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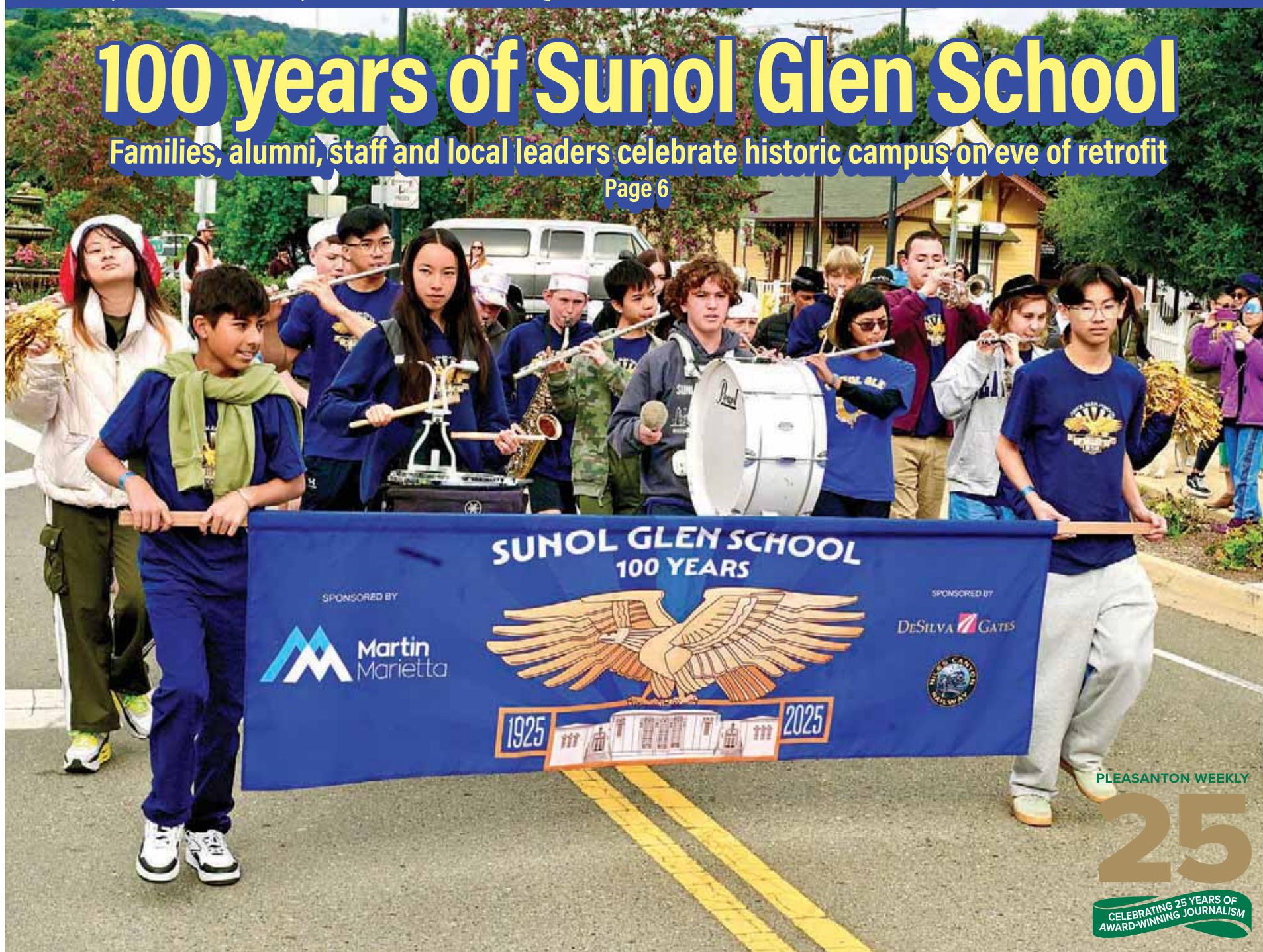
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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

In the face of disaster

Persevering through tough times is the theme of the moment for Pleasanton's Museum on Main.

Next week the downtown museum opens "From Earthquakes to Epidemics: How Disasters Transform California's People and Places", its main exhibit running from Thursday through Sept. 13.

"What I'm hoping our visitors will take away from the show is — in addition to witnessing the strength people can show in the face of disaster — that successful preparation for and response to disaster requires a collective effort," Ken MacLennan, the museum's curator, told me by email this week.

"I'm particularly looking forward to the items recovered from the Camp Fire as well as the items recovered from Chinatown after the 1906 quake," added MacLennan as he readied to open the crates from the traveling exhibition due on the doorstep the next day.

The new exhibit arrives at a critical time for the small, independent museum that is facing many of the same challenges as other nonprofits in this current economic environment. Direct financial support is important for the Museum on Main, of course, but also important is participation in its array of events and programs.

"From Earthquakes to Epidemics" will be the primary attraction to 603 Main St. this spring and summer.

"This is a very timely exhibit, given California's recent history," MacLennan said in a press release Tuesday.

"Wildfires, pandemics, quakes — we've seen all of these before and are likely to see more in the near future," he continued. "And we've responded, not just in the moment with first responders and emergency measures, but for the longer term as well by developing better emergency-services infrastructure, upgrading building codes, paying more attention to public health, and trying to expand the circle of protection to include more of the state's residents."

The opening reception has been scheduled for one week after its debut, from 12-3 p.m. May 31. Additional related programming is still being solidified and will be announced soon, according to MacLennan.

The day before the exhibit's special reception, the museum is hosting "Paint and Sip" art class featuring Peter Wallis, the museum's new education director.

"Enjoy the museum with friends and explore basic painting techniques," museum officials said. "This

is a fun low stakes art class where you can laugh your way through the steps it takes to make a landscape painting."

The session is set for 2 p.m. May 30. The ticket price of \$50 includes materials for participants.

This week the museum also announced its 2025 Family Days — themed events on select Saturdays where kids and their loved ones are encouraged to hang out inside and outside the Museum on Main for hands-on activities and exhibits.

The schedule has only two installments: "Historic Pleasanton" on June 7 and "Building STEAM in Pleasanton" on Aug. 2. That's down from four in 2024, but aligns the Family Days with the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Weekends on Main program that has just two on the schedule this year.

Wallis told me the Family Day reduction has "nothing to do with finances" and the nonprofit is on track with its fundraising goals thanks to Cruz's efforts.

One example during this first year of Cruz's tenure was the pivot in April to create a new support program when the museum found one of its major funding sources on the chopping block amid the city of Pleasanton's budget woes.

"In light of the recently proposed cuts to our city funding, Museum on Main is launching a special fundraising effort to ensure the continued success of one of our most cherished programs — the Ed Kinney Speaker Series," Cruz wrote in an email announcing the new "Executive Producers" program.

It solicits \$1,000 donations toward the popular historical speaker series and offers a few perks for those "community champion" contributors. Twelve people had made the commitment as of Tuesday; the program closes May 27.

"This is more than a donation — it's a statement that you believe in the power of history, storytelling and civic dialogue," Cruz wrote in the email.

There are five more performances left in the 2025 Ed Kinney Speaker Series (including librarian Laura Keyes portraying former first lady Mary Todd Lincoln on June 5 at the Firehouse Arts Center), and the museum hopes to present a full lineup again next year.

Learn more about these events and others, like the museum's Charles Huff Free Historical Walking Tours, Harrington Free Art Walks and the upcoming Ghost Walks, at museumonmain.org. ■

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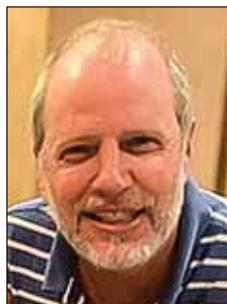
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When people talk about how ‘it’s the little things’ that make them happy, what is one of those ‘little things’ for you?



Mario Martinez
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I love how whenever I take a nap on a weekend afternoon, I wake up covered with a blanket. Sometimes it’s my wife who covers me while I’m asleep, and sometimes it’s my daughter. They’ve told me that sometimes it’s even our dog. Regardless of who it is, I feel so adored when I wake up under a blanket.



Melanie Bailey
Special education teacher

For me, it’s finding tiny bits of gold. I dig for gold as a hobby. I just love being out in nature, finding small amounts of precious materials and appreciating all of God’s gifts. Oh, and another one of those “little things” is hanging around with my Big Golden Nugget, Steve.



Steve Harris
Systems engineer

At the end of my workday, I love arriving home and seeing my beautiful Melanie. And then wining and dining together. Those little things really make life great.



Rachel McConnell, with Domino
Engineer

My cat, Woo Woo, for sure. She’s my best friend, she follows me everywhere I go, and she really just “gets me” in a way that no one else really does. She’s an incredible source of joy for me, 24/7.



Casey McMillin
Bar back

I’m actually torn between two different “little things”. First, I love seeing light shine through the leaves and branches on a tree, creating beautiful, moving rays. I also really like the way fog sits on top of smoke stacks. It just sort of hangs there, and is such a captivatingly beautiful phenomenon to see.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Flood system eval

The Zone 7 Water Agency is set to discuss the results of its system-wide flood protection evaluation at next week's Board of Directors meeting.

The evaluation is part of the Tri-Valley agency's efforts to develop a comprehensive Flood Management Plan to guide its flood protection strategy now and into the future.

"Recent flood events have caused widespread damage to Zone 7's 37-mile flood protection system. Channel bank erosion and sedimentation have led to costly repairs," officials said. "The current work has focused on a comprehensive update of the hydrologic and hydraulic model that includes updated land use and incorporates the latest climate change factors."

The public meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday (May 21) in the boardroom at Zone 7 headquarters, 100 N. Canyons Pkwy. in Livermore. To learn more, visit www.zone7water.com/flood-protection.

Wheels route change

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Agency has started seasonal adjustments to the westbound Route 10R through downtown Pleasanton due to summertime special events and the traffic queue of busy Meadowlark Dairy.

