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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Put the supe back on

Sometimes all I can do is shake my head and chuckle while processing the disbelief that slaps me across the face with certain breaking news.

That's where I was reading the community message from Pleasanton Unified School District Board President Justin Brown on June 24 that after all the time and money spent over the past 14 months, the Board of Trustees landed on asking interim Maurice Ghysels to come out of retirement to serve as permanent superintendent for the next two years.

Credit to this school board for not making an outside hire they were uncomfortable with, despite undergoing an expensive executive search process — this district has certainly been down that road before, and it can be even more costly.

The thing is, though, you can have an OK outcome (maybe even the best available) and still be held accountable for the embarrassing, avoidable path you took to get there.

And I don't see any other conclusion to reach about this dawdle-then-rush process that ended with a thud. Well that, and the takeaway that Ghysels bailed the board out big time.

Brown defended the process and decision on Tuesday after I asked him direct questions about my premise.

"I would characterize the outcome not as a fallback, but as the result of a careful and deliberate process," Brown told me. "The board exercised its responsibility to identify the most qualified and effective leader. We followed the process to its natural conclusion and arrived at the candidate who demonstrated deepest alignment with the needs of our students, staff, and broader community."

He added, "Superintendent Ghysels' performance during his interim period, combined with the insights gained through the search, gave the board real-time understanding of his leadership, strategic thinking, and ability to unify the district. This informed our final decision to promote Dr. Ghysels to the permanent role."

Still, there's no way this time last year, heck even this time last month, that the clear choice for the immediate future should've been Ghysels, who was coaxed back into public employment to lead PUSD for (only) the 2024-25 year. Now, the former retiree has a two-year contract when the board's implied goal was to come out of this spring with their superintendent for the next five to 10 years.

It's fascinating to look back at how the process played out.

David Haglund announced in April 2024 that he would be retiring as superintendent that summer after seven years leading PUSD and made it known he felt the board should enact his succession plan by elevating deputy superintendent Ed Diolazo — a remarkable power play.

The school board at the time slapped Haglund down though, opting to bring in a temporary supe and undertake a comprehensive superintendent search during 2024-25.

That interim would be Ghysels, who had been a superintendent twice on the Peninsula and was retired from public employment but still working as a private consultant.

Weirdly, Ghysels' initial interim contract didn't really address that he could only work for three months as a public retiree, so the trustees had to vote in September to formally ask him out of retirement for the full academic year.

My sense was the prior board, like many governmental bodies, was hesitant for perception reasons to make any major decisions on the superintendent search last fall heading into the November election when three seats were due for the ballot.

Executive search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates did conduct a stakeholder listening campaign in the fall for \$21,245, and the consultants were later reupped for another \$41,891.91 to lead the superintendent recruitment in the spring.

Because of the academic term, a superintendent recruitment cycle typically kicks into high gear in the first quarter of the calendar year and the goal becomes to make a selection by early-to-mid Q2. Watching how it played out, my sense is PUSD got things started a bit too late and were then getting down to the wire with a lackluster pool of top candidates.

With the end of June looming, the trustees then felt compelled to turn to Ghysels, who never actually applied through the HYA process.

Ghysels is a good choice given the circumstances (a situation the board should not have found itself in), but leading as permanent superintendent coming out of retirement for two more years presents a much different environment than a one-year interim gig.

He was the knight in shining armor coming to the trustees' rescue three weeks ago. But the story won't be written for another year or two whether the PUSD-Ghysels crusade was successful. ■

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So what are you doing to beat the heat?



Mike McCoy
Retired firefighter

Surprisingly, the way I like to beat the heat is to ride my bike three to five miles in it every day. I don't feel the heat while I'm riding, and it's a good thing for me to do because it gets me off the couch and outdoors. Couch surfing versus bike riding. It's a pretty easy choice.



Donna McCoy
Retired airline supervisor

I like to take cold showers and put cold, wet washcloths around my neck. They really cool me off and give me a lot of relief from the heat. I also drink a lot of iced tea.



Lissett Ortiz
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I like to beat the heat by finding shade wherever I can, often under a tree. And honestly, I really enjoy the heat. I embrace it, actually.



Tony Arnold
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I hide in the pool or hug the air conditioner. And I also remind myself to stay well-hydrated.



Leo Brodeur
Retired general contractor

I use the air conditioner more often than usual, but I'm really not that bothered by the heat. I like it. And it's a great reason to drink a cold beer. I do that, too.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Chiefs on mental health

NAMI Tri-Valley is hosting three Tri-Valley police chiefs for a panel discussion on mental health and law enforcement next week at the Pleasanton Public Library.

Pleasanton Police Chief Tracy Avelar, Livermore Police Chief Jeremy Young and Dublin Police Chief Victor Fox are scheduled to appear for the nonprofit's community event, which will also be livestreamed via Zoom.

"They'll speak about their cities' respective local psychiatric crisis response units and share resources from their departments," organizers said. "The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their comments or concerns."

The session is set to run from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday (July 22) at the library on Old Bernal Avenue. Learn more at namitrivalley.org.

McNerney town hall

State Sen. Jerry McNerney, whose district includes part of the Tri-Valley and the San Joaquin Valley, is set to hold a town hall meeting in Dublin next week.

City officials confirmed the public event will take place from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday (July 22) in the Shannon Community Center on Shannon Avenue, an opportunity for residents to engage in a Q&A with the first-term senator and hear a general check-in on legislative matters locally and statewide.

Defensible space

The Alameda County Fire Department and the city of Dublin are partnering on a defensible space training session next week "to teach residents how to manage the area around their homes to create a buffer against wildfires."

"This training is crucial for homeowners, particularly those in wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas, as it helps them understand how to reduce the risk of wildfire damage," organizers said. "The training will cover the principles of defensible space, how to implement these principles, and the relevant laws and regulations."

The meeting runs from 6-7:30 p.m. next Thursday (July 24) in Dublin's Shannon Community Center. To register, visit dublin.ca.gov.

ICE protest

Several community groups have organized a protest in Dublin this weekend against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, its recent activities in California and the purported proposal to convert the now-shuttered federal prison in Dublin into an ICE detention facility.

The streetside demonstration is set to start at 11 a.m. Saturday (July 19) at Don Biddle Community Park between Dublin Boulevard and Columbus Street. ■

City confirms library's reduced hours, Sunday closure, service changes

Residents react to news of cutbacks arriving next month to help address city budget woes

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Pleasanton residents had mixed feelings about this week's announcement confirming the library's reduced hours and services set to go into effect next month to help the city balance its budget.

Mary O'Neill, a Pleasanton resident, said that while she won't be as affected by the hours given that all of her kids are grown up, she thinks

the schedule change will particularly impact students the most once school starts.

"It's such a great service — to the community, to the kids, to the people — to have the library, so it's a shame that that had to be cut," O'Neill told the Weekly on Tuesday. "I think the kids are going to suffer ... it's a great study hall for them."

Starting on Aug. 4, the Pleasanton Public Library downtown will

transition to a new weekly schedule which will reduce the overall hours of operation per week from 62 hours to 48 hours, including no longer opening on Sundays. The cutbacks are among several major changes to the library that resulted from city-wide budget reductions.

"Reducing hours at the Pleasanton Library was not an easy decision," Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch said in a statement to the Weekly. "I fully

understand the community's love for our library, and I've clearly heard the concerns, especially regarding the closure on Sundays, which many students and families have voiced."

According to a newsletter released by the city Monday afternoon, the library's new hours of operation will be: open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays; 1-9 p.m.

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COURTESY STONERIDGE SHOPPING CENTER

Pop Mart opened its doors to shoppers at the Stoneridge Shopping Center for the first time on June 28.

Tri-Valley's first Pop Mart store debuts at Stoneridge Shopping Center

Retailer known for viral plushes, other novelty toys

By **PAREENA GUPTA**

Pop Mart hosted a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony this summer to celebrate its arrival at the Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton.

Shoppers got the chance to score exclusive product drops, including the Labubu vinyl and Skullpanda plushes. Guests also received a special gift-with-purchase promotion, according to a press release announcing the new retailer.

"We've seen a lot of excitement

around the Pop Mart opening thus far. Shoppers were lined up early before the grand opening, and we continue to see guests laden with the brand's shopping bags every day. The brand's collection of Labubu was also a huge hit with our shoppers," said Astrid Ramos, director of marketing and development for Stoneridge.

Pop Mart is a Chinese company that was founded in 2010 as a general store. It later transitioned to focus primarily on toys after gaining popularity for its Blind

Box concept, which is when a collectible toy is sold in a sealed packaging and the specific figure inside is a surprise.

Prior to opening its Stoneridge location on June 28, Pop Mart expanded its Bay Area presence with the launch of its first regional store at Westfield Valley Fair in Santa Clara in 2023, followed by a full retail location at Stonestown Galleria in San Francisco in July 2024. The company also opened vending-style

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Concannon leaves legacy

'Miss his warmth, his wisdom and his unwavering vision'

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

John Concannon, the fourth-generation vintner and former leader of the historic winery in the Livermore Valley that bears his family's name, has died, company officials confirmed on social media last week.

"John dedicated his life to honoring and evolving the legacy that began in 1883," Concannon Vineyard officials wrote July 10. "He was a passionate steward of the land, a champion of sustainability and a proud guardian of his family's rich heritage."

"John's legacy lives on in every bottle, every vine and every story shared on the estate he worked so tirelessly to preserve," Concannon officials added.

A cause of death was not immediately revealed.

Born in 1961, John Concannon rose to the helm of Concannon Vineyard's now-235-acre estate in 2008, following in the footsteps of his father Jim Concannon and the grandfather and great-grandfather preceding him, according to the company website. James Concannon founded the winery in 1883.

One year into his leadership, John Concannon led the winery to become one of the first in the state to be certified sustainable, an achievement that officials said was among his proudest.



John Concannon

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Amador alum superglues hand in Trader Joe's protest

Faces felony vandalism charge after staged demonstration against store's ties to chicken supplier

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A Pleasanton native is facing a felony vandalism charge in Los Angeles County for supergluing his hand to the poultry section of a Trader Joe's in Pasadena earlier this month as a form of protest against the grocery chain selling chicken from a supplier accused of animal cruelty.

