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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

‘Saddle, Brush, and Art’

Livermore’s intrinsic connection to cowpoke, ranching, valley terrain and the American West is the creative thread weaving through paired art exhibitions at the Bankhead Theater and Livermore Public Library this spring into summer.

“Saddle, Brush, and Art: A Cowboy’s Poetic Canvas” opened this week at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery and runs until my birthday inside the downtown theater. In conjunction, the library is hosting a month-long celebration of cowboy poetry and art throughout June.

“Putting together ‘Saddle, Brush, and Art’ felt important because it celebrates the heart of Livermore — deep western roots, love for the rodeo, and strong connection to cowboy traditions and Native traditions,” said Anne Giancola, visual arts and education manager for Livermore Valley Arts, which runs the Bankhead.

“This exhibit brings those stories to life through art, giving the community a chance to see itself reflected and honored in a creative and meaningful way,” Giancola told me.

“One of the things that truly brought this exhibition together is the passion each artist has for the subject matter — you can feel it in every piece,” she added. “A playful highlight is a painting of a gunslinger cowboy whose eyes seem to follow you around the gallery, adding a touch of Western flair and intrigue. We timed the exhibition to coincide with the rodeo and the energy of summer.”

I certainly felt the passion, pride and power as I perused the pieces in the Bankhead’s press packet.

The creative and personal energy emanated from Jenna Hobbs’ “Post Shift Bliss” gouache work, Kathleen Hill’s “Potawatomi” oil painting, Linda Garbarino’s “Rodeo Girl” and “How the West Was Won” by Taylor Overbey. Visually stunning too.

Garbarino told me she was thrilled at the chance to showcase three pieces of her western-themed art — pointing to the colored-pencil drawing “Burl” as her favorite of the trio.

The subject is a real ranger at Yosemite well-known to visitors for driving a wagon near Wawona while decked out in western wear.

“Burl, also known as Buckshot, drove my children and grandchildren around the dusty roads and over the infamous covered bridge shouting and urging his team

forward for more than 50 years,” she said. “He’s a favorite of our family, and always full of great stories about his rodeo and Yosemite adventures.”

“His early days in the rodeo circuit were spent with his father and brother thrilling audiences as Burl... was shot out of a cannon nightly,” Garbarino added. “He’s an amazing man and we hope to enjoy more adventures with him in the future.”

Tri-Valley artist Jen Huber said her 36-inch-by-24-inch oil painting “Brown Cow and Black Phoebe” in the display coming to the library was inspired from when her family relocated to this region.

“My first day in Livermore, 13 years ago, my young son complained he did not want to move here (Livermore); that it was a ‘cow town’. We tried to convince him otherwise, but lost,” Huber recalled.

“It was right before the annual rodeo and posters and fliers were everywhere about the cattle drive. Hence, the cow,” she told me. “As an artist, I wanted to capture how big and imposing they are, but their faces are so soft and sweet. I added Black Phoebes because they are always darting around when I walk or bike around the Tri-Valley area.”

Giancola also called out the Frederic Remington bronze sculpture on loan and giclées by Gary Bergren among the highlights in the Bankhead exhibition.

Giclée (“a process by which high-quality prints are produced using an ink-jet printer,” according to Merriam-Webster) wasn’t the only word associated with these exhibits that I had to look up.

The library showing will be ekphrastic — “a literary description of or commentary on a visual work of art,” per M-W.

“Poetry and art pairing,” as Giancola put it. That creative combination, spearheaded by city poet laureate Peggy Schimmelman, will be the centerpiece of the Library Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. from June 1-30. A special reception is set for June 18 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Billed an “adventurous ... ruggedly authentic” exhibit, “Saddle, Brush, and Art” is open from now through July 27 at the Bankhead, 2400 First St., generally on Thursdays through Sundays 1-5 p.m. as well as times around ticketed shows at the downtown performing arts theater.

The reception is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. May 31. “Cowboy hats and boots are warmly encouraged to help everyone get into the spirit of the trail!” LVA reps said. ■

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The Jose’s Flowers booth has been well-frequented at the Pleasanton Farmers Market this spring in the lead-up to Mother’s Day. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young.

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What are your plans for Mother's Day this year?



Nathaniel Leber
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I made a reservation for brunch at a really nice restaurant in San Francisco. And I made it for 2 p.m., which is on the late side for brunch, because I wanted to be sure my dad could be there. He'll be busy, earlier in the day, working. So our "late brunch" will be at a time when the whole family can be together to celebrate mom. I can't imagine anything better than that.



Paige Lau
Elementary school student

Well, my little sister has been working really hard, making a beautiful card for our mom. And I will be buying for her, her most favorite kind of potato chips. I'm getting them with my own money that I've worked for by doing chores. I know she is going to really appreciate them and I can't wait to give them to her.



Barbara Miller
Retired

We'll be getting together with our kids for an afternoon barbecue. I'm so grateful that they both live nearby so we can all spend time together. And of course, we'll be thinking of my own mom, who was a wonderful mother and nana. We carry her with us in our hearts and our minds and in every good thing we do.



Scott Miller
Retired

Our annual tradition is to gather with family for a very grand meal that we all prepare together. It's a great way to honor all that our moms do and have done for years. We strive to nurture everyone in the family, as our mothers have done before us, and to make sure that they don't have to cook on Mother's Day.



Rochelle Orzech
Retired

I'm planning to spend the afternoon with my son and daughter-in-law, at their home in Oakland. My other children will be there, as well. And of course my husband, too. I'm sure we'll all have a wonderful time together, and I'm so grateful that all my kids live close by.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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85th Rose Show

Apt for Mother's Day weekend, the 85th annual Pleasanton Rose Show is set for Saturday at the Senior Center — and it could well be the last time for the spring tradition.

Real estate firm Compass and the Pleasanton city government have teamed up to present the event for the past 16 years, but the partnership is ending after the 2025 show.

"We are deeply grateful to all the volunteers, sponsors, and participants whose dedication has been the cornerstone of the event's success," organizers said. "While our team will no longer be planning the Rose Show, we are hopeful that this tradition will continue under new leadership. If you are interested in spearheading the event moving forward, please reach out."

The Rose Show is set for 2-4 p.m. Saturday (May 10) at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Exhibitor registration runs from 8-10 a.m. Visit pleasantonroseshow.com.

Downtown Wine Stroll

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is holding its annual Summer Wine Stroll this Saturday from 5-8 p.m.

Billed as "a beautiful evening in downtown Pleasanton sampling wine and strolling while musicians perform live music throughout Main Street," the event will include tastings of Livermore Valley wines at 18 locations downtown.

For tickets and more info, go to pleasantondowntown.net.

Prescribed burn

The Alameda County Fire Department is scheduled to conduct a prescribed burn at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300 experimental test site south of Tracy beginning next week.

"The process for this protective activity will involve careful burning along the site fence line and in portions of the site interior under controlled conditions," LLNL officials said. "The burn schedule is heavily dependent on appropriate weather conditions, which are confirmed by air district meteorologists on the day of a planned burn."

Fabric Sale

The Amador Valley Quilters are hosting their annual Fabric Sale fundraiser this Saturday from 1:45-4:45 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School.

"This one-day event is a treasure trove for anyone who loves sewing, quilting or creating ... the perfect opportunity to stock up for your next masterpiece," organizers said. Items will include yarn, notions, batting, quilt kits, unfinished objects and patterns. ■

Homes in unincorporated Remen Tract left without water after line break

City cuts off temporary remedy due to system risk, says public funds can't be used to fix private pipe

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Residents who live in the Remen Tract neighborhood — an unincorporated plot of land located within Pleasanton — have depended on temporary fire hoses connected to fire hydrants for months as their main source of water for their homes.

These temporary connections, according to neighbors and a city spokesperson, were installed as a remedy for a main waterline that broke in August 2024.

After previously notifying the residents, the city removed its fire hose connections last week — mainly due to safety concerns regarding the rest of the city's water

supply — leaving those six homes and residents without water.

"You can't wash your dishes, you can't flush your toilet, can't take a shower, which doesn't sound that bad but then when you have no way of flushing a toilet, it's pretty gross," Rob Schurhoff, a Pleasanton resident since 2003 who moved into the Remen Tract neighborhood in 2019, told the Weekly.

And what was more surprising to Schurhoff and several other residents who live in that neighborhood was the city informing them it will not be fixing their waterline, leaving many scrambling to figure out how or if they should pay for those repairs.

"We pay our bills to the city of Pleasanton, not to an outsourced water company," Chris Habluetzel, another resident of the Remen Tract neighborhood, told the Weekly. "The city is just trying not to take responsibility and I think it's a fight with the county, state and city. They're just trying to point fingers ... they're trying to push it down on the little guy — us, the homeowners."

According to city communication manager Heather Tiernan, on Aug. 13, 2024, a private waterline — a pipe that transports potable water from the city's main water supply to individual homes — broke in the Remen Tract neighborhood.

Rhonda Hempy, who lives in the neighborhood but is not affected because she is on a different waterline, told the Weekly the waterline has broken multiple times over the years and throughout those years, the city has fixed it. But when it broke again last year, Hempy and her neighbors said instead of seeing repairs, they received a letter from the city informing them that it is now their responsibility to fix the pipe.

Since then, the city has provided a temporary fix; connecting fire hoses from several fire hydrants to those homes impacted by the

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CHUCK DECKERT

After months of renovations and tenant improvements, the interior of the Cook's Seafood in Pleasanton is set to seat guests during a soft opening next week.

Cook's Seafood sets soft opening

Debut next week for long-awaited Koll Center restaurant

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Yes, you read that right and no, it's not a joke — Cook's Seafood is at long last opening in Pleasanton this month.

"We're really excited to open this place," Moises Bucio, the chef and butcher for the new restaurant, told the Weekly Tuesday.

It's been almost eight years since the Menlo Park-based market and restaurant announced its plans to move into the Koll Center Plaza, located at 6654 Koll Center Pkwy.

After the restaurant first filed its original permits to the city

for tenant improvements in 2017, the restaurant remained in a sort of limbo where no work was actually done up until 2024. But when the original permit expired and the restaurant filed for a new one — which the city issued in January — things finally started getting serious.

Now, after months of renovation work, the much-anticipated eatery and market was set to open its doors solely for friends and family this Thursday and Friday (May 8 and 9), according to Ramalah LaBang, the general manager for the new location.

Then, starting Monday (May 12), they will launch a soft opening where the restaurant will be open Monday through Sunday from 5-9 p.m.

LaBang said they are doing a soft opening first for a couple of reasons: to make sure there is enough staff to meet demand and to make sure the employees — both front and back of the house — are prepared to meet the level of service and quality of food expectations set by the original Menlo Park restaurant.

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Lawsuits allege wrongful arrests

Falsifying records, illicit searches, traumatizing child among claims

By JEANITA LYMAN

Dublin Police Services is facing two lawsuits alleging that officers with the agency falsified affidavits in order to obtain arrest warrants without sufficient evidence for two different arrests, one in 2018 and another in 2023.

Deepak Chopra, the owner of a Dublin knife store who was arrested in 2023 on charges of illegal weapon distribution, filed a federal lawsuit on April 11 alleging that police violated due process and conducted an unlawful search and seizure during their execution of a search warrant and his arrest.

"Plaintiffs were subjected to unlawful searches, seizures, false accusations, racial discrimination, and targeted retaliation," attorneys said in the complaint filed on behalf of Chopra along with his wife and child.

"This campaign of harassment was perpetrated by Defendants for the purpose of damaging Plaintiffs' reputation, destroying their family-owned knife business, and inflicting economic and personal harm without legal justification," the lawsuit stated. "Not one of the

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Protest period opens for proposed Castlewood assessment

County will enact special water fee next month, unless majority of property owners formally object

By **TIM HUNT**

Homeowners in the Castlewood area received a formal notice from Alameda County last week that the property tax water charges were going to be subject to a special assessment of \$6,829.27 per household.