For May, the westbound Route 10R bus stop at Neal and First streets is closed and an alternate temporary stop is marked on First Street at the north end of Lions Wayside Park. Eastbound service is not impacted.

Then from May 31 until the start of school in August, instead of turning onto Neal Street the route will continue south on First Street to Bernal Avenue, to Old Bernal Avenue before reconnecting to Peters Avenue and resuming regular service, Wheels officials said. A slight adjustment will follow after school starts again, and then the route and bus stop will return to normal after the dairy's summer lines die down and no longer regularly impact bus service.

For more specifics, go to wheelsbus.com.

State of the City

Livermore Mayor John Marchand is set to deliver his State of the City address next Thursday (May 22) at the Wine Country Luncheon hosted by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce at Garré Vineyard & Winery.

Centered around the mayor's "annual report on Livermore's vitality," the event will start at 11:30 a.m. and the program including Marchand's speech runs from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Learn more at business.livermorechamber.org. ■

Pleasanton council clears the way for new water rate structure

City looks to switch from tiered system to uniform; staff reanalyzing call to eliminate senior discount

By Christian Trujano

After going back and forth on different scenarios, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously accepted staff's recommendation last week to advance the process to finalize changing the city's water rate structure from a tiered system to a uniformed one where very low water users will see their bill more than double by the end of four years.

According to the city's bimonthly impacts reports for single-family customers with a 5/8-inch meter, average water consumers under the

proposed rate structure can expect a nearly \$20 bump to their current water bill by next year but by year four, that difference jumps to over \$80.

While none of the preliminary water rate increases discussed on May 6 were approved — that decision will occur in October — many on the dais expressed displeasure with the fact that the city has to do this process again following the contentious 2022 rate-setting process. But, according to public works director Siew-Chin Yeong, these increases are necessary.

"Talking about water rate increases are never easy. We recognize that rate increases can create financial pressure for residents and businesses," she said. "At the same time, we are stewards of our community infrastructure. We have the responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of our water system."

Now, staff will take the council's direction and develop a final rate study that they will present on June 3, which will include the actual increase recommendations — along with other fees for connections and drought — before the city begins its

communication process to inform residents about the proposed changes. That will eventually lead up to a final public hearing and potential adoption of the new rates on Oct. 7.

Before the June 3 meeting, staff will also follow the council's direction to provide further analysis on staff's original recommendation to eliminate the "Senior Discount Program" where seniors get 20% off their water bill following several comments from the dais regarding keeping the program in some form

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COURTESY KARA KLOTCHMAN

This year's Downtown Street Fest in Livermore is scheduled to take place this Saturday and Sunday.

Livermore readies for annual Downtown Street Fest

Live music, makers and crafters this weekend

By Jude Strzemp

Livermore's Downtown Street Fest is scheduled to return to the city for a weekend of live entertainment, streetside shopping, dining and beverage offerings.

Set along First Street and S. Livermore Avenue, the two-day festival this Saturday and Sunday (May 17-18) is free and family-friendly.

As a recurring tradition for over 30 years, Street Fest has undergone name changes and logistical adjustments but the concept and importance of the festival remains the same, according to Kara Klotchman, executive director of host organization Livermore Downtown Inc. — the non-profit that aims to support small

businesses in downtown.

"This event brings in business and exposure for the downtown business community while boasting the live entertainment and local makers and crafters," Klotchman told Livermore Vine. "It is an opportunity for community to come together, enjoy the downtown and support local."

Street Fest is set to feature two outdoor lounges with live entertainment and beverages from local wineries and breweries.

Spread between stages at Stockmen's Park and Bankhead Plaza, this year's musical lineup includes Livermore's own Crawdad Republic, The Groovy Judy Band and The Midnites as well as former "American Idol" singer Maddy Hudson and tribute bands.

Featured local breweries and wineries include Altamont Beer Works, Headyworks, Del Cielo Brewing Co., Rivers End Brewing Co., Arroyo Cellars, Charles R Vineyards, Cuda Ridge Wines, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Sakura Winery, Steven Kent Winery, Wood Family Vineyards and Omega Road Winery.

Attendees can purchase drink tickets online or at either of the lounges, according to organizers. Proceeds from beer and wine tickets will benefit LDI.

In addition to music and beverages, the event will feature over 120 vendors that will be selling their goods at streetside booths.

During the festival, visitors can

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Filo Ebid reflects on 'Idol' experience

Says time on show affirms goal to be professional singer

By Christian Trujano

Filo Ebid, a recent "American Idol" contestant from Dublin, said he still remembers watching YouTube videos of past contestants' journeys on the show when he was a kid growing up in Egypt.

"I was just a huge fan in general," the singer and actor told the Weekly.

When he finally got his chance of being on the singing competition show that he loved for so many years during its 23rd season, he said he felt vindicated in a way — even though he always had a feeling he would eventually earn his spot in the limelight.

"When the opportunity came knocking that was a relief because it was like ... the universe rewarded my hard work," he said.

In an interview with the Weekly, the Dougherty Valley High School alumnus spoke for the first time about his experience being on the show and his own personal journey that started when he moved to the San Ramon Valley from Cairo, Egypt when he was 13 years old.

Ebid said his family had immigrated to the U.S. to seek asylum from religious persecution.

At first, he said moving to the suburbs of the Tri-Valley was a culture shock and that acclimating was a bit difficult — despite the diversity in

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100 years of Sunol Glen School

Families, alumni, staff and local leaders celebrate historic campus on eve of retrofit

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Sunol Glen School community celebrated the 100th anniversary of the main school building on April 26 with festivities including a parade featuring antique cars, student-led tours of the school and an old-fashioned, small-town picnic.

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch, a former Sunol Glen Eagle, spoke during the ceremony and told the Weekly emotions were running high as he returned to his alma mater, which helped shape him into the person he is today.

“The impact Sunol Glen had on me is both real and lasting — and I carry it with me every day,” Balch said. “I did have a real sense of pride when alumni raised their hands, and I was amongst them. But I wasn’t quite prepared for how it felt when I was speaking and was trying to communicate that pride and depth of thanks I felt.”

Originally built in 1926, the school has been a trademark for the small town and one of the major draws for not just residents but commuter parents as well who wanted a smaller school community for their children.

Although the 100-year mark from when construction finished is actually next year, the school decided to celebrate its centennial early because in 2026, the building will undergo a seismic upgrade and a remodel.

According to Sunol Glen Unified

School District Trustee Chris Bobertz, the celebration was a success as they had over 600 people RSVP. He said the turnout “exceeded our expectations — especially for a district of roughly 250 enrolled students.”

“It was heartwarming to see generations of alumni, families, staff, and community members come together to honor 100 years of our school’s history,” Bobertz said.

“It wasn’t just a celebration of the building or the milestone — it was a celebration of the people, the memories, and the legacy that this school represents in Sunol,” he added. “From student performances to historical displays and heartfelt speeches, there was a strong sense of pride and unity through the day.”

Shay Galletti, the school’s superintendent and principal, provided a snapshot of the celebration, which included a joint parade with the small town of just over 900 residents where they did a throwback to Sunol’s historical bed races by reimagining them as themed floats.

She also said there were carnival-style games and activities for students; a pop-up museum in the school’s auditorium that featured historic photos and artwork from Sunol’s past, student-led tours highlighting the school’s history and campus landmarks, and a free community barbecue and music at Sunol Park to close out the day.

“This milestone isn’t just about



CHUCK DECKERT

Sunol Glen School Superintendent/Principal Shay Galletti addresses the audience during the April 26 centennial ceremony. See more of Chuck Deckert’s photos from the festivities online at PleasantonWeekly.com.

the passage of time, it’s about the people who have made Sunol Glen a special place to learn and grow for an entire century,” Galletti said. “Sunol Glen’s legacy endures because of the strong sense of pride, history, and connection shared by our entire community.”

Longtime Sunol resident Andrew Turnbull told the Weekly that in addition to the students and locals who attended the celebration, he was also happy to see local elected officials such as California State Assemblymember Alex Lee, Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert and Balch.

“Our small town, with a population of 922, and the numerous graduates, former and current teachers, staff, trustees, and supporters of Sunol Glen are still buzzing with excitement from our small town celebration,” Turnbull said.

Following the celebration, Balch

reflected on his time at Sunol Glen — he attended the school from kindergarten through eighth grade before graduating in 1991 — and recalled how much the school and the surrounding community contributed to his childhood.

While he reminisced about the playground, the parades in downtown Sunol and his time performing at the Sunol Repertory Theater, one of the more notable impacts the school had on the Pleasanton mayor were the academic struggles he faced.

“Until about the end of sixth grade, I wasn’t a strong student,” Balch said. “I was a very slow reader, got teased and got into a few fights — I was suspended for it ... But the teachers knew me, and they didn’t label me as a ‘bad kid’. They recognized I just needed more time and support — and they gave me that.”

He said with the help of caring teachers, he was able to turn his academic journey around by seventh grade, earning a 4.0 GPA that year.

“I honestly don’t think that transformation would have been possible without the support, encouragement, and patience I received from the Sunol Glen community,” Balch said.

He said he was humbled to be able to speak at the centennial celebration and that even though his time at the school was “just a speck in its history,” he said the experience there will stay with him for the rest of his life.

“I truly believe Sunol Glen will be around for another hundred years,” Balch said. “Sunol is a close-knit community, and so many of its graduates feel just as fondly about the school as I do. That deep, lasting support is what will help it meet any challenge that comes its way.” ■

Livermore council permits Isabel rezoning for housing

Three commercial buildings to be replaced by approximately 450 multifamily units

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore City Council approved rezoning for approximately 27 acres in the city’s Isabel neighborhood from business park to residential transition as well as a development agreement for an approximately 450-unit housing project on-site Monday.

Located in northwest Livermore at 3011, 3055 and 3077 Triad Place, the aptly named Triad Place development project is set to demolish three mostly empty commercial buildings. Their clearing will make way for 405 to 518 multifamily units in a variety of building types.