Ani Kandada, an Amador Valley High School alum who now currently resides in San Francisco, told the Pleasanton Weekly in an interview Friday that even though he believes Trader Joe's is still a good company and is holding out hope it does the right thing by cutting its ties with Petaluma Poultry, which is a division of Perdue Foods, he was still shocked with the charges.

"It's kind of very disappointing," Kandada said regarding his arrest.

On July 2, a group of roughly 20 activists associated with the animal rights network Direct Action Everywhere occupied the original Trader Joe's store located at 610 S. Arroyo Pkwy. in Pasadena.

The group held banners and signs while delivering speeches in front of the poultry section of the store and the checkout aisle alleging how Petaluma Poultry — a food manufacturing company based in Petaluma — has systematically abused animals in its factory farms and slaughterhouse.

"We take nonviolent direct action to expose animal cruelty to the public and demand a better world for all," Cassie King, a communications



MICHELLE DEL CUETO/DIRECT ACTION EVERYWHERE

Ani Kandada superglues his hand to the case holding chickens in the Trader Joe's located at 610 south Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena on July 2.

lead for Direct Action Everywhere Network, told the Weekly. "Animals are suffering horrific neglect and cruelty, including some birds being boiled alive, at Perdue's Petaluma Poultry slaughterhouse."

The Weekly reached out to the grocery chain for comment but has not heard back as of time of publication.

According to a previous press release April 2, investigators within the animal rights network have documented animal abuse at the poultry farms and slaughterhouse and have found evidence of birds being "scalded alive, birds suffering from

infectious diseases that threaten public health, and injured birds who were unable to walk to access food or water".

"Trader Joe's is well aware of this and refuses to cut ties with Perdue despite thousands of complaints from customers," King said.

Perdue responded with a press release April 4 claiming that Direct Action Everywhere's extreme tactics — which led to Petaluma Poultry taking legal action against another one of the network's activists for allegedly harassing an associate of the poultry company — have gone too far in the past.

"Petaluma Poultry has long been a leader in free-range and organic poultry, and they're known for taking great care of their birds," Bill Mattos, president of the California Poultry Federation, said in the prior press release. "The claims being made by DxE simply don't line up with reality. Their persistent protests at an individual associate's home are not only disruptive — they're intentionally misleading and misrepresent the work Petaluma and its employees do every day."

Kandada, who was one of the activists on July 2, said he has always been pro-animal rights and wanted to meet likeminded individuals and

educate others about animal cruelty and the horrible conditions animals can face in certain farms.

He said the July demonstration was his first real protest with Direct Action Everywhere Network and that, for the most part, everything was going smoothly — even after he had superglued his hand to the poultry section.

But what Kandada wasn't expecting was for the store to call the cops and press for a felony vandalism charge for allegedly damaging the refrigeration casing where the poultry was stored.

"It is absurd that I'm being charged with felony vandalism," he said in the network's press release. "The refrigerator is perfectly fine, my hand is fine, but the chickens are not fine. They are still suffering egregious animal cruelty at Perdue's Petaluma Poultry factory farms and slaughterhouse."

He said apart from being disappointed with the store's decision to do that, he thought having him arrested was just another way to suppress the animal rights network's message.

"I think it's just a way to silence anyone who speaks or protests against this because they know they are in the wrong here about selling Petaluma Poultry (products)," Kandada said.

In the end, his overall message to Trader Joe's — apart from asking the company to drop its charge against him — is simple.

"Just please drop Petaluma Poultry," he said. ■

Weekly website launches upgraded home page

Refresh reflects changes in response to reader feedback over past year

BY ZOE MORGAN

When you visited the Pleasanton Weekly's website Monday, you may have noticed that things look a little bit different. We have rolled out a new home page design, with the goal of making it easier for

our audience to find and read our articles.

This change has been months in the making and was undertaken in direct response to feedback from readers about our previous page design unveiled in early 2024.

Perhaps most obviously, you'll

now see far more articles when you open our website from a desktop computer. Depending on your screen size, you can now see up to eight stories at once, rather than the three or four that were generally visible on our previous page.

We achieved this by switching

from a two-column to three-column layout, including a right-hand column that doesn't include photos. The goal is for you to be able to quickly get a comprehensive sense of the most important news happening in your community.

The additional story spots will also give our editors space to highlight a greater variety of articles, including our popular real estate and entertainment content.

If you're checking us out on a cellphone, the design likely looks more similar to what you're used to seeing. That's because most of the presentation issues we heard about from readers were in relation to our desktop design. On a cellphone, you'll continue to be able to scroll through our stories in a single, mobile-friendly column.

The changes to our home page don't stop with the top section. We've also added more content to the home page, so you don't have to sort through other pages on our site to find recent stories.

Readers previously reported that

news stories often scrolled off our home page too quickly, making it hard to find an article from a day or two ago. To address that, we've now added a "More Local News" section where you'll find recent news coverage that is no longer at the top of the page.

One entirely new feature is our "Did You Miss" section, which will highlight some of our best work. In addition to the day-to-day news coverage that keeps our reporters busy, we also make a point as an organization to carve out time for in-depth reporting projects. This new section will make it easier for readers to peruse these stories.

As with all of our work, we always want to hear feedback from readers. If you'd like to share your thoughts on the new home page, or suggest additional changes to our website, contact me at zmorgan@embarcadero-media.org. ■

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School of Rock now making music in Pleasanton

‘The smiles on a kid’s face ... that sense of accomplishment is invaluable’

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton residents can now fulfill their rockstar dreams with the city’s first-ever School of Rock, offering opportunities for both children picking up an instrument for the first time and adults aspiring to perform on stage.

Operated by now-Pleasanton residents Ben and Erin Levine, the school celebrated its ribbon-cutting ceremony last Saturday (July 12) to commemorate the success from its first couple of months being open. The school already has about 90 students enrolled and progressing in their musical journeys since its soft opening, the owners said.

“Seeing the satisfaction, the smiles on a kid’s face, where they can do something on their instrument this week that they couldn’t do two weeks ago ... that sense of accomplishment is invaluable,” Ben Levine told the Weekly. “You can’t really put a price tag on kids learning how to be successful when they put their minds to it.”

Ben Levine, who grew up in a musical household with both



PHOTOS COURTESY SCHOOL OF ROCK
Left: Students rehearse at the Pleasanton School of Rock. Above: School of Rock owners Ben and Erin Levine pose for a photo.

parents being musicians, is a long-time bass player and educator with a master’s degree in music from University of Southern California. He spent decades performing, teaching and managing entertainment for several major venues in the Chicago area.

He said he always had an entrepreneurial bent, so when he booked a School of Rock show at one of the venues in Chicago almost two years

ago and saw how successful the group of kids were during the show, he knew he had to be a part of it.

After talking with his wife, who saw the same aspirations with the school, the two decided to take the leap and open up their own School of Rock franchise.

And even though she isn’t a musician herself, Erin Levine said she wanted to support her husband not just because she is a fan of music,

but also because she believes in the benefits of the school.

“Music, in my mind, has brought so much fun and positivity into our home and with our kids, so I know that was the kind of energy we really wanted to share with the School of Rock,” she said.

After looking around at other locations, the two eventually settled on opening their school in Pleasanton, which technically opened in April,

because they saw how much the community valued the arts and their kids.

“We realized what a great community Pleasanton is, how much it had to offer and how kid-focused it was around here, and we realized that the best opportunity for us to do this business and make it really work would be here in Pleasanton,” Ben Levine said.

The school offers lessons for kids ages four to eight where they study music fundamentals and familiarize themselves with all types of instruments before they settle on one. Students eight years or older then begin private lessons and develop their skills before moving on to the performance portion of the program, which takes in students up to 18 years of age.

School of Rock is located at 3059 Hopyard Road, Suite D, near Ken Mercer Sports Park and Valley Avenue. Anyone older than 18 can also join the school’s adult band program, which Ben Levine said is made up of mostly parents who always wanted to play in a band. ■

POP MART

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kiosks, known as Robo Shops, located at Oakridge Mall in San Jose and the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore.

With the new Stoneridge storefront, Pop Mart continues to advance its mission of tapping into youth culture and emerging lifestyle trends.

“Pop Mart is a fun-oriented,

pop-culture brand that appeals to a variety of generations, but most particularly Gen Z and Millennials. We hope that with the addition of Pop Mart, along with other brands that appeal to Gen Z and Millennials like Apple, LEGO, Sephora, lululemon, JD Sports, UNIQLO, Zara, we’ll be able to further attract them to spend more of their time at Stoneridge Shopping Center,” Ramos told the Pleasanton Weekly.

“Stoneridge Shopping Center is a popular shopping, dining and entertainment destination for young families as well as Gen Z, so our target audience was already well aligned with that of Pop Mart,” Ramos added. “Additionally, the center allows the brand to expand its NorCal presence with the first Pop Mart location in the Tri-Valley, giving them an opportunity to reach new audiences but also serve fans of the brand a bit

closer to home as well.”

Several other brands are set to open at the Stoneridge Shopping Center alongside Pop Mart. These include the recently launched It’s a Grind Coffee House and Jumpity Bumpity, as well as upcoming additions like Combat Sports Academy Gym, Sheikh Shoes, Funshare Arcade, Master Shin, and UME Tea, all scheduled to open later this year.

“These new additions reflect the

center’s ongoing commitment to bringing distinctive and well-loved brands closer to the local community,” officials wrote in the press release.

Sheikh Shoes, a retailer specializing in footwear and apparel inspired by hip-hop, entertainment, and sports, was previously located at the Stoneridge Shopping Center, and its upcoming store marks a return to the location, officials confirmed. ■

CONCANNON

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He also led a decade-long revitalization of the Concannon estate, including its restoration and the creation of a solar-powered, small lot winery, according to the company website.

“He believed deeply in preserving the past while building toward the future, and his work helped shape Concannon into not only a historic winery, but a vibrant, welcoming destination known across the country,” Concannon officials wrote.

While at the helm, John Concannon also secured the winemaker’s place in The Smithsonian Institution, which houses three Concannon bottles dating back to the Prohibition era in its National Museum of American History collection. This wine was made and sold for sacramental purposes, according to the company website.

