th, 2025

HON. Han Tran

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV117232

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Hyung Mee Jeong filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

HYUNG MEE JEONG to KATIE HYUNG MEE JEONG

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: July 25, 2025, 9:30AM, Dept 514, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St., Hayward, CA 94544.

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: March 14, 2025

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV112020

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ethan Rich Quiachon Conte filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ETHAN RICH QUIACHON CONTE to ETHAN RICH QUIACHON

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: Aug 08 2025, 9:30am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: April 03 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV117233

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Yang Hyo Kim filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

YANG HYO KIM to ELIOT YANGHYO KIM

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.

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: April 03, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV114030

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Komal Parmar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MAANVI PARMAR SAGAR to MAANVI PARMAR

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: July 25, 2025, 9:30AM, Dept 514, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St., Hayward, CA 94544.

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(PLW Apr 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV112020

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ethan Rich Quiachon Conte filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ETHAN RICH QUIACHON CONTE to ETHAN RICH QUIACHON

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NOTICE OF HEARING: MAY 9, 2025, 9:30 A.M., HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE IN DEPT. 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: FEBRUARY 28, 2025

THOMAS J. NIXON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 28, Apr 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

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- Fictitious Business Name
- Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name
- Name Change
- Partnership Withdrawal or Dissolution
- Petition to Administer Estate - Probate Hearing
- Notice of Bulk Sale
- Legal Summons
- Trustee Sale

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/

For assistance email LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com.

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

BEST OF SF COMEDY COMPETITION

Prepare for an evening of side-splitting laughter as The Best of SF Comedy Competition returns to The Bankhead. 8 p.m., April 18. Tickets \$25-\$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

HSMC CABARET - BE OUR GUEST

Experience the magic of Disney, as brought to life by the talented students of HSMC Cabaret, featuring beloved songs from Disney films, reimagined for the stage in a dazzling cabaret setting. 7 p.m., April 19. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

LEELA DANCE COLLECTIVE Encounters with Beauty is a mesmerizing performance inspired by the mystical poetry tradition of 16th-century India, celebrating love, devotion and unity across cultures. 8 p.m., April 19. Tickets \$25-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE In Tri-Valley High: A Totally Improvised Teen Sitcom Musical, presented by Creatures of Impulse, every song, every scene and every awkward encounter is made up on the spot based on audience suggestions. 7 p.m., April 25, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 26. Tickets \$8-\$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE OFFICE TRIVIA WITH TODD PACKER Test knowledge of The Office with the Pack-Man himself, David

Koechner. Teams will compete for prizes while also hearing behind-the-scenes stories. The show also features a Q&A and meet-and-greet. 8 p.m., April 25. Tickets \$25-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

DEL VALLE FINE ARTS PRESENTS

THE MOANIN' FROGS Featuring six saxophones from soprano to bass their dynamic and precise performances of classical, ragtime, jazz and pop delight fans worldwide. 7:30 p.m., April 26. Tickets \$35-\$57. Visit livermorearts.org.

OVER THE RAINBOW BENEFIT

CONCERT Join this benefit concert to promote mental health awareness and raise funds for the Alan Hu Foundation Scholarship. 7:30 p.m., April 26. Trinity Lutheran Church. Visit alanhufoundation.org/benefit-concert.

EAST BAY JAZZ HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STARS SPRING PERFORMANCE

The East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars is a pre-professional music academy for high school jazz musicians. Students develop skills within the jazz idiom, gain real-world performance experience and share their love of music with the East Bay community and beyond. 3 p.m., April 27. Visit firehousearts.org.

PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA -

MOZART ROCKS From the slapstick humor of the Musical Joke to the towering complete Jupiter Symphony,

this is the ultimate Mozart Rocks concert experience that only PCO can bring. 3 p.m., April 27. Tickets \$25-\$85. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE WALL The Firehouse Arts Center is featuring the work of Rhonda Chase onto the PAL Wall with approximately 20 of the artist's work. This presentation bridges the realms of fine art and design, offering a unique blend of creativity and craftsmanship. Through May 3.

IDENTITY Livermore Valley Arts presents Identity: Defining Identity Through Visual Expression at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater. Free and open to the public 1-5 p.m. Now through May 4.

DOWNTOWN PAST, DOWNTOWN PRESENT EXHIBIT See how Main Street has changed over the decades by looking at its iconic locations both then and now. The Museum on Main center hallway features an updated version of this popular interactive exhibit. Through May 10.

