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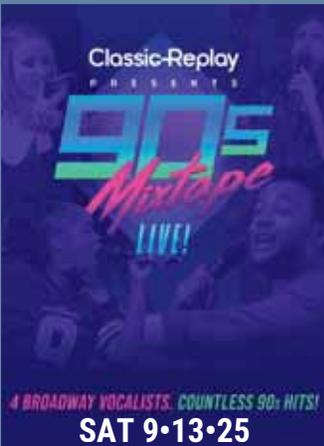
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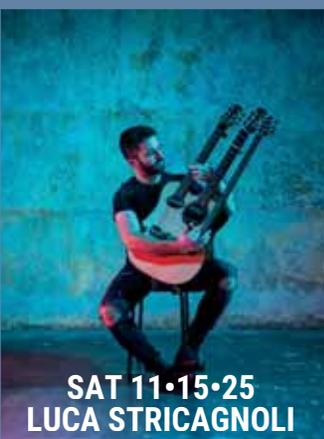
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Anybody there?

The public communications landscape for school districts in the Tri-Valley is in the middle of a major shift.

In the face of serious budget difficulties, the Pleasanton, Livermore Valley and San Ramon Valley school districts are all cutting multiple positions in their comms departments, including two directors well-known in the community. The only one spared heading into the 2025-26 school year is Dublin, whose department was halved to just a single staff member last year.

The logic is sound with these reductions and restructurings: keep the cost-cutting out of the classroom as much as possible to limit the impact felt by students. But losing these critical resources represent a blow to public access, community outreach and news media relations.

The Tri-Valley superintendents or communications officials told me their districts will continue to prioritize being responsive to stakeholders, engaging their community and sharing out information — and they recognize how important those tasks are in their government roles.

It's hard for me to see how that materializes though. The concern for life without these eliminated positions is more than just about me being worried about how my editorial staff and I will get answers for our news stories.

Some or all of the Tri-Valley districts have these positions responsible for social media, programs and events, marketing materials, PR strategy, surveys, stakeholder relations, developing partnerships with organizations, parent engagement, crisis communications, policy research, volunteering and even public records requests.

That demand is not going away, so we're looking at a situation of more work for fewer people. The result is going to be tough for them, for us and for you.

Take Pleasanton Unified School District, which will be reducing from 3 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees to 1.5 FTE worth effective July 1.

Gone will be director of communication Patrick Gannon, a 15-year Tri-Valley resident who has worked for PUSD since 2016, replaced by a cheaper coordinator of communications/safety, which is a new position that hasn't been hired yet.

The moves were an effort to direct reductions at the superintendent's office where possible. Supporting the new coordinator will be half of the time of the executive assistant to the supe and board.

"This collaborative approach aims to ensure continued responsiveness and positive relationships with news media, business partners, community organizations and residents," Interim Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said.

The changes have already begun to arrive at San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

With her position as director of communications, family and community engagement cut in the 2025-26 budget, Ilana Israel Samuels left SRVUSD after 3-1/2 years this month for a job at Fairfield-Suisun Unified.

The district is retaining two coordinators of communication and public information for next year (a reduction of 1.5 FTE for comms), but in the meantime, the primary public information officer is Superintendent CJ Cammack himself. As if he doesn't have so much else on his plate.

"The district remains fully committed to maintaining strong, transparent relationships with the media, community, and business organizations, families, and residents-at-large. As the Superintendent, I will directly oversee communications, ensuring continuity in key messaging and outreach," Cammack vowed.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is going down to one coordinator and one specialist in the communications department, losing one specialist and one dedicated executive assistant, according to Michelle Dawson, coordinator of community engagement.

And Chip Dehnert remains a lone wolf in Dublin Unified School District as director of communication. His colleague was let go in a restructuring at the end of 2023-24.

I've been fortunate to develop pretty good relationships with all four of the PIOs; Patrick, Ilana, Chip and Michelle have been great to work with by and large, even though not every conversation is a pleasant one.

I hate to see two of them lose their jobs in the Tri-Valley — beyond my selfish work reasons, I mean it on a human level. Same sentiment for every other cutback victim across the districts.

And I'm trying to quiet the cynic voice inside me who can't help but wonder whether it's a happy coincidence for these districts that journalistic access will be just a bit harder now.

I'm the type to give the benefit of the doubt, at the outset, without giving up an inch. We'll be watching, and we'll be ready. ■

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Rene Suleiman
Technical editor

Well, I'm a vegetarian, and many of the downtown restaurants only have one or two options for me. I wish there were some restaurants, or even just one, that offered at least 50% vegetarian dishes.



Sean Tracy, with Sturgie
Firefighter/paramedic

I'm thinking a Japanese hibachi-type place would be a very nice addition to our downtown. The food and presentation are great, it's so much fun, and it's a wonderful family activity.



Jackie Ballin
Physician associate

I would love a cute little movie theater, like The Vine in Livermore, because I love that type of small, quaint, intimate atmosphere as a place to enjoy spending time with family and friends.



John Ballin
Property manager

I'd love to see a cigar bar downtown. I don't live here, but am visiting my daughter, who does. I can assure you she's really tired of hearing me ask her when a cigar bar is coming to downtown Pleasanton.



Theresa Ballin
Elementary school teacher

I love everything about Pleasanton's downtown when I come to visit my daughter. It has virtually everything I want and it's a wonderful place to spend time. But I guess I'd like to see an Orange Theory, or a The Barre, as they're my favorite exercise/fitness/workout places. My daughter says Pleasanton has these businesses elsewhere in town though, and that's just fine.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Day of Prayer

More than a dozen faith leaders of various denominations are set to join next Thursday (May 1) for the county's sixth annual National Day of Prayer event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Organized by Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert and his District 1 Interfaith Advisory Council, the free event will include a reception and light dinner at 5 p.m., patriotic music performances at 5:30 p.m. and the main program at 6 p.m. in the fairgrounds' amphitheater.

Free parking is available outside the Pleasanton Avenue entry gate. Go to <https://forms.office.com/g/cjFE2FkJEu> or call 925-998-3785.

Romantics at fair

Detroit rock band The Romantics, best known for their hits including "What I Like About You" in the late 1970s and early 1980s, have been revealed as the final act booked to fill out the bill for the 2025 Big O Tires Concert Series at the Alameda County Fair.

Fair officials were forced to regroup in recent weeks after the original group scheduled for the June 15 concert, The Gap Band, canceled their tour. Enter The Romantics, whose other memorable songs include "Talking In Your Sleep," "One in a Million" and "Rock You Up".

Run for Education

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation is holding its annual Run for Education on Sunday morning (April 27) at the fairgrounds.

The fundraising walk/run will feature a flat 10-kilometer course that starts at 7:50 a.m. and winds through city streets and the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail, a 5K course and 2-mile walk through downtown at 8 a.m. and a quarter-mile kids' challenge run in the fairgrounds at 9:15 a.m.

After the races, there will be an expo with food, music, entertainment and an awards ceremony. Learn more at www.runsignup.com/PPIERun, including public street closures set for that morning.

Military equipment

The Pleasanton Police Department is hosting a community meeting on its use of military equipment next Tuesday (April 29) from 5-6 p.m. in the Remillard Room at the city's Operations Services Center at 3333 Busch Road. ■

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Former Foothill administrator named principal at Amador Valley High

After leaving to take principal job in El Cerrito, Norrington returning to Pleasanton next year

By Christian Trujano

Former Foothill High School vice principal Malcolm Norrington will be returning to the Pleasanton Unified School District to serve as the 2025-26 Amador Valley High School principal, the district announced.

According to an April 18 press release, PUSD has officially appointed Norrington to the position following the Board of Trustees' closed session April 17.

"It is truly an honor to come home to a district I hold in such high regard — one that prioritizes academic excellence, equity, and community

partnership," Norrington said in the press release. He is expected to start in the role on July 1, according to district officials.

Norrington had previously left the district after accepting the principal position at El Cerrito High School in August 2023.

"I am thrilled to join the dedicated students, staff and families of Amador Valley High School, and I



Malcolm Norrington

look forward to building upon its strong traditions while fostering a culture rooted in connection, collaboration and care," Norrington added. "I am committed to serving with transparency, integrity, and love, and I am confident in our shared ability to ensure every student thrives."

Norrington's appointment comes near the end of a turbulent year for the high school after Jonathan Fey, who had served as principal of Amador Valley since 2022, unexpectedly went out on leave of absence for reasons that remain uncertain.

The Weekly has submitted public records requests to the district on the matter but those have so far turned up with little to no information on Fey's abrupt leave.

PUSD director of communications Patrick Gannon told the Weekly on Friday afternoon that Fey's status as a PUSD employee "has not changed". However, Gannon confirmed that Norrington will be the new permanent principal for Amador.

Since Fey's leave of absence, Amador Valley has seen a number

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COURTESY PAREENA GUPTA

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch poses for a photo with the students who run The Sustainability Lens, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting climate action and awareness around sustainability, during the Earth Day celebration on April 19th at the Pleasanton Public Library.

The Sustainability Lens

Teens launch nonprofit on climate action education

By Christian Trujano

A group of Pleasanton high school students have been changing the narrative when it comes to climate action as they attempt to remove educational barriers and break down the complexity of climate change for younger generations through the work of their nonprofit, The Sustainability Lens.

"I think sustainability should be a priority today," Pareena Gupta, founder and executive director of the nonprofit, told the Weekly. "I think it is important for young people to get involved

because they're the leaders of tomorrow so if they start engaging and taking initiative (today), they can develop the framework and the foundation needed to take this priority further."

Gupta, a sophomore at Amador Valley High School, said she has always been passionate about environmental science and sustainability and that she wanted to engage in climate action.

Climate change is described as "altering temperature, precipitation, sea levels, and will adversely impact human and natural systems, including water resources,

human settlements and health, ecosystems, and biodiversity," according to the Climate Change: Science and Impacts Factsheet from the University of Michigan's Center for Sustainable Systems website.

One of the observed impacts included in the factsheet is that 2023 was the "warmest year since global records began in 1850".

As Gupta began researching more about natural and human-driven factors that influence the Earth's climate system and

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Hangars, innovation center on deck

City also looking at public safety complex for airport

By Jude Strzemp

City officials plan to move forward with new hangar development at the Livermore Municipal Airport this year, following recent completion of the airport's land use and development study.

Staff also intend to open an aviation innovation center at the airport during late 2025 or early 2026, determine this year whether a public safety complex is needed at the airport and continue exploring advanced air mobility technology — all part of strategy coming out of an airport study presented to the City Council on April 14.

"We often have complaints from up here about losing control," Vice Mayor Evan Branning said. "And this is us defining what we want to build, how we want to build it and how we'll control that going forward."

The tasks are part of a development strategy meant to improve operational efficiency, generate revenue and leverage the airport as a community asset, according to the staff report prepared by Livermore principal planner Andy Ross. The strategy emerged from the "menu" of possibilities offered in the Airport Land Use Analysis

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Council requests more info on Gulf station signage

Majority agrees new canopy aesthetic is too much; staff to return in May with answers to questions

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council had a lengthy discussion last week about the signage changes to a former Shell gas station after it rebranded to Gulf where several councilmembers voiced their concerns about the overall aesthetic of the new signs and about the process for how those changes were installed prior to the council meeting.

At the end of the April 15 meeting, the council unanimously agreed to postpone the topic until its May 6 meeting so that staff could bring back modifications to the design of the signage and a timeline to go over why the applicant for the gas station was able to previously carry out those changes prior to a council discussion.

“We can’t ask the applicant, right now, to design it differently,” Mayor Jack Balch said during the meeting. “We’re asking for time, for clarification on information.”

According to city senior planner Eric Luchini, businesses in Pleasanton have to follow a process called the sign design review, which is required for sites without an approved master sign program.

That process eventually made its way to the city’s zoning administrator who reviewed the Gulf gas station sign designs and approved them after considering a number of factors including municipal codes for dimensions and standards; downtown design guidelines; and General Plan policies.

Some of those guidelines specifically talk about having attractive sign design with high quality

material that has attractive colors, minimizes bright franchise colors and discourages “franchise and prototype architecture and signage”.

Luchini told the council that the applicant for the Gulf gas station — located at 4212 First St. — first submitted a sign design review application on Dec. 3 for modifications to be made to the price monument, wall, canopy and pump signage as part of the gas station’s rebranding.

The city initially pushed back deeming the application incomplete on Dec. 19 — the city went to the applicant and said they needed to reduce the intensity of the illuminated signage for the canopy, implement lighting shut off times between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. and to not increase the height of the monument pricing sign.

Luchini said since then, staff had met with the applicant about four or five times over several weeks to review possible sign design options, lighting options and minor reductions to signage, which led to the application being approved by Jan. 30.

The approved application included revisions such as minor reduction in size of the trademarked logos on the canopy; the canopy illumination being limited to the lettering of the Gulf logo; mandating the canopy lighting be turned off from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.; and maintaining the existing size of the monument pricing sign.