He also served as a Concannon representative on the world stage, presenting “The Concannon Cabernet Clones 7, 8, 11” as a keynote speaker at the 2014 International Cabernet

Symposium in Napa.

“John was a dedicated steward of his family’s legacy and a tireless advocate for the Livermore Valley region,” said Eric Wentz, fourth-generation winegrower with Wentz Family Vineyards. “It was an honor to work alongside him over the years. Our thoughts are with all who knew and admired him.”

Closing out their commemorative post on social media last week, Concannon Vineyard representatives offered their goodbye, saying, “We will miss his warmth, his wisdom, and his unwavering vision. Thank you, John, for everything.”

Following the news of John Concannon’s death, Livermore Downtown Inc. was among the Livermore-based organizations to commemorate his life.

“We are deeply saddened by the passing of John Concannon — a wonderful man whose lasting impact on Livermore and the California wine community will never be forgotten,” LDI officials wrote July 10 on social media. “With heavy hearts, we offer our condolences to the Concannon family and all who mourn this tremendous loss.” ■

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Inside Livermore PD's Special Needs Registry

'It is a benefit for not overreacting and certainly having compassion and understanding'

By JUDE STRZEMP

A voluntary program offered by the Livermore Police Department since 2021 aims at promoting positive interactions between police and people with mental and neurological disabilities.

The Special Needs Registry is intended for Livermore residents and frequent visitors of all ages who may require special assistance in an emergency or during interactions with LPD officers due to disabilities or conditions such as autism spectrum disorder, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, bipolar disorder and Down syndrome.

Opting into the registry involves sharing information about the enrollee such as communication methods, sensory sensitivities and calming strategies as well as emergency contact information. Given these individualized details, Livermore police officers hope to be better prepared to interact with community members who may need specific considerations.

"When they come in contact with the individual, they already know calming strategies that work. They already know the likes and dislikes of the individual. They know things to start talking to them about to start building that rapport to help deescalate the situation," founding officer Andrew Graycar said.

"The intent is to have the best possible outcome when our officers are coming in contact with people in the community that have special needs," Graycar added.

Inspired by a loved one who has autism, Graycar launched the registry in January 2021.

In addition to operating the registry as a passion project, Graycar is a member of LPD's Mobile Evaluation Team. The two-person unit responds to 911 calls involving



COURTESY LPD

The Livermore Police Department kicked off its Special Needs Registry in January 2021 to better inform officers of the specific needs of community members with mental or neurological disabilities.

a mental health or psychiatric component, provides field-based services to community members in acute mental health crises and provides training for department personnel, according to the LPD website.

"I want desperately for, when my loved one comes in contact with somebody, for that individual to understand a little bit about my loved one," Graycar said. "That way it can be a good contact instead of something that is stressful."

Similar registries also exist through the Pleasanton Police Department and Dublin Police Services, according to their websites.

These departments are among the officials serving the approximately 26,000 individuals in the East Bay with intellectual and development disabilities, a statistic shared by Susan Houghton, founder of Sunflower Hill. The nonprofit aims to create affordable housing as well as life skills and enrichment programs for people with I/

DD in the Tri-Valley, Lafayette and the greater Bay Area, according to Sunflower Hill's website.

In terms of its use, LPD's Special Needs Registry can come into play when someone is lost or in need of help, Graycar explained.

Dispatch can relay a person's record to responding officers to help prepare them, Graycar said. The dispatcher could provide file information like the individual's preferred communication style, triggers, stinging behaviors and typical responses to relevant stimuli like sirens, emergency vehicles and people in uniforms.

"Let's face it, most people get a little anxious when we hear sirens close by," Tri-Valley REACH vice chair Sharon Almeida said. "Providing first responders with this information can help them be better prepared to serve those in the intellectual and developmental disabilities community."

Tri-Valley REACH is a local nonprofit organization that provides

housing opportunities and other resources for adults with I/DD, according to its website.

"We think the registry is a great way for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to get the extra support they may need in an emergency situation," Almeida said.

The registry is not a case of randomly gathering information, according to LPD spokesperson Azenith Smith.

"It's rooted in somebody who actually lives and breathes this and wants to help the community and understand these community members better," Smith said.

The program also helps LPD better understand the community, she added.

Since its founding, it has not been used to find a missing person but it may have helped with police-community interactions, LPD officials said.

Also, each part of the registry has been created with attention to detail, Graycar said. For instance, LPD issues an identification card to enrollees featuring emergency contact information, rather than the ID bracelets used by some departments.

"The last thing we'd want would be for some nefarious person to target somebody by something that we put together with good intentions," Graycar said regarding the department's selection of discrete ID cards.

As for information storage, LPD keeps the person records in-house.

In case of an emergency, LPD can share relevant information with law enforcement including the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department or Alameda County Sheriff's Office. But as of early July, Graycar could not recall any times LPD has needed to share

registry information with an outside agency.

At this time, LPD is trying to build awareness of the program, Smith explained.

The department has spread the message about its registry through partnerships with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, which made a post on social media last month to promote the program.

"This is a very, very good thing," Houghton said of the registry. "It is a benefit for not overreacting and certainly having compassion and understanding, just as we would with anyone who may not speak English or might be different from one another."

To be included in LPD's registry, one must submit a form to the department — in person or via email — detailing the enrollee's information. Adults with special needs may enroll themselves in the program as well as parents and caregivers with legal authority.

Following submission of the form, processing may take up to two weeks, according to the department's website. Once complete, an identification card is mailed to the enrollee.

For more information, visit the LPD website at police.livermoreca.gov.

Enrollment to registries in other cities would need to be completed separately. Registration to Pleasanton Police Department's Exceptional Needs Registry — serving community members with I/DD and/or the elderly — can be completed over the phone while online registration is temporarily unavailable. Dublin Police Services' Special Needs Registry is also open to inform Dublin Police and Alameda County Fire. ■

Grand jury examines Oakland's ticketing of stolen vehicles

'Insult to injury': City officials must respond to county jurors' report by Sept. 24

By KATY ST. CLAIR /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The city of Oakland has issued hundreds of tickets to abandoned vehicles that were reported stolen, creating a problem for both the victims of the crime and the city, according to an Alameda County Civil Grand Jury report released at the end of June.

The civil grand jury, a panel convened annually in each county around the state to investigate and report on local government operations, found that parking tickets generate a lot of revenue for a city struggling financially.

In fiscal year 2023-24, the Oakland Department of Transportation

collected \$14.2 million in fines for parking tickets. But issuing tickets to vehicles whose owners reported them stolen adds "insult to injury" to someone whose car ended up abandoned by a fire hydrant through no fault of their own, the jury found. Penalties for late payments compound the problem.

"While most vehicle owners become aware that their vehicle has received a ticket when they find a ticket on their windshield, this is often not the case for victims of vehicle theft," reads the report.

Victims of car theft who are ticketed are able to dispute the ticket or tickets by showing a police report, the jury said, which they found was an unnecessary hoop for people

to have to jump through. It also costs the city money to process dismissed tickets.

According to the jury, 9,400 vehicles were reported stolen in Oakland in 2024.

"In fact, according to the highway patrol, more stolen vehicles were recovered in Oakland in 2023 than in any other California city except Los Angeles," the report reads.

These numbers don't reflect the thousands of stolen Oakland vehicles recovered elsewhere, as well.

Data shared in the report showed that between 2022 and 2024, 1,559 stolen cars were ticketed at least once, with 2,703 tickets dismissed — numbers that show that many

cars had been given multiple tickets and fines.

"These numbers only reflect the instances where the victim sought to have the ticket dismissed," said the report. "Because it is possible that some victims did not seek dismissal, the number of stolen vehicles that receive tickets may be higher."

The jury pointed to how parking enforcement officers in San Francisco handle the problem as a possible solution for Oakland.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency in 2023 made an arrangement with the city's database of stolen cars that links to the hand-held devices that enforcement officers use when they vet vehicles. Once a license

plate is entered into their system, they receive a message that says the vehicle cannot be ticketed.

The civil grand jury found that were Oakland to adopt a similar approach, it could be done in as little as six months "at little or no cost".

"If OakDOT could immediately identify a parked stolen vehicle, it would be beneficial not only to the vehicle owner but also would save the city time and money by not having to rescind and dismiss tickets," the jury concluded.

The Oakland City Council, the mayor, and the director of OakDOT are required to respond to the civil grand jury's report by Sept. 24. ■

County board to debate Russell City ‘redress fund’

Proposal would provide payments to residents wrongfully evicted by government in 1960s

BY KILEY RUSSELL /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Former residents of Russell City, a once-thriving African American and Latino community on the Hayward shoreline, could soon receive payments for being run out of their homes in the 1960s thanks to a proposed “redress fund”.

Hayward Mayor Mark Salinas and Alameda County supervisors Nate Miley and Elisa Márquez announced the proposal last week, saying they’ve earmarked \$900,000 for the fund.

“Two years after Alameda County formally apologized for its role in the destruction of Russell City, we are progressing beyond the written word and toward tangible action through the establishment of a Russell City Redress Fund,” Márquez said July 10. “While neither equal to nor comparable with the depth of loss experienced, this is a fundamental step towards repair and healing.”

Founded in 1853, Russell City



COURTESY HAYWARD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY VIA BAY CITY NEWS

Russell City in an undated photo was an unincorporated community in Alameda County about 10 miles (16 km) south of Oakland in present-day Hayward. Russell City existed from 1853 until 1964, when the last of the residents were forced out to make way for an industrial park.

was destroyed by county officials wielding the cudgel of eminent domain to acquire homes and businesses in 1963, according to a 2024 report by Hayward’s Russell City

Arts Committee, a partnership formed between former Russell City residents and the city.

To justify such a move, the county declared the community

blighted, a decision seen as a cruel irony by many residents since it followed years of neglect by county and Hayward officials who refused to provide basic services such as water, sewer, road maintenance and public safety to the area.

Eventually all 205 families and 33 individuals were evicted, the 200-acre town was bulldozed and the county allowed a developer to build an industrial park, after which Hayward annexed the area and finally began providing city services, according to the report “Erased by Eminent Domain: ‘The City May Be Gone, But the Memories Live On’ Russell City 1853-1963”.