In addition to housing, project applicant 3055 Livermore Owner, LLC is set to contribute a minimum of \$4,202,000 to the community benefit and social opportunity endowment funds and construct Class IV bike lane improvements along North Canyons Parkway.

As part of advancing the project, the council unanimously approved an Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan amendment and a development agreement for the project. The developer must submit project entitlements, subject to Livermore Planning Commission and city council review, prior to construction.

“This is a good project, this is a good conversion,” Vice Mayor Evan Branning said. “I just want to make sure as those entitlements come in, they are not just reflecting maximizing housing but also reflecting the values Livermore has and — I believe from what I’ve seen so far — the values we share.”

For over five years, Align Real Estate — doing business as 3055 Livermore Owner, LLC — has had difficulty leasing two of the three buildings at Triad Place, according to Align’s managing principal, David Balducci.

“It’s not really what’s desired now

in the market. There’s demand for newer facilities with amenities and services and things for the new workforce,” city of Livermore principal planner Andy Ross added.

The third commercial site is currently occupied by Comcast, but its leasing should not affect the proposed redevelopment, Ross said.

“I don’t think — without major renovations — you are going to see renters in the near future,” Branning said.

Though replacing commercial space with residences worried both Branning and Councilmember Kristie Wang.

“It’s a little concerning when we’re converting from commercial to all this residential and what that does to the jobs and housing balance,” Wang said.

The council should remain mindful of the commercial inventory in the city, expected to last 10 years or less, Mayor John Marchand responded.

This project would add new market-rate and affordable units to help the city meet its current and future Regional Housing Needs Allocation, according to a staff report prepared by city of Livermore associate planner Kam Purewal.

The proposed development also implements the General Plan goals for the Isabel neighborhood, as “compatible with existing development and community character” as well as supportive of transit ridership and citywide goals for increased transportation options, housing choices and economic vitality, according to Purewal.

“We’re trying to maintain control of our zoning in the long-term and this is one of those sites that we’re looking at to make sure that we maintain that control,” Councilmember Steven Dunbar explained.

As for community benefits, the applicant’s contributions to the community benefit and social

opportunity endowment funds will help fund human service programs as well as public amenities and facilities, Ross explained.

Per the development agreement, the developer will make a \$202,000 contribution to the social opportunity endowment fund within 180 days of execution of agreement. Future payments will be made as each building permit is issued plus any required impact fees.

“We talk about community benefits, but I don’t see no community benefits for the at-risk youth folks here or the encouragement of state-approved apprentices,” said Brian Werner, Livermore resident and business representative for Sheet Metal Workers’ Local Union No. 104.

In response, Branning later suggested that the project applicant collaborate with the local workforce and labor partners with apprenticeship programs that also pay fair wages. ■

Dublin names inaugural principal of Shamrock Hills

Other admin appointments include Dwyer as equity, inclusion and student services director, Cunningham and Rossi as APs

By JUDE STRZEMP

Dublin Unified School District recently announced several leadership appointments, including Erin Magill's promotion from assistant principal at Murray Elementary School to inaugural principal at Shamrock Hills TK-8 School ahead of its expected opening in fall 2026.

DUSD also named Dublin High School assistant principal Whitney Dwyer as the district's director of equity, inclusion and student services as well as DUSD newcomers Catherine "Katie" Cunningham and Meghan Rossi as Dublin High's newest assistant principals. All three are set to fill vacancies and begin their positions at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

The new leadership positions were announced at the DUSD Board of Trustees meeting on April 29.

"These appointments signify the

strength of our district from within, as we see Erin and Whitney step into new leadership roles, bringing their established expertise and dedication to

new positions in the district," DUSD Superintendent Chris Funk said in a statement.

"It's equally important to infuse our district with fresh perspectives, and we are fortunate to welcome Katie and Meghan, whose diverse experiences will undoubtedly add to the Dublin High experience and contribute to the continued success of its students," Funk added.

Prior to joining DUSD in 2021, Magill worked for 10 years in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District as an elementary school teacher, a math instructional coach



Erin Magill

'I am committed to laying a strong, reliable foundation for a thriving learning community where students, families and staff feel a true sense of belonging.'

Erin Magill,
Shamrock Hills principal

and a teacher on special assignment for administration, according to a statement by the district. On special assignment, she also served as an assistant principal at the elementary level. Meanwhile, she said she participated in site and district equity leadership teams to help support traditionally marginalized or underserved students.

Within DUSD, Magill has overseen intervention programs, led the coordination of services team, managed student support services and

advanced the district's equity initiatives, according to the statement.

In addition to her experience in the field, she is equipped with a master's in education from Saint Mary's College.

"Erin brings a strong background in academic excellence, social-emotional learning, and community building — skills essential for shaping the culture and vision of Shamrock Hills from the ground up," district officials said in a statement.

Of her new role, Magill said she is "beyond excited".

"I am committed to laying a strong, reliable foundation for a thriving learning community where students, families and staff feel a true sense of belonging," Magill told the Pleasanton Weekly. "I believe that school is and should be a place for joy, which I hope to be a part of the foundation of Shamrock Hills."

At the district-level, Dwyer is set

to lead equity, inclusion and student services.

Since joining DUSD in 2021, Dwyer has overseen departments, supervised student activities, managed the AVID and UC course articulation programs and co-facilitated staff professional development, according to the statement. Her districtwide contributions include work on the site equity team, PBIS team, budget committee, grading committee and the ethnic studies curriculum team.

Dwyer holds a master's in urban education and an administrative services credential.

"Her deep commitment to student advocacy and her strong background in equity-centered leadership will serve DUSD well in her new role," district officials said of Dwyer.

As for new faces in the district, Cunningham and Rossi will fill the

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the area. It wasn't until he got into music that he began discovering who he really was and found his place of belonging in the world of music and theater.

Now, looking back, he said he was lucky to grow up in the Tri-Valley because if not, he would have never joined the Dougherty Valley choir and he would have never landed a role in his first ever musical — "Shrek the Musical".

"That's why music and theater are ... a huge part of who I am," Ebid said.

Following his high school career in musical theater and choral ensembles in the Tri-Valley, Ebid went on to study vocal performance at the University of the Pacific. But it wasn't until he went to the Berklee College of Music in Valencia, Spain to study and later earn a master's degree in contemporary performances that he got his shot at auditioning for "American Idol".

Ebid recalled that he had attended an event with an artist who spoke at his school in Spain and afterward, he connected with the singer who ended up having connections with the talent show. Ebid was told the show was looking for people to audition and was encouraged to enter his name.

"At first, I was hesitant because the show's tough," he said. "But then I was like, yeah, sure, you can send them my videos and then immediately they reached out and then the rest is history."

As a fan of the show, Ebid said he knew the audition process was going to be hard, which was made even more evident when they went from over 140 contestants to 24 in just five days.

"You feel all the five stages of grief even when you're not grieving," he said.

But then what followed was a run of episodes where Ebid not only won over the hearts of the judges, but the hearts of "American Idol" fans all over the world.

"It's like a pinch-me moment," Ebid said as he reflected about his time on the show. "But when you're there it just happens so fast and it's really intense."

Ebid eventually made it to the Top 12 before he and fellow contestant Ché Chesterman failed to get enough votes to push them to the final Top 10 contestants during the episode entitled "Iconic Idol Moments" on April 28.

But the aspiring vocalist said he wasn't discouraged by not making it through — especially given the immense talent from his fellow Season 23 castmates who he said, in any other past season, could have easily won the entire competition.

"The fact that I made it in the Top 12 of this season is truly bonkers," Ebid said.

He also said that one thing that helped affirm his career in music, apart from making it so far in the competition, was seeing the support he got from his family — particularly from his mom who he said wanted him to get into the medical field. He said his mom didn't want to see her son disappointed going into the music industry.

But that changed after his recent stint on the show.

"Their support on this journey really blew me away," he said. "They've really been there for me."

Now, he knows his future is in music and with a new single having been released in March, he feels like he has enough momentum to

keep making a name for himself in Southern California.

"Music runs in my blood and I don't see myself doing anything else other than music," he said.

He also said he eventually would

like to return to the Tri-Valley to bring back the music scene that he said he saw go away after the pandemic.

"I really hope to come back to the Tri-Valley and really find a way to

bring back live music in the area," he said. "The live music scene has kind of dwindled down in the Bay Area — in the Tri-Valley — and I hope to find a way to really revitalize that and reignite that fire for the musicians." ■

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Sensiba acquires Australian cybersecurity company

Deal aims to expand international connections, security offerings as firm shifts HQ to San Ramon

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tri-Valley accounting and business advisory firm Sensiba has acquired an Australian cybersecurity company with the goal of expanding privacy and security services for its clients.

The acquisition of AssuranceLab was announced during the time-frame between the last day of Sensiba's operations at its previous headquarters at 5960 Inglewood

Drive in Pleasanton on April 16 and the opening of its new headquarters at 2700 Camino Ramon in San Ramon this week.

"We're honored to welcome AssuranceLab to Sensiba," Managing Partner John Sensiba said in an April 30 announcement. "Their reputation in the market is well-earned, driven by innovation, credibility and a commitment to raising the bar for cybersecurity audits. What makes this such

a strong fit is the alignment across our values and client service philosophies, as well as our vision for the future."

The two companies combined now serve more than 2,300 clients, primarily startup and technology focused companies, throughout the globe, with the acquisition billed by Sensiba officials as a means of expanding its "international reach" and deepening its "security, privacy, and compliance

framework capabilities."

AssuranceLab's founders and CEOs — now Sensiba partners — also heralded the move and pointed to its alignment with their company's goals.

"What excites us most about coming together with Sensiba is the opportunity to build on our tech-forward foundation while tapping into new expertise, geographies, and ideas," said Nicholas Lew Ton, co-founder and co-CEO

of AssuranceLab. "The compliance and risk landscape is changing rapidly, and clients value innovation as we lead the next wave of modern, meaningful audits."