The county Public Works Agency, which manages the Castlewood county service area in unincorporated Pleasanton, recommended the charge to the Board of Supervisors that originally approved it last fall to cover a \$1.4 million shortfall from two prior fiscal years. The Castlewood Property Owners Association filed legal action challenging the assessment because they contended the county did not follow the procedure spelled out in Proposition 218 that requires polling of the affected people.

When the parties settled the suit earlier this year, the Prop 218 process was required. Property owners received formal notice from the county last week. The assessment will take effect unless more than

50% of the property owners formally protest in writing to the board. If people do not file a protest, it counts the same as a yes vote.

The supervisors will take formal action on the charge at its regular board meeting on June 17. Letters are due to the county by June 16.

The Castlewood association board has been preparing for the election and rolled out an announcement the final week in April. It followed up with another email this Monday that included the formal wording required for the ballot. All homeowners, if they objected, had to do was add their address and sign the form. The association has recruited block captains to collect the protest forms.

Association vice president Mike Mitchell, often the spokesman for the board, said they hope to get well over a majority of the homeowners objecting. If the supervisors receive more than 50% protest letters, then the assessment dies.

Property owners are smarting because the county raised the water charge on their property tax bill

for 2024-25 by 172%. The association members pay the highest water charges in the county, topping even the city of Pleasanton after its hotly debated increase.

Castlewood homeowners saw their water maintenance and operations charge soar from \$1,089 to \$2,958, or \$338 for 330 units per year. City of Pleasanton rates, even after the hefty increases, are \$180 while Dublin San Ramon Services District customers pay \$169 and Fremont area users pay \$168.

The association's core contention is that the county mismanages the district with little regard to costs. The system uses pumps to move well water from near The Club at Castlewood's Valley golf course uphill to new stainless steel water tanks. The gravity flow system feeds the country club and 193 residential units within the club boundaries as well as homes along Foothill Road, Oak Lane and north of the club.

Rented emergency generators provide electricity in a power outage, but they are not connected to the pumps. To turn them on, a

homeowner must notify the company managing water and sewer so it can dispatch an employee to get the pumps working again.

The board said the bid for installing new stainless steel water tanks — work that had to be done — ran \$1.3 million over budget. The county letter also cited leaks and pump failures during the fiscal years of 2022-23 and 2023-24 resulting in the shortfall.

Homeowners within the country club boundaries also know they are facing significant road repairs, and there's only about \$60,000 in that fund.

The assessment ballot is an important step, but not the only one facing the board and residents. As part of the settlement, the association and the county agreed to cooperate to form a more responsive governing body. That could be a community service area that would directly elect its representatives and contract for management services with the final authority remaining with the supervisors.

Board members also are interested in pursuing an annexation to

Pleasanton, but those discussions have not started. Given the city's budget challenges, it would have to be revenue-positive for Pleasanton.

Prior discussions about annexation to Pleasanton have not moved forward.

One key point in a separate district is how much of the property tax would go to the district versus how much the county would retain. It would continue to provide police services through the sheriff's department and CalFire and Pleasanton/Livermore (depending upon response time) provide fire protection. Mitchell estimated that the property tax total could range from \$70,000 to \$500,000.

Homes within the service area range from newer custom mansions to single-story smaller homes built 60 or 70 years ago. Ownership has transferred over the years so now about half of the residents are members of the country club compared to most in past decades. ■

Editor's note: Correspondent Tim Hunt and his family live within the Castlewood service area.

Hacienda general manager receives Mayor's Award

City celebrates Paxson's nearly 40 years of contributions to Pleasanton community

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Longtime Hacienda Business Park leader and Pleasanton community member James Paxson was named as this year's Mayor's Award recipient during the city's Commission and Committee Recognition Dinner and Mayor's Award Celebration on April 17.

Paxson told the Weekly that while he was not able to attend the event due to personal reasons, he was "floored" when he heard that Mayor Jack Balch chose him as this year's awardee.

"I was speechless ... I'm absolutely grateful," Paxson said in an interview April 29 about the recognition.

Balch and the City Council also recognized Paxson during public comment at this Tuesday's regular meeting — and Paxson offered some remarks to the audience that evening.

Every year, the city of Pleasanton's mayor nominates an individual

whose contributions to the city are, as Balch said in his speech at the April 17 event, "exceptional and deserve special recognition."

"Conceived as an 875-acre business park, Hacienda's and James Paxson's leadership and legacy are evident through milestones achieved over the years," Balch said in his speech — the transcript of which was obtained by the Weekly. "In his role as Hacienda's general manager, James Paxson is a strategic partner with the city, and an unwavering advocate for sustaining Pleasanton's economic success and quality of life."

Paxson has been with Hacienda for the last 38 years and has served in various capacities but in his current role, he oversees all programs



James Paxson

operated within the business park.

According to Balch's speech, Paxson started his career in Pleasanton's business park as an environmental supervisor before eventually moving up to assistant general manager and finally as general manager — a position that he has held for 30 years.

From the growth of the business park itself to the addition of various retail, commercial and residential spaces, Balch applauded Paxson and Hacienda for everything they have given to the city.

"In recent years, and despite the dot-com bust, the Great Recession and a pandemic, Hacienda has continued to prosper under his management," Balch said in his speech.

Paxson said it was "a tremendous gesture from Jack" to select him as this year's winner and that his love for the community and for the residents who continuously show up to support their city in various ways is

one of the main reasons he continues to do the work he does.

"Some of my happiest moments in my career have been working with great people in Pleasanton," Paxson said.

He called Pleasanton residents some of the most engaged citizens he has ever seen and he appreciates how the community rallies around important issues in the city.

With the city's current budget reductions and potential cuts due to a structural deficit, Paxson said that community engagement will be more important than ever and that he and the business park will continue to work on ways to contribute to the city's economic growth.

"We are working with the city's Economic Development Department to find ways to innovate growth," Paxson said, adding that he feels like the city will pull through and figure things out.

In addition to his work at the business park, Paxson was also recognized for the various roles he holds as an advisory board member for the Three Valleys Community Foundation; a board member of the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance; a board member and chair of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce; and as past chair of the Axis Community Health Center board.

"This is what 40 years of community service looks like," Balch said. ■

COOK'S

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For Bucio, opening the restaurant is more than just excitement — it's personal. He said getting the job as head chef a few years back (he has been working at the Menlo Park location up until now) gave him some much needed financial stability and health insurance, which is why he made a promise to the Cook's Seafood owner's mom that

he would open the Pleasanton location and that it would be successful.

"Cook's Seafood saved my life," Bucio said. "I need to pay them back."

He also recognized how hard it has been to get the place up and running over the past few years and had to fight back the tears as the reality of the restaurant finally opening dawned on him.

"A lot of emotions," Bucio said regarding the opening. "I have so

much love for Cook's Seafood and at some point I feel like Cook's Seafood loves me back."

LaBang said Bucio's emotions were true to form on what they wish to do at the restaurant and that he too is excited to see the restaurant open.

While the official grand opening — when the restaurant will operate during normal hours — is yet to be determined, LaBang said more information will be made available when the time comes. ■



High-speed rail in China: Richard and Queenie Yue prepare to ride an express train from Hong Kong to Guangzhou setting off from the China High Speed Train Station in Hong Kong. Its top travel speed for the route was 307 km/hour, or approximately 191 mph.



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Board OKs construction contract for Valley View project

Trustees, district staff address concerns surrounding relocation of school's community garden

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the construction contract for the first phase of the transitional kindergarten project at Valley View Elementary School during a recent special board meeting.

During the April 24 meeting, the board celebrated that building new Kids Club portables as part of phase one of the expansion project will help create space for disenfranchised students to get into the program. However, they also acknowledged the recent discourse surrounding the removal of the school's garden and ongoing discussions the district has had with stakeholders in order to ensure the garden is relocated.

The expansion of transitional kindergarten space across all PUSD elementary schools was one of the key projects listed under the \$395 million Measure I school bond program, which voters approved in 2022. Since the bond's approval, the district has been working on the project designs for all the schools.

PUSD assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami reminded the board that the Valley View TK extension project has already gone through a planning process and the project's plans have been reviewed by the district's facility committee.

Sheikholeslami also said the board had already approved the project

design and that the district is now in the implementation phase of the project. Specifically, the district is moving forward with the first phase of the project's design — the second phase, which includes the relocation of the garden, is still under review by California's Division of the State Architect.

The dais specifically approved a contract on April 24 with S&H Construction, a contractor based in Fremont, for the construction of the first increment of the transitional kindergarten building project at Valley View.

According to the staff report, the board had approved an architectural agreement for the project back in August 2024 and on Dec. 12, the trustees authorized an amendment to the contract to break up the project into two increments so students could retain access to playground space during construction.

Aaron Kael — PUSD's executive director of facilities, construction and bond program — clarified the scope of work for the increment one phase includes installation of new Kids Club portables; the underground utilities that will help set the foundation for the new building that will be constructed as part of phase two; and the installation of a playground, which the board previously approved, that will be for both TK kids and kindergarten students.

Phase two will mostly focus on the construction of the new building.

The report states that the entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.46 million.

"This is an extension of all the planning and the communication and coordination that we've been doing over the last, probably, 18 months," Kael said in regards to the phase one construction contract.

Kael said the goal is to be done with the playground in time for the new school year in the fall. He also said during the summer, the district will bring the phase two construction to the board for approval so that it can begin this fall with the goal to be completed the following fall.

Kael emphasized that the expansion of the Kids Club program at Valley View is a piece of good news that might otherwise be overlooked as part of the overall project. Kids Club, Kael said, provides after-school care, help with school work and a sense of community for kids.

"Right now we have about 184 kids on the Kids Club wait list — 66 of which are unduplicated," Kael said.

Unduplicated students refers to disenfranchised, at-risk kids who might be experiencing homelessness or come from low-income families.

"This expansion is going to help us create capacity for 50 more students so almost all of those unduplicated students are going to receive an opportunity to join Kids Club," Kael said.

Trustee Charlie Jones said being able to add 50 more kids to the program "is phenomenal."

But while the trustees lauded the addition of more space for Kids Club, many also recognized the comments brought forward by several parents where they said they felt the district wasn't being transparent enough with the project's design process. The future of the garden, in particular, was a key point of contention at the time.

Kael confirmed to the board and the community that the garden is simply being relocated and that he can assure the district will fund that relocation.

"We've really reinforced the fact that that garden is funded on many occasions," Kael said. "Again, tonight, I think we are all reaffirming that that garden is funded."

He also said the district has continued to have meetings with the Valley View community and has met with staff to provide updates on the project. They also began the garden site committee process.

He said the plan is to have two additional meetings with the garden site committee so that the district can finalize those plans. Among the topics discussed within the committee is where on campus to relocate the garden. One idea, for example, is to move it to a grassy area at the back of the school.

Kael also said the plan is to use the garden as an outdoor classroom, which is something the school's PTA has asked for in the past.

Jones asked district staff if it was

possible to schedule a town hall meeting to update the school community about the overall project.

"I think it's important for the parents to see exactly the humanity part of (the project) and then also I think they want reassurance that the relocation of their garden is fully funded," Trustee Laurie Walker said.

Kael said a future town hall meeting would be possible, but noted that the district has already been meeting with some people and staff have been strategically posting renderings and design plans around the school. Dates for the proposed town hall were not discussed.

Board Vice President Kelly Mokashi noted near the end of the meeting that the district needs to make sure it will have enough money in its contingency budget for the project in case the garden design — which would come to the board for approval at a later time — ends up being more costly than originally anticipated.

"I don't have a problem approving this contract but it needs to be non-negotiable that we'll be funding that garden, wherever that may be and that there's (not going to be) a situation where it comes back to the board saying, 'Sorry other funding came up and we're not going to be able to do it,'" Mokashi said.

Kael again reassured the board that the garden is going to be funded, but the first step is to determine where on campus it's moving to. ■

Livermore council gives input on General Plan updates

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore City Council offered direction last week on proposed policy for the city's draft General Plan 2045, including its land use, economic development and mobility elements.

Other elements on the table included community identity, infrastructure, public services, open space and conservation, safety and noise.