Family

BUNNY HOP SCAVENGER HUNT Children can enjoy exploring downtown Pleasanton during the

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

Cuddle with Cassidy

Cassidy is a very sweet and loving girl who is the perfect lap dog. She has such a pretty face and a nice, tan, short coat. She likes cuddling, going for walks around the neighborhood and playing with food puzzles. She has been doing very well at her foster home where she receives lots of love and socialization. She is house-trained and sleeps all night in her crate. Two years old and weighing 14 pounds, Cassidy is spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Learn more at tvar.org.

sixth annual Bunny Hop Egg Hunt at this free event for children aged ten years and below. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., April 19. Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Visit pleasantondowntown.net/bunny-hop-2024.

Talks

OCD: A BROAD OVERVIEW WEBINAR Gerald Nestadt, MBBCh, MPH professor of anxiety and OCD research, Johns Hopkins University, will discuss OCD: A Broad Overview, as part of the Alan Hu Foundation Mental Health Lecture Series. 5-6 p.m., April 22. Register by April 21 at alanhufoundation.org.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, Innovation Tri-Valley and Visit Tri-Valley, is hosting this symposium at the

Bankhead Theater. 3-6 p.m., April 24. Tickets \$50. Register by April 22 at livermorechamber.org

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Join Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert and District 1's Interfaith Advisory Council at the sixth annual Alameda County National Day of Prayer on May 1. Reception and dinner, 5 p.m., program begins, 6 p.m. Free with RSVP requested at forms.office.com/g/cjfE2FkJEu.

Farmers' Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET

The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year-round featuring vendors with seasonal fruits and vegetables, plus artisan goods. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on West Angela Street.

LUXURY HOMES PREVIEW



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your Pleasanton Weekly on
April 25, 2025

Introduce your team as Tri-Valley luxury property specialists and showcase your luxury listings to tens of thousands of affluent potential buyers and sellers in our Luxury Homes section.

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3 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,925 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

Beautifully upgraded end-unit is nestled in nature and surrounded by lush greenery! This exceptional home offers 1,925 square feet of bright and airy living space. Three spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms and a powder room are thoughtfully integrated with an open layout and soaring vaulted ceilings. An expansive living area is enhanced with large windows flooding the home with natural light. The chef's kitchen shines with brand new stone countertops, freshly painted cabinets, new hardware, new SS oven and SS dishwasher, updated electrical features, and a bright, cheerful garden window. Fresh modern paint, hardwood floors, new carpet, and several upgraded electrical features make this home move-in ready. Oversized bedrooms provide comfort and flexibility, including a spacious downstairs primary suite with private access to a secluded patio. Enjoy your morning coffee on the rear patio overlooking a wide greenbelt & mature tree, listening to the bubbling spring that flows nearby. Additional features include a 2-car attached garage, with adjacent guest parking and several community amenities, including pools & tennis to enjoy! Just a short walk to Muirwood and Moller Parks, along with nearby top-rated schools and easy access to I-580/I-680. Minutes from shopping, dining, BART Station and vibrant Downtown Pleasanton. This home is the one you've been waiting for!

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PLEASANTON MEADOWS

GOLDEN EAGLE

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**3118 MONTPELIER COURT,
PLEASANTON**

4 BD | 2 BA
1,701 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE
7,000 SQ. FT. LOT
LISTED FOR \$1,675,800

SOLD



**7871 HONORS COURT,
PLEASANTON**

3 BD | 2 BA
2,520 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE
6,931 SQ. FT. LOT
SOLD FOR \$1,869,000

SOLD



**1382 VIA DI SALERNO,
PLEASANTON**

6 BD | 7 BA
6,544 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE
.69 ACRE LOT
SOLD FOR \$5,125,000
REPRESENTED BUYERS

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PLEASANTON REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE – MARCH SOLID BUT TURBULENCE IMPACTS MARKET

The Pleasanton real estate market saw strong activity in March. However, the turbulence in our economy over tariffs has started to impact the market this month (April), with sales activity slowing and buyers showing more caution. This will undoubtedly impact the data for April.

Let's take a dive into the numbers for March:

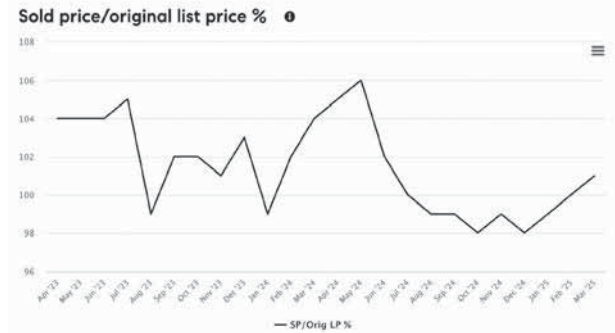
Supply/Inventory: The inventory of available single-family homes increased 32% from February, with 79 homes for sale at the end of March, compared to 58 detached homes on the market at the end of February. However, March's figure of 79 is 155% higher than March of 2024. It is normal to see inventory rise in the Spring, so this should not be a surprise.