The acquisition, partnership expansion and the move to San Ramon are described by Sensiba officials as "milestone" developments as the 48-year-old consulting firm moves toward its 50th anniversary and seeks to continue a trajectory of recent growth. ■

RATE STRUCTURE

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or phasing out its discontinuance.

The program, according to staff, serves about 3,200 of seniors who are 65 years or older but it also costs the city \$300,000 per year, which comes out of its general fund.

Councilmember Julie Testa staunchly opposed eliminating the discount because many seniors rely on a fixed income and increasing their water rates — and most likely their sewer rates in the future, as she pointed out — while removing the program could put those older residents in an extreme financial burden.

"I want to make sure that our very vulnerable seniors who have lived in a house for 30 years aren't forced out," Testa said.

The "Low-Income Discount Program," which serves 224 customers and offers a 30% discount, is not being recommended for elimination but will still be analyzed further along with the senior discount.

The three-step, rate-setting process started off last September when the city contracted with Water Resources Economics, representatives of which presented the bulk of information during the council meeting, to conduct a comprehensive water rate study.

The first step of developing that study was to adopt a water system

management plan and water enterprise financial analysis to set the foundation and framework for the study — both of which have been approved by the council.

The overall process aimed to identify Pleasanton's water system's "long-term infrastructure, operations, and maintenance needs," and establish a "financial framework to support them," according to a May 8 press release from the city.

The financial analysis also outlined the implementation of an enhanced project delivery model from the water system management plan which included a revenue increase of 15% for the first two years and 8% for the following two years.

The second step of the process, which was presented on May 6, was the cost-of-service study and rate design analysis that evaluated the different rate structure amendments and proposed the water rates for the next four years.

One main proposal that came out of the second step was to collapse the city's current tiered water structure, which has been the standard for the city for many years as a way to promote water conservation. According to the city, in a tiered rate structure, "customers pay less per unit of water in the lower tiers, while they pay more per unit in the higher tiers."

But as Water Resources Economics President Sanjay Gaur pointed out, there are some issues with that

system, including some legal challenges after recent cases have highlighted potential litigation risks associated with tiered rates. The law, known as Proposition 218, "prohibits rate discrimination and requires that all rates accurately reflect the actual cost of service," according to the city.

Gaur said tier definitions must be rigorously cost justified, which is why in order to enhance the city's legal defensibility and maintain consistency across customers, staff recommended a uniform variable charge for all customers.

"Courts have ruled that if (agencies) keep tiered rate structures, they need to demonstrate the cost basis for each tier," Councilmember Jeff Nibert said, to which Gaur responded it would be hard to do so.

Under the new rate structure, which will be woven into the proposed rate study that still needs to be voted on by the council later this year, all customers will be billed the same rate for each water unit regardless of use.

"By adopting a uniform rate structure, customers with lower water usage will likely experience a greater impact on their rates than those with higher water usage," according to the city press release. "A chart detailing the impacts based on the number of water bills each year ... indicates that 52% of bimonthly water bills are estimated to increase

by \$20 to \$40 in the first year."

The other main point of contention was staff recommendation for achieving full cost recovery of Zone 7 Water Agency fixed costs. According to staff, fixed charges are established fees for customers, regardless of their water usage. These charges are constant and are determined by the size of the customer's water meter.

Water customers currently have two fixed charges on their water bills: one for city water delivery and another from Zone 7 for supplying the water — Pleasanton currently purchases 100% of its water from Zone 7.

"Currently, the city's water rate structure directly recoups only 32% of Zone 7's fixed expenses, with the remainder covered by the variable charge based on consumption," according to the city's press release. "To enhance revenue stability and reduce financial risk, it is recommended that the city fully recover Zone 7's fixed costs. Therefore, these fixed charges would be billed to customers at the rates set by Zone 7 as a pass-through."

While one of the main points of the consultants and staff that night was that the proposed rate structure are comparable or lower than neighboring water agencies in the Tri-Valley, Mayor Jack Balch pointed out that water users who fall within the very low water use category — those who use 5 ccf, or about 3,700

gallons, of water bimonthly — will see a more than 100% increase in their bill by year four.

Gaur told the dais that — apart from lowering the rates — there could be a possibility of enacting some sort of lifeline program but that the city would have to use money from its general fund, something that Balch acknowledged as a hardship given the city's current budget challenges.

The other option was to go with a 75% recovery of Zone 7 fixed costs — Testa supported this plan at first — but that alternative did not receive enough support from the rest of the council.

Nibert, along with councilmembers Matt Gaidos and Craig Eicher, expressed support for the full cost recovery plan, with Gaidos noting that he was still open to more analysis. Balch at one point tried to push a phased approach, but that eventually died after discussions with staff and the consultants.

Once staff returns to the council to present the final water rates, connection fees and drought rates, the council will look to approve a notice and accept the report on June 15 so that those notices, which include information about the new rates, can be mailed out to residents by July 30.

The goal will be to adopt those new rates by Oct. 7 so that they can go into effect by Jan. 1, according to city officials. ■

STREET FEST

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also stop into Livermore's restaurants, tap rooms and lounges that are "ready to host our destination visitors with festival specials" or the downtown's boutique shops, according to a statement from LDI announcing the festival.

There will also be an area set up for kids, featuring games and activities with nearby vendors offering lemonade, popcorn and face painting. The kids zone is set to be located at the parking lot on the corner of Railroad Avenue and South Livermore Avenue.

The festival is set to run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday (May 17) and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday

(May 18). Beverage pouring is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Vendors will be located on First Street from L Street to Maple Street, South Livermore Avenue from Railroad Avenue to Second Street as well as J and K Streets from First Street to Second Street. A food court will be located on McLeod Street from First Street to Second Street.

Free parking, including ADA parking, will be open at Stockmen's Park, the parking structure at 216 Maple St. and the adjoining I Street Garage.

As for closures, two lots on the corner of South Livermore Avenue and Railroad Avenue will be unavailable starting at 3 p.m. on Friday (May 16).

Beginning at 1 a.m. Saturday (May 17), road closures include First Street from Maple Street to L Street; McLeod, J and K streets from First Street to Second Street as well as S Livermore Avenue from Railroad Avenue to Second Street. Vehicles parked on the event streets will be towed at 1 a.m. on Saturday. Delays at nearby roads and crossings are to be expected.

Wheels Bus is offering free rides on Rapid routes 10R and 30R for festival attendees.

Sunday's farmers market is also still scheduled to take place on Second Street from J Street to L Street.

For more information, visit the LDI website at livermoredowntown.com. ■

PRINCIPAL

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positions held by Diane Santamarena (who is retiring) and Lisa Diaconis (who is leaving DUSD), according to Dehnert.

Cunningham, a Bay Area native, currently serves as an assistant principal in Oregon. She has accumulated 25 years of education experience and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of the Pacific, a master's degree in American history from Cal State East Bay and a principal license from Portland State University.

Cunningham's work includes leading initiatives in academic support, student equity, and restorative practices in diverse school

communities similar to DHS, according to the statement.

Also joining DHS, Rossi brings 16 years of educational experience to her new role, including over a decade as an English teacher at San Ramon Valley High School and Mt. Eden High School.

While teaching courses including AP language, composition and women's literature, she acted as department chair and instructional coach. Rossi has also served as an administrative teacher on special assignment and multi-tiered system of support district liaison to support teacher development and student success initiatives.

Rossi holds a master's degree in educational administration from San Francisco State University. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Livermore PD releases new crime map, statistics website

The city of Livermore and its police department recently rolled out online mapping tools to improve the community's access to information regarding infrastructure enhancements and public safety.

On the public safety side, the Livermore Police Department's updated crime map and statistics website can be accessed at livermore.citizenrims.com/map.

"The revamped site offers a variety of features designed to enhance transparency and community engagement," LPD spokesperson Azenith Smith said.

Through the website, the community can view the location of recent crimes, information about stolen vehicles reported in the area, recent arrest details and media bulletins. They can also use the platform to request home checks during vacations, register their security cameras with LPD and sign up for customized daily or weekly crime alerts.

"The Livermore Police Department encourages all residents to explore the site and take advantage of these valuable tools," Smith said. "By working together, we can make Livermore a safer and more informed community."

Separately, through the city's Capital Improvement Projects StoryMap, the public can view details about current and planned projects within Livermore as well as the city's overall vision for future developments. StoryMap includes major projects from the Capital Improvement Plan that are scheduled for the 2024-25 budget year, according to the map website.

Projects under construction on

the StoryMap include the ongoing Flagpole Plaza and Downtown Streetscape Improvements and the L Street Parking Garage. Among the list of projects currently in the design phase are the North Canyons Parkway and Dublin Boulevard Connection project as well as the widening of Vasco Road.

—Jude Strzemp

Local teen arrested in SJ carjacking case

• Police have arrested all eight males they believe are responsible for a January carjacking in San Jose, including one apprehended in Livermore this month.

At approximately 1:08 p.m. Jan. 12, San Jose police responded to a report of a carjacking at a park near Sandpebble and Vistapark drives.

A man was approached by a group of males who allegedly used their vehicles to trap the victim. While the victim attempted to flee, the suspects allegedly violently assaulted him and took his vehicle keys.

The suspects fled prior to police arriving. The stolen vehicle was located that morning near Valleyhaven and Stoneyhaven ways.

Investigators identified eight suspects, including 18-year-old Hector Sanchez, and seven juvenile male suspects ranging from 15 to 17 years old. Detectives obtained arrest warrants for all eight suspects and search warrants for their homes.

One juvenile male, who was already in custody for an unrelated crime, was arrested and booked on March 25. Another juvenile was arrested two days later in San Jose and booked into Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall.