And while staff’s recommendation last week was for the council to uphold the zoning administrator’s decision to approve the signage changes, many on the council

had several qualms with the overall project.

Councilmember Julie Testa, most notably, had several issues with the canopy and monument sign, saying that they did not fit with the aesthetic of the city.

“The new sign is, edge to edge, everything that we are told to discourage,” said Testa, who originally called for a council review of the signage approval. “It does not bring in any of the character of our community ... quite frankly, the existing Shell station was nowhere near as overfranchised.”

Councilmember Jeff Nibert also said his biggest issue with the new changes to the Gulf rebrand was the canopy being too overbearing and Councilmember Craig Eicher added that as he drove around town, he took note that the new signage at the Gulf station really stands out compared to the other gas stations.

Testa also said that she had researched the city’s General Plan and that at one point, she used artificial intelligence to determine limitations set in the General Plan related to signage which emphasized safeguarding the city’s appearance and ensuring any signage contributes positively to the city’s visual identity.

Balch was the lone member on the dais that said he thought the site was a “nice, modern investment and upgrade from what we had in the past”.

But Testa said she was more so confused with the fact that all of these upgrades had already been built and installed way before the council had a chance to weigh in

on the matter.

“I was surprised to see the changes at the station when it had not yet come to us,” Testa said.

The council is typically informed about decisions made by the city’s zoning administrator on its consent calendar agenda, which consists of items considered routine in nature but council members can choose to pull items from for review. In the case of the Gulf signage, the upgrades were listed on the council’s March 4 consent calendar, which is when Testa pulled the item for the full council review that took place last week.

‘The new sign is everything that we are told to discourage. It does not bring in any of the character of our community.’

Julie Testa,
Councilmember

Luchini said the appeal process, once an application such as this one is approved, gives a 15-day appeal period that has to run its course. But if a council meeting does not fit within that period of time for the dais to review the project and for council members to make any appeals, the actual effective date of the approval for the application is extended to whenever the day after the council meeting takes place.

“In this case, we approved (the gas signage design application) on

Jan. 30, the 15 days was roughly around Feb. 15 but there was no council meeting until March 4 so the actual effective date of the zoning administrator approval was March 5,” Luchini said.

Luchini said once staff approved the sign design review on Jan. 30, the city’s building division made a note saying that the permit was ready but that the division couldn’t issue the permit until after the appeal period was up on March 5.

“No permits were actually issued by the city for any work out there until March 5,” he said, noting that he was unaware of any work being done there at the site prior to that date.

Throughout the meeting, Testa said that there had been work done at the site before that March 5 date, which is why staff will be returning to the council with a clearer timeline on when those signage changes occurred.

Consultant Guy Houston — the former state assemblymember and Dublin mayor who is representing the Gulf gas station applicant — countered some of the comments made by Testa and the council by saying that once the appeal period was up on March 5, the city sent a notice on March 7 notifying the applicant that the design review was completed and that permit was issued.

Following the discussion, staff will return with more information about the timeline over the last few months in regards to this project and with modified signage designs after the council made it clear that they would like to see changes to the canopy. ■

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of people temporarily take the helm including retired administrators such as retired Pleasanton Middle School principal John Whitney and former Amador principal Joshua Butterfield.

For the past couple of months technology services coordinator Seewing Yee Jr — who prefers to go by Jr Yee — had been serving as temporary acting principal before the district decided to search for a permanent replacement last month.

Norrington first joined the Foothill team back in 2019 after having taught English at Amador Valley. He also served as a teacher at Valley Continuation High School in Dublin, and he ran unsuccessfully for the Dublin Unified School District Trustee Area 3 during his first year as vice principal at Foothill. Before his education career, Norrington spent 13 years as a police officer.

According to the PUSD press release, Norrington’s student-centered approach to education — along with his focus on equity, communication and relationship building skills — as well as his extensive site administration experience and established relationships with families and the district are all qualities identified by the Amador community during an extensive input gathering process that made him the best suited candidate for the position.

That process involved Amador Valley staff, students and families, according to the district.

“Malcolm Norrington brings strong administrative experience and an understanding of our PUSD community that will allow him to hit the ground running at Amador,” Interim Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said in the press release. “As a former Don, I am excited for his leadership to strengthen our already stellar team at Amador Valley High School.” ■

Dublin trustees split on Progress Pride Flag display

Midyear lowering of DHS rainbow flag draws public concern as resolution sent back to drawing board

By JUDE STRZEMP

Whether the Progress Pride Flag will be permitted for year-round display on flagpoles at Dublin Unified School District sites is not yet determined, amid criticism surrounding the flag's recent lowering at Dublin High School.

At the DUSD Board of Trustees meeting April 15, trustees were originally set to decide between two versions of a resolution that acknowledged June as LGBTQ Pride Month that differed by the location the "rainbow flag" would be flown. In one version, the flag would be displayed this June at the district office and the district's secondary schools. The other version stated exclusive display at the district office during that month.

About 30 commenters, including DHS students and teachers from throughout the Tri-Valley, said one summertime month of flag display was not adequate. Instead, they supported year-round flying of the flag as well as approval of a student-led alternate resolution.

In the following board discussion, trustees were split. They expressed concern regarding other possible flag-flying requests, LGBTQIA+ student well-being, prior legal counsel suggesting restricted flag flying to the district office and current board policy.

In the end, Superintendent Chris Funk suggested postponing the board's discussion and vote until he met with student groups and wrote a subsequent resolution.

"What I heard was that the district management's position is 'the mistake that was made was leaving the Pride flag up for a year.' I think that's a shameful stance to take," Livermore City Councilmember

Evan Branning, who works as an educator and is the current president of the Association of the Pleasanton Teachers, said at the Dublin meeting. "The mistake was taking it down."

On April 3, the flag was lowered at DHS, according to Funk. It had been on the flagpole all school year, according to a social media post by PFLAG Tri-Valley, a chapter of a national LGBTQIA+ advocacy group.

The following day, DHS students commemorated the Day of Silence, a nationally recognized demonstration where LGBTQIA+ students and allies protest harassment and discrimination of students in the community, according to the organizer GLSEN's website.

The flag was meant for removal over spring break, Funk said.

The proximity of its removal to the Day of Silence was "never the intention", Funk explained at the meeting. "I apologize that that happened."

In its place, a flag honoring DHS as a California Distinguished School was raised, he said.

The Pride flag's lowering occurred after a Dublin resident expressing issue with its continual presence at DHS during the board's March 25 meeting. He inquired about the fairness of displaying a flag that he said represents the existence of more than two genders. He asked the question in terms of students, staff and faculty who do not believe in the existence of other genders.

Upon looking at the situation, Funk said the school was in violation of board policy.

Per current district regulation, "commemorative flags" including the Pride flag "may be displayed only by formal resolution" of the board and are flown only at the

district office "for a limited period not exceeding 30 days".

In this case, it was an individual at DHS that decided to fly the flag, Board Vice President Gabi Blackman said.

"They violated the government free speech to make a determination to fly the flag," Blackman said. "They took it out of our hands and now we're stuck"

The decision to lower the flag was made after discussion with Board President Kristin Speck, legal counsel and DHS principal Maureen Byrne, Funk said.

During the board meeting, Funk described the importance of a board-led decision as one that protects the district from outside demands.

"This is the ability to keep our forum closed so no third party can demand to have their particular flag flown and that's what I'm trying to protect the district from," Funk said.

The crowd later erupted when Trustee Dan Cherrier said, "No one wants to have the Nazi flag flying over our school district; well, I don't."

Dublin High visual and performing arts teacher Claire Yackley later responded, "You say you're trying to protect us from third parties, such as a Nazi flag being asked to fly. And it is so incredibly offensive to compare those."

Cherrier said he was misunderstood and supports flying the Pride Flag in May.

During the public comment, some students described the harassment they have experienced within the district.

"You have the opportunity to do the right thing and show the entire community that you value and embrace all human life, even lives that may look different from yours,"

said Heather Richey, a teacher at Pleasanton's Foothill High School. "Bring back the flag. Bring back the hope. Bring back the love."

Dublin High teacher Catie Tombs, who identifies as queer, trans and nonbinary, also pointed out errors in the district's proposed resolutions.

The resolutions misname the Pride Flag as "rainbow flag" and excludes asexual and intersex communities through the acronym LGBTQ, Tombs said. Additionally, Tombs said "Q" stands for queer not questioning, as it's described in the resolution.

According to the PFLAG website, "Q" can stand for queer or questioning.

"When you don't talk to us, a resolution isn't for us, it's for you. It's for absolution," Tombs added. "Nothing that is done for us should be decided without us."

Alternative to the two board resolutions on the table, DHS's Gender Sexuality Alliance submitted its own resolution to the board.

The GSA's proposed resolution was not included in the agenda packet.

Branning noted that the trustees could substitute the motion with the one from the GSA.

After the comment period, Funk and all the trustees expressed interest in programs to support LGBTQIA+ students, but support for flying the flag year-round was mixed.

Trustees Carolina Martinez and Kristian Reyes supported the edits suggested by Tombs. Further, Martinez said she supports a policy update allowing schools to fly the flag at their discretion. Reyes said he supported the year-round display of the flag this school year and next.

Student representative Ronit Peswani also backed flying the flag year-round.

Speck offered her support for flying the flag at school for 30 days, but was uncertain about further display.

Cherrier voiced support for LGBTQIA+ resources and the flying of the flag in May.

Regarding the display of the flag, Blackman said, "I don't think you can wrap yourself up in a flag and protect yourself from somebody giving you a slur." Instead, she expressed support for educating the community to improve student behavior.

The discussion is set to resume at the next board meeting, April 29. ■

SUSTAINABILITY

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solutions to tackle climate change, she said she quickly found out that there were significant barriers to this information.

"I found that media reports, policy documents and news articles were often filled with complex terms and jargon," she said.

That's why she founded The Sustainability Lens back in January.

The nonprofit is a 501(c)(3) organization that hosts interviews with knowledgeable experts in the climate change and sustainability world; tables at local events such as the Earth Day celebration on April 19 in the Pleasanton Library; and uses its online platform to educate folks of all ages about the different ways they can help take

care of the planet.

Some of the people the group has interviewed so far include the former public affairs specialist and climate scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and a former NASA intern.

Gupta said the overall goal is promoting climate action, especially because it isn't much of a priority in school, for younger people like herself.

Gupta and her team members also said it is important for young people to use social media and technology to spread awareness.

"Our generation is way more interconnected due to social media so we have a lot more power if we have something to say," Anasuya Ghosh, a sophomore at Amador Valley and the director of partnerships and grants at the nonprofit,

told the Weekly. "Climate change is such a global issue, it's not up to one person or one country to solve. Everyone has to work together."

Though the group said juggling school and the organization was difficult in the beginning, they are now doing everything they can to address issues like desensitization of climate change in younger generations.

"It's really important not just for everyone to care about sustainability, but for (Generation) Z to care about sustainability," Vyan Kumar, another Amador Valley sophomore and director of community outreach for the nonprofit, told the Weekly. "A lot of people in Gen Z are quickly going to be leaving school and as ... the new generation comes in, it's important that we get the message across." ■

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Meet the 2025 Ed Kinney Community Patriots

Hacienda visionary Callahan, 3VCF treasurer O'Brien to be honored next week

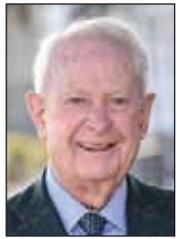
BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton community will be honoring two residents outside of the Museum on Main next week who have contributed to the city in several different ways as part of this year's 2025 Ed Kinney Community Patriot awards.

Joe Callahan, who played a major role in the creation of the Hacienda Business Park, and Patrick O'Brien, treasurer of the Three Valleys Community Foundation, will receive the annual award that, for the past 20 years, has been named in memory of former Pleasanton mayor Ed Kinney.

"This year's recipients have worked to make our part of the world a better place," W. Ron Sutton, founder of the award and president of the Make A Difference, Today & Always nonprofit, which sponsors the award, said in an April 15 press release.

The annual award is given to



CHRISTINA GRAY

Joe Callahan



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Patrick O'Brien

residents who "exemplify through their actions love, pride, faith, belief, and devotion to our community," according to the press release. The awardees are chosen by a Fourth of July planning team along with past recipients of the Community Patriot award.

Callahan has long been seen as someone who helped transform the city after he partnered with Prudential Insurance Co. in the late 1970s to purchase and develop land in North Pleasanton, which ultimately grew into the Hacienda

Business Park. That move not only grew the city's economic health, it also improved transportation, flood mitigation and housing conditions in that area.

"By knocking out a rock structure in the Arroyo De Laguna near Niles Canyon, in 1980, they opened up storm water flows, mitigating the north Pleasanton flooding problem," according to the press release. "That lowered, by 4.5 feet, the 100-year storm flood plain elevation for the entire city of Pleasanton. This particularly helped homes in Val Vista and Valley Trails, as well as the Hacienda property."