The update is intended to carry forward aspects of the current General Plan that are "working well" as well as update the plan to address current-day issues and recent state law, according to the staff report prepared by the city's principal planner Andy Ross.

The proposed policies before council were prepared by the General Plan team, following input from the General Plan Advisory Committee, Livermore Planning Commission and the community.

Given the council's direction at its April 28 regular meeting, staff are set to revise policy language and prepare a draft General Plan for future review by the GPAC, planning commission and city council. The public will also have a chance to give input on the draft this fall. Following the community feedback, adoption hearings

are set to take place during spring of 2026.

Regarding the land use element, the council did not consider policy to change the designation of the open space area East of Greenville. Instead, the proposed update outlines the conditions for future study of the area for commercial and industrial land use, job creation and increased revenue generation, according to the drafted goal.

In the future, changes to the city's urban growth boundary and land use designation for the area could be considered and evaluated if there is an inability to provide services and maintain infrastructure, an imbalance of land use types, the emergence of new opportunities to achieve strategic goals or land use inconsistent with the city's goals and policies, according to Ross.

As for Midtown in northeast Livermore, the proposed policy presents it as a complete, mixed-use neighborhood with 5,000 to 6,400 new residential units and job opportunities through industrial and office uses. The area would also prioritize pedestrians and bicycle safety and support a future transit station without reliance on it.

Consideration of the railway in the general plan will be a powerful tool to gain funding, Vice Mayor Evan Branning said.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand agreed that recognition of Valley Link's importance in the General plan was a positive sign.

Looking towards the future, the city projects an ongoing need for additional commercial and industrial sites. Meanwhile, there are a limited amount of sites suitable for this kind of development or redevelopment, Ross said at the meeting.

Currently, there are between 130 and 211 acres of "high potential, commercial industrial land" in Livermore, Ross said.

The 20-year trend of annually converting 35 to 40 acres from available industrial or commercial land to development is expected to continue through the next two decades, according to the city's innovation and economic development director Brandon Cardwell.

This development allows local companies selling nationwide or worldwide to import money into the community, which contributes to the city's economic diversity, Cardwell added.

"It's very important for us to have

a diverse economy," Cardwell said. "A diverse economy is a resilient economy."

The development is also important for retaining high-quality job creation, Cardwell added.

The industrial spaces wouldn't just be distribution centers, Branning said. The city is looking for sites that would offer a broad economic impact at multiple education levels.

"I want to make sure we can continue to have meaningful input as industrial development and commercial development goes in," Marchand added.

During public comment, Sblend Sblendorio suggested the city capitalize on development around freeway interchanges for acquiring tax income.

Alan Marling offered another suggestion, supporting policy for more non-vehicular corridors throughout the city.

"The more you can make walkable communities and biking corridors, the healthier the community will be," Marling said.

Councilmember Steven Dunbar and Branning were also interested in improving mobility across the city, especially in the north-south direction.

To accomplish circulation-related projects, Dunbar suggested improving coordination with ACE and Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, the operator of Wheels.

Dunbar added that he wants to see teenager-specific policies regarding mobility and their engagement with the city.

On the economic front, Branning said he was glad to see tourism and experiential economy included in the proposed updates.

Branning also suggested that Livermore think about how the city helps local businesses.

"It's not our place as a city necessarily to bail everyone out and to fix every economic problem, but there are things we can do to try to make that a smoother process for them — make sure that they have a landing pad. They might not always land on it, but there's something there," Branning said.

Branning also recommended additional policies to support the growing of edible plants and pollinator plants.

"Right now our policies are so focused on water that we sometimes lose sight — it is a net positive for us to grow our own plants," Branning said. ■

Common messages mark diverse Day of Prayer event

Supervisor Haubert's Interfaith Advisory Council presents annual observance at fairgrounds

BY TIM HUNT

The ethnic and religious diversity of the Livermore Valley and beyond was on full display last week when the sixth annual National Day of Prayer was observed at the Alameda County Fairgrounds amphitheater.

Originally organized by Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, the observance was led by the Interfaith Advisory Council this year supported by Haubert's office staff. He represents the First District including Dublin, Livermore, the unincorporated Livermore Valley as well as portions of Pleasanton and Fremont.

A scene during the pre-event reception May 1 demonstrated the interfaith leadership when Rev. Ken Wolter, chair of the group (formerly at Cornerstone and now running his own cancer-care nonprofit), greeted Parvinder Singh from the Tri-Valley Sikh Center (Livermore) and Rabbi



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The National Day of Prayer event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds brought together a diverse range of faiths with many common messages on May 1.

Raleigh Resnick from Chabad of the Tri-Valley (Pleasanton). The warm handshakes and embraces conveyed the love and respect they had for each other. It was the same when Haubert came by to say hello.

In the tradition of past events, each speaker prayed in their tradition and in their language, which

meant translators accompanying some speakers. Languages ranged from Spanish to Hindi to Punjabi to Buddhism to Sanskrit — to name a few.

After the presentation of the colors by soldiers from the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, their chaplain, Terri Sykes, led the pledge of

allegiance and a fervent prayer. Her prayer set the tone for several others.

Speakers represented the Shiva Vishnu Temple in Livermore, the Fa Yun Chan Temple of the Buddhist Community, the Tri-Valley Sikh Center, the Coptic Orthodox Church in Pleasanton, the BAPS organization, Tri-Valley Bahá'í Faith, Crosswinds Fellowship (in Spanish), Palma Ceia Baptist Church and New Beginnings Church in Livermore.

Most of the speakers prayed for wisdom, discernment and integrity for leaders at every level as well as a blessing on the United States. God's mercy and forgiveness (ours and his) also were common themes. The National Day of Prayer dates to 1952 and was formalized by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

Muslim Ustadh Feraiidooon Mojadedi prayed, "Oh, the Lord of Majesty and mercy, we turn to you in humble supplications, asking that

you endow our leaders with strength rooted in righteousness, that they may serve with honor, integrity and clarity of purpose. Make them peacemakers in times of division, bringers of calm amidst the storm, guided not by pride and power but by justice and mercy.

"Let them use their authority as a trust to uplift the weak, protect the innocent and serve the common good above all, make them builders of what's beautiful and enduring institution founded upon truth, policies inspired by mercy, Crown their character with humility, their words with wisdom and the example with grace, so they may become reflections of the good you love, a model of service, beauty and goodness for all."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided the string quartet for the music during the reception as well as a choir for the opening and closing songs. ■

LAWSUITS

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countless charges alleged against plaintiffs has resulted in a conviction, for the simple reason that none of the crimes charged occurred."

They further allege that DPS has failed to return seized weapons valued at \$2 million, with officers continuing to enter the business without warrants "to attempt to induce unlawful sales in a continued campaign of harassment".

Dublin police did not return a request for comment on the civil cases. Attempts to reach the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, which provides police services to the city of Dublin under contract, as well as the County Counsel's Office were unsuccessful.

Chopra was arrested on April 13, 2023, when two DPS deputies allegedly entered the store without a warrant or probable cause, ultimately confiscating a sizable portion of Chopra's inventory and taking him into custody on at least seven charges that the Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to prosecute on Aug. 3, 2023.

One of those deputies, Christopher Shepard, was allegedly "motivated by the charges being dropped" to falsify affidavits in order to obtain a search warrant for Chopra's home and business later that month, then seize the remainder of Chopra's inventory including his personal gun collection valued at over \$1 million. "An independent third party firearms expert has confirmed that all of the seized inventory was lawful," Chopra's attorneys wrote.

Chopra has pleaded not guilty to criminal charges that stemmed from that arrest, with the case remaining active in Alameda County Superior

Court as of this week.

In addition to emotional distress and physical health ramifications on Chopra's part, his attorneys allege that Chopra's then-5-year-old child, who has autism, was not allowed to return home for more than five hours during his father's arrest, "causing the child to bang his head on the ground in distress and requiring emergency medical attention."

In terms of monetary damages, Chopra's attorneys estimate that he suffered \$14 million in lost inventory and economic harm.

"Defendants' conduct in taking all of his inventory and running him out of business constituted arbitrary and outrageous government action in violation of Plaintiffs' Fourteenth Amendment substantive due process rights," Chopra's attorneys wrote.

Chopra's attorneys are seeking compensatory and punitive damages, as well as the return of \$2 million in allegedly wrongfully seized property, as well as an injunction preventing DPS from entering Chopra's business without a valid warrant.

Meanwhile, an earlier lawsuit filed in January also alleges that DPS officers falsified affidavits in order to obtain a search warrant to allegedly wrongfully arrest a Dublin man, Michael Thompson, and seize legally owned property that has allegedly not yet been returned.

Attorneys for Thompson allege that DPS Officer Scott Brandon falsely claimed in an affidavit in 2018 that he could "clearly see" 20 to 30 marijuana plants growing outside in Thompson's backyard, arguing that Thompson in reality had two to three marijuana plants in a greenhouse during that time. DPS officers contacted Thompson in June 2018 to tell him that growing marijuana

outdoors was illegal in Dublin, and requested that he remove the plants that were allegedly outdoors within three days.

That October, Brandon and a DPS detective allegedly falsely stated in an affidavit that they could continue to see 20 to 30 plants growing outside in Thompson's yard, leading them to gain a search warrant for his property that was executed that November, seizing the three marijuana plants that Thompson's attorneys said were being legally grown indoors as well as the contents of a gun safe in Thompson's garage, which consisted of 16 firearms parts

and accessories, according to his attorneys.

Although criminal charges against Thompson were dismissed in 2022, his attorneys allege that DPS continues to wrongfully retain the property that was seized, despite two 2023 orders granted to Thompson requiring the return of a total of six firearms.

Thompson's attorneys called the incident an "intentional and reckless disregard" for Thompson's rights under the second, fourth and 14th amendments, leading to "severe emotional stress and trauma".

"He was and is unable to fully

protect himself and his family, deprived of his right to keep and bear arms that are in common use," Thompson's attorneys wrote. "He lost the use and enjoyment of his property. He was forced to assume debt by retaining counsel to advance his defense, to secure his property and obtain an order that law enforcement return the property taken by Defendant Brandon."

Thompson's attorneys are seeking to recover damages and attorneys fees, with that case currently set for a mediation hearing May 19. Chopra's case is set for an initial case management conference in August. ■

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Dublin high schools cleared to raise Progress Pride flag

By JUDE STRZEMP

High schools in the Dublin Unified School District may fly the Progress Pride flag for the remainder of the current school year as well as several times throughout future school years, following the Board of Trustees' recent approval of a resolution authorizing display of the symbol.

The board's April 29 decision expands the length of time and locations that the flag can be flown, up from its sole display at the district office for a time "not exceeding 30 days" via "formal resolution," according to the district's previous regulation.

Per the new policy, the Progress Pride flag will be on display at the district office and DUSD's secondary schools (high schools) Sept. 16-23 for Bisexual Awareness Week, Oct. 1-31 for LGBTQIA+ History Month, Nov. 1-30 for Transgender Awareness Month, Dec. 8 for Pansexual Pride Day, variable timing in April for the Day of Silence, May

17 for International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia as well as June 1-30 for LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

As part of the board's 3-1 decision, DUSD recognized June 2025 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual Pride Month and is set to implement programs at all secondary schools to address and counter homophobia, transphobia and other forms of identity-based bias beginning the 2026-27 school year at the latest, according to the approved resolution. Guiding these programs will be a new bi-monthly, district-level Gender and Sexuality Diversity Committee composed of secondary students, staff and administrators.

The approved policy is a reworked version of one presented at the board's April 15 meeting. At that meeting, approximately 30 public commenters criticized the recent lowering of the Progress Pride flag from Dublin High School's flagpole. In turn, many requested its

year-round display as well as the board support for an alternative, student-led resolution.

Superintendent Chris Funk then postponed a vote on the flag policy. Officials then redrafted the resolution after reviewing the students' proposal and meeting with representatives from local Gender Sexuality Alliances.

As the sole dissenter, Vice President Gabi Blackman expressed concern for the district's potential vulnerability to other flag-flying requests. Absent from the decision was Trustee Dan Cherrier, who stated his support for the resolution but left the meeting before casting his vote.