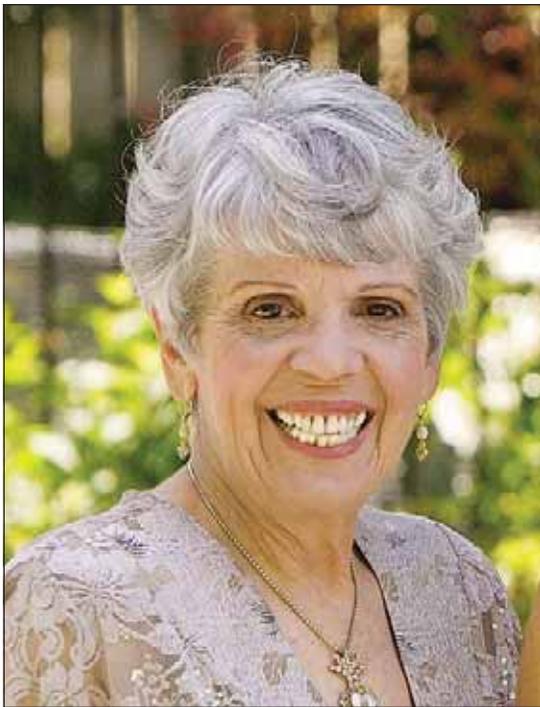
Police arrested Sanchez and four juvenile suspects on May 1 in San Jose. With assistance from Livermore police, another juvenile was arrested in Livermore.

Sanchez was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail and the juveniles booked into Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall on suspicion of carjacking, assault, and robbery.

Anyone with information about the case can contact Detective Hernandez at 4392@sanjoseca.gov or 408-277-4166.

Submit crime tips and remain anonymous by using the P3TIPS mobile app, calling the tip line at 408-947-STOP, or on www.siliconvalley-crimestoppers.org. If the information you submit leads to an arrest, you are eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers Program. ■

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News Service

**Martha Joan Maslana**

July 7, 1935 – April 28, 2025

Martha Joan Maslana passed away Monday April 28 after a short and churlish scuffle with cancer. Blessed with the Irish gift of the gab, she told a great story and always got a laugh.

Marty ("Mart" to her inner circle) was born in Syracuse, New York, the eldest of four daughters, to Mildred and Joseph Mathews. She spent her childhood having her hair braided so tight she lost all feeling in her forehead by the age of 10. She collected Storybook Dolls until a sister who shall remain unnamed (Cathleen) broke them all. She then spent the rest of her young adulthood tricking that sister into believing she had wings.

After graduating with honors from Nottingham High in 1953, she did the most 1950's thing ever and attended secretary school. One of her first jobs was with an advertising agency, Spitz Advertising, where she'd while the hours away inventing two new imaginary partners, Hawk and Druhl, hoping for the opportunity to answer the phone, "Hawk, Spitz, and Druhl. How may I direct your call?"

In 1957, she drove across the country with her friend, Sue, landing in San Diego (by way of Vegas, of course) and promptly asked, "What's a tay-co?" Apparently, Mexican cuisine had been a novelty in upstate New York.

She soon began working at a local television station, KFMB Channel 8, where she would later fondly recall the local weatherman, Regis Philbin, hanging about her desk and regaling her with his ambitious career plans.

She also met her future husband, Richard Maslana, in San Diego. They wed in 1960 in her hometown of Syracuse and settled in the nearby village of Liverpool on North Woodland Drive where they purchased their first, and Marty's favorite, house. It was soon filled with three sons, Michael (1961), David (1962), and Danny (1965). Marty would later recall, "I woke up every morning and wished I had a chair and a whip like a lion tamer as I opened their bedroom door."

Marty met some of her best friends on North Woodland Drive during her early years as a stay at home mom and was relieved that none of her sons ever managed to burn down the neighborhood, although one who shall remain unnamed (Danny) did try.

In 1973, the family relocated to Pleasanton, CA, shortly after the birth of their 4th child,

Mary, the long desired girl who didn't like dolls and hated wearing dresses, but was well loved, nonetheless.

A few years later in 1980, Marty, Dick, Danny, and Mary lived briefly in Drogheda, Ireland where Dick had taken a job. There they made many new friends and, at the constant pleading of Mary, made many visits to see the town relic: the head of the Irish martyr, Oliver Plunkett.

After returning to Pleasanton, Marty and Dick divorced in 1990, and Marty attended Las Positas Community College, earning her AA degree and, soon after, her paralegal certificate.

She worked as a paralegal for 9 years in Livermore at the Law Office of Patricia Lee Culley before retiring. She then came out of retirement to spend a few illustrious years at the upstairs Hallmark store in the Stoneridge Mall where she developed a strong aversion to Beanie Babies and those who collected them.

Her final post retirement gig was with Dublin Insurance where she once again made many friends and thoroughly enjoyed their yearly Christmas party and thoroughly hated the wild turkeys who lurked by the front door.

Marty's post, post retirement life was filled with spending time with friends and family, traveling, reading, chatting, and hating Trump. She looked forward every Friday to coffee with the girls, loved attending Victorian tea every Christmas with her daughter and grandchildren, and couldn't get over the salmon at Bridges restaurant with her son and daughter-in-law. She was over the moon to attend her eldest grandson's wedding and never stopped talking about her trip back to Ireland with her sister, Cathleen.

Mart was a great friend, an awesome mom, a loving Nana, and one hell of a funny gal. She will be insanely missed by us all.

She is survived by her sons Michael (Kimberley), David (Ina), and Daniel (Collette), her daughter Mary (Christopher), her grandchildren Justin (Kelsey), Jacob, Owen, and Anna, her sister, Cathleen Donegan, and a multitude of cousins, nieces, and nephews who all loved Auntie M.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial on Sunday June 22, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

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GUEST OPINION

By MIRJAM DIJKXHOORN

Pride in our Pleasanton Middle School community

As a parent of a Pleasanton Middle School student and the parent teacher student association president the last two years, I would like to share my experience spanning several years at the school with the Pleasanton community, which is shared by many other parents.

The school was in the news a few years ago because of a serious incident at the library. It would be unfortunate if this incident defines the reputation of the school for years to come, because as an involved parent, I have seen how everyone at the school works hard to provide a safe and engaging learning environment for the students.

I have observed that the PMS team, consisting of a new and proactive principal, an engaged admin team, caring counselors and dedicated teachers, have made for a positive experience. Is middle school a tough age? Yes! Does PMS provide an environment where children can thrive? The answer is also yes.

PMS earned the prestigious Distinguished School label from the California Department of Education in 2024, as well as a Gold Medal for Positive Behavioral Interventions

and Supports (PBIS), which is led by very engaged intervention specialists. One of the three counselors at PMS focuses on wellness and conflict resolution amongst students, a position which is partly funded by the PTSA.

One of PMS's strengths is the many student-led clubs. Students can explore their interests at one of the 27 clubs, ranging from 3D printing, making music and performing plays to Dungeons & Dragons and baking. All the clubs are led by students and teachers. In addition, school dances are organized every quarter to have fun with friends and for leadership students to practice their organizational skills.

The school has an excellent music program where students can play in band, jazz band, choir or orchestra. Music students even had the chance to travel to Washington, D.C. in March, where they performed in front of the Lincoln Memorial, as the only middle school from Pleasanton.



LETTERS

Forcing full review

Plutonium pits are radioactive cores of every nuclear weapon. Congress approved new plutonium pit production at the rate of up to 80-120 new pits every year.

The first 10-plus years of these pits will go into new nuclear weapons designs being developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. However, the actual production of plutonium pits is being planned at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and Savannah River Site in South Carolina. Livermore Lab is conducting major support work.

Local group Tri-Valley CAREs joined suit with several other groups (in N.M. and S.C.) arguing that a full "programmatically" environmental review of potential impacts of this multi-site program needed to be analyzed together, rather than in separate site-specific documents, and a judge in South Carolina agreed.

Now the agency has begun the process with a "scoping public comment" period to allow public input on the contents of the analysis.

Citizens can attend virtual scoping meetings to submit comments on

the scope, environmental issues, and propose alternatives for consideration on May 27 from 2-4:30 p.m. PST and/or May 28 from 4-6:30 p.m. PST. And citizens can submit written comments, by July 14, to PitPEIS@nnsa.doe.gov. Talking points and a link to the government announcement can be found on the Tri-Valley CAREs website.

—Felicia Ziomek

Lastly, PMS has an engaged PTSA community of parents and guardians, who contribute to the community through grants, campus improvements and other financial contributions, as well as through volunteer hours to organize events such as Reflections Art Competition, PantherFest (the annual club showcase) and an active garden where students can spend time unwinding and learning about nature.

The first middle school athletics boosters within Pleasanton Unified School District is in the process of

being registered, which will contribute to offering more afterschool sports activities.

I am a proud parent of a Pleasanton Middle School student and am highly appreciative of everyone working at school to get our middle schoolers ready for high school and the rest of their lives. ■

Editor's note: Mirjam Dijkxhoorn is the current president of the Pleasanton Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association, the mother of an eighth grader and a fifth grader, and an anthropologist.

Margaret "Peggy" Despotakis

January 13, 1936 – April 21, 2025

In Loving Memory of Margaret "Peggy" Despotakis
With deep sadness, we share the passing of Margaret "Peggy" Despotakis on April 21, 2025.

Peggy was born Margaret Rosemary Alexander on January 13, 1936, in San Francisco, California. She is lovingly remembered by her devoted husband of 69 years, John, along with their six children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A proud graduate of Balboa High School, Peggy continued her education at City College of San Francisco, earning an Associate of Arts degree in accounting. It was there she met John, the love of her life. They were married on her 20th birthday, January 13, 1956, beginning a lifetime of partnership, adventure, and enduring love.

Throughout John's service in the Marine Corps, they lived in various parts of the country, always returning to the Bay Area, where they eventually made their home—first in Pleasanton and Danville and then settling in Livermore for the past 25 years.

Peggy's warmth, strength, and unwavering love for her family will be cherished and remembered always.

Please join us for a celebration of Peggy's life:

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Seniors making a difference

Volunteering helps older residents remain active and engaged in their community

BY NANCY LEWIS

“Senior living” is not an oxymoron. Hardly. In fact, the Pleasanton community is filled with active seniors who are living their days quite fully and well, enjoying time with family and friends, traveling, and engaging in sporting activities and other personal endeavors and hobbies.