Other improvements to the area that came out of that partnership with Prudential included, the creation of the North Pleasanton Improvement District which provided funding for upgraded roadways and the construction of a couple of interstate freeway interchanges.

According to the press release, other projects that were born from

Callahan and the Hacienda team included improvements to the Ken Mercer Sports Park and the preservation and relocation of mature trees at the park.

"Looking back I'd say the success of the tree relocation effort has had a far greater impact on the sports park than I expected," Callahan said in the press release. "It took a large area that tended to feel forlorn and gave it a sense of place."

Other noteworthy contributions from Callahan and the Hacienda team include repair and replacement of the Amador Valley High School theater roof and air conditioning, and the restoration and conversion of the old Pleasanton Police Department building into the current Museum on Main.

O'Brien, the other recipient of this year's Community Patriot award, will also be recognized for his years of service as a board member of various nonprofit organizations.

Apart from serving as the treasurer

for the recently formed Three Valleys Community Foundation, which supports other local nonprofits, he has served on the Alameda County Fair Board and is now on the County Fair Foundation Board, which is currently developing an educational farm program on the fairgrounds.

He was also on the California Exposition and State Fair Board, served as a committee member for the AXIS health facility capital campaign and is on the board of directors of the 100 Club of Alameda County, according to the press release.

"O'Brien particularly loves helping youth and is currently on the Tri-Valley REACH Board, which provides housing for disabled youth," according to the press release. "He also is on the board for the George A. Spiliotopoulos Scholarship Fund."

Callahan and O'Brien will be honored at a reception for family and friends outside the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton on Monday (April 28). ■

Many LVJUSD teachers to see pay increase

Special education services, staffing ratios, health and safety conditions among other bargaining updates

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Many members of the Livermore Education Association will see a retroactive salary bump and a one-time increase to their benefits, following unanimous approval of a collective bargaining agreement by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education.

The agreement, which was greenlit during the board's April 15 meeting, also included contract articles regarding staffing ratios, special education services as well as the LVJUSD working and

learning environment.

Also on the table were memorandum of understanding regarding use of personal phones during emergencies, administrator designees as well as the 2025-26 school year calendar and its impact on elementary science specialists.

The tentative agreements and MOUs before the board were reached by LEA and district negotiating teams, according to the agenda item.

Those impacted by the decision include LEA teachers, nurses, counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists, social workers and

teachers on special assignment.

Approval of the tentative agreements would "improve the working conditions for our members and ultimately the learning conditions for our students," LEA President Amy Thompson said at the meeting.

Prior to the board's decision, 86% of LEA members voted to ratify the tentative agreements and MOUs, according to Thompson.

This approval rating is a very positive sign, Board President Emily Prusso and Trustee Deena Kaplanis said at the meeting.

"I am just really appreciative for both teams making an effort to get a little bit uncomfortable on both sides," Prusso added.

As part of the decision, the board authorized removing the lowest tier from the LEA salary schedule. The majority members will see a wage increase — ongoing and retroactive to Jan. 1 — due to the restructuring.

Under the new agreement, a fully credentialed, first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree will earn \$71,241 annually, instead of \$69,429. This represents a raise of approximately 2.5%.

If that teacher was instead in their fifth year of teaching, they would earn \$79,323 annually rather than \$69,449, equal to an approximately 14% raise.

Those not receiving raises have a select combination of experience and education, such as teachers who are not fully credentialed and have one year of experience with 30 semester units of education above a bachelor's degree.

As for benefits, LEA members

will receive \$11,600 in district-contributed health benefits, up from \$10,900 for the 2024-25 school year, according to the executive summary of agreement changes. The extra \$700 will be ongoing if state-funded TK add-on is \$5,700 per ADA or above, according to the summary.

Within special education, moderate as well as adult transition teachers are now included in the current 13:1 class size and caseload limit for special day class teachers, according to the summary.

Regarding staffing, the agreement establishes a 1:600 ratio for comprehensive high school counselors to students. Also, if there is a 15% increase in the student to nurse ratio from the 2024-25 level, then additional nurses will be hired.

"These ratios create stable jobs

for our members, which will allow us to attract and retain qualified and consistent staff for our students," Thompson said.

On the subject of health and safety conditions, the agreement details temperature guidelines, ventilation, illumination, noise level as well as the process for submitting work orders for related issues, according to the summary. There is also a new requirement that staff is notified of violent incidents on campus if they are in contact with the student.

"(We) believe that this agreement reflects the value and the goals of our district," said Amy Robbins, assistant superintendent of human resources.

Following approval, the revised contract articles were set for incorporation into the current LEA collective bargaining agreement. MOUs were set for implementation. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Foodist on the road: Deborah Grossman, the Weekly's Tri-Valley Foodist blogger, enjoyed time in snowy Montreal with lots of good exploration, food and drink. Here she is in downtown Montreal near the Museum of Fine Arts with revered Montrealer Leonard Cohen peering down from the wall mural. She brought the cover story she wrote with Amador Valley High students eating in the courtyard — not happening for Deborah that day.

Local Shell sells lottery ticket worth \$183,278

Fantasy 5 jackpot winner has yet to be identified

BY JUDE STRZEMP

A lotto ticket purchased at a Shell gas station in Livermore won nearly \$200,000 last week as part of the statewide Fantasy 5 game, according to the California Lottery website.

Sold by the Shell location at 809 E. Stanley Blvd., the jackpot-winning card was the exclusive match to all five numbers drawn

for the game on April 17.

The recipient's grand-prize ticket was among 68,645 winning tickets with prizes including a free play, \$14 and \$405, according to state lottery officials.

The top winner has yet to be identified or come forward to claim their prize.

Representatives at Shell did not respond to a request for comment as of Friday afternoon. ■



COURTESY CITY OF DUBLIN

As part of a week's worth of celebrations, the annual Dublin Pride Volunteer Day is scheduled for the morning of April 26.

Dublin Pride Week kicks off this weekend

Volunteer and environmental-based events scheduled through May 3

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The city of Dublin is once again celebrating its annual Pride Week to inspire volunteerism in the community.

Following Earth Day, the week-long series runs from this Saturday (April 26) to May 3 and features environmental stewardship through a beautification volunteer day, hazardous waste collection and compost giveaway. This year, these activities fall under the theme "Our City, Our Pride," according to an announcement from the city earlier this month.

Prior to the kickoff of Dublin Pride Week, the city hosted a volunteer bag stuffing party on Wednesday morning where seniors packed gift bags for participants of the annual Dublin Pride Volunteer Day.

The volunteer day this Saturday involves a variety of projects including tree planting and the cleanup of parks, trails and schools. Scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon, the day begins with a light breakfast and kickoff rally at Emerald Glen Park's amphitheater. Volunteers are then dispatched to venues across the city. After the beautification projects, volunteers can return to the park for a community barbecue provided by the Rotary Club of Dublin.

All ages are welcome, but those under 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult, according to city officials. Volunteers do not need to bring any tools, but should consider bringing water, sunscreen, work gloves and close-toed shoes.

During the volunteer day, Amador Valley Industries will hold its annual compost giveaway at the Emerald Glen parking lot.

Given the compost's origin as Dublin-based yard trimmings and food scraps, "this is a great way

to see how Dublin's food waste journey is cyclical and directly benefits the community," the city said in a statement announcing the series.

Each Dublin household may pick up one bag of compost for free at the drive-through distribution.

Also on Saturday, Dublin Police Services is scheduled to host its biannual prescription drug take-back event at Dublin Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Accepted materials include prescription pills, tablets, capsules and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted. In addition to the drug take-back, the event also features e-waste collection and a document shredding truck.

Throughout the week, the city will be accepting donations for the Children's Emergency Food Bank at the Dublin Library, Dublin Civic Center, Shannon Community Center and The Wave Waterpark.

To wrap up Dublin Pride Week, the city is scheduled to host a household hazardous waste collection event from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 3. Located at Zeiss Innovation Center, participation is by appointment only. The city plans to distribute more information about this event via mail.

For Dublin residents looking to volunteer year-round, the city offers the People of the Parks program. In the program also known as Litter Assistance, participants pick up items around Dublin including paper, plastic bottles and food scraps. There are also opportunities for groups and organizations to commit to cleaning specific areas in Dublin.

For more information or to volunteer, visit the city's website at dublin.ca.gov. ■

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Danville town manager retiring after 32 years

Calabrigo's departure marks major shakeup in Tri-Valley; Beaudin will become longest-tenured in region

By JEANITA LYMAN

The Tri-Valley's longest-tenured city manager is set to hang up his hat at the end of the current fiscal year, marking the end of his 32nd year leading the town of Danville and a 40-year tenure in total with the town government.

Danville Town Manager Joe Calabrigo announced the news of his pending retirement at last week's Town Council meeting, reflecting briefly on his time in the position and explaining the logic behind his departure.

"Time has gone by — as my wife likes to say, it's 'slowly gone by fast' — and so now it's time to move forward to whatever that next chapter is going to be for me," Calabrigo told the Town Council during what now marks one of his final town manager's reports. "And since starting a new chapter means finishing the last one, I will be retiring at the end of the current fiscal year on June 30.

"As you can tell, it's a difficult decision, but I feel like I need to start that next adventure while there's still anything left in the tank for me to be able to enjoy it with," he continued.

Calabrigo told DanvilleSanRamon that among the many factors that had ultimately shaped his decision

to retire was a growing family, with one grandson and more on the way, and a desire to travel more amid his child's move to Europe.

Nonetheless, he said that he would continue to be based in Danville and to enjoy the town from the perspective of a regular citizen later this year.

"This is something I've given a lot of thought to, so I'm at peace with the decision, but boy — when you've been somewhere and done something for as long as I have, it will be an interesting transition," Calabrigo said.

As the longest-tenured city manager in the Tri-Valley region by 29 years, the upcoming transition is also one that Danville has only faced a few times in its 40+ year history, with Calabrigo being the town's third-ever manager.

In contrast, Gerry Beaudin is Pleasanton's 10th city manager. Following Calabrigo's departure, Beaudin will become the Tri-Valley's most-tenured city manager having started in May 2022, followed by Marianna Burch starting



Joe Calabrigo

in Livermore the following month. San Ramon City Manager Steven Spedowski was appointed in 2023, and Dublin City Manager Colleen Tribby was appointed in 2024.

Another factor that played into Calabrigo's decision to retire, he said, was confidence that the Town Council would have the option of making that transition as seamless as possible, pointing to his confidence in the staff currently under his leadership.

"That, of course, is going to be a decision that the council has to make," Calabrigo said. "I've been fortunate in that I had a lot of different opportunities and ways that I was able to grow within the organization before I was appointed to the position, and I think we've got some strong internal candidates that give the council the option of maintaining the organizational continuity, and hopefully that's what they're going to do."

While the decision over Calabrigo's successor does ultimately fall on the Town Council, that process will continue to be guided by Calabrigo over the coming months prior to his departure. He said he expected the council to begin discussions on next steps at their next meeting, noting that they're unable to discuss

it amongst themselves until then under the Brown Act.

Calabrigo noted at the recent council meeting that coming to the town staff as an early career planner in 1985 — just three years after Danville was incorporated — means that he has now worked with every council member (20 in total) ever elected in the town as well as those currently at the dais. As the town's spokesperson Jenn Starnes noted in a press release Friday, Calabrigo's career has also meant working with seven different police chiefs.

The longest of Calabrigo's working relationships on the Town Council is with eight-term Councilmember and current Vice Mayor Newell Arnerich, who highlighted Calabrigo's longtime dedication as central to the town's first two decades of incorporation and its ongoing successes into the 21st century.

"You spent your entire adult life here," Arnerich told Calabrigo at the April 15 council meeting. "And as you did start off as that young planner, it's your planning background that made Danville what it is today."

Meanwhile the Town Council's newest addition — first-term Councilmember Mark Belotz — noted that Calabrigo's dedication

and expertise had not been lost on him during his brief time at the dais so far after being elected last year.

"Being the newbie on the council, unfortunately I haven't been around long enough to get all of your wisdom, but I've gotten enough from the small time that I've been here," Belotz said. "I can only say thank you, thank you, and thank you again for everything you've done for our town, and thank you for helping me out in just a few short months."

While the news was bittersweet for Calabrigo and the Town Council, third-term Councilmember Robert Storer noted that Calabrigo's work would be appreciated all the more in his final months on the job.

"I'm going to just cherish every moment that we have up here with you, and save all the things I want to say until then," Storer said.

Calabrigo told DanvilleSanRamon that while the announcement had been hard, "it's always best to leave before anyone thinks that you should."

"I have lots of amazing experiences, amazing memories, many, many great friends, and I'm going to have all of that, and I'm to find a way to continue to stay engaged and connected in the community," Calabrigo said. ■

AIRPORT

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and Development Study created by city consultant C&S Companies.

After the objectives are completed, staff will reassess land-use at the airport. If undeveloped land remains on the approximately 590-acre site, the city can decide whether to study future airport demand to move forward with its non-aeronautical or mixed use.