"This is a day for us to be leaders in the state, in this nation to support our students," Board President Kristin Speck said before voting to approve the resolution.

The district also plans to implement "educational initiatives, spirit days, required district-wide trainings, and other programs designed to foster belonging, safety,

and inclusion for LGBTQIA+ students and staff," according to the resolution.

As Funk reviewed the item before the board, he gave a shoutout to students who proposed a resolution of their own. "They took our resolution and enhanced it," Funk said.

The revised resolution received endorsement from the majority of the district's legal advisors, Funk added.

Blackman argued that the resolution didn't align with board policy. Also the government's free speech would not be protected if it is affected by external influences, she added later. In effect, passage of the resolution would mean the district and secondary site flag poles would become open forums.

Funk later explained that any request to raise a flag — other than the American, state, or distinguished school flags — would require board approval.

To DHS teacher Catie Tombs, the resolution and Funk's

incorporation of the student voices was commendable.

"The flag says to every child and adult that you can't use homophobia to harm anyone on this campus," Tombs said. "Student-centered policy creation is amazing."

Charlie Jones, a Pleasanton Unified School District trustee and a teacher in Hayward, thanked the board for advocating "more inclusive" policy changes.

Following public comment, Blackman said that she supports the LGBTQIA+ community but wants to avoid lawsuits.

"I know you believe your flag provides some sort of protection for everybody and it's a symbol for your group. But there are many in our community that don't feel the same way," Blackman said. "When you don't see them, you marginalize them as well."

Later, Speck said she took all public comments into consideration when reaching a decision and claimed a "proud day" for the district. ■

WATER

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broken waterline. The expectation from the city was that the residents would work on repairing the pipe in the meantime.

"All this time everybody has been getting their drinking water out of a hose," Hempy said. "Today (May 1) one of the neighbors came over and took a shower at our house and they'll probably be coming over to take more showers."

According to Tiernan, those fire hoses were never meant as a long-term solution. She said because the hoses were above ground, if they ruptured or were damaged it could "put the entire (water) system at risk".

"Fire hoses are not designed for continuous use as a permanent water line with the lack of the structural protection, durability and sanitary safeguards required for long-term potable water service," Tiernan said. "Because the City's water system is fully interconnected, a break in the hose could have

created a pathway for contaminated water to enter the broader distribution system, potentially affecting water quality beyond the immediate area."

She said that even though the city wanted to "make sure the property owners have enough time to make the necessary repairs", the city had to cut off the water supply.

"The City removed the temporary water connections serving six homes in the Remen Tract on Wednesday, April 30 at about 2:00 p.m.," Tiernan confirmed with the Weekly. "The deadline previously communicated to the property owners to have their private line fixed was Friday, April 25."

One of the six homes belongs to Karla Georgis, who lived at her home in the Remen Tract for over 40 years before moving to southern California. Georgis currently rents her home out and said she has never had any issues like this before.

"The city just can't turn off water for everybody," Georgis said. "What if you have a medical issue ... and

you have to have that water."

She also said that neighbors weren't notified that the city would turn off the water, despite Tiernan's assertion that they were.

For Debbie Martin, who rents a different home in the neighborhood, the stress of not having water available due to her husband's medical needs is very real. She said while they currently have a temporary space to live out of, when that ends they might have to go to a hotel.

Some of the unaffected residents have been sharing their water with neighbors, like Hempy who has been flinging hoses over the fence of the renters who live in Georgis' old home. However, the residents are still left wondering who will take on the onus of paying for the repairs.

Tiernan said the reason the city isn't taking on the financial burden is because, legally the city cannot use funds from its water enterprise fund — which typically pays for these types of repair projects — to pay for repairs on private land.

"The water system within Remen Tract is privately owned and just as the city does not maintain individual property owners' water lines, it cannot maintain the private water lines within the Remen Tract," Tiernan said.

She said the city's responsibility ends at the boundary of the tract and, as with any other private property in the city, "the responsibility for maintaining and repairing private water lines lies with the property owners."

"The City cannot legally use public funds — including water rate revenues — to repair or upgrade privately owned infrastructure," she added. "This is consistent with the City's policy for all residents: when

a water line issue occurs on private property, it is the property owner's responsibility to address it."

Schurhoff, however, said the city's argument doesn't make sense and pointed to the city's municipal code regarding water which, in part, states that "the territory served by the water system of the city shall be all territory now within the boundaries of the city and, at the discretion of the council, any other territory as the city may determine."

In regard to the connections to the water system, the city's municipal code also states that, "All service connections, meters, main extensions and installations paid for by applicants, and all other facilities furnished by the department or the city, whether located wholly or partially on public or private property of the city, shall be and remain the property of the city, and the department shall have the right to repair, replace and maintain the same."

"It doesn't matter whether or not we are in the boundary of the city of Pleasanton because it's in the city municipal code that they serve whatever area they decide to serve," Schurhoff said. "They decided to serve us sometime 75 years ago and for whatever reason they don't want to fulfill their responsibility at this point."

Other neighbors like Habluetzel also said that it doesn't make sense that the affected residents have been paying their water bills for so long just for the city not to use those funds to pay for the repairs needed. He also said while they had the temporary hoses, he didn't like the fact he had to continue to pay a water bill that didn't quite correlate with how much water was being used.

While he and other residents continue to demand proof that they have to pick up the infrastructure repair costs — something Habluetzel said they haven't seen yet — Tiernan reiterated that the city has been working with the residents to resolve the issue since it first came up last August.

"The City remains committed to working with the property owners," Tiernan said. "The city has and continues to offer meetings with our engineering team that would expedite the work needed to repair the private water line."

She said while the rest of the neighborhood is not affected by the broken waterline, the situation with the six affected homes is not the outcome the city preferred. However, she said the city had a "duty to protect the safety of our water system."

"The city understands that the uncertainty of a permanent water supply is very challenging, but we have a responsibility to all 22,000 of our water customers to maintain the reliability and safety of our water system," she said.

As of May 2, Tiernan said the city is working with one of the affected homeowners to coordinate the repairs. She said the city provided contact information for "city-verified contractors experienced in water line installation" and that the city is also considering offering a temporary water source while the property owners "work to permanently repair the water line break."

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

Have fun with Jack

Jack is a very nice, adorable boy who is fun, playful and engaging. His foster dad enjoys his company and says that Jack is very smart and curious, entertains himself with toys, walks well on leash and would make a great walking/hiking companion. He is house-trained, and he gets along and loves to play with other respectful dogs. Jack is a young adult Terrier mix. He weighs 25 pounds. He is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue via tvar.org.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Gun stolen from Livermore in 2013 resurfaces in traffic stop

A Santa Rosa police officer who stopped a vehicle for having a light out early Saturday stumbled on a pair of loaded guns, including one stolen from Livermore a dozen years ago.

The 20-year-old driver and 19-year-old passenger were accused of firearms violations.

The 20-year-old man was found with a .40 caliber Springfield XD-40 semi-automatic handgun. It had been reported stolen in Livermore in 2013, police said. The passenger, also male, was reportedly carrying an unregistered, privately made 9mm P80 firearm.

The pair attracted police attention because of the odor of marijuana from their vehicle and open containers of marijuana in plain view, police said. They are under 21, the legal age for marijuana possession. That triggered the search that led to discovery of the guns.

—Bay City News Service

101 dumping could be tied to Livermore

Caltrans is asking for the public's help following a series of illegal hazardous material dumpings along U.S. Highway 101 in Mendocino County, the agency said last week.

On April 21, 19 barrels containing hazardous waste were removed from an embankment south of Leggett near the Empire Rest Area, Caltrans said. The cost of the clean-up and disposal of the materials is estimated at \$30,000.

"Luckily, we've avoided any major environmental hazards thus far," Caltrans District 1 hazardous materials manager Danny Figueiredo said. "At the cleanup site on Monday, the materials were only 10 feet away from dropping over a cliff with a drop of about 50 to 75 feet right into the creek. The creek has fresh running water, with fish, and that would have been disastrous."

The barrels were removed with the help of the California Highway Patrol, the Mendocino County Environmental Health Department, and Redwood Empire Hazmat Incident Response, Caltrans said.

The string of incidents began in November with two illegal dumps in Hopland, and then again in March in Laytonville near the

Shamrock Ranch, and most recently south of Leggett, Caltrans said.

"The evidence collected indicates that the materials found at all four sites originated from the Bay Area, possibly from an old construction or roof insulation company in Livermore," Figueiredo said.

—Bay City News Service

Lafayette bust connects to Tri-Valley cases

Police in Lafayette investigating thefts at a local school allegedly uncovered a pattern of burglaries across the Bay Area by the same suspect, including the Tri-Valley, the department said last week.

In April, someone entered two schools in Lafayette and stole multiple credit cards, according to police. Detectives eventually identified a possible suspect and his vehicle, which then led them to allegedly

connecting him to burglaries in seven other cities and counties.

Lafayette detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect for alleged credit card fraud, identity theft, and burglary.

On April 25, the Lafayette Police Department, in collaboration with police departments in Vacaville, Danville and Dublin and the Marin County Sheriff's Office, executed search warrants at three different locations.

The coordinated operation led to the successful arrest of a 34-year-old Fairfield man. He is currently being held in the Marin County Jail, the Lafayette Police Department said April 28.

During the execution of the search warrants, investigators allegedly recovered significant evidence and items believed to be linked to the ongoing investigations.

—Katy St. Clair, Bay City News Service

Charges in theft ring

California Attorney General Rob Bonta last month announced felony charges against three people accused of running an identity theft operation linked to an organized retail crime scheme across seven counties.

The suspects, Anthony Limas, Johnny Nicklas, and Steve Randy Nicklas, allegedly used stolen identities to open store credit cards and purchase more than \$100,000 in

merchandise from high-end retailers and Harbor Freight locations between March and July 2023.

A 34-count felony complaint, including charges of organized retail theft, grand theft and identity theft, was filed, federal prosecutors said.

Officials said all three defendants face charges involving 13 victims. The scheme was carried out in Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. ■

—Bay City News Service

Rosalyn Dorothy Gamble

May 19, 1938 – April 10, 2025

Long-time Pleasanton resident Rosalyn Gamble, a woman dedicated to volunteering in her community and a committed Christian, went home to be with the Lord and in the arms of her husband on Apr. 10, 2025. She was 86.

Roz was known for her giving nature and concern for family, friends and strangers alike. She was a member of GraceWay Church (formerly Pleasanton Presbyterian) for more than 50 years and loved serving there. She was an elder and loved to lead church projects to upgrade the facility and the grounds. She also volunteered at Open Heart Kitchen, the Pleasanton Library and Valley Care Hospital for many years.

She graduated from Tenafly High School where she excelled at academics and music. She then attended design school in New York and graduated from Junior College with an Associate's Degree in fashion design. After attending college, she was employed as a fashion buyer with Sears Roebuck and Co. at their corporate office in Chicago.

While living in Chicago, she met David Gamble and they married in 1969. They transferred to Northern California and made their home in Pleasanton. Dave managed the Sears store in San Mateo, and Roz raised two young sons.

In 1977, Roz and Dave followed their life-long entrepreneurial dream by opening their own store, Gamble's Home Accents, a beautiful domestics store in Pleasanton. They operated it together, buying all the merchandise and running it all with love.

After closing their family business venture because of a recession, she returned to the workforce as an Executive Assistant and worked for Castle Sybron and Proctor and Gamble. She was renowned for her executive acumen as well as her knowledge of clothing, design and fashion. After retiring from Proctor and Gamble, she went on to stage homes for numerous clients in the Bay Area.

Like many women of the "Silent Generation" who were born during the Depression and World War II, she enjoyed working around her home with Dave, whether caring for their wonderful roses or doing other garden tasks. She was an industrious and adventurous "do it yourself" type of woman, whether she was mastering calligraphy, playing her flute or piano, or baking and decorating birthday cakes for the neighborhood families. When raising her two young sons, she routinely had them at her side while doing everything.

After retiring, she and Dave drove across the country a few times, took 11 cruises and traveled widely abroad.