And then there are those seniors who do even more, by choosing to pursue meaningful volunteer activities that align with their personal interests, skills, passions and causes, and confer substantial benefits upon others in the community.

Volunteering gives these seniors a heightened sense of purpose in their lives, and a feeling of continued connection to the town.

Seniors report that volunteering is also a great way for them to remain engaged, both mentally and physically, as they age, and that they feel tremendous personal gratification, satisfaction and pride, knowing that their actions and deeds are helping others, and, they feel true joy when they see the positive impacts their efforts make on others’ lives.

Indeed, many believe volunteering enhances their longevity and quality of life, improves their overall physical health, and bolsters their emotional well-being. Senior volunteers also often serve as inspiration for others; their actions set an example for their children, grandchildren, friends, and even strangers,

who may choose to similarly get involved in volunteer work that helps to improve the lives of others.

James Howard, a Pleasanton senior and retired clinical psychologist for the Department of Veterans Affairs, embraces volunteering. Howard gathers, fixes and reconditions bicycles for school-aged kids, as well as for Pleasanton’s Muslim Community Center’s Refugee Outreach Program.

He first became interested in repairing and restoring bicycles as a young child, growing up in a working-class neighborhood of Detroit, where parents did not just buy their children a new bicycle when their bike broke. Instead, kids like Howard had to learn to repair their broken bicycles so that they would be able to use them for several years.

According to Howard, the older boys in the neighborhood would teach the younger boys how to make necessary repairs, like fixing flat tires and broken gears, and replacing worn parts like brake pads and cables. Those boys, in turn, as they got older, would teach even younger boys. They all loved the freedom, empowerment and independence that cycling gave them, to travel wherever they wanted to go, either as a group or on their own.

The bicycles Howard personally restores in retirement and provides to the schools are given to students as “rewards” to incentivize those



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There are a range of volunteer activities that help keep seniors engaged in their communities.

who need some extra motivation to work hard and do well.

He said he does this because he recalls growing up with other young Black boys whom he thought were actually smarter than he was but who did not do as well in school (Howard was placed in the classes with the “smart white kids” while his buddies were not) because their teachers believed them to be unmotivated and unwilling to learn. In Howard’s family his parents — both college graduates — were strong advocates for their children and demanded that they do well academically, regardless of what some teachers thought of them.

As for the Muslim Community Center’s outreach program, which operates as non-denominational and offers assistance to anyone/everyone in need, Howard is on a team that helps to restore bicycles that the program then provides to refugees as a means of transportation. These bicycles enable the refugees to get to and from their jobs, as well to other places they need to

go in order to create a better life for themselves and their families here in the Bay Area.

Howard finds it very gratifying to be able to provide to others the same sense of liberty and self-reliance that he knows from his own experience, a working bicycle brings. Additionally, he said that keeping himself busy with an activity he finds so rewarding helps him navigate his way through retirement and stave off depression and other negative phenomena associated with aging. More information about the center’s programs, which are always in need of volunteers, can be found at mccceastbay.org/bike-donation.

Tamra Girvan, another Pleasanton senior, has spent over eight years volunteering as a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) for children in the Alameda County foster care system.

For children in this complex system, a trusted mentor and advocate can be tremendously helpful. The county recruits, trains and supports

dedicated volunteers to be a consistent, stable force in a foster child’s life — a person they can rely on for compassion, guidance, advocacy, information, and to speak up for them when necessary.

CASAs like Girvan come from all walks of life and dedicate about 12 hours a month toward helping a foster child. Although being a CASA involves only a two-year commitment, the unique relationship between a foster child and their CASA forges bonds that often last into a foster child’s adulthood, years after they have aged out of the system.

Girvan said she became interested in volunteering as a CASA because she often felt lonely as a child and was eager to help other youths from feeling that way. She has been a CASA for multiple foster youth over the years, including “Jasmine J” for whom she became a CASA when Jasmine was in eighth grade. Jasmine recently graduated, with honors, from college.



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Seniors team with teens to craft blankets for puppies

Local pet rescue says groups' efforts help foster dogs who 'come with nothing'

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

More than a dozen Pleasanton senior residents have been meeting with San Ramon high schoolers over the past few months to hand-tie blankets that they then donate to puppies at a local pet adoption program.

Melody Chen — founder and president of Love and Second Chances, the adoption program based in San Ramon — told the Pleasanton Weekly that not only do these blankets mean a lot to her and her organization, but they also have a real impact on the dogs who go through their rescue.

"The blankets have been amazing because a lot of these dogs come with nothing," Chen said. "The blankets go with them to foster homes and leave with them to their forever homes."

The groups of senior residents from Stoneridge Creek Senior Living Community and high school students from California High School in San Ramon first met in March and have been meeting once every month since then, according to a press release from public relations specialist Chelsea Wilson.

"The Love and Second Chances organization holds a special place in the hearts of many Stoneridge Creek seniors who have adopted fur babies from the organization," Wilson said in the press release. "As a pet-friendly retirement community, the residents will bring their dogs for the blanket-making sessions."

Linda Godbier, one of the seniors who takes part in the program, told the Pleasanton Weekly she originally heard about the blanket-making event and what piqued her interest was the fact that not only did it seem like a fun time — which it has been for her — but there was a purpose behind it.

Just on the first day of making the blankets, Godbier said the groups were able to make over two dozen blankets to donate to Love and Second Chances.

She said apart from the high schoolers being a delight to work and chat with, she has enjoyed being able to help them achieve their goals of helping out dogs in need of blankets.

Godbier said she doesn't know how much longer the program will last, but as long as they keep offering it, she will continue to help.



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Pleasanton senior citizens and students from California High School in San Ramon pose for a photo with several blankets they handcrafted at the Stoneridge Creek in March, which they then donated for puppies at Love and Second Chances.

"I'll do it just because I enjoy ... doing it with the kids," she said. "Especially because the kids have a purpose and if we didn't show up to help them, whatever they're striving for wouldn't be accomplished."

Apart from giving the blankets to foster dogs, Chen said the

organization also gives the hand-made blankets to people experiencing homelessness who have pets. She also said if the blankets are torn or become loose, they are then recycled into toys.

"Their program to work with the senior community is such an

inspiring one that brings two communities together to make a difference," Chen said. "The effort of the students makes a huge difference in rescue and we are so proud of the dedication and compassion from this program and those involved." ■

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Finding new beginnings — senior success in Tri-Valley

Process to sell house can be scary and exhausting, but most ‘wish they’d done it sooner’

By Devin Davis

For seniors in the Tri-Valley, selling a longtime home represents more than a real estate transaction — it’s the beginning of a significant life transition.

“For anyone moving it can be scary and exhausting, but most of my clients that are seniors have told me they’d wish they’d done it sooner,” said Tracey Esling, 2025 president of Bay East Association of Realtors.

The transition can bring inevitable challenges like the sounds of a new space, getting around an unfamiliar area, and meeting new people. “You cannot really be prepared for something so new after being accustomed to your life for so long. It’s one day at a time,” Esling said.

Esling explained many of her senior clients may move in with family and love it, while others find it to be overwhelming.

“Every situation is different, but emotions are still high whether you’re someone moving closer or further from family,” Esling said. “I’ve had clients tell me things like they miss their old church, going to breakfast with longtime friends, or

just a new sense of loneliness.”

Esling explained that the moving process itself can help seniors manage the complex emotions triggered by big changes.

“Any transaction can be difficult and for senior clients with children and possibly grandchildren, it adds extra layers of stress because there are more people to consider with lots of memories floating to the top of their minds,” Esling said. “But once things start moving quickly that stress tends to fade.”

Esling mentioned one of the best things seniors who are moving can do to manage stress and the adjustment period is for them to understand they’re not alone.

Generally, after the sale concludes, seniors will experience a huge sense of relief and find new joy in their new home. “The typical new home for a senior is a single level, less space and maybe even less landscaping,” Esling said. “The lack of maintenance their new home needs takes a world of stress off their shoulders.”

Esling recalled following up with a client who moved who had a new sense of freedom and peace as



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though he’d lived in his new home for years.

Esling shared that she and many other real estate professionals define the success of helping a senior move as “seeing clients thrive afterward”.

Working with seniors has deepened Esling’s understanding of what “home” means.

“It has helped me realize that home means something different to everyone,” she said. “It may be somewhere you spend more time with family, or somewhere you find peace in being alone. Regardless, being able to listen and help in that transition is worth its weight in gold.” ■

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



Devin Davis

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Livermore police flag common scams, prevention tactics

Reserve Officer Don Swanson reaches thousands in community via public presentations

By JUDE STRZEMP

A fishy FasTrak toll, cryptocurrency request or a message from an illegitimate email address may all point to one thing — fraud.

Spreading awareness of scams such as these and safety-related tips has become a multiyear goal for Livermore Police Department Reserve Officer Don Swanson.

In fall of 2023, he began giving ad hoc presentations on how to recognize and avoid becoming a victim of in-person, phone and online scams. Since then Swanson has reached approximately 2,500 community members through 56 events at senior centers in Livermore and large senior gatherings.

While geared toward seniors, Swanson said all age groups can benefit from increasing their awareness of scams, especially in cases where children help their senior parents with technology.

“The only way to combat this is education,” Swanson said of scams. “We’re not going to find this with extra patrol cars on the street. It’s going to be talking to people and educating the public about it.”

There are hundreds of ways that people can be swindled out of money, Swanson said during an exclusive presentation for Livermore Vine. Additionally, the frequency of scams is accelerating as more people are learning how to do it.

Seniors can be especially vulnerable

to scams because they didn’t grow up with current-day technology, Swanson said.

“These scammers are quite good at what they do, very convincing,” Swanson said. “For not the trained eye, it’s easy for individuals to fall prey to it.”

In recent years, Swanson has seen two Livermore seniors swindled out of their life savings.

Both residents were convinced to purchase gold, he said. After it was delivered to their house, scammers offered to secure the precious metal. But instead of storing it for safekeeping, thieves took the gold worth a combined value of approximately \$2.2 million. All without a trace.