Designated as a general aviation reliever airport by the Federal Aviation Administration, LVK provides non-airline flight operations for individuals, organizations and businesses. Annual takeoffs and landings at LVK total approximately 180,000 and most of the airport's 460 tenants are Livermore and Pleasanton residents, according to the Livermore city website.

The Airport Land Use Analysis and Development Study was initiated to identify available and advisable uses of airport land, according to the report.

Through this study, 14 undeveloped sites on the land, totaling 165 acres, were studied for their development potential. C&S discouraged development on five sites located in the western portion of the airport generally due to their open space characteristics and use as flood protection.

Eight sites were found to allow aeronautical or "airport purpose"

land-use categorization, which permits development that directly supports or is related to airport operations. Potential developments may include hangars, aircraft maintenance, aviation businesses and services consistent with current FAA regulations.

The majority of these eight sites were also found suitable for mixed-use or non-aeronautical land uses, which may include manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, fuel and energy production, hospitality as well as facilities for STEM, aviation training or research and development, according to the report. Under FAA obligation, mixed-use or non-aeronautical land uses could only be considered if the FAA approved such use based on demonstrated lack of demand for aeronautical purposes.

Through the study, the project team elicited feedback through focus groups, open houses and an online survey.

The team found community interest in addressing demand for new hangars, considering the feasibility of non-aeronautical uses that could support the airport, exploring new technologies, limiting airport development based on noise concerns and community engagement.

As for the city staff's plan moving forward, it intends to identify the best approach for hangar development this year, including their cost and footprint, Ross said. More

details about the hangars are expected during the development stage and entitlement process.

These hangars are expected to help address unmet demand at the airport, according to airport manager Benedict Stuth.

Currently, there are 147 people on hangar waiting lists for LVK, Stuth said. This equates to wait times averaging eight years for small to medium hangars and 17 to 20 years for larger, box-style hangars.

The goal would be satisfying part of the demand, but not all of it, according to Stuth.

"There's nothing wrong with having a little bit of a hangar waitlist because you are reducing your risk profile," he said.

The three other objectives — including the innovation center, emergency complex and exploration of advanced air mobility technology — are in the scoping phase, according to Brandon Cardwell, city innovation and economic development director.

The Livermore Planning Commission supported staff's next steps at its March 19 special meeting with recommendations to broaden language regarding innovative technology beyond electric vertical take-off and landing aircrafts.

At the ensuing council meeting, public responses to the development approach were split nearly evenly between support and concern.

On the side of concern, speakers

worried about the allocation of funds amid wider economic uncertainty. They also expressed worries about the potential presence of PFAS at LVK and urged the city to wait for a report on the matter expected to be released this fall. Another concern involved the city's response to C&S suggestions like updating the Airport Master Plan to establish a long-term vision for LVK.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand later responded to some of the concerns.

The money raised at the airport cannot be used for other purposes, Marchand explained.

Also if PFAS originated from the airport, it would be on the north side of the airport, Marchand said. That would allow for potential extraction on the north side while development occurs on the south side.

As for public support, commenters suggested the benefits of having an innovation center, a public safety hub and innovation at LVK. One also noted that the developments would lead to job creation.

Pete Sandhu — owner of LVK's fixed-base operator, Five Rivers Aviation — suggested that a public safety complex would improve service in the area.

"Helicopters and aircraft that we're attracting to Livermore, by providing suitable facilities for them, will solve some of those substantial deficiencies that we have in our community and provide that kind of level of

safety and security for our citizens," Sandhu said.

Marchand agreed that the safety hub would be beneficial to the public.

"Having that emergency complex here, I think, is extraordinarily valuable because we're talking about people's lives," Marchand said. "These are things we can all get behind, because when you need an ambulance, you need it and you need to get to the hospital quickly."

There are trade-offs for having a public safety complex, like increased noise, Branning said. He requested more information about the potential noise impacts of the facility, but extended his initial support for the potential development.

As for advanced aviation mobility, Branning said he was very excited by the idea of Livermore being a leader in aeronautics.

"One of the coolest things in this is the opportunities for us to really have a future focused airport," Branning said.

Staff plan to give quarterly updates regarding its airport strategy to the Livermore Airport Commission. The first stop for a development proposal regarding the airport would be the commission, so Branning advised interested community members to tune into those meetings.

"This will affect Livermore for the foreseeable future, and so I want to make sure we get it right," Branning said. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Both drivers killed in Highway 84 crash in Livermore

Two people died after their vehicles collided on Highway 84 near the Ruby Hill gated community early in the morning commute on Monday, according to the Livermore Police Department.

Authorities received multiple calls at around 5:55 a.m. about a serious crash on Isabel Avenue/Highway 84 between the Vallecitos Road intersection and Kalthoff Common in the city of Livermore, according to police.

Officers arrived to find a Ram pickup truck and a Honda Accord had collided just north of the intersection of Kalthoff Common/Ruby Hill Drive, police said.

The department initially reported that the early investigation indicated the two vehicles were traveling in opposite directions and hit head-on, but later in the day police spokesperson Azenith Smith said the vehicles' direction of travel was still in question. "Both cars ended up in the southbound lane, but Livermore Police is still determining how the crash occurred," Smith said.

Both drivers succumbed to their injuries at the scene, despite life-saving efforts attempted by fire paramedics, police said. The Ram driver was identified as a 49-year-old Tracy man and the Honda driver was a 23-year-old Manteca man — although their names have not yet been released publicly.

The circumstances of the double-fatal collision remain under investigation. Isabel Avenue was closed through the area until about 1 p.m. as officers gathered evidence on-site and Caltrans crews cleared the scene, police said.

It marked the second deadly crash in the Tri-Valley in four days.

A pickup truck driver died last week in a crash on Interstate 680 in Alamo that was precipitated by a wheel falling off a van on the other side of the freeway and careening over the median, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The situation unfolded around 1:30 p.m. April 17 on I-680 just south of the Stone Valley Road interchange, according to CHP's Contra Costa office. Officers were called to the scene of a reported "vehicle vs. wheel" crash on the southbound side of the freeway.

The initial investigation indicates a Ford van traveling on the northbound side of I-680 had its left rear wheel become detached for unknown reasons, according to the CHP.

"The wheel continued traveling north when it crossed over the

concrete center divider, and struck a Toyota Tundra traveling on the opposite side of I-680," CHP officials said. "Tragically, the driver of the Toyota sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene."

The name of the decedent has not yet been released. The driver of the Ford van, whose identity also wasn't revealed, remained at the scene and cooperated with authorities, the CHP said.

—Jeremy Walsh

Carjackings in Sunol

• After a long vehicle chase, Concord police shot and wounded an alleged bank robber Monday, the department said.

Just before 10 a.m., two suspects robbed a credit union in Concord. Police found the suspects' vehicle and a chase ensued. The suspects' vehicle became disabled on southbound I-680 in Sunol.

The suspects then allegedly carjacked two vehicles at gunpoint, fleeing in one of them.

Police pursued the suspects to San Jose, where the carjacked vehicle also became disabled and an officer-involved shooting occurred, according to police.

That suspect was taken to a

local area hospital for treatment and their current condition wasn't known.

San Jose police arrested the second suspect a short time later in the area.

Concord police are investigating the bank robbery, pursuit, and carjacking and San Jose police are investigating the shooting.

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News Service

Charges for street gang in store robberies

• Eleven members of an Antioch-Pittsburg street gang have been charged in the organized theft of millions of dollars in goods from Sunglass Hut and other merchants, prosecutors said last Friday.

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office filed 33 felony counts on April 17 against the gang members including conspiracy, grand theft of personal property and robbery. The combined bail for the eight suspects is slightly less than \$22 million, prosecutors said.

Between September and April, the gang worked together to steal merchandise from Sunglass Hut locations in Concord, Walnut Creek, San Ramon and Brentwood, prosecutors said.

Holly Chesley

February 14, 1952 – March 18, 2025



Holly Yvonne Glass-Chesley, 73, of Pleasanton, CA passed away March 18, 2025, surrounded by loving family and friends.

Born on February 14, 1952, Holly was the first of six children born to Donald and Yvonne Glass. From a young age, Holly's parents recognized that she had a gifted ear for music and a beautiful singing voice to match. As a songwriter, she wrote songs of family and experiences.

Friends and family often enjoyed listening to Holly sing and play the guitar. Holly also taught her younger siblings to sing and how to play guitars together. It was common to find the whole family in their Mom and Dad's Sunol kitchen doing what they loved and did best - making music together.

Holly had a special relationship with each one of her family members. Almost like a special code only they knew. It is a very special bond that will be missed forevermore. She had a quick wit and a funny side that always made people laugh.

Holly had many hobbies including cooking, playing the piano, raising exotic birds, as well as having a special knack for growing plants. Holly loved antiques and jewelry, especially precious gemstones. Her gemstone collection was as vast as her knowledge. Gemstones were something that she truly loved, and she wore them so beautifully.

Holly is survived by her devoted daughters: Teeka Miller, Marnie Miller-Serafin, Alyse Chesley, Cheyenne Chesley, and son-in-law, Michael Serafin, her siblings: Cindy Kerlin (Del), Jimmy Glass, Twila Halter (George), Donna Crawford, and Johnny Glass (Carolyn). Holly was also a proud grandma to Carson Roth, Ava Chesley, and Olivia Taylor. She loved and enjoyed all of her nieces, great nieces, and nephews.

At Holly's request, no service will be held. She requested the family gather together, hopefully in someone's kitchen.

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Gang members also stole tobacco products from delivery trucks in Pleasant Hill, Bay Point, and Pittsburg, as well as various items from Chanel, Nordstrom and Alo Yoga in Walnut Creek, prosecutors said.

Stolen vehicles were used to lead police on frequent dangerous pursuits through the Bay Area, prosecutors said.

On March 27, Robert Crawford and three companions allegedly stole crates of tobacco products

from a 7-Eleven in Pleasant Hill, prosecutors said. Fleeing the scene in a vehicle, Crawford evaded police, ultimately losing control and crashing through a fence at Fremont Elementary School in Antioch.

The felony charges come with enhancements of street terrorism, taking property in concert, and taking property with a value greater than \$50,000, according to the DA's office.

—Bay City News Service

Varsha Clare

December 28, 1952 – March 28, 2025

Varsha Patel Clare, 72, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 28, 2025, in Pleasanton, California surrounded by her loving family. Varsha was diagnosed with leukemia in April of 2024 and battled the disease courageously until the end.



Varsha was born and raised in Northern India and, throughout her schooling, she excelled in math and science. Encouraged by her parents to further foster these strengths, she entered engineering school after she graduated high school. Varsha was one of only 5 women students in a class of 1,000, but that didn't intimidate her. She graduated at the top of her class with a BSEE from the University of Baroda, India. She then moved to the United States and earned her Master's degree in computer science from State University of New York (SUNY). After graduation, she moved to Dallas, Texas and, while working on the design and development of high-tech products and systems, Varsha received her MBA from the University of Dallas.

During her career, Varsha held key executive, leadership, and technical positions for over 30 years at numerous technology-based companies including Mostek, Honeywell, Ericsson, PacTel, Airtouch Communications, Verizon Wireless, and Cisco Systems.

She has held leadership positions at wireless industry groups and successfully led regulatory planning and strategy to establish industry standards and procedures for wireless industry organizations. She also interfaced with regulatory organizations to influence major policy decisions.

Varsha lived in Pleasanton since 1992 and was involved in a broad range of local community and non-profit organizations. She served on the American Red Cross Alameda County Leadership Council as well as numerous other positions within the American Red Cross. She also served on a number of the City of Pleasanton committees including Human Services, Senior Advisory, Youth Master Plan Operations, and PUSD Local Control Advisory Council and others. She enjoyed volunteering at the Pleasanton Senior Center and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Varsha was also a member of CERT, the Livermore Amateur Radio Club (LARK) and the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club. She also enjoyed the Chinmaya Mission (CMSJ) and was an active participant in the lectures, teachings, and study groups.

Varsha enjoyed hiking, gardening, cooking and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed traveling and she enjoyed cruises, road trips and RVing, National Parks, and Disneyland. Varsha was always thinking of our next adventure.

She is survived by her husband Dennis, daughter Dharini, mother Pushpa, sister Jyoti, nephew Alerk and family Katie, Callie, niece Ratna and family Doug, Kiran, and Dev, as well as her aunt and uncle and countless other cousins. Varsha left us too early and she will be dearly missed.

In-lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your favorite charity of choice.

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Opinion

LETTERS

City budget idea

Since my wife and I raised our children here, I have to say that we came to appreciate all of the small things that made this city so special. When I say small things, they end up becoming big things when they might be cut or eliminated.

I personally feel that residents of Pleasanton did not approve Measure PP because they thought some organizational consolidations would take place to balance the budget, instead of the elimination and reduction of services.

Whether it be high school resource officers or crossing guards, those are areas that are critical to safety and we will regret those cut-backs if anything happens. After listening to city residents this month, it appears the library, pool hours and the Firehouse Arts Center activities are also sacred.