Márquez and Miley have championed the creation of the redress fund as members of the county’s Ad Hoc Committee on Reparations and will contribute money from their offices’ discretionary budgets for the project — \$400,000 from Márquez and \$250,000 from Miley.

The Board of Supervisors is expected to vote on the funding at its meeting next Tuesday (July 22).

Hayward is kicking in \$250,000 from its general fund, which the City Council included in last year’s budget, Salinas said.

In 2021, Hayward issued a formal apology and then initiated the Russell City Reporative Justice Project, which was led by a committee that included former residents and which ultimately recommended establishing the fund, along with other measures.

“I know we’re all sort of fixated on the money, and I get it, it’s a lot of money,” Salinas said. “But for the descendants of Russell City, there is no amount of money that we can identify that can restore what happened back in the ‘50s and ‘60s.”

Salinas said the city and county will work together to select a non-profit foundation to administer the funds and establish eligibility criteria and protocols for applications.

“I’d love to have checks going out by the end of the year — that’s the optimistic Mayor Salinas talking,” he said. ■

DeSaulnier outlines East Bay impacts from Trump cuts

‘There is reason to believe ... California will see more targeting from the administration’

BY SAMANTHA KENNEDY /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Nationwide, President Donald Trump’s recently passed “One Big Beautiful Bill” means trillions of dollars in tax cuts and the clawing back of funding for Medicaid and food support programs for lower-income people. In parts of the East Bay, the cuts could mean an increase in uncompensated care and millions of dollars reduced annually to at least one county’s health system.

The Contra Costa County system, which includes Contra Costa Health and the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, will see annual cuts of between \$121 million and \$129 million, according to U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Walnut Creek), who represents parts of the Tri-Valley.

DeSaulnier’s district is the fifth-wealthiest in the country, but more than 131,000 of those residents still rely on Medicaid, known as Medi-Cal in the state, DeSaulnier said during a

July 10 town hall on Trump’s cuts.

Almost 18,000 households in the district also rely on food stamps, known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

“(Food stamps) are a benefit to all of us, particularly young people,” said DeSaulnier. “When they get the nutrition they need, their cognitive development, as we all know science tells us, improves. And we all benefit from that.”

Cuts to Medicaid alone total almost \$1 trillion for the country over the next 10 years. Nearly \$200 billion will also be cut from SNAP in that same time.

DeSaulnier said that while the county is still evaluating the complete impact of the cuts, it could result in hospitals and clinics being closed.

In a June letter, leading Democrat and Republican congressmembers warned that the cuts would put 338 rural hospitals at risk of closure or unable to provide services. One of those is in the North Bay — Adventist Health St. Helena in Napa County.

The cuts were approved alongside a \$75 billion increase in funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, around \$45 billion of which is for immigration detention centers and the other almost \$30 billion for personnel and other operational costs.

“There is reason to believe that with an increased budget, California will see more targeting from the administration,” a presentation by DeSaulnier said.

ICE raids in the Bay Area have sparked protests across the region, with some resulting in temporary closures of the immigration courthouses in Concord and San Francisco.

DeSaulnier said it’s imperative to ensure congressional oversight of immigration efforts and funding because what’s happening is “not American democracy.”

“We’ve got to win elections. We’ve got to win the midterms and hopefully Republicans who believe in oversight will stop being afraid to provide oversight,” DeSaulnier said in response to a constituent’s question. “All of this money that is going to ICE and border security is an open check to this administration.”

DeSaulnier said he believes that

part of the strategy around implementing the cuts is to make people think the cuts have little effect because they will be going into place over the next several years instead of right away.

“There won’t be any changes, as much as you imagine, because it’ll be 2026 when they take effect and 2028,” he told the audience. ■



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Mark DeSaulnier

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Old Mexico in Livermore shuts for good

'Bittersweet' farewell from operators of restaurant and bar on Portola

By JUDE STRZEMP

A Mexican restaurant in Livermore closed up shop for the last time over the weekend, wrapping up its multi-year operation.

Located at 1848 Portola Ave., Old Mexico Bar & Grill's

permanent closure July 13 was announced recently to in-person customers via printed letter, which was later shared on social media.

"This decision was not made lightly, and while it's bittersweet, we look back with immense

gratitude for the memories, meals, laughter, and support you've shared with us over the years," restaurant officials wrote to diners. "You've become more than customers — you're family."

"From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being a part of our

story," restaurant officials added.

Old Mexico served diners for at least six years, based on Yelp reviews dating back to May 2019. Their menu featuring Mexican cuisine included carne asada, taquitos, enchiladas, a variety of seafood dinners, appetizers,

salads and sandwiches.

"This is so sad they are closing," restaurant goer Uilani Saavedra DeMotta told the Pleasanton Weekly. "I'll miss this place!"

Restaurant representatives said they were not available for comment when contacted last week. ■

LIBRARY

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on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The facility will be closed on Sundays — a move which had been previously criticized by many residents.

"We know Sunday was a valued day for many," Balch said. "This isn't a permanent decision, we'll continue to monitor usage and explore all options as our budget situation improves. The library remains a cornerstone of our community, and I'm committed to ensuring it continues to serve Pleasanton well."

The cuts to the city's Library and Recreation Department are just one piece of the city's recently adopted, two-year Operating Budget.

Specifically for the next two years, the city is facing a budget shortfall of about \$10 million to \$12 million, which is why staff have been working this past year to find ways to make cuts across all of the city's departments and services, including the library.

"This change is part of a series of citywide budget adjustments adopted for the upcoming fiscal year, designed to address Pleasanton's current fiscal challenges and safeguard the city's long-term financial stability," according to the city.

The city spent much of the year obtaining community input, holding budget workshops and drafting the budget, which the City Council adopted on June 17 after months of reviewing and refining the specifics

of the reductions to various city departments.

The Library and Recreation Department — which makes up just under 10% of the city's expenditures — was hit the hardest with reductions.

According to the adopted two-year budget, the library department will see a \$1.6 million reduction during the current fiscal year and a \$1.7 million reduction during the 2026-27 fiscal year.

According to the city, updating the library's hours was not an easy task and staff recognize the schedule change will affect individuals and families.

"As we developed the new schedule, our top priority was to balance the needs of library users with the constraints of reduced funding — all while continuing to deliver essential services and quality programming," the city stated in its newsletter.

Monday's announcement regarding the library hours follows months of those budget discussions and council meetings where dozens of Pleasanton students and community members voiced their concerns at the prospect of closing the library on Sundays and earlier throughout the week — many teenagers said the late hours and extra day open on Sunday benefited their busy schedules.

Arjun Chopra, a Pleasanton Middle School student who lives down the street from the library, told the Weekly the library has always been more than just a place to read or check out books with his dad growing up. It's also a place that

offers other valuable resources such as printing — especially if his printer at home jams late at night.

"The library is always open for that," Chopra said.

Balch said the library's reduction from 62 to 48 hours per week ultimately reflects the "tough financial reality our city is facing" — but added that the city worked to ensure it maintained its core services, despite the budget cuts.

"Our goal has been to preserve as much public access as possible while prioritizing essential services and aligning with available funding," the mayor said. "City staff worked closely with our employee association, analyzed usage data and focused on maintaining high-traffic hours and core programs."

According to the city, staff considered several factors which helped guide them in the creation of the new schedule. One of those factors included an analysis of library usage patterns and visitor trends so that the city could ensure a mix of morning, evening and weekend hours to "serve a variety of needs."

Other factors in developing the new schedule included "staffing capacity under the revised budget and the need to keep to consistent 8-hour days to maintain operational efficiency and service quality."

"With nearly 300,000 visits to the Pleasanton Library each year, we recognize just how vital this space is to our community," Library and recreation director Heidi Murphy said in a statement to the Weekly.

"These new hours reflect a careful

compromise — one that allows us to maintain broad access to essential library services while adapting to current budget realities," Murphy said. "We used data, community needs, and staff capacity to ensure that the revised schedule continues to serve students, families, readers, researchers, and lifelong learners alike. Our commitment to quality programming and welcoming spaces remains as strong as ever."

According to city communications manager Heather Tiernan, the city ended up choosing Sunday as the day the library would close for several reasons.

Factors included library patrons often using other regional libraries in Livermore and Dublin that are open on Sundays, the fact currently the Pleasanton Library is only open four hours on Sundays and the recreation administration being open Monday through Friday — closing the library during the week would have affected access to recreation services.

Other reasons included weekdays showing the highest average daily attendance, closing weekdays would have negatively impacted staff schedules and Saturdays having a higher attendance compared to Sundays.

Tiernan added that the library's afterschool program runs Monday through Friday and that closing on a weekday would have negatively impacted families who rely on the library after school.

But the reduced hours are not the only major changes stemming from the recently adopted budget cuts.

In addition to the reduced hours, starting on Tuesday the library will reduce the maximum number of physical items that can be checked out at one time from 100 to 50 items.

"This change reflects a 50% reduction in the budget for new library materials and is intended to promote more equitable access to our collection," according to a newsletter from the city on Monday.

The city will also no longer allow library users to place holds on items currently available on library shelves.

"Instead, we will move to a first-come, first-served model for checked-in materials, beginning July 15," the city stated in the newsletter. "This ensures more immediate and fair access for all visitors."

Other associated impacts from the library cuts include combining the library and recreation service desks; converting all adult sports to self-run programs; and reduced funding

New Library Hours

Beginning
Monday, August 4, 2025

Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 1-9 p.m.

Wednesday 1-9 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

for future library materials — the library's current book collection and materials will not be affected.

Pleasanton resident Amber Olsen, who visited the library on Tuesday along with five of her six kids, told the Weekly that while she understands the budget cuts need to happen due to the city's fiscal challenges, the reduced hours are "kind of a bummer."

She said while she doesn't think the reduced hours will directly affect her kids — they usually go right after school ends — she does think the changes to the library's hold policy and reduction of the maximum amount of items checked out will affect her family.

"The kids all have library cards but a lot of times I'll just be like 'oh just check it all out on mine' but with six of us checking out books, a 50 book limit — especially when they're all picture books — is going to be a scale back," Olsen said.

"The ability to put books on hold will be a big deal too," she added, explaining how convenient that has been at times during her busy days.