She is survived by her sons Rian and John Gamble (Cara), grandchildren Brady, Cooper (Lindsay), Therin and Parker, Holly and Kaylan, and great grandson Malakai Gamble.

The family appreciates the care provided by Carefield Memory Care and LifeCare Solutions Palliative and Hospice. She will be interred at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA.

Memorial service: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 24, GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

The family prefers donations in her memory to GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton, 94566, www.gracewaylife.org or LifeCare Solutions Palliative and Hospice, LLC, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd, Suite 101, Dublin, CA 94568, <https://www.lifecaresolutionshospice.com>.



Eleanor "Ellie" Ruth Jacobson

September 11, 1934 – April 24, 2025

Eleanor "Ellie" Ruth Jacobson — cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend — passed away peacefully on April 24, 2025, at the age of 90. Her beloved husband of 69 years, Roy Jacobson, and her adoring cat, Baby, were by her side.

Eleanor was born on September 11, 1934, at Boston Lying-Inn Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, to Mattias Algot Sundberg and Ruth (Nyström) Sundberg.

She spent her early years in Dedham, Massachusetts, alongside her parents and three older brothers — Herbert, Robert, and Edgar. Eleanor graduated from Dedham High School in 1952 and later from the Chandler School in Boston in 1954.

In 1954, Eleanor met the love of her life, Roy Jacobson, at a dance hall in Mansfield, Massachusetts. They were married two years later on January 7, 1956, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Norwood, Massachusetts. Together, they built a wonderful life and raised three beautiful children: Laurie, Linda, and Scott.

Eleanor's life was a beautiful journey, marked by grace, kindness, and the quiet strength of a woman who lived fully and loved deeply. Her greatest joys were her family, her animals, traveling, gardening, and dancing. Eleanor and Roy spent many happy hours dancing to Hambo music and polka songs, a passion they shared throughout their life together. They joined a Swedish folk dancing group in Quincy, Massachusetts. They would go every Saturday night to dance to Swedish folk music. They had many friends there and always had a wonderful time. She also enjoyed candlepin bowling and was on a league for several years. Eleanor and Roy shared countless adventures together, traveling to Alaska, Australia, Sweden, Aruba, Bermuda, Mexico, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Japan, the South Pacific, and Canada.

Eleanor and Roy made homes across Massachusetts, Nevada, Hawaii, and California. Eleanor especially cherished her time living in Hawaii, close to her brother Edgar, and later found great joy in the beautiful mountain views of Nevada.

Eleanor's legacy of love, warmth, and strength lives on in all who knew her.

Eleanor is survived by her husband of 69 years Roy Jacobson, their children Laurie, Linda and her husband Steven, Scott and his wife Sandra, grandchildren Julie, Susan, Stacey, Dan, Alexander, Matthew and Jillian, and great-grandchildren Avery, Jack, Miles, Isla, Parker and William.



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Pleasanton Farmers

Community-centered approach brings ve

STORY BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN



Jesus Medina of Medina Berry Farm serves a customer at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on April 19.



Residents pick their own produce at many stands in downtown on Saturday mornings.



Roti Roti Gourmet was one of the few hot food stalls at the market on April 19.

Where can you find just-picked sunflowers and strawberries or freshly baked Danish pastry and Peruvian alfajores cookies? What if you crave sweet red cherries or need fava beans for a recipe? And when was the last time you saw blue-raspberry kettle corn?

The Pleasanton Farmers Market offers these items and much more year-round on Saturday. An array of producers set up their stalls along West Angela Street between Main and First streets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ready to peruse the produce, healthy granola, and decadent croissants, customers arrive armed with baskets and bags while others pull wagons or push strollers.

"We find the best products here. Though we get groceries elsewhere, every week we buy seasonal produce, berries and Bernal Bakery bread here," said Kira Gardner, who moved to Pleasanton in 2023.

With her \$5 weekly allowance in hand and accompanied by her mom, 8-year-old Lyra likes to shop at Passion Pastry. She receives the free sample of a miniature alfajor cookie and then she buys sugar cookies or a marshmallow stick.

Lyra's mom noted that the family's Saturday morning activity is exploring the downtown market. She bought Zuckerman Farm plump asparagus on the recommendation of staff at Pleasanton's Sabio restaurant where she enjoyed them.

Recently a young boy grew impatient while waiting in a lengthy line at the Medina Berry Farm stall and demanded a lollipop from his father. His dad said loudly, "Strawberries are nature's lollipop."

Offering the public the opportunity to learn about nature's bounty while creating opportunities for farmers to sell their fresh produce directly to consumers are the key missions of the nonprofit Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association that operates farmers markets in Pleasanton, Danville and Dublin.

As one of the oldest and largest market associations on the West Coast, PCFMA manages 35 markets in six counties. The inaugural Pleasanton market, launched by PCFMA in 1992, has grown into the association's largest Tri-Valley market. Forager's Market operates the year-round San Ramon market, the seasonal Livermore Thursday night and large, year-round Livermore Sunday markets.

A downtown community market

The Pleasanton market blooms from 1,000 visitors and 50 stalls a week to 2,000 visitors and 70 stalls during peak summer months. Many producers occupy one stall, but larger

farms request up to three stalls.

The market features California-grown agriculture products and other agricultural-driven foods like cheese and jam. About 30% of producers sell locally prepared foods or artisan items.

"We've grown with Pleasanton and brought new offerings to the market reflecting changes within the community," said Chris Ball, assistant director of marketing for PCFMA, based in Concord. The prepared food producers present a panoply of flavors from Afghan flatbreads to globally inspired empanadas, tamales and spicy hummus.

Unlike other Tri-Valley farmers markets, the only hot food items prepared onsite are Eat the Best Kettle Korn and Roti-Roti Gourmet spit-roasted chicken. The small number of hot food stalls compared to other Tri-Valley markets is related to PCFMA's partnership with the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

"Our downtown businesses, both restaurants and retailers, have seen an increase in business when the market takes place. People grab a coffee and stroll through the market or have brunch with friends afterward," said Gabrielle Welk, executive director of the PDA.

Jon Magnusson, chef-owner of Nonni's Bistro on Main Street near the market, said Saturday mornings are his favorite time of the week: "I shop early to get specialty items like baby squash, and then I see customers arrive with kale sticking out of shopping bags."

The PCFMA arrangement includes allocation of three community-oriented stalls selected by PDA on a weekly basis. These stalls may feature nonprofit groups such as youth sports and Culinary Angels, the police department promoting kids' safety, or local businesses.

An example of a hyper-local business that periodically reserves a stall is Lizush, which makes natural bath and beauty care products by hand in Pleasanton. This weekend, owner Lizzy Siman-Tov's will display Mother's Day-targeted items such as lavender shea butter body cream.

When asked what makes the Pleasanton market unique, Hall from PCFMA said, "As a mainstay in the Pleasanton community for over 30 years, we have vendors who have been with us since the beginning, and children who helped their parents at the market now head up the business."

Pleasanton native Ally Ballard grew up attending the market every Saturday with her father.

"We always picked out the best mushrooms. Mom hated mushrooms, but we loved them. I'm visiting my parents from Colorado and had to buy mushrooms today," she said.

Market at its peak

Producers and residents back every Saturday

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Ballard also posed for a caricature made by John Pearson, who periodically sets up his easel on the street.

Over time, longstanding year-round producers have claimed their favored locations, as Cheyenne Erickson, PCFMA regional manager, noted: “Producers who vie for the best stalls know that someone must pass away, or a business must close shop before the prime spots open.”

Longtime producers

Arturo Medina began selling their Watsonville strawberries from Medina Berry Farm when the market opened in 1992. His nephew Jesús Medina is now the proud owner. During chilly March or sunny spring-time, often the longest market lines blossom at Medina’s for strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries.

As customers choose between daffodils and dahlias, José Villafana often greets them by name along with a hearty, good morning at José’s Flowers.

“My parents started coming to the market in 2005 when they started their flower business,” Villafana said. “This market has become an important outlet for us. Our regulars show up rain or shine and are friends of sorts.” Villafana now owns the business.

When Juan Bermudez turned 15, he began working at Borba Family Farm in Aromas. Now married with three children, Bermudez has driven 90 minutes each way since Borba joined the market in 2000. A colorful, long row of green beans, cucumbers and tomatoes grab customers’ attention at Borba.

“I look forward to coming every Saturday to Pleasanton,” said Jesús Moreno Calderon of Swank Farms Produce, strategically located next to Eat the Best Kettle Korn. For 25 years, Calderon has driven from Hollister to

sell their broccoli, heirloom tomatoes, and cauliflower.

Newer producers

Arriving at the Pleasanton market in mid-April, Obour Foods of San Francisco attends 14 others in the region. Obour’s specialties are tahini and hummus in flavors ranging from red beet to hot curry, spicy zhong and a Korean-inflected gochujang version.

Matt Sylvester, owner of Happy Acre Farm in Sunol, shops at Obour and recently purchased savory, house made pita chips and hot curry hummus for his wife.

Super Duper Microgreens owner Oliver Gayo set up his first biweekly stall at the market in 2023. In contrast to microgreens shipped into grocery stores, Gayo said, “Our blends such as Leafy Boost, a mix of arugula, kohlrabi, and cress microgreens, are harvested in Hercules the day before the market.”

Producers near and far

The average travel time for producers hovers between 45 minutes and 90 minutes.

Driving from Pittsburg, Dahn Bey manages the Way to Life Foods granola stall. With flavors ranging from maple to mixed berry and sugar-free banana, the family-run granola business launched in 2008.

“Out of the 16 farmers markets we attend, Pleasanton is one of the busiest,” Bey said, “and the staff do not uproot our stall to different spots like others do. Our regulars know where to find us.”

In contrast, Kong Lee leaves Ken’s Top Notch Produce farm in Fresno at 5:30 a.m. to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to unload produce picked a day or two earlier. The drive to bring his brother Ken’s produce to the market is just part of the job of delivering



The King Farm Ranch stall is one of the popular stops at the Pleasanton Farmers Market.

citrus, peaches and nectarines, according to Lee.

Local businesses include Passion Pastry launched by Sofia Orozco in 2009. The Peruvian specialty bakery joined the market in 2013 and opened a shop and baking facility 1.3 miles from the market.

Olivina Extra Virgin Olive Oil is located near Wente Vineyards off Arroyo Road in Livermore. First planted in 1881 by a Frenchman, the storied Olivina estate joined the market over two decades ago. The fifth-generation family now sells seven EVOOs and two vinegars.

Sabio chef-de-cuisine Tim McLellan parks his wagon at Olivina to periodically buy 5-gallon containers of Mission EVOO for salad dressings, finishing dishes, and polenta cake at Sabio and Crush’d in Danville.

A Saturday institution

The market hosts Bay Area musicians. Acoustic guitarist Andy Drake played his original folk-inspired songs for the first time in April.

“The location on a slight rise in the middle of the stalls is ideal, people were friendly, and I got the sense the community supports the market,” Drake said.

Main Street sprouts with regulars popping up in the market corridor and along the sidewalk. Magnusson of Nonni’s Bistro prepares a big white pot full of fresh soup, sets it on a table outside the door, and offers samples for shoppers and others strolling.

Norm Pacheco has sold handmade Norm’s Wood carvings for 15 years on Main Street at the edge of the stalls. “I am the unofficial information booth for the market,” Pacheco said. “People regularly ask me when the market closes.”

During a final stroll through the market, surprises abound. Near closing time, half-flats of ripe strawberries may be available at lower prices, and new products from ube alfajores to rare blue-raspberry kettle corn await a trial. ■



Vendor José Villafana holds fresh sunflower bunches. His José’s Flowers booth has been well-frequented this spring in the lead-up to Mother’s Day.

Memories at the market

After visiting the market over the years, memorable times stand out. In 2000, a young family member made his first trip to California. He was gobsmacked at the humongous West Coast highway interchanges and big muscle cars.

At the market, he marveled at the large heirloom tomatoes, giant stalks of kale, and extra-large bags of kettle corn. That sweet-salty snack accompanied him during our road trips to San Francisco and the coast.