I have an idea that is worth consideration. Let's take a moment and go back to 1996.

The Livermore Fire Department and the Pleasanton Fire Department joined forces as an effective and cost-reduction way to serve both communities with efficiency and compassion. That move was very "pro-active" since it is an effective use of resources to maximize the outcome.

Now with development plans pending for east Pleasanton, it makes me wonder if a joint police force, between both cities, could also be a cost-effective way to cover the area and at the same time save money and preserve some of the planned cuts to services.

If a consolidation of police services is not practical, then I ask if we can identify the individual costs of the cut/reduced programs so we can ask for sponsors from the business community who might want to help support those areas. The parents of Pleasanton students deserve this.

—TJ McGrath,
40-year resident of Pleasanton

Cultivate Joy event

Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives continue to spark important conversations in our communities. While perspectives vary, The Flourish Collective stands firmly in the belief that equity should be accessible to everyone. It is our belief that equity is not a scarce resource and everyone can flourish.

Founded in December 2020 in the East Bay following George Floyd's murder, our organization builds and equips allies for racial justice through education programs and community partnerships. To date, we've raised and distributed nearly \$300,000 to organizations promoting racial equity in the areas of education, community development and health. Our Flourish community has grown to over 200 individuals, and we warmly welcome others to join us.

We invite community members to our upcoming event, "Cultivate Joy - An Evening of Entertainment and Philanthropy", on Saturday, May 10, in Sunol.

The evening will feature live music, a gourmet dinner, local Tri-Valley wine and beer, plus exciting live and silent auctions.

Your participation will help raise vital funds while showcasing the meaningful impact of our collective efforts. We also welcome local businesses to consider sponsorship opportunities.

For more information about the event and The Flourish Collective, please visit theflourishcollective.org.

—Gary Taggart

Thank you, Holiday Fund

On behalf of Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation and our Board of Directors, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Pleasanton Weekly and our generous community for awarding us a grant through the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

This support, alongside the grants given to other incredible local nonprofits, reflects the strength and generosity of our community.

With this funding, PPIE can continue its mission of enhancing educational opportunities for Pleasanton students. We are grateful to be part of a community that values education and invests in programs that make a lasting impact.

Thank you to the Pleasanton Weekly, its donors and everyone who contributes to making Pleasanton a better place for all. We are proud to be a part of this wonderful community!

—Andrea Wilson,
executive director, PPIE

Fact-checking recent pro-Trump letter

• NASA delayed the return of Crew-9 due to concerns over safety, budget constraints and maintaining a crew on the ISS.

• Trump promised to keep the U.S. out of "forever wars," yet ordered major airstrikes against the Houthis — actions that could escalate into further conflict.

• On April 13, at least 34 people, including two children, were killed in a Russian missile attack in Sumy, Ukraine.

• The Department of Education has not been closed. Trump has significantly dismantled its functions. (Its closure would require an act of Congress.) States would not receive more funding if it were to close. The DoE protects students' civil rights, prepares teachers and manages student loans.

• ICE has deported legal residents — often without due process. The administration has repeatedly admitted that the deportation and imprisonment of Mr. Abrego Garcia in El Salvador was an error. Trump is defying a court order that requires steps be taken to facilitate his return.

• Economists continue to warn that tariffs will not bring manufacturing back to the U.S. Instead,

PET OF THE WEEK



VHS

One bonded pair, to-go

Ready to say, "I'm lovin' it?" Come meet the original icons, Big Mac and Filet-o-Fish, at Valley Humane Society. This bonded pair of cats is the ideal value meal: one part snuggle, one part sass, and all heart. They've been sharing the same PlayPlace since day one, and are ready to supersize your life together. Call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656 or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption process.

tariffs will harm our small business community.

• Dr. Bhattacharya opposed lockdowns and mask mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic and holds inconsistent views on vaccines — just two reasons he is ill-suited to lead the taxpayer-funded research of the NIH.

• The executive order regarding election integrity clearly violates federal law and the Constitution.

• On Feb. 19, DOGE claimed \$16.5 billion in savings. NPR found the actual figure to be about \$2 billion — 88% less than what was claimed.

—Ann Palowitch

Education at the museum

As the new education director at the Museum on Main, I have begun my tenure during an uncertain time in the nation. It is also an uncertain time in Pleasanton with so many budget cuts to essential programs to our community.

As I research the past of Pleasanton, there have been so many moments where folks have come together for the future of this fair city.

At the museum, I see so many third graders excited about exploring the history of the city. Dedicated volunteers find purpose in preserving the history and artifacts in the collection. Adults with disabilities use the space to be creative and feel connected to the museum. Toddlers come to the museum on a consistent basis to play and explore.

As the museum is also facing budget cuts from the city, I wanted to take a moment and appreciate the community for always supporting the work we do at the museum. Small museums preserve our past, but they also empower our community to create a verdant and bright present together.

—Peter Wallis

Poor driving in Pleasanton

I am grateful to be a resident of the beautiful city of Pleasanton.

When did it become OK to slow down and then accelerate through a stop sign? When did it become OK to "blow" through a red light?

When did it become OK to pass through a school zone with students present at 35-40 mph?

During these uncertain and frightening times, it is more important than ever to interact with our fellow community members safely, lawfully and respectfully.

—Emelie Rogers

Hands Off — another view

We are currently at a critical time with our national debt of \$36.5 trillion, increasing by \$2 trillion each year. We must take action before America faces a financial crisis that would have catastrophic consequences for our country and the world.

Instead of protesting in support of wasteful and over-spending and other anti-American sentiments, let's work together and focus on what the majority of American citizens support:

Hands Off: Our tax dollars, which were not intended for foolish projects and the corrupt, virtue-signaling socialists.

Hands Off: Our children at school. Teach the students the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, not Marxist ideologies.

Hands Off: Trying to force women and girls to compete against biological men.

Hands Off: All the property being destroyed in the name of whatever leftist cause for that given week. Other people's buildings and vehicles are not yours to destroy.

Hands Off: Our college campuses. Majority of the students are there to learn. Free speech is protected but violence, intimidation and taking over buildings are not.

Hands Off: Our ICE agents, who are removing violent illegal alien gang members from our country and enforcing the border security laws. Please enter legally or not at all.

Hands Off: The American family. You have done everything possible to destabilize the concept of families because you believe that our ultimate allegiance should be to the government.

Let's work together to create solutions for America's success.

—David Ott

Employment

TECHNOLOGY

Philips Healthcare Informatics, Inc. is accepting resumes for the position of Technical Account Manager in Pleasanton, CA (Ref. # 8114352). Understand customer end-to-end deployments, the company's products, and underlying PACS architecture. Telecommuting permitted. Annual Salary: \$157,373 - \$187,373. Mail resume to Philips North America LLC, Legal Department, Barbara Bickford, 222 Jacobs Street, Third Floor, Cambridge, MA 02141. Resume must include Ref. # 8114352, full name, email address & mailing address. No phone calls. Must be legally authorized to work in U.S. without sponsorship. EOE.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Injured pole vaulter going to desired hospital

Also: Highlights from Foothill volleyball, Amador JV tennis and Amador badminton

Last week this space was all about Foothill sophomore Aman Deshmukh, who suffered a horrific accident on March 6 while practicing the pole vault during track-and-field practice.

Deshmukh is paralyzed from the shoulders down and has been at the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

The crux of the story was about the family's battle with Kaiser Permanente as to where Aman would be sent for rehabilitation. The family had requested Craig Hospital in Colorado, a location that has a teen-specific rehabilitation program that rehabs the teenagers together, promoting a support system and camaraderie.

Craig also promotes its instructional staff that keeps the kids involved in their education while going through rehabilitation. It was a center the attending specialists at Children's Hospital had highly recommended.

Kaiser had informed the family that Aman was scheduled to be sent to the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

Last Friday morning, I heard from Yogini Joglekar, the mother of

Aman, informing me that Kaiser had made the decision to officially approve Aman for acute rehab at Craig Hospital.

On Easter Sunday I again heard from Joglekar confirming this Tuesday as the date for transfer to Colorado and she wanted to add one final thing.

"We are so grateful for the tremendous support from our community and beyond that's made this possible," she said.

As much as I criticized Kaiser last week, I must give them credit for agreeing to recommend Aman to Colorado to the place everyone seems to think was the best choice to provide all the tools for Aman.

Thank you, Kaiser.

Foothill boys' volleyball

The Falcons continued their hot streak, playing well in a tournament, then a pair of East Bay Athletic League games to move into a first-place tie.

On April 12, the Falcons competed in the City Classic in San Francisco, going 3-2 and winning the Silver Division. Highlights for

the tournament came from Josh Salonga (102 assists, 31 digs, 15 kills), Jeremy Sun (37 digs, 19 kills), Caleb Lai (34 digs, 5 aces) and Cam Hitchan (36 kills).

Coming off the tournament, the Falcons swept De La Salle 25-22, 25-21, 25-22. Highlights came from Salonga (33 assists, 6 kills, 6 digs), Hitchan (13 kills at a .520 clip, 2 blocks), Thomas Paduraru (11 kills, 3 blocks) and Sun (8 kills, 8 digs).

Finally, Foothill got another straight set win, this one over Livermore 25-21, 25-19, 25-18. Highlights came from Dean Caudill (13 kills, 13 service points, 4 aces), Lai (12 digs, 8 service points), Salonga (23 assists, 7 digs, 3 kills) and Paduraru (9 kills, 1 block).

Amador badminton

The Dons rolled a pair of teams, beating Dublin 11-6 and De La Salle/Carondelet 16-1.

In the victory over Dublin, Kayosh Kumar Mohapatra, Aadi Koshal, Kevin Ke and Luming Wang won in boys' singles, and Varshini Subramanian, Aishani Pramod and Xinyuan Ou all got wins in girls' singles.



COURTESY FOOTHILL VOLLEYBALL

Foothill Falcons celebrate at the end of their 3-0 sweep of De La Salle in volleyball.

Amador JV boys' tennis

The Dons went 2-1 last week, beating De La Salle and San Ramon Valley, and losing 6-3 to Cal High.

In the loss to Cal, Amogh Gore and Rohail Khweja were winners in singles matches. The doubles team of Neil Todkar and Darsh Goyal won their match.

In the 9-0 win over De La Salle, Goyal, Todkar, Avij Asarawala, Sameer Detta, Srikar Chidiposta and Erik Van Slyke were winners in singles.

In doubles, the teams of Amogh Gore/Pranav Joshi, Julian Liu/Jonathon Lu and Aaron Shaffer/Decker Gillette were all winners.

Finally, in the 8-1 win over San Ramon Valley, singles winners were Rohail Khwaja, Todkar, Goyal, Akshaj Shardiya and Shaffer.

In doubles, the teams of Thomas Manthes/Henry Bull, Avij Asarawala/Srikar Chidiposte and Udayan Sirghal/Pranav Joshi were winners. ■

In boys' doubles, the teams of Benjamin Li/Ziqian Wang, Geffen Kama/Nathan Han and Philip Liu/Brandon Chen all won their matches. Finally, the mixed doubles team of Cara Li/Nachiketh Nandish won their match.

In the thumping of De La Salle/Carondelet, the boys' singles winners were Kevin Ke, Shrahan Sithhambaram, Ishaan Noolu and Athrv Gupta. In girls' singles the winners were Nandith Mahesh Aditi Boddu and Aarya Godse.

The teams that won boys' doubles matches were Nachketh Nandish/Shrahan Sithhambaram, Jaeron Choi/Ishaan Noolu and Justin Wang/Rishik Miriyala.

Girls' doubles winners were Nanditha Mahesh/Aditi Baddo, Shristi Deepak Jain/Prisha Jain and Gaurangi Patil/Aarya Godse.

Finally, the mixed doubles winners were Shravani Kurapatil/Justin Wang, Athena Fitzpatrick/Jaewon Choi and Shristi Deepak Jain/Athrv Gupta.

Board cancels horse racing for 2025 Sonoma County Fair

Moves follows end of NorCal stabling in Pleasanton

BY THOMAS HUGHES / BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Sonoma County Fair Board canceled horse racing for this year's fair, dealing another blow to the industry in Northern California.

The board said last week the decision was made because many racehorse owners had relocated to Southern California and out of state over the past year, following the closure of Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley, and the end of stabling and racing at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

"Live horse racing has been a valued part of the Sonoma County Fair since 1936, and the Sonoma County Fair Board is extremely thankful to all the individuals in the industry who have made racing at the Fair part of its storied history," said Matthew

Daly, the fair's CEO. "Although the proud heritage of horse racing has been lost for 2025, the focus of the Fair's agriculture, education, exhibits and entertainment will be enhanced because of this change."

The fair board said in a news release that racing would only return to the fair in the future if there was a resurgence of the industry that would make it feasible.

The downturn comes amid declining wagering revenue at Northern California venues and a constriction of the industry nationwide, as well as criticisms from animal rights advocacy organizations about the sport's safety.