“When I see stuff like that happening, it upsets me,” Swanson said. “I don’t like seeing anyone be preyed on. Everybody deserves protection and I see our seniors as one of the most vulnerable in our community.”

The two recent cases in Livermore mirror a common trend in scamming, wherein stolen money oftentimes cannot be retrieved. At times, the police can only advise victims on how to protect themselves from further scams, Swanson said.

“Out of this entire presentation I do, they need to secure their email account,” Swanson said of advice to audience members.

Likened to the “information kingdom,” a scammer can reset various account logins with access to a victim’s email, he explained. Essentially,

a thief could drain bank accounts or make online orders.

In an effort to prevent email break-ins, Swanson recommends a unique password and two-factor authentication for accounts.

As for in-person thefts, staying alert serves as a major deterrent, Swanson said. Be especially vigilant to those who are showing extreme interest in you or encroach on your personal space, he added.

Being alert also means demonstrating that awareness to others, he explained.

“They’re looking for somebody that’s not paying attention,” Swanson said of potential thieves.

As seen in security camera footage from Swanson’s presentation, something could be stolen in a matter of seconds. In the recording, a shopper is picking fruit from a grocery aisle. A woman steps between the shopper and her purse, which sits in a nearby cart. The woman then acts like she is picking fruit too, but is actually rifling through the purse under the cover of a produce bag.

As for vehicle-related thefts, criminals are looking for backpacks and laptops, or anything seemingly valuable. They can break into a car to swipe something in under five seconds, given a tool called a center punch, Swanson said.

To prepare, Swanson suggests travelers minimize their items and avoid placing bags in the passenger seat of a car.



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Since kickstarting LPD’s scam awareness presentations in 2023, Reserve Officer Don Swanson has educated approximately 2,500 people in Livermore.

If personal belongings are needed, always hide them before arriving at a destination because suspects will commonly wait in a parking lot to see where people hide items, he said. This makes it really easy for the suspect to find valuables.

In case of an incident, know your location at all times, Swanson said. This will be among the things an emergency operator will ask of a caller.

In addition to in-person theft, there can also be dangers through the phone, Swanson said.

Don’t feel like you have to pick up every call, especially since caller ID may be inaccurate, Swanson said. If you do pick up, don’t provide

personal or private information to people you don’t know.

One way to avoid phone scams is to establish a password or phrase among family and friends to identify callers, according to Swanson.

As for online scams, fraud email addresses and malicious links are just some of the cons to be aware of, he said.

Swanson encourages any victim of scams to report it to local authorities and the Federal Trade Commission.

Large groups can request LPD’s scam and safety presentations via the department website at police.livermoreca.gov. ■

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Only 3% to 4% of children in the foster care system become college graduates. Jasmine said that Girvan has been “such a stable source of support for me and I am so glad we were put together. She has advocated for me in court, answered late night phone calls, been a shoulder for me to cry on, and has been there to celebrate my accomplishments, and motivate me through failures.”

According to Jasmine, Girvan even took on the challenging process to become a temporary foster parent for her when her current foster parents gave her two weeks’ notice to move out of the home while she was still a minor. “I will forever be so grateful for all she has done for me. She is not only my CASA worker, but someone I can call family,” Jasmine said.

Girvan sees the youths assigned to her at least once a week. While they are together, typical activities include having a meal at a casual restaurant, going for walks in a park, catching a movie, going to

Meadowlark Dairy for an ice cream cone, and occasionally going shopping at Target.

She finds this type of volunteer work tremendously rewarding because “CASAs help give foster youth the voice they deserve and the hope and consistency they desperately need to make it through the foster system and go on to live a good and productive life. Of all of the various volunteer activities I engage in, being a CASA is my favorite because I feel it makes the greatest impact.”

Girvan said she would be thrilled for other seniors in the community, or even just a single one of them, to get involved with the CASA program because it will give them the same opportunities to truly make a positive impact on the lives of at-risk children.

Currently, there are more than a thousand youth in the Alameda County foster care system, but only about 200 CASAs advocating on their behalf. Girvan said she would love to see that ratio improve. More information about the CASA program can be found at casaofalamedacounty.org.

Howard and Girvan are illustrative of the benefits of volunteering, and how there are numerous opportunities throughout the community to get involved, to meet and become friends with new people, to develop new skills, to feel fulfilled, and to combat feelings of isolation or loneliness that can arise.

Seniors looking for volunteer opportunities may consider becoming a docent/tour guide at a local landmark they enjoy, or volunteering at a food bank, house of worship, animal shelter, senior center or library.

Becoming a tutor or mentor to a young student is also a way to volunteer as it is an activity that goes far beyond the subject matter involved; older people, on account of their age and life experiences, have a lot of acquired wisdom to impart to today’s youth. The ability for a child and a senior to connect is beneficial for the additional reason that it fosters intergenerational respect for one another.

Other volunteer activities to consider might be joining local efforts to clean/maintain parks, beaches and other areas in need of a helping hand, or lending specific expertise



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in areas like technology and engineering from which others can learn. There are also several websites that help seniors find volunteer opportunities based upon location such as volunteermatch.org or createthegood.aarp.org.

Reaching out to local organiza-

tions (schools, hospitals, shelters, senior centers, etc.) over their websites is also a good departure point in terms of finding just the right volunteer role. Opportunities are abundant, with each one providing a chance to really get involved and do some local good. ■

Seniors Calendar

Hobbies

JUNE CRAFTING SOCIAL Enjoy time with new friends, creating fun and imaginative crafts and decor for home or as gifts for friends and loved ones. 1-2:30 p.m., June 10. \$22R/\$24/NR. Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit larpd.org.

DROP-IN BILLIARDS Join for Billiards at the Livermore Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., weekdays. Drop-in fees apply. 4444 East Ave.

BRIDGE AT PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Join for Bridge 1-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursday. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50N.

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VINTAGE LOUNGE PUZZLING Stop by the Vintage Lounge to enjoy puzzle-solving. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. Robert Livermore Senior Center.

DROP-IN CRAFTS AT RLCC The Golden Circle Craft group meets at 12:30 p.m., Mondays. Bring a

craft project to work on. Robert Livermore Community Center.

Talks

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.

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES Nolan Williams, MD, Psychiatrist, Neurologist and Associate Professor at Stanford University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences will discuss "Speaking the Language of the Brain". The lecture includes a presentation followed by a 15 minute Q&A session. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., May 20. Register by May 19 at alanhufoundation.org.

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ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: A UNIQUE VISIT TO VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA Vicki Stephens will share her experiences of places and events

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7574 Denison Place
Castro Valley, CA, 94552
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 25 2025. (PLW May 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2025)

LORE AND LOBE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614398
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Lore And Lobe , located at 2930 Domingo Ave #1311 Berkeley, CA 94705, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ROY COMPTON
2930 Domingo Ave #1311 Berkeley, CA 94705
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/27/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 06 2025. (PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 2025)

K-APEX (ULS) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614263
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) K-APEX (ULS) , located at 7411 CENTRAL AVE, NEWARK, CA 94560, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): UNITED LOGISTIC SOLUTIONS, INC.
7411 CENTRAL AVE. NEWARK, CA 94560
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 May 01 2025. (PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 2025)

CAMMY BELTRAN CAMMY BELTRAN THERAPY CAMMY B. THERAPY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614095
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) CAMMY BELTRAN , 2.) CAMMY BELTRAN THERAPY , 3.) CAMMY B. THERAPY , located at 6335 Ridgewood Dr, Castro Valley, CA 94552, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CAMMY BELTRAN
6335 Ridgewood Dr
Castro Valley, CA 94552
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 23 2025. (PLW May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2025)

WINDOW CHAMPIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614369
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Window Champions , located at 3020 Bernal Ave Ste # 110 PMB #200 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MATTHEW TIMOTHY CLESEN
3020 Bernal Ave Ste #110 PMB #200 Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 05 2025. (PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 2025)

CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST JURISDICTION, INC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613817
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST JURISDICTION, INC , located at 1222 Market St, Oakland, CA 94607, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CALIFORNIA NORTHEAST JURISDICTION, INC
1222 Market St.
Oakland, CA 94607
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 11 2025. (PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

EARTHCARE LANDSCAPE & TREE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614208
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) EarthCare Landscape & Tree , located at 5545 Merriewood Dr. Oakland, CA 94611, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JON C. WILLIAMS
5545 Merriewood Drive
Oakland, CA 94611
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 29 2025. (PLW May 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2025)

BRIDGE29 SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614389
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Bridge29 Solutions , located at 1970 San Pablo Avenue #5 Berkeley, CA 94702, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): EDGAR MAXION
1970 San Pablo Avenue #5 Berkeley, CA 94702
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 06 2025. (PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 2025)

ANALYTICSIQ FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613835
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AnalyticsIQ , located at 815 Clara Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): FRANK MINHTRI K. NGUYEN
815 Clara Lane Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 14 2025. (PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

EMILY NOONAN, DPT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

SILVANA EVENTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613881
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Silvana Events , located at 29581 Highgate Drive #118, Hayward, CA 94544 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): SILVANA EVENTS LLC
29581 Highgate Drive #118 Hayward, CA 94544
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 15 2025. (PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

AVERI INSURANCE AGENCY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613651
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AVERI INSURANCE AGENCY , located at 37340 WALNUT ST NEWARK CA 94560, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): NORMA GONZALEZ
37340 WALNUT ST NEWARK CA 94560
Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01-01-2001
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 03 2025. (PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

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)

BLUE ELECTRICAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614452
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Blue Electrical , located at 5307 Sonoma Dr. Apt. 4 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ROBERT INEZ
5307 Sonoma Dr. Apt. 4 Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 07 2025. (PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 2025)

A&W TREATS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614407
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) A&W Treats , located at 421 OXford Street Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ANTHOHY WATSON
421 Oxford Street Hayward, CA 94541
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/03/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 06 2025. (PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 2025)

FAITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613656
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Faith Community Christian Church , located at 35459 Dumbarton Court, Newark, CA 94560, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): FILIPINO COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
35459 Dumbarton Court Newark, CA 94560
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2012
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 03 2025. (PLW May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2025)