Demand: Pending sales (homes under contract) also increased, with 50 homes going under contract in March, up 32% from February but down 12% from last March. Closed sales in March were up as well with 38 closed sales, which is 31% higher than February but 2.6% lower than last March. Median days on market eased up to 9, slightly higher 8 median days on

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Pleasanton Market Report Data for April 2025 Single Family Detached Homes

	MAR 2025	CHANGE FROM FEB 2025	CHANGE FROM MAR 2024
Homes sold	38	+31%	-2.6%
Homes for sale	79	+32%	+155%
Median days on market	9	+13%	+13%
Median price per square foot	\$564	+1.2%	+3.5%
Months of Inventory	2.1	+6.5%	+162%
Median sold price	\$1,830,000	+13%	-4.7%
Homes under contract	50	+32%	-12%



JUST LISTED

1734 Terra Ct
\$5,490,000 | 6 BR | 6.5 BTHS



JUST LISTED

1597 Genoa Dr
\$1,395,000 | 3 BR | 2 BTHS



JUST LISTED

2193 Autinori Ct
\$2,300,000 | 5 BR | 4 BTHS



JUST LISTED

4613 Mirador Dr
\$3,578,000 | 5 BR | 4.5 BTHS



JUST SOLD

3521 Valenza Way
\$2,715,000 | 4 Bed | 3 Bath



JUST SOLD

3062 W Ruby Hill Dr
\$6,690,000 | 6 Bed | 6.5 Bath

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3029 Alburni Court, Ruby Hill

FOR SALE
Listed at \$3,549,000

2434 Pomino Court, Ruby Hill

FOR SALE
Listed at \$3,650,000

4105 Grant Ct., Kottinger Ranch

FOR SALE
Listed at \$1,798,000

669 Sylvaner Drive, Vintage Hills

FOR SALE
Listed at \$1,299,000

1565 Trimmingham Dr., Pleasanton

COMING SOON
Listed at \$1,398,000

23 Belfast Place, San Ramon

JUST SOLD
\$1,995,000

1087 Touriga Place, Vintage Hills
Represented Buyer & Seller

JUST SOLD
\$2,000,000

3547 Trenerly Drive, Pleasanton
Represented Buyer & Seller

JUST SOLD
\$4,000,000

2951 Sorano Court, Ruby Hill



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- 2 Baby Chicks
- 6 Spring Flowers
- 1 Carrot
- 9 Easter eggs
- 5 Butterflies

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4067 Nevis St., Pleasanton

A 3-bedroom 2-bath home with 1,471 sq ft and offering both a family room & living room areas. The home has been updated to offer the kitchen's open concept to the living room.
\$1,575,000



1194 Mateo Miller Cir., San Ramon

Built in 2023. Welcome to this new construction home. A detached home within the Preserve community offering panoramic views of the surrounding San Ramon hills. On the main entry level is a bedroom and full bath along with entry to the garage. The main level boasts the expansive living room with sliding glass doors to welcome you the patio. Rest here to enjoy those panoramic views.
 4 bedrooms | 4 Baths | 2,833 SqFt
 2 car garage plus a carport
New price \$2,075,000. A \$175,000 price reduction.



1189 Dana Cir., Livermore

A Tri-Level home all ready for the new owner with new flooring, interior paint and newer HVAC. A solar heated pool is enjoyed along with a spacious lawn and a pergola covered patio.
 4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Baths | 8,462 Lot
List price \$1,495,000. SOLD \$1,530,000



17360 Grand Island Rd., Walnut Grove

A Waterfront Oasis on the Sacramento River
 Welcome to a serene retreat nestled on a private island, where elegance meets tranquility that invites you to experience a harmonious blend of comfort and sophistication.
 The expansive living with vaulted ceilings enjoys a gas fireplace, panoramic views of the river, and 2 sets of floor-to-ceiling retracting glass doors opening to an open-air outdoor patio with amazing sunset views.
 Vacation every day as you enjoy 2 boat docks and the fresh deep waters of the river.
PENDING \$1,200,000



Coming Soon in Pleasanton in the Castlewood area is a 4 Bedroom home with panoramic views an expansive deck & updated throughout. The back yard is inviting with a pool and spacious lawn area. Plus, a rental opportunity in a private 2 bedroom | kitchen | 1 bath unit.



Coming soon in Pleasanton near the downtown area is a 4 bedroom home with 2,188 Sq ft. Beautifully updated throughout. A formal dining room, family room and living room with indoor laundry.



Client Testimonial

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



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