The Fair Board's decision also comes on the heels of the January vote by the California Authority of Racing Fairs to cancel the Northern circuit of California at other

Northern California fairs this summer by not applying for licenses for this year, which was lauded by the animal rights advocacy organization Animal Defenders International.

"This marks a significant step in the right direction for horses everywhere," the organization wrote on its Facebook page.

The California Horse Racing Board reported 108 racehorse deaths in 2024, including 12 that died from a viral equine disease at a Los Alamitos barn. No horses died last year at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, but two died there in August 2023, including one on the opening day of the fair, when Danehill Song, a 3-year-old filly, suffered a musculoskeletal injury to its carpal bones.

The Sonoma County Fair will run from Aug. 1-10. ■

Celebrating Crawford

Giants hosting ceremony Saturday

BY JEREMY WALSH

The San Francisco Giants are gearing up for "Brandon Crawford Celebration Day" this weekend, honoring the retired World Series champion shortstop and Pleasanton native before their day game on Saturday.

Crawford, a 2005 graduate of Foothill High School, earned two championships, three All-Star Game appearances and four Gold Gloves during 13 years with his hometown Giants from 2011 to 2023. He hung up his cleats in November after playing 28 games with the St. Louis Cardinals in 2024.

The Giants are hosting a pre-game ceremony celebrating Crawford on the field at Oracle Park starting at 12:20 p.m. Saturday (April 26).

The afternoon's festivities will also include a "Brandon Crawford Graphic T-shirt" giveaway to the first 15,000 fans presented by Super Duper Burgers and a national anthem performance by Grammy



Brandon Crawford

Award winner and former Santana lead singer Tony Lindsay. Crawford's children will serve as the kids who help open the action with a "play ball!" over the loud speakers, and his parents are honorary captains for the day.

Crawford is scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Giants' 1:05 p.m. game against the visiting Texas Rangers — who are managed by Bruce Bochy, Crawford's skipper for most of his Giants' career. For more information about the event, visit www.mlb.com/giants. ■



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

One of the most notable trademarks of downtown is the Pleasanton Arch, which was originally installed by the Women's Improvement Club in 1932. It was later restored in 2005.

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Q uaint. Historic. Unique. These are all terms many residents and community members have used to describe downtown Pleasanton over the years.

Main Street is a place to meet with friends and family, enjoy annual parades and beer walks, and stroll down to check out many of the newer businesses that have recently opened.

"Downtown Pleasanton is the heart of our community where we gather, celebrate, and support one another," Mayor Jack Balch said in a statement to the Weekly. "Our investments in public spaces and partnerships with local businesses ensure that downtown continues to serve as a place where people want to gather, visit and do business."

But prominent vacant storefronts — some of which have been empty for years — coupled with market conditions, regulatory impacts, reputational optics and instability within the Pleasanton Downtown Association have led many to believe that more must be done to elevate the vibrancy of downtown Pleasanton.

"Keeping downtown successful requires more than just maintaining what's already there — it means actively creating the conditions for businesses to succeed," Balch said. "Pleasanton is focused on attracting new investment, supporting local entrepreneurs, and making it easier for businesses to grow and thrive. That includes streamlining our permitting process so that when a business is ready to move forward, we can help make it happen quickly and predictably."

Steeped in history

From dirt roads and dive bars to real estate agencies and diverse restaurants, downtown Pleasanton has come a long way since the city's incorporation in 1894.

Unlike other cities that have developed around their downtowns, one of the main reasons Pleasanton's Main Street is located in the southeast corner of the city is because of the transcontinental railroad, city historian



The Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Vine and DanvilleSanRamon.com have embarked on a cover story series in 2025 examining the downtowns throughout the Tri-Valley. Our project continues this week with reporter Christian Trujano's feature on downtown Pleasanton.

and Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan told the Weekly.

He said there wouldn't even be a city of Pleasanton without that railroad that rolled into the area in 1869.

According to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce website, after incorporation the city began seeing a lot of growth by the 1900s and Main Street specifically started to become a "center for business and community activity and, although agriculture didn't completely disappear, Pleasanton was on the road to becoming a modern community."

MacLennan said while the first three decades of the 1900s is when Main Street began seeing more buildings being built, the area didn't really see any intentional planning going on until the city developed a General Plan in the '50s. That's when the leaders of the day really began looking at how to shape the community.

"You start seeing intention like what's downtown going to look like, how do we keep it vital and how do we keep people coming here," he said.

And that premise of maintaining the historical ambiance and character of downtown while also pushing the envelope for more growth is something that MacLennan said held true back then, almost like it still does to date.

Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa, a longtime resident of the city who lives near downtown, said



Making it on

Facing modern-day ups and downs, stakeholders say f



Patrons line up to shop at the number of stores located on the corner of West Angela and Main streets.

one of the main reasons she campaigned for the council before her election in 2018 was because at the time, the city had been discussing significant changes to the area that she did not like.

"I didn't want to lose what we have," Testa said. "I know it's a tourist attraction. I know it's what people talk about and why people come here."

Still, as MacLennan noted,

downtown has changed fairly significantly since the 20th century.

He said since its beginning, downtown always felt like it appealed more to the working class with bars along with appliance and furniture stores. A difference from today where you have a mix of coffee shops, high-end restaurants and mainly smaller retail stores.

After rent prices in downtown started going up in the 1980s,

MacLennan said there was a desire to make the area more of a shopping and hangout destination.

"It is the product of definite policy. Because of the rules they set up for downtown ... this is what we get," he said, referring to the affluent downtown that currently exists but hasn't changed much since 2008 — apart from some major changes like Starbucks taking over the former Pastime Pool dive bar.

Main Street

Future remains bright for historic downtown Pleasanton



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

But as Pleasanton continues to grow, there remains a strong connection to some of the older buildings that date back over a hundred years ago scattered around Main Street. MacLennan said buildings such as the Museum on Main are like anchors in the town's connection to its past and that even with businesses changing the city should look to preserve certain aspects of downtown's history.

The building blocks

Pleasanton has a process and guiding principles that help shape what the area looks like called the Downtown Specific Plan.

The plan, the current version of which was adopted by the 2019 City Council, aims to "serve as the primary regulatory guide for preserving and enhancing the 319-acre downtown area" up until 2040,

according to the document.

The planning area is roughly bounded by the Alameda County Fairgrounds to the west; the Arroyo del Valle and the shared Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) and Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the north; Second and Third Streets to the east; and Bernal Avenue to the south.

This allows the city to set rules about what goes on within this area and what is allowed to either be built



FILE PHOTO BY MIKE SEDLAK

Downtown Pleasanton has hosted hundreds of parades over the years, including a throwback cattle drive to kick off the 2017 Alameda County Fair.

'When you get the architect, the structural engineer ... when you get them saying, 'yeah, Pleasanton is a great place to work with,' that's when you're going to get people starting to want to come back here.'

Bruce Torquemada,
Downtown property owner

there or what businesses are allowed to occupy certain areas.

However for Arne Olson, a former city councilmember and the current Chamber of Commerce board chair, there are certain aspects of the plan that are not conducive to business development in downtown. He said it has even been referred to as "the business prevention plan".

"I've told (City Manager) Gerry Beaudin directly that the Downtown Specific Plan needs to be looked at surgically and specific items in that (plan) need to be either changed or removed," Olson said. "I've (known) specific people ... who have located a business in Pleasanton previously and now, currently, they have preferred to go to Livermore as a more welcoming environment."

Olson suggested that a task force be developed to work with downtown landlords and go through the specific plan — which he said is not all bad — in order to tweak specific parts.

One downtown Pleasanton property owner who has also had some issues with the overall process of getting things done in the area is Bruce Torquemada.

Torquemada said his dream had always been to move to Pleasanton because he loved the small, quaintness of its downtown area. That's why when he made the decision to start buying downtown properties in 2021, he saw it as his mission to

preserve things like the Kottinger Barn — he has been maintaining the space and using it for special events — as well as promoting other businesses.

But over the years he said he has noticed Pleasanton gaining a reputation for making it hard for new business owners and tenants to go through the permitting process, which in turn makes it harder for people to follow through with opening a store in the area.

"When you get the architect, the structural engineer ... when you get them saying, 'yeah, Pleasanton is a great place to work with,' that's when you're going to get people starting to want to come back here," Torquemada said. "They already know Pleasanton is a great place to be; they just don't like what it takes to get in here because they've heard the stories."

From an unwelcoming permit office to an overall lack of detailed help for promising new tenants, Torquemada said these traits lead aspiring business owners to get a little scared to do business in the city and if downtown wants to fill up more of those empty spaces, it needs to change its process.

Despite the proposed reductions to its planning and permitting departments due to recent budget deficit discussions, the city has said that it is doing more to help future businesses.

"The city continues to streamline its permitting and zoning processes to support both new investment and existing businesses," city communications manager Heather Tiernan told the Weekly.

"In 2024, Pleasanton completed more than 2,000 building plan reviews, with an average 10-day turnaround for initial reviews," Tiernan added. "Building on this progress, the city is updating zoning and permitting processes to create a more streamlined and predictable path to approval."

Gabrielle Welk, who was recently promoted to executive director of the PDA, also acknowledged that the downtown's historical buildings and new codes might force people

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to put in a lot more money and work in order to keep their business alive.

A recent example is the structural issues that PRIMM Boutique have been dealing with after it had to temporarily relocate from its original location for 12 years at 520 Main St. to 400 Main St. Suite 202 — the sign outside its decade-old home states that the “100+ year old building needs a little maintenance.”

Welk said she thinks the city and the PDA need to work together more to support downtown businesses.

“I do want to put heat on the city, but I also want to make sure that we understand that everyone has to follow rules and regulations and we’re trying to work together,” Welk said. “That’s kind of another reason why the PDA is here because we want to work as a middle man between (businesses) and the city.”

“The permitting process can be really gruesome at times when you’re a new person opening a business for the first time, so we really encourage them to reach out to us first,” she added.

Testa also said that she has taken the time to further investigate comments she has heard regarding issues with the permitting process but ultimately, she found that staff are doing their jobs and maybe the issues might stem from lack of knowledge on the process.

“I have not ever believed that there is significant concern with our processing being more difficult than other cities,” she said. “I just really don’t think that is accurate.”

Making it on Main Street

Over the past few years, a number of businesses have vacated Main Street for several reasons.

Shuttered banks including Bank of America, which closed last year, as well as the old First Republic Bank on the 200 block of Main Street, remain empty.

A number of retail stores have also gone away such as former downtown staple Christesen’s Western Wear which closed in 2021 and Clover Creek, which relocated to the Raley’s shopping center on Sunol

Boulevard. And while the PDA recently hinted to the Weekly that there could be some movement soon as far as improvement plans for the Christesen’s property, people can’t help but to notice the old signs and the empty stores scattered throughout the area.

“There are parts (of downtown) that look somewhat like a ghost town,” Isela Alvarado, a longtime Pleasanton resident who has lived near downtown for over a decade, said in a Spanish-language interview with the Weekly, translated into English.

However, Alvarado also said that downtown is a place where inclusivity thrives and the community comes together — it just needs a little more diversity of stores.

“For me, downtown is magical and all of the events are very special,” she said.

She said she loves the events and parades that take place along Main Street, but there needs to be more places for people to visit aside from restaurants.

One of downtown’s newest purveyors, Saltwater, brings something unique to the area. It is a gift and bookshop dedicated to raising awareness about alcohol and drug recovery.

Located just off Main at 148 Spring St., Saltwater is not the typical downtown attraction. Owner Colleen Faccini said she picked the location so that her customers could remain somewhat anonymous — but it is a clear example of a completely different type of business coming into the area.

“There isn’t a store within this whole valley that supplies books, birthday chips, cards, (and a) celebration of sobriety,” Faccini said. “There’s been some in the past and they’ve come and gone but there isn’t one right now, except for me.”

She said the process of opening her new store — which opened about a month ago — was fairly easy with the help of her landlord, Torquemada, and that she now looks forward to cementing herself as a place where recovering alcoholics can gather as a community, which in turn will bring new demographics of people to the area.

She even said she would be willing to work with the PDA to be a



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Diners enjoy a sunny Friday afternoon on the patio of Zachary’s Chicago Pizza, a relatively newer establishment that opened its doors back in 2021.

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Heather Tiernan,
City spokesperson

part of events — although for things like the annual beer crawl, she said she would have to look for non-alcoholic drink partnerships.

Another fairly new retail business downtown is Good Common Sense Naturals, a skin care store located in a recognizable unit at 620 Main St.

Owner Wendy Schulte moved to the Bay Area over 10 years ago with her husband and originally saw skincare as more of a hobby than a business opportunity. However, she eventually started looking at different business avenues that would allow her to further pursue her hobby as a full-time job.

After doing some popup events and losing a temporary space at Stoneridge Shopping Center, Schulte eventually set her sights on downtown where she initially took over the space formerly occupied by the Jewelers Gallery.

Following the coronavirus pandemic, she began seeing more success to the point where she needed to relocate, which is when she spoke with property owners for the old Dean’s Cafe building.