Olsen said she could especially see how the overall changes to the library could also increase the demand for digital resources, which the city is already committed to keeping despite the changes to the in-person hours.

The city stated that apart from maintaining high levels of service at the library, the library's digital resources — electronic books, audiobooks, online newspapers, homework help, learning tools and more — remain available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Core library programs will also continue, including storytimes, Paws to Read, Booklegger, afterschool programming, and adult literacy services," according to the city. "Updated program times will be published in August and begin in September." ■



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A group of kids and adults make their way inside the Pleasanton Public Library. Starting on Aug. 4, the library will enact its new weekly schedule, which includes closing on Sunday among other changes throughout the week.

POLICE BULLETIN

Police: Teens rob couple in Pleasanton, crash car in Livermore

Two Livermore teenagers were arrested and booked into the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center on charges of first-degree robbery after police allege they assaulted and stole from a couple outside of a Pleasanton bank on Friday.

According to the Pleasanton Police Department, the two suspects — ages 15 and 16 — are believed to be associated with two other juveniles who were arrested last week for their alleged involvement in a string of robberies at various ATMs across the city.

“Both arrested suspects are Livermore residents and are believed to be associated with the 12- and 17-year-old suspects involved in previous robberies,” Teri Yan, community and public relations coordinator, told the Weekly on Monday. “The individuals share social connections and common residences.”

Police said a third suspect, whom investigators think was in the vehicle during the robbery with the other two teenagers, is still at-large.

According to Yan, the incident started at around 3:45 p.m. Friday (July 11) when the suspects assaulted a husband and wife outside a Pleasanton bank on the 3500 block of Old Santa Rita Road — the only bank in that area is a Chase Bank — and stole their cashier’s check, which was valued at about \$1,100.

Police said the culprits fled the scene in a stolen car before officers arrived at the scene of the crime.

Shortly after, PPD sent out an alert to nearby law enforcement, which led to officers from the Livermore Police Department and Dublin Police Services locating the vehicle. Officers attempted to make contact with the suspects, who led police on a chase that ended with the suspects crashing with at least two other cars on North P Street in Livermore near Pine Street, Yan said.

The Livermore Police Department asked residents to stay away from that area from 5:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. that Friday, according to the department’s Facebook post, while officers arrested two of the juveniles.

“Following the collision, officers from the Livermore Police Department and Alameda County Sheriff’s Office established a perimeter and took two suspects into custody,” Yan said.

Police said no serious injuries were reported from the crashes in Livermore. PPD reported that officers recovered the stolen cashier’s check from the vehicle, along with a handgun.

Yan said at this stage of the investigation, “Detectives do not believe the recovered firearm was used during the robbery.”

The two sets of juveniles who were arrested this month remain in custody at juvenile hall and are waiting for their court dates, PPD Lt. Brandon Stocking told the Weekly.

“It is unfortunate that such young individuals are committing these violent crimes,” Stocking said. “While it appears that a very small group of juveniles is responsible for a disproportionate amount of crime in Pleasanton, the city continues to have a low rate of violent crime compared to other Bay Area cities. We encourage everyone to stay aware of their surroundings and to call 9-1-1 if they find themselves in a similar situation.”

— Christian Trujano

Teen reports being pistol-whipped at party

Pleasanton PD is working to corroborate a report that a juvenile was pistol-whipped during a brawl at a teenage house party on the southwest side of the city last week.

Officers were called out to the area of Whispering Oaks Way at around 9:30 p.m. July 10 after receiving several calls about a large juvenile party, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Nicholas Albert.

The officers broke up the party without incident, Albert said. But later that night, police met with a teenager who reported having been in a fight with several unknown partygoers.

“The juvenile victim did report being pistol whipped during the altercation, however additional witnesses were unable to confirm this detail,” Albert told the Pleasanton Weekly, noting that the youth sustained minor injuries. “A report was filed and the incident is under investigation.”

The lieutenant said anyone with information about the party or the brawl can call Pleasanton PD at 925-931-5100 and reference case No. 25-02247.

— Jeremy Walsh

Deadly head-on crash

One driver died and another sustained critical injuries in a head-on crash on Highway 84 in Livermore during the evening commute Tuesday, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The violent collision occurred just before 6:20 p.m. on the highway, west of the Ruby Hill Drive intersection.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the driver of a westbound Lexus IS 250 lost control for unknown reasons, crossed the median and entered the eastbound lanes where the Lexus struck an oncoming Honda Civic, according to CHP Officer Tyler Hahn.

The Honda’s driver was pronounced dead at the scene, Hahn said. The driver of the Lexus was airlifted to a regional hospital with critical injuries. Neither driver has been identified publicly.

The circumstances of the head-on

collision remain under investigation by CHP’s Dublin office.

Authorities closed one lane in each direction for a period on Tuesday evening to facilitate the investigation and allow the helicopter to land on the highway to transport the critical driver, according to Hahn.

Tuesday’s deadly wreck occurred not far from the site of a double-fatal crash on Highway 84 on the opposite side of the Ruby Hill Drive intersection on April 21, just inside the city limits. Also a head-on, that collision claimed the lives of both drivers and continues to be investigated by the Livermore Police Department.

— Jeremy Walsh

Infamous kidnapper sentenced in San Ramon case

A convicted kidnapper and rapist who has made headlines throughout the state and country in recent years amid his conviction for other crimes throughout the state — including a Vallejo kidnapping that was the subject of a 2024 true crime documentary — could now be facing life in prison following a Contra Costa judge’s ruling.

Matthew Muller, who was already serving multiple life sentences for his crimes in other parts of the state, was sentenced to seven years to life in Contra Costa County Superior Court on July 10 after pleading no contest for a 2015 ransom incident that came to light last year.

According to the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office, Muller kidnapped two San Ramon men and a woman for ransom in 2015, forcing them to withdraw a ransom of more than \$30,000 to secure their release.

“The seriousness of Muller’s offenses was indeed nightmarish for the victims,” District Attorney Diana Becton said in an announcement. “The investigative work by law enforcement and our coordinated efforts ... show that being resolute in the pursuit of justice can bring a measure of closure for the victims and reinforce our commitment to public safety.”

Muller was charged by Becton’s office in January after the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office joined the investigation into Muller’s additional crimes that he confessed to while serving a 40-year sentence for the kidnapping of Vallejo woman Denise Huskins in late March 2015 — which was notoriously and falsely described as a “hoax” by law enforcement at the time, and with the incident going on to garner a national audience with the 2024 release of Netflix’s “American Nightmare.”

Muller struck again in the San Ramon case in April 2015, and was ultimately connected to the Vallejo kidnapping during an Alameda County Sheriff’s Office investigation into a Dublin home invasion that

June, in which they traced Muller to his cabin in South Lake Tahoe and arrested him for the Dublin incident.

The San Ramon case was not reported by the victims — who are continuing to remain anonymous — for fear of retribution, only becoming unearthed after Muller’s confession led local authorities to get involved.

Muller’s crimes date back to well before 2015, with guilty pleas in two home invasions on the Peninsula in 2009 — one in Mountain View, and one months later in Palo Alto, which included a sexual assault — garnering him two life sentences earlier this year.

The San Ramon and Peninsula cases, as well as others throughout Northern California, came to light following an investigation that yielded confessions from Muller to the additional crimes according to the Seaside Police Department, with the first allegedly being in 1993 when he was 16 years old.

Now 48, Muller will be in his late 80s or early 90s before he is eligible for a parole board hearing, according to the announcement from Becton’s office.

— Jeanita Lyman

Woman shot in head after pulling off I-680

A woman who was shot in the head near Interstate 680 in Alamo last week was in stable condition and

was expected to survive, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The woman was in a black Tesla 3 heading north shortly before 12:25 a.m. July 10 when her vehicle was struck by a bullet fired from someone in another vehicle south of Stone Valley Road. The victim’s vehicle pulled off the highway at Stone Valley Road when the suspect opened fire again, striking the woman in the head, according to CHP Officer Andrew Barclay.

She was alert and spoke to CHP officers when they arrived before being taken to a hospital, Barclay said.

The CHP closed all southbound lanes of the highway during the investigation but has not released a description of the shooter’s vehicle.

— Bay City News Service

Hawk sparks power line

A small fire ignited in a Pleasanton neighborhood near Shadow Cliffs Lake early Tuesday morning due to a hawk landing on a power line, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Firefighters responded to the half acre vegetation fire that broke out in a patch of mowed grass, according to LPPD spokesperson Rosa Ramos.

Ramos said the fire had a “very slow rate of spread, and minimal potential” and firefighters were able to knock down the fire in about 20 minutes. ■

— Christian Trujano

Dylan Thomas Dantzig

November 16, 1997 – June 29, 2025

Dylan Thomas Dantzig, of Pleasanton, passed away far too soon, leaving behind a legacy of curiosity, kindness, and connection.

A graduate of Amador Valley High School (2016), Dylan studied at Durham University in England before earning his B.S. in Business, cum laude, from St. Mary’s College in 2022. He began his career as a financial advisor and was in the process of launching his own firm in Nashville, TN. Dylan had a deep love for nature, science, investing, and gemology. A former board member of the Castro Valley Mineral & Gem Society, he enjoyed mining, jewelry making, and coin collecting. He built deep relationships wherever he went—from his childhood home in Pleasanton, to the UK, Buenos Aires and Nashville.

He is survived by his parents, Melissa and Brian Dantzig; brothers Alex (Briegan) and nephew Beckham, Tanner, and Connor; grandparents Beverly and Gary Howell, and Ed and the late Bernadette Dantzig; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, and if so led, please consider making a donation in Dylan’s memory to the Alan Hu Foundation or to a mental health organization of your choosing.



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Balloon Platoon has marched across coun



BY TIM HUNT

Few businesses or institutions last half a century, let alone a “precision” drill team entertaining crowds literally around the world.

The Balloon Platoon, the comic marching group from GraceWay Church (formerly Pleasanton Presbyterian and several similar names), celebrated its 50th anniversary recently with two of its favorite parades — the Apricot Festival in Patterson (in San Joaquin County) and Piedmont’s Fourth of July (followed by its traditional ice cream treats at Fenton’s).