Now he is a father of six kids, and his eldest daughter visited Pleasanton on her own two years ago. She enjoyed our market foray, insatiable for the strawberries we purchased. Unfortunately, blue-raspberry, her favorite flavor combo, had yet to appear at Eat the Best Kettle Korn.

During her visit, I showed her my first article for the Pleasanton Weekly, a cover story about the

Farmers Market in 2000. She was not surprised by my choice of topics to pitch for that first story.

Around 2006, my healthy husband and I fell in love with Feel Good Bakery’s gluten-free, oversized Nina cookies. Packed with chocolate, walnut, and a touch of espresso, the Ninas were our Saturday breakfast treat.

I would then walk down the street to deliver several to my pregnant neighbor who was always hungry for chocolate. Fast forward to my friend’s move to France, and then the post-Covid years, when the owner died suddenly. We missed Ninas.

Before my friend’s visit last fall, I brought her Medina strawberries to enjoy at their B&B. The Saturday after she left, lo and behold, Feel Good Bakery was back under new ownership — with Ninas. We immediately texted our friend a photo, and she shared our pleasure in this minor miracle.

Market news

PCFMA hosts special market events throughout the year from concerts by local bands to children’s programs. For kids 12 and under on Saturdays in May, the market will host Power of Produce (POP) events that nourish their sense of fun and knowledge about produce.

May 10 - Play Produce Detective: Test your palate and use your detective skills to find what produce came fresh-picked from farms at the market or bought at the grocery store that may have spent days in transit or in a warehouse.

May 17 - Join the Scavenger Hunt: Scour the market stalls for clues to find where the Market Mascot is hiding.

May 24 - Make Your Own Market Bag: Decorate a bag with fruit and vegetable stamps and then shop with it.

May 31 - Seed Planting: The POP Club invites you to plant seedlings in a paper cup filled with soil to take home for your garden.

The association website at pcfma.org offers the latest news on What’s in Season, Farmer Profiles and Recipes linked to the season and accompanied by practical notes on “How to Select and Store” the produce. The market information table stocks copies of recipes such as Smashed Fava Beans with Mint, Strawberry Chard Salad, and Roasted Asparagus with Parmesan Cheese.

A culinary incubator

Amuse Kitchen provides space and sense of community for burgeoning food businesses

By Christian Trujano

The smell of pizza, island cuisine and baked goods filled the crowded Amuse Kitchen in Livermore as members of the community and local leaders had a behind-the-scenes look at how the commercial kitchen provides a unique support system for small businesses during the facility's official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Apart from providing food purveyors a place for them to cook, the space acts as a collective where vendors have the resources to grow their business to the point where they can hopefully one day open their own eatery.

"We are here to watch these guys grow and to support their growth — to see them successful," Dave Victor, owner of the kitchen, told the Weekly.

"To be this stepping stone to them, is really important," he added. "To have this opportunity to reimagine what I can do for the community is really important."

Around 30 years ago, Victor opened his restaurant Cabana Dave's in Pleasanton. He eventually sold the restaurant and went into the catering business by renaming his restaurant to On the Vine Catering.

When the pandemic hit, however, he said as he witnessed the catering industry grow he decided he wanted to support these businesses that might not otherwise get the general public's attention.

"I decided that it's time to pass the knowledge on — it's time to help and offer support so that other businesses didn't have to struggle and take the time to figure everything out on their own," Victor said during the ceremony April 30.

That's when he decided to open Amuse Kitchen in 2023.

"I just imagined that there were going to be (food) producers that were losing their spaces, that couldn't afford rent, that were going to lose their business if they didn't have a place to operate out of," Victor said.

Located at 61 Rickenbacker Circle in an industrial park just off Isabel Avenue, the space offers a fully equipped, state-of-the-art kitchen that 26 businesses currently rent and use to run their business.

Apart from the ovens, mixers

and prepping areas, the kitchen also serves as a collective where these businesses — which range from meal preparation and food delivery services to food and supplements for dogs — come together to share ideas, marketing support and general business guidance.

Sherri Souza, CEO and president of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, told the Weekly that the ribbon-cutting ceremony was to commemorate the addition of Amuse Kitchen to the city's business community.

"This just makes the community aware of their location, what they have to offer," Souza said. "It promotes all of their makers, their chefs and the products that they have, and it gives them a little bit more credibility in the community."

She added that the space is particularly important for small businesses because not only is it hard to find kitchens to work out of, but Amuse Kitchen really provides the additional help to grow their business.

"This is an incubator for bigger businesses and this is where they are going to start," Souza said.

Chef Debbie Casey is another one of the many chefs who operates her catering business — Chef Debbie, which offers meal prep and delivery services in the Tri-Valley — out of the Amuse Kitchen space.

Casey had worked as a private chef for a few years before the pandemic hit, which forced her to cook out of her private kitchen. After deliveries began piling up and business started to pick up, Casey said she was in need of a bigger space — that's when she contacted Victor.

Now, her business delivers to roughly 80 to 100 homes every week and has products offered in certain retail spaces.

Casey is at the kitchen usually about four days out of the week while the other two are dedicated to delivery.

But businesses like What The Fur — one of the newer additions to the Amuse Kitchen collective — only need one day a month in the space.

Shubhraj Bhinder, who lost his family dog a few years ago, said he was stuck in his corporate job as a



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Ameer Woolfolk, owner of Scoop N' Wubbie Baking Company (left), and Tiana Megofna, co-owner of The Mego Kitchen (right), share a workspace as they cook and bake samples for community members to taste at the ribbon-cutting event.

'We are here to watch these guys grow and to support their growth — to see them successful.'

Dave Victor,
Amuse Kitchen owner

biomedical engineer before he and his brother decided to do something new and for themselves.

That's when the two started What The Fur, a small business that makes healthy supplements for dogs. The supplements range from helping dogs with anxiety to helping their digestive systems.

As one of the newer businesses to come to the kitchen, Bhinder said they are still learning and taking in feedback from customers but that having the kitchen — especially after facing difficulties operating out of their previous kitchen — was especially nice because of the community.

"Dave's been very welcoming and friendly. You can definitely tell he values community," Bhinder said. "This truly is a collective ... Everybody is here to help each other and help grow their business."

Another business that has been very appreciative of Amuse is The Mego Kitchen, a family-owned food vendor based in Livermore that is mostly known for their island cuisine, which is a mix of Filipino, Hawaiian and Guamanian food.

Tiana Megofna, co-owner of The Mego Kitchen, runs the business with her mother-in-law — who was in the kitchen that Wednesday helping fry the lumpia — and her husband.

She said they were originally at another kitchen around the corner and they were referred to Victor when they were looking at renting a commercial kitchen. At that time Victor didn't have the space but once he opened Amuse Kitchen, Megofna said her business revisited the idea of joining the collective because of what they heard about the sense of community there.

She said Victor has been very helpful and his knowledge, plus the resources he provides through the kitchen, has turned him into a "steward for some of our small businesses".

"Being in the kitchen, alone, has just helped us function better as a small business — as a caterer," Megofna said. "The kitchen is clean, it's upkept. Dave puts a lot of love into the kitchen so it makes it nice for us to be here."

But it's not just savory treats that come out of the kitchen.

Ameer Woolfolk, owner of Scoop N' Wubbie Baking Company, said he started baking with his mom as a kid and when the pandemic hit — similar to the other local food purveyors — he decided to do something new.

Named after his son and daughter, Woolfolk started his baking business four years ago by selling cookies at the San Ramon Farmers Market.

"They really inspired me, right after the pandemic, to really try to build something that we could call our own. Something that I can pass down to my kids," he said.

He started off with six flavors and now, especially with the big kitchen and array of industrial sized ovens and mixing machines, he said he can make up to 50 different flavors.

"Having the amount of racks to be able to put the quantity of cookies

that I offer for the weekends is a tremendous help," he said.

Woolfolk said he heard of Victor a few years ago before the Amuse Kitchen was a reality and that he first joined the collective late last year.

"It's been a great experience," he said. "It's a great space to have."

Several local elected officials and representatives from officials also commemorated the kitchen's work over the past two years.

Livermore Vice Mayor Evan Branning was one of the elected officials who spoke during the event. Branning said he was particularly invested in Amuse Kitchen's overall mission and goals because he came from the catering industry.

"Having a place like Amuse Kitchen would have been a life changer for me," Branning said.

Another local official who spoke was Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, who not only lauded Victor's work with the kitchen and with providing small businesses the opportunity to flourish, but also committed the county to funding \$50,000 in grants for those small businesses — the supervisor previously mentioned that the county had already sponsored some grants for the program to be given to a number of the small business owners.

Victor said as far as next steps, they are just about at capacity after having recently squeezed in a couple more businesses and he recognizes there is a desire for more, so he did mention the possibility of expanding.

But one of the main next steps for the kitchen is looking into developing a market place online and then eventually a market hall in town where people can walk around and check out these vendors in person. ■



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Las Positas College's fifth annual Literary Arts Festival is scheduled for this Saturday.

Literary Arts Festival

LPC creative showcase this weekend

By JUDE STRZEMP

Las Positas College's Literary Arts Festival is set to return for its fifth annual gathering of best-selling authors and poets for a day of writing sessions, a poetry slam and a publication ceremony.

Scheduled to host panels, workshops and talks this weekend are authors including Thrity Umrigar, Daniel Handler, Julissa Arce and Tamim Ansary.

Additionally, writers and artists behind the 2025 edition of Havik, the Las Positas College Journal of Arts & Literature, will have their time to shine as the school celebrates the publication and names award-winners.

"This event is truly special as it allows Las Positas College to showcase the incredible programs we have here while bringing world-class authors and speakers to our festival," said Martin Nash, LPC English professor and founder of the festival. "We're really excited about the variety in this year's lineup. We think there's something for everyone."

To kick off the festival, Dera R. Williams — author, editor and researcher — is scheduled to lead a workshop on the process of publishing one's work.

Shortly after, Umrigar is set to give the festival's keynote speech followed by a book signing. As the best selling author of ten novels including "Bombay Time" and "The Space Between Us", Umrigar's most recent novel "The Museum of Failures" was recognized as the Best Book of 2023 by NPR, Harper's Bazaar, BookRiot and more.

Later on during the festival, Umrigar is set to host a writing workshop on character development.

Handler, also known as Lemony Snicket and the author of "A Series of Unfortunate Events", is set to host a writing workshop as well called "How to Write Like a Burglar".

Having sold over 70 million books worldwide, he too will hold a book signing after the workshop.

Other festival speakers include Arce, a best-selling Mexican-American author of books including "You Sound Like a White Girl" and "My (Underground) American Dream", as well as Ansary, an Afghan-American author of nine books including "Truther Narratives: Conspiracy Theory Explained".

Ansary facilitated the San Francisco Writers Workshop for over 20 years, and has produced work that won the 2010 Northern California Book Award and was selected for San Francisco's One City One Book reading event.

"It's not every day that we get to be around such a diverse group of people united by a passion for literature and writing," Nash told Livermore Vine.

In addition to panels and workshops, the festival will also include LPC's 22nd annual poetry slam, hosted by performance poets Bri Blue and Natriece (Tri) Spicer. The audience will have a chance to read their original poems too, with top-scoring LPC poets winning prize money.

The festival is scheduled to wrap up with a publication and award ceremony for the 2025 edition of Havik. For four years running, this award-winning journal has won Best of Show in Literary Magazines at the annual Associated Collegiate Press.

"It would be understandable to keep doing things the same way", Nash said amid the journal's string of accolades. "This year's staff of Havik was fearless in their vision."

The free, public event is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday (May 10) at LPC's Mertes Center for the Arts. For more information and tickets, visit laspositascollege.edu. ■

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Pleasanton's downtown stagnation revealed

Thank you for the second in a series of articles examining Tri-Valley's downtowns! The April 25 article on downtown Pleasanton was the antithesis of your article on Livermore, where you revealed the growth and vitality of that town.