She said other tenants were scared to take over that space but after four years of being there, she not only appreciates her new space, she also appreciates the fact that the city was able to refurbish and keep the Dean’s sign.

During her time as a business

owner in downtown Pleasanton, Schulte said she has grown to love the area.

She said this past year the growth in downtown has been more steady as far as clientele, but that it was actually a lot worse several years ago when there were more weekend closures of Main Street.

“We had to plead with the downtown association to figure out a way to get it to stop,” she said.

She said she didn’t like the closures keeping cars off Main Street because they benefited restaurants but weren’t good for retail businesses like hers, especially during the hotter summer days where people would have to park away from central shops.

She said closing Main Street for holiday parades and special events is fine but the regular weekend street closures was “the worst idea that burst from the pandemic.”

However, other folks disagree. Testa said that while she knows it’s a bit controversial, she supports more street closures because of the amount of foot traffic they bring to the area and the community it creates.

Misconceptions vs. reality

Several people contended to the Weekly that one of the more common misconceptions about downtown is that parking is an issue. Welk and Schulte have said that maybe the only issue with parking is that there isn’t enough signage to show people where the city’s free downtown parking lot is located on the old railroad corridor between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street.

Testa even referred to the parking issue as a myth because although people may not find spots directly in front of the business they want to visit, there is typically plenty of parking available for those willing to

walk a little bit.

In addition to differing views about parking, the presence of empty storefronts is another topic that comes up frequently when discussing downtown Pleasanton.

Running a business, in general, is a tough world where you see turnover all the time, Judy Wheeler, owner of Towne Center Books, told the Weekly. The downtown staple has been around since 1993, and Wheeler took over in 1998.

“That’s the nature of business,” Wheeler said. “Running a business is always tough! There are many unknowns and multiple pieces to the pie but this is definitely uncharted territory.”

Wheeler said that online sales and services make it hard not just on small businesses in Pleasanton, but to others across the country.

“Retail probably feels this impact the hardest,” she said. “The fun of browsing in cute shops and then making the purchase online concept does not translate to thriving brick-and-mortar shops.”

But while there is a desire for more retail stores downtown from residents like Alvarado — who personally would like to see more shops like Therapy Stores — as well as leaders like Testa, Welk said there already is a diverse range of businesses in the area.

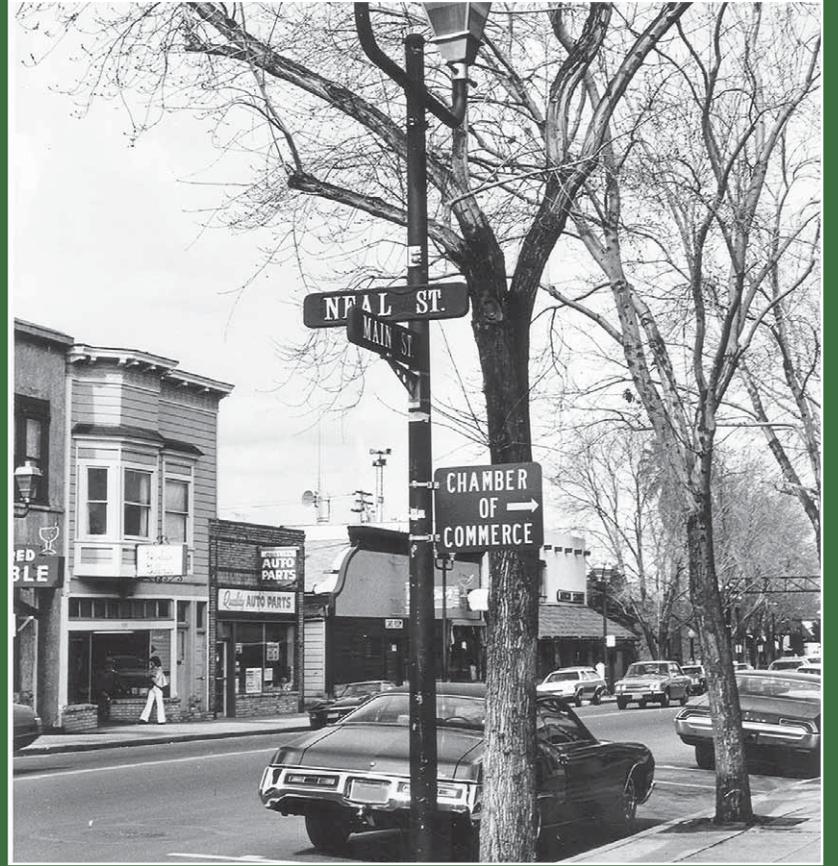
The issue, according to Welk, is that the vacant lots are large in size, which might give off the sense that there might be more vacancies than there really are. She also said the reason for some of these storefronts being empty for so long is because it takes a long time to transform those spaces for any new incoming businesses.

According to the city, tenant changes are natural for any downtown and for Pleasanton, this brings opportunities to “introduce new



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The Johnston Building, which dates back to the 1890s and is now home to the United Business Bank, on the corner of Main and Neal streets holds an aesthetic reminiscent of the past.



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

Clockwise from top left: Two men on horseback in front of the Rose Hotel lead a small marching band through downtown Pleasanton during the 1947 Alameda County Fair parade. A photo taken in 1975 shows the old wooden street signs on the corner of Neal and Main streets (both signs were recently replaced with new and modern green ones). Residents and community members enjoy one of the many floats during the 1962 Alameda County Fair parade down Main Street.

experiences and amenities that reflect what our community values”.

“Downtown Pleasanton continues to evolve, and that’s a positive sign of a healthy and dynamic district,” Tiernan said. “While some storefronts may appear temporarily vacant, many are in active transition, with exciting new restaurants and services preparing to open.”

Still, for Pleasanton residents like Gretchen Kyle, the need to occupy those vacant spaces should be a priority for the PDA.

“People don’t want to walk on a stretch where there isn’t anything but a salon,” Kyle said. “It’s restaurant, salon, restaurant, salon for the most part.”

So what is Pleasanton doing to improve the downtown’s overall vitality? According to several

stakeholders, while the PDA and the city are working on several ideas and future projects, it is also up to the residents, business owners and landlords to help out.

The future of downtown

Any downtown business district across the country shares one thing in common — it depends on customers.

“Every day our residents make choices on where to spend their money. This is the most important thing,” Wheeler said. “We try to focus on providing a personal service and shopping experience including social events that people want and can’t get online. We’re always looking for new connections

with the community. We need people’s love and their money.”

For the most part, the different stakeholders ranging from landlords like Torquemada to business owners like Schulte have said that the PDA is a really important piece to the puzzle that is improving the overall vitality of downtown Pleasanton.

Many criticized the tumultuous period of turnover within the downtown organization over the past few years saying that the support wasn’t always there or the lack of events and planning was detrimental to the downtown’s vitality. Welk is the fourth permanent executive director for the PDA since Laura Brooks stepped down in 2019 — and Brooks ran the ship for the nonprofit on an interim basis from out of state after two of the departures, with her latest temporary stint lasting some 22 months.

“The last two years or so I think the Pleasanton (Downtown) Association has had a lot of issues retaining people and actually keeping a team alive long enough for them to even keep a seat warm,” Schulte said.

But with Welk at the helm now, every single source interviewed by the Weekly has said they feel like the future is bright.

“I think this recent change in the PDA has been very positive,” Olson said.

Welk has been with the PDA for the past four years handling events and



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One of the newest businesses in downtown Pleasanton is the Saltwater gift shop, located at 148 Spring St. The store provides a space for recovering alcoholics and addicts and offers books, sobriety chips and more.

other tasks. She is also a Pleasanton native and because of that she feels more connected to the role.

She also said that with her particular experience in marketing — which she studied in college — she feels like downtown Pleasanton is about to enter into a new era.

“There’s some really strong business owners here and I feel a lot of support from Jack and the city and I feel the community also has our back and that’s all we needed, is just all the stars aligning,” she said.

Welk said the push will continue to be focusing on promoting small businesses and that the city is prioritizing keeping that small town charm while offering unique stores that will draw people from all over the Bay Area.

She said she wants to push more local merchandise, which is something that Kyle also pointed out as an idea as she has made bags for her nonprofit Big Bay Ray — which promote the city — to be sold at places like Iron Horse Real Estate.

The city also pointed out that recently approved plans to redevelop the former Barone’s Restaurant site into a mix of housing and retail and the current construction underway to create a renewed Lions Wayside Park will bring new amenities and additional residents to downtown.

“The city continues to invest in its downtown, recognizing it as a vital part of the community’s identity and local economy,” Tiernan said. ■



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What Lions Wayside Park looked like before it closed this year for the city to carry out a number of improvements including a new bandstand, expected to open 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)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 612323
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):
RILEY STEEDS, LLC
4069 Rosehill Pl
Dublin, CA 94568
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 02/06/2025
UNDER FILE NO. 612323
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
RBS CONSULTING, LLC
4069 Rosehill Pl
Dublin, CA 94568
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Limited Liability Company.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on March 18 2025.
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ANALYTICSIQ FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613835
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AnalyticsIQ , located at 815 Clara Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
FRANK MINHTRI K. NGUYEN
815 Clara Lane
Pleasanton, CA 94566
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 April 14 2025.
(PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

EMILY NOONAN, DPT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613837
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Emily Noonan, DPT , located at 1516 Oak St, Ste 307, Alameda, CA, 94501, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2220 San Jose Ave Alameda, CA 94501
This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EMILY NOONAN, DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
2220 San Jose Ave
Alameda, CA 94501
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 14 2025.
(PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

GTL TRUCKING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613760
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GTL TRUCKING , located at 1668 11th St, Oakland, CA 94607, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SANDRA LUZ BARRERA DE LINARES
1668 11th St
Oakland, CA 94607
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 09 2025.
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SHRIMP FREAKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613582
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Shrimp Freaks , located at 4018 Market Street Oakland, CA 94608, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DANIEL FEINSOD GUERRERO
4018 Market Street
Oakland, CA 94608
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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AVERI INSURANCE AGENCY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613651
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AVERI INSURANCE AGENCY , located at 37340 WALNUT ST NEWARK CA 94560, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
NORMA GONZALEZ
37340 WALNUT ST
NEWARK CA 94560
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01-01-2001
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 03 2025.
(PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST JURISDICTION, INC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613817
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST JURISDICTION, INC , located at 1222 Market St, Oakland, CA 94607, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST JURISDICTION, INC
1222 Market St.
Oakland, CA 94607
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 April 11 2025.
(PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

GAY HAIR DAY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613536
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Gay Hair Day , located at 3051 Adeline St A, Berkeley, CA 94703, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1613 Alameda Ave, #4 Alameda, CA 94501
This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CASEY KONSTANTYNOWICZ
1613 Alameda Ave, #4
Alameda, CA 94501
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 31 2025.
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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.
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SILVANA EVENTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613881
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Silvana Events , located at 29581 Highgate Drive #118, Hayward, CA 94544 , Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SILVANA EVENTS LLC
29581 Highgate Drive #118
Hayward, CA 94544
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 April 15 2025.
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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.
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SOUR MANGO CREATION SOUR MANGO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613662
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Sour Mango Creation , located at 608 Merlot Ct. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HOLEN FRESH LLC
608 Merlot Ct.
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 April 03 2025.
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SPORTSPPLUS 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)

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.
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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)

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)

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.
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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)

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)

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)

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

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PLANETITAD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 613516
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PlanetTAD , 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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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 CEJON 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.: 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: 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: 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.
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)

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: 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.
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)