The marching group grew out of the KNBR Radio Good Times parade that disc jockey Frank Dill threw for

his morning co-host Mike Cleary to pay off a bet. The first parade took place in March 1974 and the church fellowship group, Mariner’s Ship 4, built a Viking rowing ship (named “Clyde”) for that hugely successful event. Former Pleasanton mayor “Smiling” Ed Kinney knew the right person to bring the parade to Main Street and the KNBR representatives thought it was perfect.

The first parade went so well with about 4,000 participants and an estimated 75,000 attendees packing downtown Pleasanton that a reprise was planned for the next year.

As Brad Hirst, a member of Ship 4, described it, they formed a committee to figure out an entry that wouldn’t involve so much construction. That

group discussed the overweight Carol Burnett character and Dick Howard volunteered truck tire inner tubes. The Burnett character’s mop became the “weapon”.

Hirst recalled it had to be Navy because Camp Parks was an Army base. Ray Koski dubbed the group the Balloon Platoon and it stuck.

Howard, the first commodore and his wife Joanne, a dancer, worked out the various drills and the wives sewed together two queen sheets with a half-open back for access. The Balloon Platoon debuted in the second Good Times parade May 3, 1975. Once guys were suited up, bathroom visits were hazardous — more than one got caught in porta-potties over the years.

The original group included Frank Gottschalk, Jim Gregory, Hirst, Howard, Jim Kimball, Kinney, Koski, Tony Migliachio, Rob Montgomery, Leonard Mark, Farrell Pruett, Bob Stewart, Keith Sweet, Steve Thomas and Al Walburg.

Hirst said that they originally were going to do it on roller skates, but one rehearsal took care of that notion. Howard worked the group hard in practices leading up to the first parade and thereafter. He said they practiced at least 10 times before the first parade appearance and continued to have regular practices under Howard’s leadership.

“The better we were at short order drills, the funnier we were and the more people liked us,” Hirst said. He

was the longest marching member, part of the original group who retired after 41 years. He will turn 87 this year and summed up why he liked participating so much, “You can’t put a price on fellowship.”

The group lined up, depending upon the width of the street two or three abreast going from the shortest to the tallest. That was quite a range from 5-foot-5 or 5-6 to 6-6. Mark took the key front-right position that set the marching cadence in response to Howard’s commands.

One of those front-row guys was teacher/coach Jimmy Fields, who turned 80 last month. He recalled that the front row of Mark, Chuck Maxon and he did a good job of staying in step and setting the cadence for those

WITH LAUGHTER

ry and around world delighting crowds with precision drills



Clockwise from left: The Balloon Platoon has entertained a few years at the Holiday Parade in San Diego, with its inflated balloon characters. Commodore Doug Driver and the “sailors” execute a drill on Main Street during the 2024 Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade. Bill Potter catches some pre-parade rest. The Balloon Platoon has traveled around the country and the world, including this visit to Washington D.C. for the Cherry Blossom Parade that celebrates the trees around the Tidal Basin. (Pleasanton parade photo by Chuck Deckert; other photos courtesy Balloon Platoon)

They also went to Indianapolis for the parade the day before the Indy 500 and were the only non-band allowed to march around the Brickyard on race day with the selected marching bands.

Depending upon the arrangements, they sometimes got lodging covered and money for food, but they paid their own travel costs whether to Hong Kong, Scotland or Washington, D.C.

Hirst said Nice, France was notable because the organizers paid for lodging and provided money for food, but worked them hard with five appearances in seven days. They also insisted that the wives march as well, he said, the first and only time until the last year when a woman has been part of the marching group. GraceWay Pastor Mary Scott has marched in Patterson and Piedmont.

Back in the day, when the Raiders were still in Oakland, they would loosely team up with the Balloon Platoon in Piedmont. Their history books have pictures of the Raiderettes and Balloon Platoon members.

They have marched all over Northern California — Pacific Grove, San Francisco, Sacramento, Livermore, Walnut Creek and Ceres (probably missing some). They routinely chartered buses for parades around Northern California. Doug Driver and Hal Strunk have kept

detailed records over the years and have three storage boxes full.

Driver and Bill Potter currently coordinate the activities. Pleasanton appearances were in the Alameda County Fair parade when it was held, the Hometown Holiday Parade and the occasional special event.

Columbus Day in San Francisco was a favorite because the streets were narrow, allowing good contact with the crowds and it often took place during Fleet Week so they would watch the Blue Angels perform after marching.

One year they took part in the Doo Dah parade, a knock-off of the Rose Parade produced by a bar in the Pasadena area. Hirst described it as somewhere between “vulgar and risqué” and inappropriate for a group bearing a church banner.

Hirst said he and Howard both had gotten numerous calls over the years asking if they would share or franchise the Balloon Platoon. The answer was always a straight NO.

“I have done a lot of things and had a lot of fun — this is right up there near the top,” Hirst said.

One member, Paul Esser, who now is an ambassador walking the parade route and engaging with the crowd, saw the group while visiting from New Jersey more than 20 years ago. He moved to Pleasanton and started attending GraceWay Church. He was quite surprised when he learned it

was the home of the Balloon Platoon he had seen decades earlier and joined up.

Although Hirst retired after 41 years, others have marched into their 90s.

Larry Caminiti, 94, is currently doing that. Dan Ashland, who turned 100 two years ago, marched into his 90s as did the late Hollis Beckett, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Air Force (World War II veteran) who was in the gym daily until passing at 99.

Notably, in the 50 years, there have only been five men who have worn the commodore’s hat and carried the toilet plunger to conduct the team.

Incidentally, in the first few parades Howard wore a hat made from a folded-up newspaper. Howard led the group for about 25 years before he retired and relocated to western Colorado. Dave Muck, equally tall as the former basketball player, took over. When he stepped aside, retired Navy captain Strunk took the plunger and then handed it off to the current team of another retired Naval Reserve captain Driver, and Robby Potter, son of coordinator Bill Potter. None are close to the physical stature of Howard or Muck.

There have been other father-son marchers, as well as a couple of occasions with three generations donning the inner tubes in the Terry Bedell and Howard Neely families. Father-son marchers include the families of:

Doug Driver, Bill Potter, Phil Roush, John Houston and Frank Napoleon.

Strunk recalled his favorite parade as the Christmas event in London where organizers put them up in a Hyde Park hotel. He said they had about 18 marchers so the pinwheel filled the street.

During the parade he had a great time “low-fiving” spectators along the route. The next morning, he got a call from his daughter who lives in Sacramento telling him his photo was in the Sacramento Bee. Several other calls followed from friends who had seen his photo in their local papers after it was distributed by a wire service.

Photographers routinely found the group the most photogenic entry in parades so newspaper photos and TV news clips were common.

The group traditionally meets once a year to plan the parade schedule, enjoy fellowship and conduct whatever necessary business. The finale is a slide show of members who have gone home to their Heavenly reward, a total of 33 over the years. It invariably brings tears as guys and wives recall them. ■

Editor’s note: Journalist Tim Hunt is a longtime member of GraceWay Church and marched with the Balloon Platoon for a season. A favorite memory is marching with a small group at the St. Francis Yacht Club when a traditional 12-meter America’s Cup yacht sailed into the club lagoon.

behind. On big local parades, particularly in the early years, they would have 20 or more guys suited up.

He marched in the Chinese New Year parade a few times, including a year when it rained. Typically, guys just wore shorts and a T-shirt under the costume so Fields remembers that as a cold, miserable march once the sheets got soaked through.

That Chinese New Year parade, Hirst said, was significant because a man who promoted groups to parades around the world saw them and connected. He was the bridge to invitations to Scotland for the Tattoo in Edinburgh, Hong Kong, Nice, Phoenix for the Festival Bowl, San Diego for the Holiday Bowl and Singapore.

OFF TO SEE 'THE WIZARD'

Modernized musical
arriving at LPC outdoor amphitheater
this week and next ∞ BY JUDE STRZEMP

Meshing the classic and contemporary, Las Positas College's theater arts program is set to present its take on "The Wizard of Oz" musical the next two weeks in Livermore.

The well-known story features Dorothy's journey through the fantasy Land of Oz, where she teams up with the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Cowardly Lion. Each grieved by their perceived deficiencies — whether brain, heart, courage or home — they seek help from the great Wizard. Along the way, they encounter jitterbugs, ghosts, witches and a cast of fantastical Ozians.

'From the outside, she seems like she's just an innocent young girl. However, she has so much depth that is uncovered as the show progresses.'

∞ KIANA PORR, ACTRESS PORTRAYING DOROTHY

Adapted from L. Frank Baum's classic book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz", the upcoming production features modern choreography and costuming, a California-inspired set as well as characters and scenes not included in MGM's 1930s film adaptation of the story.

However, audiences can still expect to hear classic tunes such as "Over the Rainbow", "If I Only Had a Brain" and "Ding-Dong! The Witch Is Dead".

"This show is so enduring for a reason," director and choreographer Vinh G. Nguyen said. "The characters are so lovable. The story is just so simple, but so relevant."

To Nguyen, this summer is a prime time to present "The

Wizard of Oz", as audiences await the release of "Wicked: For Good" — the second film in a two-part adaptation of the Broadway musical "Wicked".

"We thought it would be a great time to share this story with our community again," Nguyen said. "We also wanted to do it in a new and refreshing way that can engage the younger generation."

Portraying Dorothy is actress Kiana Porr, who said the role is both exciting and challenging.

"From the outside, she seems like she's just an innocent young girl. However, she has so much depth that is uncovered as the show progresses," Porr said. "Being able to portray such an iconic character and bring her deeper feelings and motivations to light has been so much fun."

In addition to the show's themes like friendship and belief in oneself, Nguyen brings into the production California scenery for an added layer of relatability.

Munchkinland is akin to San Francisco, the Yellow Brick Road resembles the Pacific Coast Highway and the Emerald City looks like Los Angeles, Nguyen explained.

"Making it a localized production, we hope that our audience will see themselves in the stories that we're telling," the director added.

In addition to its California spin, the production also features contemporary choreography and costuming.

Clad in a variety of textiles, colors and patterns, performers are also encouraged to bring their lived experiences to the characters they embody, according to Nguyen.