In this article on Pleasanton, you provide an inside look at what plagues Pleasanton. It's disheartening to read that the Downtown Specific Plan, a plan that hasn't been revised in six years, is referred to as "the business prevention plan." It points to the reason why Pleasanton's downtown is in such a state of stagnation.

I applaud Arne Olson's recommendation that a task force be created with the charter to revamp the plan to attract new business and make it easier for them to grow and thrive. Presumably, this would be an all inclusive group of various stakeholders — i.e., residents, business owners, landlords, PDA, city planning and leaders.

This along with more leadership stability in the PDA, coupled with Mayor Jack Balch's stewardship, Pleasanton's downtown can restore its vitality.

—David Zimpfer

'Community of Character' — Gulf signage

"It does not bring in any of the character of our community," Julie Testa.

My research indicates this signage is the current industry standard. Across the street from this Gulf station is the New Lucky Spa-Massage location. Is the New Lucky Spa-Massage location the "character of our community" Julie Testa speaks of?

The new signage at the Gulf Station brings class to this community area. Just west of the new Lucky Spa-Massage is located in an abandoned/vacant storefront.

The Gulf signage may well encourage other businesses in this area to upgrade their locations. The Gulf owner is planning additional upgrades for his location. This activity can boost others to follow suit.

Testa should get out of the way, so business owners can get on with their upgrades. The area is borderline blighted before the Gulf is involved.

—Michael Austin

Thank you, Holiday Fund

On behalf of Tri-Valley REACH and those we serve in our community, we are grateful and honored to be a part of this year's Holiday Fund.

The generous funds awarded to REACH are instrumental to our mission of creating inclusive communities by providing affordable and independent living opportunities for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Last year I wrote that for a small nonprofit such as REACH, the social awareness the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund creates in our community is significant and impactful. The support and recognition given by your organization, and for so many years, has reached an audience far beyond REACH's marketing capabilities, benefiting our entire community of I/DD individuals.

This year's funds will go toward accessibility and mobility projects at properties where residents are aging in place, ensuring they can continue to live independently for as long as they wish and are able. We cannot thank you enough for being a part of our mission!

—Kay King, board chair, Tri-Valley REACH

Misconception v. reality ... really?

I am a 35-year resident of Pleasanton. Reading the Weekly's lengthy feature article April 25 on the future of our downtown, I couldn't help but smile.

The article read like a nostalgic children's fairytale. We're asked to ignore perpetually empty storefronts because downtown is evolving. And there's lots of parking, but apparently we're not looking for it hard enough. Did I mention that I learned downtown is very inclusive? Well, that's a relief.

The truth is that the City and the PDA squandered many, many opportunities that would have allowed Pleasanton's downtown to truly evolve from quaint to dynamic. Unfortunately, live music was driven out years ago by a small NIMBY contingent.

And what should have been the center of the vibrant Tri-Valley restaurant scene was easily usurped by downtown Livermore.

One small boutique replacing another is not evolution. No amount of happy talk is going to change the fact that our downtown is slowly growing old and tired. Just like a fairytale.

—Harry Edwards

This gift will make a real difference

We are deeply grateful to have been included in the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, and for this grant of \$7,777, which Valley Humane Society received via electronic wire transfer from the Embarcadero Media Foundation on March 13, 2025.

This gift will make a real difference in the lives of animals in need, providing them with a second chance and a brighter future. On

behalf of all of us at Valley Humane Society and the animals in our care, I want to thank you.

This gift makes possible services and programs which change the lives of thousands of companion animals and the people who love them each year.

With the help of caring donors and community organizations like yours, Valley Humane Society has successfully facilitated the adoption of more than 500 animals into loving forever homes this past year. In addition to these adoptions, we are thrilled to announce we have performed over 6,500 spay and neuter surgeries at Valley Humane's Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center in 2024.

Your generous gift will directly contribute to this essential work, ensuring that more animals receive the care and loving homes they need and deserve.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for your continued support. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of animals in need and creating a more compassionate world where a brighter future showcases second chances.

—Melanie Sadek, president, Valley Humane Society

Ensure elections are won, not bought

During the April 2025 meeting of the Tri-Valley Democratic Club, membership voted unanimously to endorse and sponsor California Senate Bill SB42.

As a local organization that is deeply invested in the well-being of our communities, we urge you to support Senate Bill 42 to place the California Fair Elections Act on the November 2026 ballot to allow voters to remove the prohibition on public financing of campaigns and establish reasonable safeguards for public financing systems.

Our members are politically active, but we can't compete with money from corporations and millionaires. Public financing of campaigns empowers voters and gives qualified candidates a fair chance against Big Money.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley all overwhelmingly passed this democracy-strengthening reform, but it's prohibited in California jurisdictions other than charter cities. SB 42 will allow voters to repeal this unjust ban, giving all California jurisdictions the same opportunity that charter cities have to enact public financing laws.

Therefore, the Tri-Valley Democratic Club strongly supports SB 42 for a fairer political system and urges you to help it get the bill to the floor and on the ballots.

—Ellis Goldberg, secretary and political director, Tri-Valley Democratic Club

Turning everything political damaged this country

In recent years, many leading Republicans have actively undermined trust in America's public institutions — from the Department of Justice to public health agencies and even the electoral process itself.

By promoting conspiracy theories, casting doubt on expert consensus and dismissing unfavorable findings as "deep state" operations or "fake news," they have eroded the credibility of institutions designed to serve the public good. This strategy often prioritizes short-term political gains over the long-term health of democracy, leaving citizens increasingly skeptical of the very systems meant to protect their rights and ensure accountability.

Seeking the truth — whether through investigations, journalism or judicial processes — is costly. It demands time, resources and patience.

However, the alternative is far more expensive: a society where facts are negotiable and trust is irreparably broken.

Trust is the invisible foundation that holds democracies together; once lost, it is extraordinarily difficult to rebuild. While the pursuit of truth can seem burdensome or slow, the stability, unity and progress it makes possible are truly priceless.

—John Williams

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SUNFLOWER HILL

SideTrack supports Sunflower Hill

A cadre of local "celebrity" waiters were on hand at SideTrack Bar + Grill last month as part of a special "Tips for Change" Autism Awareness benefit for Sunflower Hill. SideTrack in downtown Pleasanton regularly partners with local nonprofits as a generous fundraising gesture. Sunflower Hill raised more than \$9,000 to support an array of new vocational and social programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the region. The Pleasanton-based nonprofit will also offer a new garden summer day camp for individuals 14 and older in late July. April was National Autism Awareness Month, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that one in 31 children now have an autism diagnosis. Shown (from left): SideTrack owner Todd Utikal, Janeen Rubino-Brumm, Brock Roby, John and Marianne Sensiba.



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

As softball season sunsets, so too do stellar Foothill careers of Burdick sisters

Two-sport standouts in high school, Kaycie heads to Washington next year and Sophia set for San Jose State

How the rest of the East Bay Athletic League and then North Coast Section softball season plays out remains to be seen, but there is one thing for sure.

Whenever the Foothill High season ends this month, it will end the illustrious careers of seniors Kaycie and Sophia Burdick.

When the two leave Foothill (Kaycie to play softball at the University of Washington and Sophia to play softball at San Jose State), there will be a massive void to fill.

The two were also impactful volleyball players for the Foothill team that went to the CIF State final last season.

Both are obviously excited about what the future holds, but at the same time are not sure what it will be like without the other.

"It will be really weird," Kaycie said of life without Sophia. "I will miss just being around her and doing things with her. I mean she's my best friend, so outside of just

softball I'm being separated from someone that I'm always around and love spending time with."

Sophia also acknowledges it will be a new experience.

"It will be very weird and different," Sophia said. "I will miss her positive attitude, her funny personality, and how she makes every environment easy and comfortable to be in."

The two started playing sports around 5 or 6, and until this past summer when they were on different travel softball teams, they have almost always played together.

This year will likely be the last as teammates — but what a year it's been.

It started in the fall where they returned for Foothill volleyball, the defending NCS champions. It's Foothill, so the team will always at the very least be a contender, but this year went to a whole other level.

The team was put into the NCS Open Division where they fell in the semifinals, but by being in Open,

they moved on to the CIF playoffs as the No. 5 seed in Division I.

It all came together and four wins later, they were in the CIF final against Palos Verdes. They fell to Palos Verdes in the final — a team with several D-I volleyball players — but the run was amazing.

"We made it a lot further than anyone thought we would be able to," Sophia said. "I am very grateful to have experienced that, and it was an amazing way to end my volleyball career."

For Kaycie it was almost like having a chip on her shoulder.

"We had a lot of people doubting us at the beginning of the season, especially after the loss of some key seniors from the previous season," explained Kaycie, who was the EBAL MVP. "Because of that we wanted to prove a lot of people wrong, and from there we just connected as a team."

One major difference for Kaycie between her junior season and senior campaign, she went from being one of several options to being the



COURTESY FOOTHILL SOFTBALL

Sophia and Kaycie Burdick are sisters who have starred in both softball and volleyball for Foothill.

main option. She was a dominant player, and there were times in the postseason she put the team on her back and brought the team a victory.

"Leading a team like that taught me so much which I am super grateful for," Kaycie said. "Making it to state was such a great experience, but the season as a whole was so much fun and something I will always remember"

Honestly, Kaycie is one of the top five overall athletes I have seen come out of Foothill and one of the top ten that I've ever seen from the EBAL. At 5-foot-7, she was behind the eight-ball as a college recruit despite playing like a 6-footer.

That, along with her sensational junior year on the softball field, made the decision easy for college athletics.

"It was hard knowing that I am undersized for volleyball, which kind of made it clear to me which sport I wanted to keep playing at the highest level," Kaycie said.

Let's look at that junior softball season. Kaycie finished the year hitting .552, scoring 37 runs, driving in 20, with nine home runs. She walked 11 times and only struck out four times. Her slugging percentage was an amazing 1.045.

"Earning all the awards and the

recognition I did was an honor, but it also put more pressure on me for this season," said Kaycie.

Pressure aside, she is hitting .481, scoring 27 runs, driving in 18 runs with five doubles and five home runs. She has only struck out six times in her senior year.

"Kaycie is the person you want up to bat in the most timely situations," Sophia said. "You can always rely on her to get the job done. Not only that, she is a great teammate and leader."

While Kaycie is the pop for the Falcons, Sophia has been writing her ticket this season with a .524 average off 33 hits and scoring 19 runs. She doesn't get cheated at the plate, with only one walk during the season.

"She's a very underrated player," Kaycie said of her sister. "She's athletic, strong, fast, dynamic, and she has sneaky pop. Sophia has a very high ceiling, and she is only starting to realize that herself. Once she builds a little more confidence in herself, I think she will be unstoppable."

We know the San Jose State coaching staff feels good about things — and Sophia couldn't be happier.

"The second I visited San Jose State, I knew that was the place I wanted to go," Sophia said. "The coaches and the environment are absolutely amazing." ■

Emerald High picks Pangilinan as varsity boys' basketball coach

'Great addition to our program,' principal says; some parents upset with process

By JUDE STRZEMP

Emerald High School has named longtime East Bay coach Ron Pangilinan as the school's first varsity boys' basketball head coach, amid some parental unrest regarding the hiring process.

Pangilinan comes to Emerald with over 30 years of coaching experience, most recently including a decade serving as a varsity head coach, according to Dublin Unified School District spokesperson Chip Dehnert.

Pangilinan will be a "great addition to our program," Emerald principal Lenni Velez said.

Meanwhile, some parents contend that the site-led hiring process was not fair as school officials worked to pick the coach to lead the Aerouants' inaugural varsity season in 2025-26.

According to Navpreet Kaur, parent of a student-athlete, the applicant pool included Jason Rockwell,

former head coach of junior varsity boys' basketball at Emerald who received an outpouring of support after a 10-day leave of absence for undisclosed reasons this past season. Rockwell coached the JV team during the new school's first year open, with only freshman and sophomore students on campus for 2024-25.

Previously, Velez had told families via email — including Kaur — that the varsity coach selection process would be "fair and transparent." In March, the district said Rockwell would not be the Emerald basketball coach moving forward.