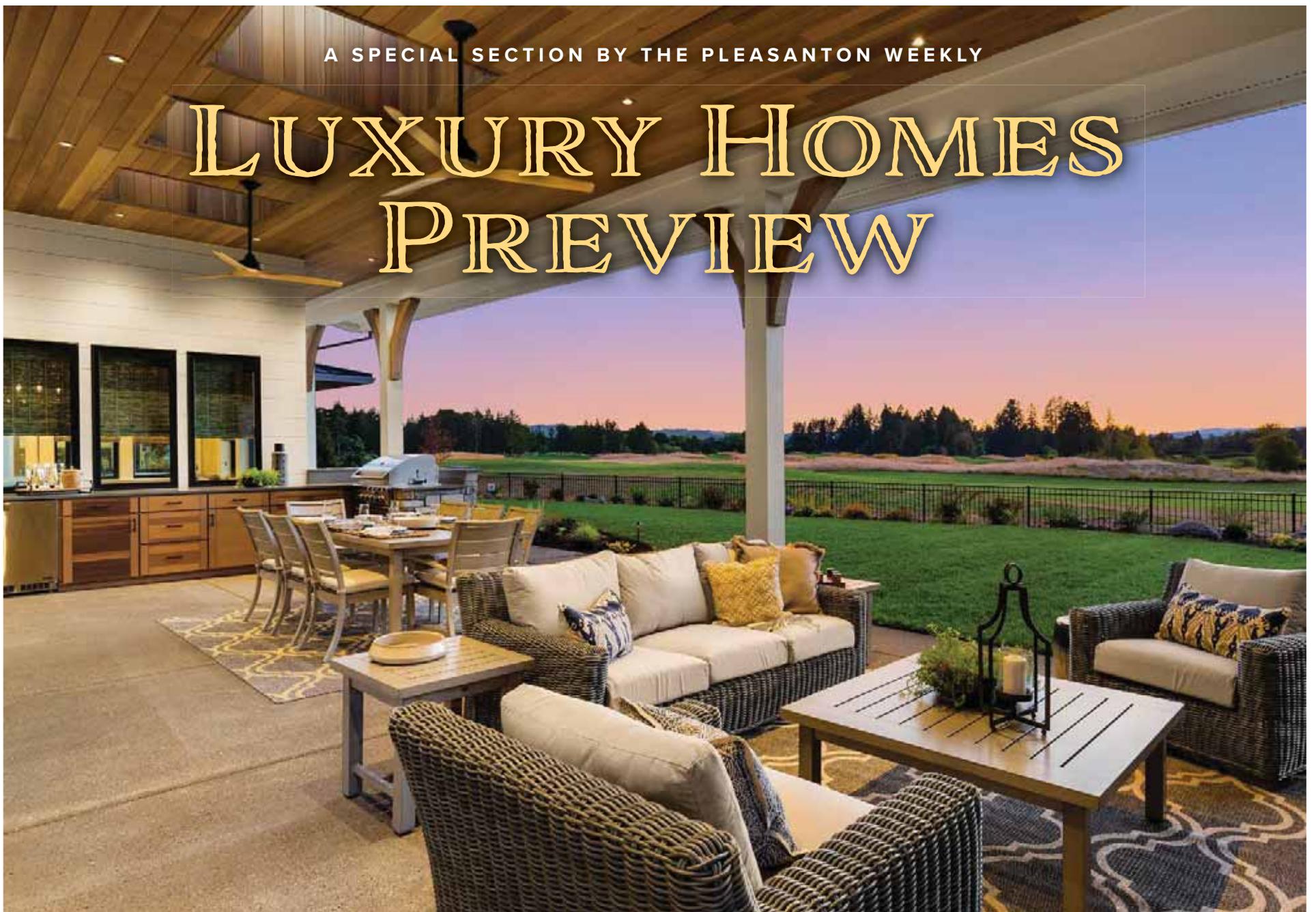
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV109883
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Jazmin Ambria White and Wayne Terence Bullard, Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
GRAYSON ALEXANDER BULLARD to GRAYSON ALEXANDER WHITE
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: 05/30/25, 9:30am, Dept. 514 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: 02/07/2025
Judge Tran
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
BARBARA JEAN PRICE
Case No.: 25PR118348
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BARBARA JEAN PRICE.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: VICKY LYNN COATS in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that: VICKY LYNN COATS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 23 2025 at 9:45 AM in Dept 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner in Pro Per:
Vicky Lynn Coats
3324 Kirby Parkway
Memphis, TN 38115
901-438-0061
(PLW Apr 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

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A SPECIAL SECTION BY THE PLEASANTON WEEKLY

LUXURY HOMES PREVIEW



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Behind the scenes: Getting the keys to an agent's world

How Tri-Valley real estate teams facilitate the process, find solutions for buyers and sellers

BY DEVIN DAVIS

As the workweek winds down for many, it's just getting started for real estate professionals.

"It's very common for real estate professionals to work late nights, weekends and even holidays to meet clients' needs or handle unexpected challenges," said Sam Yusufi, Realtor and chair of Valley Real Estate Network (VREN). "These sorts of personal sacrifices are just a fundamental part of the profession."

For many real estate professionals in the Tri-Valley, Friday is the kickoff for some of the busiest days of their workweek.

Friday is also the day that VREN holds its weekly meetings. The meetings, which have been held at various locations in Pleasanton for decades, provide real estate professionals opportunities to learn about homes on the market, share clients' needs and stay informed about market trends as well as network.

The Friday VREN meetings also include guest speakers who are experts in both real estate and community issues. Yusufi said that including community updates



Devin Davis

about economic conditions, Pleasanton schools, public safety and information about local events helps real estate professionals better understand their "office" — the neighborhoods where they help clients buy and sell homes.

Yusufi explained that networking is both a skill and resource real estate professionals rely on to help their clients.

She said marketing meetings like VREN allow real estate professionals to create and maintain relationships not only with real estate agents, but a myriad of other professionals including inspectors, appraisers and contractors.

"Some may be surprised to learn the real estate profession requires a deep personal connection and being able to put clients in touch with well-respected and trusted referrals takes a lot of stress out of an already emotional transaction," Yusufi said.

"Our referral network helps clients find the right inspectors, movers, insurance, doctors, dentists and even daycare," said Tracey Esling, 2025 president for Bay East Association of Realtors. "Ultimately, we often become the service providers for several aspects of our clients' lives."

Esling said a real estate professional's network can help a buyer whether they are searching for a home below the median price in the area or a luxury home.

There are some agents that hone their skills in the luxury market with a Luxury Home Certification (LHC), which allows them to develop distinct negotiation tactics and how to work in a market where homes are significantly more than the median sale price.

The California Association of Realtors reported the median sale price of a home in Pleasanton was \$1.83 million in February of this year and in many communities that price would be considered a luxury home.

Esling mentioned, even with a specific certification, almost all agents will come across things they haven't seen in the past, but regardless of the client or the price of a home, they will facilitate the process and find solutions.

"Real estate professionals have to be analytical, strategic, service-oriented and most importantly compassionate yet strong," Esling said. "These are skills we use Monday-through-Friday and every weekend, too." ■

Editor's note: Devin Davis is the public affairs specialist for the Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.



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SOLD AT \$1,805,000
PRIVATE SHOWINGS ONLY



5582 LINDEN STREET
DUBLIN
4 BED | 3 BATH | 2,202 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$2,110,000
MULTIPLE OFFERS, 1 WEEK ON MARKET



7687 HIGHLAND OAKS DRIVE
PLEASANTON
4 BED | 2.5 BATH | 1,854 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$1,675,000
MULTIPLE OFFERS



4957 FOREST HILL DRIVE
PLEASANTON
4 BED | 2.5 BATH | 2,328 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$1,775,000
MULTIPLE OFFERS



3206 PUEBLO WAY
PLEASANTON
3 BED | 1.5 BATH | 1,130 +/- SQ. FT.
SOLD AT \$705,000
MULTIPLE OFFERS



606 SALEM COURT
LIVERMORE
3 BED | 2 BATH | 1,310 +/- SQ. FT.
LISTED AT \$1,099,000
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WITH NEW ADU

HOME SALES This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 21-31 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and March 10-21 for San Ramon.

PLEASANTON

3467 Gravina Place Gilkison Family Trust to Q. & Y. Cheng for \$2,550,000
1996 Harvest Road B. Mccinty to P. & J. Arise for \$2,000,000
1315 Montrose Place Garg Family Trust to A. & A. Bhingare for \$2,980,000
5869 Northway Road Bice Family Trust to K. & S. Rednam for \$1,025,000
4166 Peregrine Way Zca Homes LLC to Krishiv Inc for \$1,030,000
4374 1st Street Didio Trust to Evermore Capital LLC for \$925,000
1113 Baur Court N. & C. Trivedi to R. Liu for \$2,651,000
4295 Bevilacqua Court P. Boonstoppel to S. & C. Brandsmeier for \$1,600,000
7615 Canyon Meadow Circle #H L. Apodaca to K. Chaw for \$600,000
4242 Passeggi Court J. Topic to M. & F. Gabra for \$952,000
3591 Touriga Drive Maratsos Trust to S. & Y. Karimi for \$1,642,000

LIVERMORE

9300 Lupin Way Maestas Trust to E. & C. Martinez for \$1,568,000
1552 Marigold Road J. Lauro to T. & H. Nguyen for \$1,025,000
548 North N Street Banuelos Trust to 3Gn Ent's LLC for \$725,000
5672 Shorehaven Circle C. Martinez to S. & N. Derosa for \$1,285,000
883 Waverly Common C. Engstrom to A. Suess for \$1,025,000
1416 Anza Way Hall Family Trust to C. & K. Urban for \$1,300,000

1143 Bannock Street B. Bennett to M. & T. Denzer for \$975,000
649 Hanover Street I. Russell to A. & M. Chahar for \$1,280,000
152 Heligan Lane #7 B. Gonzales to Gupta Family Trust for \$869,000
1435 Jasmine Court E. & R. Murtha to K. & J. Wilkie for \$1,025,000
657 Los Alamos Avenue D. Dasgupta to A. & V. Kumar for \$1,150,000
462 Oriole Avenue Alvernaz Partners to Prakash Living Trust for \$1,215,500
1221 Spruce Street K. & M. Ramirez to K. & E. Martinez for \$1,165,000
963 Ventura Avenue Avery Property Management LLC to C. Larson for \$923,000
1644 Vetta Drive Z. Fang to Loreno Living Trust for \$1,881,000

DUBLIN

9577 Joey Dare Court Z. Liang to U. & K. Ramachandran for \$2,300,000
7118 Stags Leap Lane P. & V. Kahlir to A. & M. Tu for \$1,675,000
3465 Dublin Boulevard #340 Tcfi Home 1 LLC to C. & G. Vagues for \$693,000
3465 Dublin Boulevard #327 Aida Family Trust to R. & K. Patel for \$680,000
3678 Finnian Way R. Dhody to L. & S. Yoo for \$825,000
6079 Kingsmill Terrace T. Ma to Aujasvi Trust for \$3,450,000
10760 Mckay Lane Nitlin & Pramida Trust to A. Fok for \$1,010,000
4504 Mirano Court A. Etemad to D. & S. Govindarajan for \$1,510,000

7414 Oxford Circle F. Italia to M. & P. Shirwaikar for \$897,500
8541 Wicklow Lane Robert & Raelene Trust to A. & J. Ceja for \$1,384,000
5089 Winterbrook Avenue M. Bajwa to Rab Investments LLC for \$255,000

SAN RAMON

73 Bangor Court R. Dohemann to P. & D. Ankoti for \$2,235,000
490 Blanco Court A. & D. Legate to J. Landaverde for \$1,165,000
3478 Cinnamon Ridge Road L. Yuan to Jitendra Trust for \$2,205,000
110 Compton Circle #D D. Gomez to A. Legate for \$482,500
3557 Rosincrest Drive M. & M. Gancasz to Shaikh Family Trust for \$2,460,000
110 Santa Rosa Place Montoya Trust to D. Burchard for \$1,500,000
852 Spring Brook Drive Durani Family Trust to A. & N. Subramanian for \$1,800,000
3539 York Lane A. Chen to Kellepu Family Trust for \$2,500,000
2899 Bethany Road B. Shahid to A. & D. Pulakunta for \$2,605,000
9564 Brockton Avenue B. Dondero to R. & A. Dsouza for \$1,565,000
153 Canyon Lakes Way Eastman Living Trust to P. & D. Parikh for \$1,875,000
1630 Cutter Court Guduru Family Trust to J. & A. Fox for \$899,000
1308 Dawn Court Collins Family Trust to J. & C. Martin for \$965,000
2231 South Donovan Way R. Lei to R. & S. Garg for \$1,500,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

PLEASANTON

(JAN. 21-31)
Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$600,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,980,000
Average sales reported: \$1,632,272

LIVERMORE

(JAN. 21-31)
Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$725,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,881,000
Average sales reported: \$1,160,766

DUBLIN

(JAN. 21-31)
Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$255,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,450,000
Average sales reported: \$1,334,499

SAN RAMON

(MARCH 10-21)
Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$482,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,605,000
Average sales reported: \$1,691,428

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3746 Reisling Drive, Pleasanton



Vintage Hills Beauty
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Just Sold!

2544 Arlotta Place, Pleasanton



Laguna Oaks Beauty
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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



**7871 HONORS COURT,
PLEASANTON**

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



**1382 VIA DI SALERNO,
PLEASANTON**

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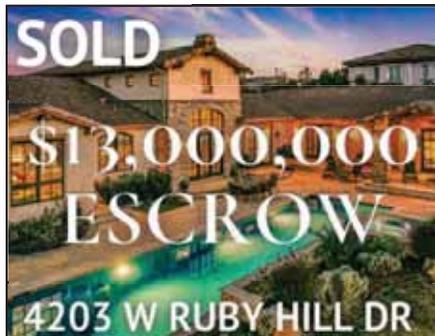
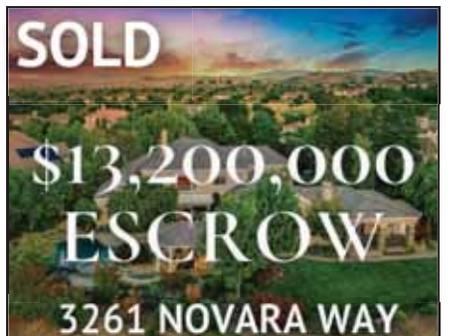
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