"One of the best parts about playing Dorothy is that I can see so much of myself in her character," Porr said. "I feel like Dorothy brings the best out of me onstage, and I am learning so much about myself from simply being in this role."



The upcoming production features a cast of over 30 students and performers from the LPC Actors Conservatory, including Porr, Ava Fernandez, Cecily Hansson, Claire Willard, Demi Starzak, Ella Bracken, Isabella Dukleth, Jackson Baggie, Kiana Casanovas, Kiarra Bautista, Kinsey Ferrera, Lucas Caba, Mackenzie McDonald, Marshawn Wesley, Mason Garner, Mason Neto, Michael Patin, Mikayla Cabrera, Natalia Mujica Herrera, Renn Ma, Ryan Morris, Scout Del Real, Sharon Thompson, Spencer Canton and Xander Struckmann.

In addition to Nguyen, the production team includes producers Titian Lish and Cynthia Lagodzinski; musical director Jon Gallo; vocal director Jed de Roza and collaborative pianist Jeremiah Trujillo. Its artistic crew includes technical director John Kelly, Mike Rinaldi on lighting, Karl Haller on sound, Justine Law on scenic and Elizabeth Davis Newhouse on costumes.

The production is scheduled to run this Friday and Saturday (July 18-19) and July 25-26 at the outdoor amphitheater on the LPC campus at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. All shows begin at 8 p.m. and seating is first-come, first-served. Picnics are welcome with food trucks and desserts available nightly.

For tickets or more information, visit lpc.ludus.com or laspositascollege.edu/theater. ■



After weeks of rehearsals, the Las Positas College theater arts program is ready to present its adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" on July 18-19 and July 25-26. (Top and above right photos by Aaron Burg. Above left photo by Vinh G. Nguyen)

Cuts to the library

My family moved to Pleasanton several years ago, and our favorite things about this city are the farmers market, the playgrounds, and the best library we've ever encountered. The incredibly kind and helpful staff, the amazing collections, the thoughtful and enjoyable events, and the vibrant community at the library are second-to-none.

We easily voted for the tiny sales tax increase in the 2024 election and were dismayed to see that it didn't pass.

To live in a city where the average home price is well over \$1 million and realize that over half of the voters couldn't stomach a few extra cents on each (non-essential) purchase is ... truly insane.

Must the citizens of this city line their pockets even further at the expense of the vital public resources like the library? Can you not have any

empathy for fellow citizens who rely on these public treasures? It's embarrassing. It's shameful. It's everything that is wrong with this country.

We received the email tonight about the reduction in hours at the library, the reduction in new items in the collection, the reduction in staffing. It's a tragedy. There is no excuse!

Every resident who voted no on the sales tax increase should be embarrassed. I hope you'll think better the next time you have the chance to vote to support your city and what makes it a great place to live.

— Emily Walker

Big beautiful bill for billionaires

The largest cut to food assistance programs ever just passed with the signing of Trump's big beautiful bill for billionaires. The Alameda County Community Food Bank issued a statement saying that, "Hunger is about to get worse. Way worse."

In Alameda County, 1 in 4 residents experience food insecurity; 10% of the county, or 175,000 people, receive benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in California as CalFresh, which helps families put food on the table.

Many of these people will lose their benefits due to the draconian age and work restrictions of the bill. Those who retain their benefits will see them frozen.

And there are huge spillover effects from the cuts. CalFresh provides recipients with some breathing room to engage more in the local economy that supplies food. Removing this capability means that stores and farmers will be impacted, as well as related jobs.

Wanna fight back? July 17 is the fifth anniversary of the passing of civil rights leader John Lewis, the man who urged us all to, "Get into good trouble, necessary trouble and help redeem the soul of America." In the spirit of the "No Kings" protests last month, which saw the peaceful resistance of 5 million people across the country, "Good Trouble Lives On" rallies were being planned nationwide, including the Tri-Valley, on July 17 to respond to the cruelty of the Trump administration.

— Ward Kanowsky

Celebrating America's 249th birthday

Two weeks ago we celebrated the 249th anniversary of the United States of America. At the Alameda County Fair on July 3 they had a fantastic fireworks show.

On July 4 Pleasanton had a wonderful celebration at the new Lions Wayside Park. The Pleasanton community band played patriotic songs, the VFW and American Legion

presented the colors and fun was had by all. It was a wonderful program to honor the 249th birthday celebration of our beautiful country.

Celebrating our great country and the freedom and liberty that we enjoy is a precious gift. We give thanks to God and to our forefathers for creating our constitutional republic, and the excellent foundation of legal documents.

It all started with the Declaration of Independence and then followed with the Constitution and Bill of Rights. And it was the providence of God who led these men and women to create the best country in the world.

The hundreds of patriotic citizens in attendance at the Lions Park on the Fourth wore American flag shirts and hats and other red, white and blue clothing, while everyone was waving American flags. This was truly a beautiful celebration by patriotic citizens who love and respect our country.

This is in stark contrast to the anti-American protestors that we have read about who decided that July 4 should be against fireworks and displaying American flags. I am proud and delighted that Pleasanton and our Tri-Valley still loves and respects our country.

— David Ott

What do regular Americans get out of the bill?

When you lose your Medi-Cal in two years, thank the Republican "One Big Beautiful Bill". This law rips health care from 17 million people, guts Medicaid for seniors, parents and kids, and dumps new costs on middle-class families already stretched thin.

Meanwhile, it sends ICE's budget soaring by over 1,000%. That means more raids, more families torn apart, more neighborhoods living in fear. What we see in Los Angeles today — masked ICE agents and troops on our streets — could soon hit Pleasanton, Livermore and beyond.

All so billionaires can cash in on fresh tax breaks while working families lose care and live under watch. We deserve leaders who stand up for health, security, and fairness — not politicians who sell us out for the ultra-rich.

Nearly every single Republican in Congress voted for it, and it passed with zero Democratic votes.

So when ICE shows up on your block and your parents are kicked out of their nursing home, you'll know exactly who to thank: Republicans in Congress.

— Kat Rosa

Gerrymandering

There may be a statute of limitations for gerrymandering in Alameda

PET OF THE WEEK



VHS

Meet Mushy

Aside from her fur, the only thing soft about Mushy is the feeling you get in your heart while spending time with this sweet, grey tabby. This girl is one smart cookie, with a sharp eye for an unsuspecting catnip mouse. Rescued with her kittens, Mushy is a tough mama who appreciates playtime and petting in equal measure. Take a hard look at that no-nonsense gal and call Valley Humane at 925-426-8656 or email info@valleyhumane.org to adopt Mushy today.

County (undetermined). However, under the "Equal Protection Clause" of the U.S. Constitution, there is no statute of limitations for gerrymandering.

Lawsuits can still be filed. ACLU will take on gerrymandering cases at no cost. The ACLU has a long history of challenging gerrymandering, especially when it undermines voter rights.

ACLU's approach blends litigation, public education and advocacy to ensure that redistricting reflects domestic principles, not political manipulation.

They file lawsuits under the First and Fourteenth amendments, claiming that extreme partisan gerrymandering violates, demographics:

1. Equal Protection Clause (by treating voters unequally).
2. Freedom of Association (by discouraging political participation).
3. Free speech (by distorting electoral influence).

The ACLU has filed briefs supporting plaintiffs, offering legal arguments and data to bolster claims that gerrymandered maps entrench political power unfairly. They bring in political scientists, demographers and statisticians to demonstrate how maps are drawn with partisan bias.

The ACLU raised awareness about how gerrymandering affects communities, often spotlighting personal stories and local impacts. The ACLU often partners with civil rights groups, grassroots organizations and local plaintiffs to build strong, community-rooted cases.

Their approach is both legally rigorous and deeply people centered — aiming not just to win cases, but to shift the broader culture around redistricting. ACLU has settled or won more than 100 gerrymandering cases.

— Michael Austin

'Love That Doesn't Forget'

As a high school student, volunteer at a local memory care center and advocate at Alzheimer's Association, I witnessed a heartbreaking moment when a man with dementia no longer recognized his wife — yet she stayed by his side, loving him through the forgetting.

That moment inspired me to speak out. In my piece, "Love That Doesn't Forget", I share this story to highlight the quiet struggles of the 36,000-plus unpaid family caregivers in Contra Costa County alone.

Many are being stretched thin emotionally and financially, especially as recent Medicaid cuts from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act threaten essential long-term care services through Medi-Cal.

I'm advocating alongside the Alzheimer's Association for the "Credit for Caring Act", a bipartisan bill offering up to \$5,000 in tax relief to caregivers.

Love shouldn't mean going broke, burning out, or giving up your future. I hope my speaking out helps shine a light on those who never stop showing up — even when they're no longer recognized.

— Sahaana Vasudevan

Employment

XpериencOps seeks Sr DevOps Engineer in Pleasanton, CA to design, implement, and maintain CI/CD pipelines to automate the build, testing, and deployment of complex enterprise apps. Req: BS in CompSci, Eng or rel + 2 yrs exp as a DevOps eng. \$130,250/year. Email resume to recruiting@xops.io, Attn: MF.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Remembering former Amador coach Steve Mortara

Mort 'was like the big brother that you idolized and wanted to be like when you grew up'

Simply put, Mort was the best. The Amador Valley High School classes of 1979 and 1980 were delivered a huge shock on June 11 of this year with the accidental drowning of former teacher Steve Mortara at the age of 76.

Mort, as he was known to everyone, was like the big brother that you idolized and wanted to be like when you grew up. As a member of the class of 1979 at Amador, I was blessed to have played basketball and baseball for Mortara as a freshman, and then again baseball two years later, when several of us came out of retirement to play as juniors for Mort on the JV team.

To say Mort was athletic is to not do justice to his ability. Growing up

in Vallejo, he played varsity baseball all four years but was arguably a better basketball player in high school at St. Vincent Ferrer.

He ended up with a basketball scholarship to San Jose State. In 1969 he helped lead the Spartans to a win over No. 2 Santa Clara, giving the school its biggest win.

Mort graduated with a double major, and a master's in exercise physiology and credential teaching in California.

In 1971 Mort suffered a severe shoulder injury, keeping him from a tryout where he had a great chance of making the Dallas Cowboys.