To Kelvin Lei, parent of another student-athlete, the goal is not to cause problems. "We're here for fairness," he said.

Lei said Rockwell made high school wonderful for the basketball team.

"He's already created such an amazing family. We can't afford to shift,"

Kaur added about the former JV coach. "We are so happy with him."

During the recent hiring process, Pangilinan was among the 14 applicants vying for the role of varsity head coach, according to Dehnert.

His coaching experience spans Acalanes High School in Lafayette, College Park High School in Pleasant Hill, Las Lomas High School and Northgate High School in Walnut Creek, Bentley School in Lafayette and Head-Royce School in Oakland. At Head-Royce, he led the boys' basketball team to a league championship.

Of the applicants, six were selected for an interview by staff members from across three school sites. The hiring decision was made following a round of interviews, officials said.

"The district does not play a role in school site athletic coach selection, so we have no comment to offer," Dehnert said. ■

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State of Incorporation/Organization: California
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NURTURING NOOKIE LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
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This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
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Alameda, CA 94501
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File No.: 614095

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This business is conducted by: an Individual.
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File No.: 613840

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This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CINCHARI LLC
3286 N Bridgepointe Ln
Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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File No.: 613842

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PAPA MURPHY'S CASTRO VALLEY , located at 20895 REDWOOD RD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3286 N Bridgepointe Ln Dublin, CA 94568.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CINCHARI LLC
3286 N Bridgepointe Ln
Dublin, CA 94568
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 April 14 2025.
(PLW May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2025)

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 , 2.) Sour Mango , 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.
(PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

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)

TOSCHI DOYLE HOUVENER & WELLEN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613574

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Toschi Doyle Houvener & Wellen , located at 5145 Johnson Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): TCD PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
5145 Johnson Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 01 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

MUMA BAC MANAGEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613795

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) MUMA BAC MANAGEMENT , located at 729 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, CA 94710 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): FILIPI MARCONDES
729 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 10 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

RERAFTABLE

RECTAFTABLE.COM

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613183

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Recraftable , 2.) Recraftable.com , located at 1841 Harms Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 10022 Pleasanton, CA 94588.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): RECRRAFTABLE LLC
PO BOX 10022
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 17 2025.
(PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

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.
(PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 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)

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. (PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 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 Paleteria , located at 920 W. A St, Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 135 Coelho St. Milpitas, CA 95035.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LA UNICA NEVERIA Y PALETERIA
135 Coelho St.
Milpitas, CA 95035

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 28 2025. (PLW Apr 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV120090

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Gilberto Roel Trevino filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

GILBERTO ROEL TREVINO to GILBERT ROEL TREVINO

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: 08/29/2025, 9:30 am, 514 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: 04/24/2025

Thomas I Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW May 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV120210

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ashish Tickoo and Navruti Raina filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ZIYA TICKOO to SAAVI TICKOO

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: September 05, 2025, 9:30 AM, 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: 04/25/2025

Thomas J Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
Case No.: 25CV119362

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Halimo Yussuf Matan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

HALIMO YUSSUF MATAN to HALIMA YUSSUF MATAN

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: 8/29/2025, 9:30pm, 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: 04/21/2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV111053

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: KJasa Jane Myhre filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

KJASA JANE MYHRE to KJASA JANE MYHRE ELMS

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: June 6th, 2025, 9:30 am, 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: February 21st, 2025

Thomas I Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 9, 16, 23 and 30, 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)

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)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

SHITENDER SINGH AHLAWAT

Case No.: 25PR120672

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SHITENDER SINGH AHLAWAT.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ISHA NAIN in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: ISHA NAIN 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 June 13 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:

Isha Nain

1536 Murdell Lane, Livermore, CA 94550

Livermore, CA 94550

757-287-7775

(PLW May 9, 16 and 23, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

EDWIN L. LEE

Case No.: RP23138433

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDWIN L. LEE.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

Stephanie Lee in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Stephanie Lee 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 10:30 a.m. in Department 201

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.

Attorney for Petitioner:

Robert C. Matz, Attorney for Petitioner

Stephanie Lee

Matz Law Group

1516 Oak Street, Suite 104, Alameda, CA 94501

Alameda, CA 94501

510-710-1071

(PLW May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ELEANOR GARCIA

Case No.: 25PR119248

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELEANOR GARCIA.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: David Erwin in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: David Erwin 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 30 2025 at 9:45am in Dept 201 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.

Attorney for Petitioner:

Garry Cohen, PC

The Cohen Law Office

1900 S. Norfolk st. #350

San Mateo, CA 94403

650-592-8600

(PLW May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

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Entertainment

LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the award-winning Broadway musical and the smash hit motion picture, this fabulously fun journey of self-empowerment and expanding horizons includes recognizable songs filled with humor, wit and sass. 7 p.m., May 9-11. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS The Red Hot Chili Pipers have bagpipes with attitudes and drums with a Scottish accent. They are a blazing hot band and show so hot, rock anthems sit comfortably alongside the great tunes from the glens and the mountains of Scotland. 8 p.m., May 9. Tickets \$25-\$80. Visit livermorearts.org.

FREE JAZZ AT INKLINGS Join the Matt Finders trio and jazz singer Darryl Row at Inklings. Reserve at meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society. 6 p.m., May 10. 530 Main St., Pleasanton.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND The Pleasanton Community Band performs 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., May 10 at the Pleasanton Farmers Market. 30 W. Angela St.

THE PRINCESS BRIDE: AN INCONCEIVABLE EVENING WITH CARY ELWES Join Cary Elwes (Westley) for a behind-the-scenes look at life

on and off the set of the classic film, *The Princess Bride*. After the screening Elwes will engage in a moderated discussion revealing never before shared secrets and tales of inconceivable antics. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., May 10. Tickets \$50-\$150. Visit livermorearts.org.

CHRIS PERONDI'S STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE Don't miss this high-energy, interactive experience that blends thrilling dog sports with the artistry of performing arts, a theater masterpiece that's truly the pick of the litter. 3 p.m., May 11. \$25-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

CARBONARO: LIES ON STAGE America's favorite trickster, Michael Carbanaro, is coming to The Bankhead ready to thrill audiences and conjure up concoctions of unbelievable magic. 8 p.m., May 16. \$25-\$95. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE ARISTOCATS KIDS Based on the beloved Disney animated film, and featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, Disney's *The Aristocats KIDS* is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns. May 17-18; 24-25. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE WONDER OF ELVIS Elvis Tribute artist extraordinaire Greg Miller stars in this one man show highlighting Elvis Presley's meteoric rise to fame in the late 1950s to

his groundbreaking Aloha and Las Vegas 1970s concerts. 7:30 p.m., May 17. Tickets \$69. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibitions

ANNUAL PLEASANTON ROSE SHOW The 84th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show is 2-4:30 p.m., May 10. To learn more about the show or how to enter home grown roses visit pleasantonroseshow.com.

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

13TH ANNUAL FRESH WORKS JURIED EXHIBITION The Harrington Gallery welcomes back the 13th annual Fresh Works Juried Exhibition, featuring an array of mediums where visitors can expect to see works of oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel and more from the 80 participating artists. Through May 17. 4444 Railroad Ave.

HARRINGTON FREE ART TOURS The Museum on Main, partnering with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, offers a free 1 hour and 15 minute tour of the Public Art pieces at the Firehouse Arts Center.

10 a.m., May 17, June 7, 21. Pre-registration is required. Visit museumonmain.org.

Festivities

DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON'S WINE STROLL Various downtown locations become tasting rooms at Pleasanton's Annual Wine Stroll, where guests have the opportunity to spend the evening in charming Downtown Pleasanton, sipping, shopping and strolling, with artists and musicians performing throughout Main Street. 5-8 p.m., May 10.

LIVERMORE VALLEY CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL Join the 9th annual Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival with over 40 NorCal breweries, local favorite food vendors, five live bands, games and demonstrations by local firefighting students. 1-5 p.m., May 10. Las Positas College Football Field. Visit lvcbf.com/beer-festival.

PAINT LIVERMORE PLEIN AIR ART FESTIVAL Get ready for an exciting celebration of plein air painting where the festivities culminate with an Awards Party at the Bankhead Theater lobby. May 10-18. Visit livermoreartassociation.org.

HAWAIIAN MAY DAY FESTIVAL Kuma Hula Association of Northern California presents Hawaiian May Day Festival, featuring Hawaiian

& Reggae music, ethnic food and arts-and-crafts vendors from all over the world. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 10-11. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN STREET FEST Discover the heart of Livermore at one of the longest running celebrations of wine, craft brew, arts, crafts, shopping, dining and entertainment at the Livermore Downtown Street Fest. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 17; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 18. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

Mother's Day

MOTHER'S DAY AT WENTE VINEYARDS Spend Mother's Day with family and friends at Wente and bring a low back chair or blanket for lawn seating. Enjoy wine, beer or cocktails, a DJ and food truck. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 11. For more information visit wentevineyards.com/events.

TAKE YOUR MOTHER ON A HIKE Join an LARPD Ranger and take your mom on a walk in the park. 9-11 a.m., May 11. Sycamore Grove Wetmore Park. Register for free at larpd.org.

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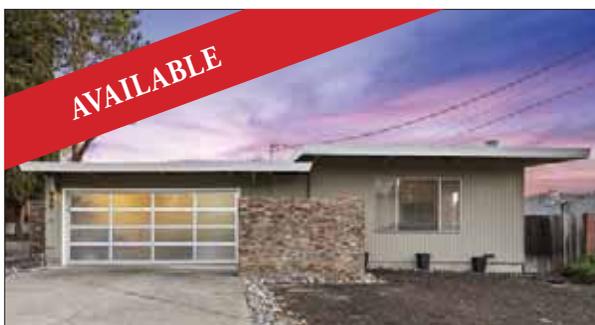
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4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,283 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE
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PLEASANTON REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE – INVENTORY HIGHER, PENDING SALES LOWER

The Pleasanton real estate market saw slower activity in April, largely due to the turbulence in our economy over tariffs and the corresponding stock market correction. Inventory climbed higher and sales activity slowed, with buyers showing more caution.

Let’s take a dive into the numbers for April:

Supply/Inventory: The inventory of available single-family homes increased to 107 homes for sale, the highest level we have seen in almost 3 years. This represents a 26% increase over last month (March) and a 128% increase over April of 2024. For context, there were 58 single family homes on the market at the end of February, so inventory has nearly doubled. While it is normal to see inventory climb in the Spring, we are seeing a more balanced market as opposed to the strong sellers’ market we have seen since COVID.

Demand: Pending sales (homes under contract) were lower in April, with 44 homes under contract for the month. This is 12% lower than March’s

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Pleasanton Market Report Data for May 2025 Single Family Detached Homes

	APR 2025	CHANGE FROM MAR 2025	CHANGE FROM APR 2024
Homes sold	50	↑ 32%	↓ 14%
Homes for sale	107	↑ 26%	↑ 128%
Median days on market	13	↑ 64%	↑ 63%
Median price per square foot	\$865	↓ 2%	↓ 3.0%
Months of inventory	2.1	↓ 4.3%	↑ 164%
Median sold price	\$1,805,000	↓ 1.4%	↓ 8.8%
Homes under contract	44	↓ 12%	↓ 10%



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PENDING

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\$5,490,000 | 6 BR | 6.5 BTHS



JUST SOLD

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



JUST LISTED

2193 Autinori Ct
\$2,195,000 | 5 BR | 4 BTHS



JUST LISTED

4613 Mirador Dr
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The best gift in my life has been to be a Mother to Amanda and Alexis. I have celebrated their talents and individuality, and now I have two grandsons, Wyatt and Eli. Today I am blessed that both daughters work alongside me, our amazing Mother-Daughter Trio spearhead our daily operations at Venema Homes.



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Mother's Day is special for us because we are surrounded by such incredible Mothers, Mother Figures, and Future Mothers! Moms are integral parts of businesses, corporations, communities, faith groups, you name it. Moms do it all. Today we celebrate all Moms, Grandmothers, Fur Baby Moms, God Mothers, people who Mother us. THANK YOU MOMS!



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