PAPA MURPHY'S LIVERMORE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613840
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PAPA MURPHY'S LIVERMORE , located at 2002 PORTOLA AVE SUITE E , Livermore, CA 94551, 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)

GTL TRUCKING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 613760
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GTL TRUCKING , located at 1668 11th St, Oakland, CA 94607, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): SANDRA LUZ BARRERA DE LINARES
1668 11th St
Oakland, CA 94607
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 09 2025. (PLW Apr 25, May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

LOTI PUBLIC ADJUSTERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614152
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Loti Public Adjusters , located at 1516 Oak St, Ste 307, Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): LOPA PUBLIC ADJUSTERS LLC
1516 Oak St, Ste 307 Alameda, CA 94501
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 25 2025. (PLW May 9, 16, 23 and 30, 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)

PAPA MURPHY'S CASTRO VALLEY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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)

GREAT WAY CFS GREAT WAY FTZ FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614037
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GREAT WAY CFS , 2.) GREAT WAY FTZ , located at 32550 CENTRAL AVE. UNION CITY, CA 94587-2032, ALAMEDA County.
Mailing Address: PO BOX 80588 San Marino, CA 91118
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): L.Y.M. INTERNATIONAL GROUP (U.S.A.), INC.
3760 W CENTURY BLVD. INGLEWOOD, CA 90303
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/18/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 21 2025. (PLW May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 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)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV120112

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Muhammad Farooq Rama filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MUHAMMAD FAROOQ RAMA to MUHAMMAD FAROOQ

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 29, 2025, 9:30AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: April 25, 2025

Thomas J Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 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)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JUAN ANTONIO ESCOBAR Case No.: 25PR120505

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent

creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUAN ANTONIO ESCOBAR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARIA GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that:

MARIA GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ 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 04 2025 at 9:45 AM 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.

Petitioner in Pro Per:

MARIA GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ

2139 DUNN RD

HAYWARD, CA 94545

510-515-5295

(PLW May 16, 23 and 30, 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.

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Stephanie Lee

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(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.

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(PLW May 2, 9 and 16, 2025)

SUMMONS

(Citacion Judicial)

CASE NUMBER: 24CV094435-

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:(Aviso al demandado) **SEBASTIAN RAMOS** and **DOES 1** to 30 inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:(Lo esta demandando el demandante) **LOYA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY NOTICE:** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para pre-sentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llama-da telefonica no lo protegen. Su respues-ta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos for-mularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorta.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un aboga-do inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, pueda llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un pro-grama de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **¡AVISO!** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o uno concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gra-va men de la cote antes de que la cote pueda descha el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y direccion de le corte es): Alameda County Superior Court 2233 Shore Line Drive, Alameda, CA 94501. Limited Civil Division The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nom-bre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado,es): CHARLOTTE M. KONCZAL ESQ. OF MARTINEZ, DIETERICH & ZARCONE LEGAL GROUP 7815 N. Palm, Suite 101, Fresno, CA Phone (915) 383-2536 (PLW May 16, 23, 30 and Jun 6, 2025)

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By DENNIS MILLER

RAGE honors senior soccer stars signed to college programs



MARTHA BROWN

Pleasanton RAGE Girls Soccer Club players celebrate their college signings.

Also: Top Amador results at NCS Swimming and Diving Championships

The Pleasanton RAGE Girls Soccer Club held its annual Honors Night Event on April 24 at the Pleasanton Marriott, celebrating the class of 2025 as well as the sophomore, junior, and senior scholar-athlete award recipients.

Also recognized were the recipients of the Pleasanton RAGE

Scholarship Award for Excellence in Academics and Community Service: Faith Cunha Brasil (Foothill) and Vivialann Garcia (Gregori High).

The following are the high school seniors who have committed to playing college soccer:

Kiana Ayllon (Westmont College), Amaya Cabrales-Estrada (San Jose State University), Camryn Caliz

(Las Positas College), Kelsey Castillo (Chapman University), Elizabeth Cruden (Brandeis University), Isabel Garcia (Las Positas College), Hillary Gonzalez (Wellesley College), Lia Ikuta (Las Positas College), Tess Manning (Colorado Mesa University), Maylen Montoya (University of Washington), Kate Pereur (College of Idaho) and Hailey Schlosser (Trinity University, Texas).

Amador boys' volleyball

The Amador Valley High boys' volleyball kept their postseason run alive with a pair of wins the first week of the North Coast Section Division I playoffs.

The Dons beat Deer Valley 3-0, then Dublin 3-1 to advance to the NCS semifinals.

In the win over Deer Valley, the Dons got outstanding offense from Max Riter and opposite hitter Nick Nyak on the way to the 25-20, 25-21, 25-16 win.

Riter had 15 kills, Nyak had seven kills and two aces. Also chipping in on the offense was Ryan Bury, with solid passing and nine kills.

In the 25-20, 21-25, 25-17, 25-13 win over Dublin, once again Riter and Nyak were featured on offense, with 17 kills and an ace apiece. Setter Everett Wogsland contributed directly to the offense with three kills of his own.

Amador swimming

The Dons turned in some great performances in the NCS Swimming and Diving Championships held May 8-10 at the Concord Community Pool.

Highlights on the girls' side included Rylee Hutchinson winning the 200 freestyle and finishing third in the 500 free, both in CIF State Meet automatic qualifying times.

Lilyana Caples got second in the 500 free and got ninth (won the consolation finals) in the 200 free.

Elayna Ling swam to fifth in the 100 butterfly and seventh in the 100 breaststroke.

Francesca Lin got seventh in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 500 free. Namya Sarup was ninth in the 100 breast.

Hutchinson, Caples, Ling and Lin teamed up to get sixth in the 200 medley relay and fifth in the 400 free

relay. They made the CIFA standard in the 400 free relay.

For the boys, Cade Vieler was third in the 100 backstroke with a CIFA time and sixth in the 200 free. Kealan Tupper was fifth in the 200 IM and eighth in the 500 free, both in CIFA times.

Oryan Liu got 10th in the 200 IM and tied for 10th in the 100 fly. Toby Huang finished 15th in the 100 fly, and Ryan Wong was 16th in the 200 free.

Vieler, Liu, Tupper and Wong teamed up to earn fifth in the 400 free relay in a CIFA time. Vieler, Wong, Liu and Huang got 10th in the 200 medley relay in a CIFA time, with the top 10 teams all achieving the CIFA time standard.

The 200 free relay team of Simon Valentine, Ibrahim Kiziloglu, Will Campbell and Toby Huang, was seeded 18th, moved up to 15th after their preliminary swim and got 13th in the consolation finals. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.

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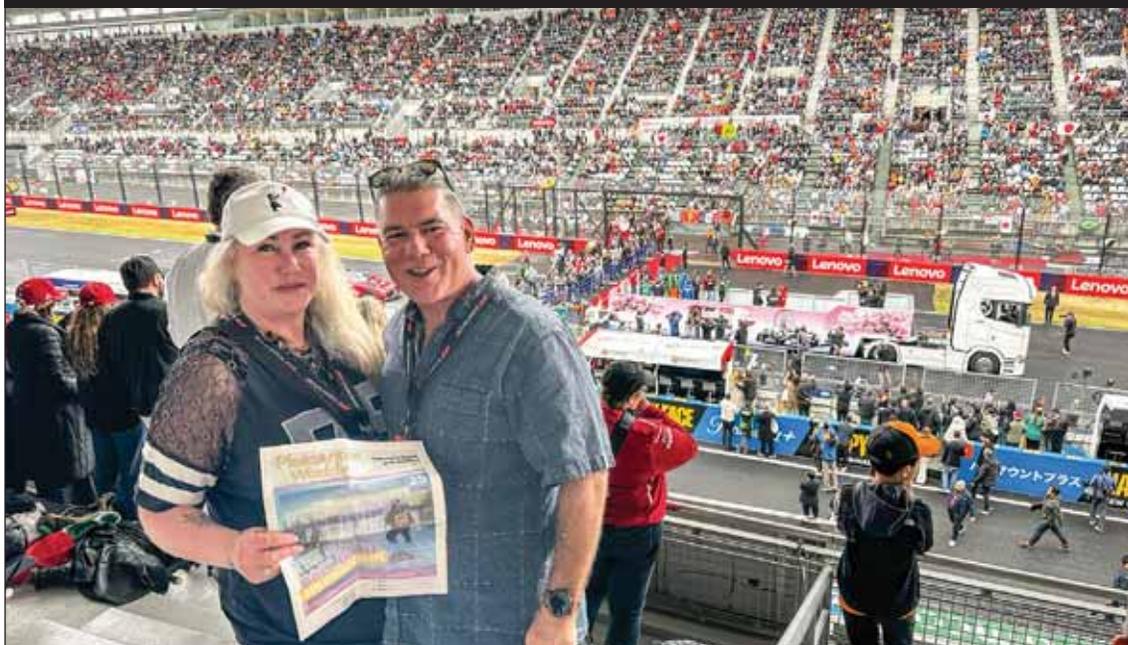
City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 7 p.m.

- Continued from May 6, 2025 - Receive annual Military Equipment Use Report for 2024; introduce an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2279 to amend the Pleasanton Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy to add equipment to the Policy's military equipment inventory; and adopt a resolution accepting the annual Military Equipment Use Report for 2024 determining that the Police Department's use of military equipment in 2024 complied with the standards of approval and renewing the Military Use Policy
- Review of the Proposed Two-Year Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2025/26 through FY 2029/30

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TAKE US ALONG



Every F1 fan's dream: Beth and Tim Ramirez spent 17 days in Japan at the height of cherry blossom season. They traveled to Tokyo, Nagoya, Suzuka, Osaka, Kyoto, Takayama and ended their trip viewing Mount Fuji. Here they are at Suzuka Circuit during the drivers' parade held just prior to the Japanese Grand Prix — an experience Beth called “every Formula 1 fan's dream”.

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

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