The Cowboys' loss was Amador's gain.

Of the many times playing for

Mort, the most memorable came in the final game of our freshman baseball season. It was a warm Friday, and we were playing at Foothill. You had to beat the Falcons to end the season.

As an incentive, Mort told us he would open the Amador pool when we got back to the school if we won.

Well, we won the game, but it took 18 innings, working its way into Friday evening. Mort had a date that night but true to his word, he canceled his date, opened the pool and let us swim to our hearts content.

Mort's shoulder injury may have cost him a chance to be a professional athlete, but he went on to be a big-time amateur basketball player.

I remember one time he took a



COURTESY DENNIS MILLER

A group of Steve Mortara's former Amador Valley athletes enjoy their former coach's company at a celebration of life for a fallen former teammate in 2021.

few of us up to Vallejo to watch the Martin Luther King tournament. We got to a packed gym where we were met by some of Mort's people. One of them walked us to half-court, where the crowd parted to make sure we had amazing seats.

He was loved in Vallejo, much like he was in Pleasanton.

Many of us stayed in touch with Mort after high school. He left teaching in 1987 and got into the entertainment business, owning and operating well-known clubs in Northern California.

As one could imagine, once we all hit 21, we started hanging with Mort at his clubs such as WPLJ's in Walnut Creek and D.B. Cooper's in San Jose.

Around the same time, Mort was a rising star on the radio. He was as fanatical a Raiders fan as I have known and earned the name "Raider Mort" in NorCal sports talk. He was a regular on sports talk shows in the region.

If you listened to sports talk radio in the Bay Area in the last 30 years, you knew Raider Mort. He served as emcee for many Raiders events over the years.

He was eventually honored by the Pro Football Hall of Fame for his Raider fandom. He is also inducted in the Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame and the St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School Sports of Fame.

The last time I saw Mort was in 2021, when a few of us put together our own celebration of life for classmate Mike Chandler who had passed shortly beforehand.

We had the night at the Sunshine Saloon in Pleasanton and Mort made the drive up from Monte Sereno in the Santa Cruz Mountains between Los Gatos and Saratoga, where he lived.

A picture of that night runs with this story.

The stories flowed as did the laughter. Mort had aged, but he was still Mort and when he showed, everyone's spirits soared. I mean it was Mort!

I don't think any of us thought it would be the last time we saw him. I am so thankful we got one final night to spend with our big brother and then a good friend.

RIP Mort — your legacy will be carried on with each of us blessed to have spent time with you. ■

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CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join Concerts in the Park, Friday nights at the redesigned band stand in Lions Wayside Park. 7-8:30 p.m., July 18, Evan Thomas & The Brotherhood, Blues Band.

DRY BAR COMEDY LIVE Since its launch last year, Dry Bar comedy specials have generated over one billion views on social media and generated millions of fans. 8 p.m., July 18. Tickets \$25-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD SPARC Theater presents Sir John Falstaff and the Merry Wives of Windsor, a laugh-out-loud summer production set against the backdrop of Darcie Kent Vineyards. 7 p.m. July 17-20, 25-27. Visit sparctheater.org.

TRI-VALLEY THEATRE COMPANY'S CINDERELLA This contemporary take on the classic tale features Rodgers & Hammerstein's most beloved songs alongside an up-to-date, hilarious and romantic libretto by Tony Award nominee Douglas Carter Beane. July 19-20, 26-27. Tickets \$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

JAZZ IN JULY This annual Livermore tradition returns to the Civic Center Library with performances by top jazz artists, free-of-charge. 2 p.m., July 20: The Matt Finders Trio with Karen Marguth.

TUESDAY TUNES Join for Tuesday Tunes every Tuesday night at the Bankhead Livermore Plaza, Shea Homes Stage. 6:45-8:15 p.m., through Aug. 26.

626 NIGHT MARKET BAY AREA This iconic Californian festival features food, merchandise, crafts, art, games, music and entertainment attractions in an epic event that appeals to all ages. July 25-27. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

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MUSTANGS OF THE WEST This all-female powerhouse band brings a fresh, rootsy sound that nods to the past while blazing their own trail. 8 p.m., July 25. Tickets \$30-\$50. Visit livermorearts.org.

WENTE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES This series brings a vibrant mix of tribute bands where guests enjoy a live performance, a variety of foods and favorite Wente wines. Doors open at 6 p.m. General admission \$55. July 25, When Doves Cry (Prince Tribute). Visit wentevineyards.com.

Farmers' Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year round featuring vendors with seasonal fruit and vegetables, plus artisan goods. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. W. Angela St.

LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS' MARKET The Livermore Thursday Night Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m. at Carnegie Park with over 60 vendors. Rain or shine. 2155 3rd St.

LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St. and L St.

Talks

PANEL DISCUSSION ON PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS RESPONSE UNITS NAMI Tri-Valley is hosting a panel featuring Police Chiefs of the Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin Police Departments discussing their city's local psychiatric crisis response units and resources with Q&A to follow. 6-8 p.m., July 22. Pleasanton Library. For Zoom, link contact admin@namitrivalley.org.

THEN & NOW: VALLEY VERNACULAR Then & Now: Livermore Stories is a local history lecture series where Carolyn Lord will give a presentation entitled "Valley Vernacular: The Paintings of Carolyn Lord". 7-8 p.m., July 22. Livermore Civic Center Library.

FRESH BITES SUMMER BBQ Join to learn how to cook healthy, fresh meals made simple and fun. Free workshop for ages 60+. 1-2 p.m., July 23. City Serve at Pleasanton Senior Center. Contact seniors@cityservecares.org.

SNACK & SHARE WITH AUTHORS Join Tori Randolph Terhune & Betsy A. Hays, authors of Land Your Dream Career in College, full of updated strategies for today's future leaders. 5:30 p.m., July 23. Register at townecenterbooks.com.

GRAZING IN THE GROVE Join for a conversation about the cattle-grazing pilot program that began this spring where LARPD staff and grazing experts will share how cattle help manage vegetation, support healthy ecosystems and their plans to mitigate any trail impact caused by the cows. 9-10 a.m., July 26. Register at larpd.org.

Exhibits

A COWBOY'S POETIC CANVAS An adventurous new exhibit, Saddle, Brush, and Art: A Cowboy's Poetic Canvas is on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater through July 27.

RLCC JULY EXHIBIT: JEFF MASON PHOTOGRAPHY Livermore Art Association presents this solo show at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The Old Man and his four-legged companion, Dawg, invite you on a visual

journey which captures moments from their travels. July 1-31. 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY EXHIBIT This group exhibit is hosted in conjunction with the City of Pleasanton's Library Summer Reading Program and highlights the interplay of visual art and playful expression. Through Aug. 2. Firehouse Arts Center.

TRAVELING EXHIBITION AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Pleasanton's Museum on Main is presents, From Earthquakes to Epidemics: How Disasters Transform California's People and Places, a temporary exhibit exploring the impact of natural and manmade disasters in California. Through Sept. 13.

Movies

FILM CLUB MOVIE & DISCUSSION Join for a free movie showing on the big screen at the Pleasanton Library and stay for an engaging group discussion about the movie. Bring own snacks. 1:30-4 p.m., July 19.

MOVIE MADNESS IN THE VINTAGE LOUNGE (50+) Join the Senior Services crew for a movie in the Vintage Lounge at the Robert Livermore Community Center 1 p.m., July 21. Visit larpd.org.

WENTE SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS Enjoy free classic films in a picturesque vineyard setting where guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and blankets to create a comfortable viewing space under the stars. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. July 24, Wicked. Visit wentevineyards.com/events.

Volunteer

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN BACKPACK DRIVE Support students in Tri-Valley communities with pre-filled backpacks for preschool through high school. Donations can be dropped off 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

weekdays at Tri-Valley Haven's Community Building, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, through July 18. Visit trivalleyhaven.org/back-to-school/.

VOLUNTEER AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY The Pleasanton Library is looking for friendly, dependable helpers to assist with restocking shelves and keeping its collections organized. Support the library, meet fellow book lovers and make a meaningful impact. Flexible shifts available. Visit the library or call 925-931-3400.

LITERACY VOLUNTEER TRAINING Become a literacy volunteer and help adults become more confident and better able to navigate everyday situations. Volunteers have the option of meeting one-to-one or with small groups. No previous experience necessary. The next three-part volunteer training is from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 21, 23, 28. Livermore Civic Center Library.

Seniors

DANCE PERFORMANCE Join for this free Dance Performance at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 12-12:45 p.m., July 22. Main Hall.

LUNCHES AT THE SENIOR CENTER (60+) Senior Lunches are served in the Main Hall 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. weekdays. Call Open Heart Kitchen at 925-500-8241 for more information.

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, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

SOLE MATES WALKING GROUP This free walking group at the Pleasanton Senior Center is 8:45-10 a.m., Wednesdays.

WOODSHOP AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Woodshop, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays. Drop-in fees apply.

KNITTING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Refresh skills, pick up new tips, share techniques, get help or just sit and knit. 9-11:30 a.m., Fridays. Drop-in fees apply.

DROP-IN BRIDGE AT RLCC Join for Bridge, 1-4 p.m., Thursday and Friday afternoons. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Drop-In fee \$2.

PLEASANTON RIDES Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door, shared-ride transportation service for Pleasanton seniors. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call 925-398-1045.

Support

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP This free Caregiver Support Group is for families and friends who are caring for a loved one over the age of 60. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays. Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

SPECTRUM MEALS ON WHEELS Spectrum Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). For more information, call 510-881-0305.

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM Open Heart Kitchen serves free meals, first come, first served, that are nutritious and freshly prepared. 12-5 p.m., weekdays, Vineyard Resource Center, 450 N. Livermore Ave. in Livermore.

TUESDAYS AT 2 Home goods, clothing or food distribution for all ages. 2-3 p.m. CityServe of the Tri-Valley. 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

OPEN HEART REFUGE Open Heart Refuge is a 20-bed overnight shelter in Livermore for adults who are in crisis or experiencing homelessness, operating seven days a week from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. and includes both a hot dinner and hot breakfast. For more information, visit openheartkitchen.org/refuge.



'A trip of a lifetime': Jen and Vickie Moyer went on one of their bucket list trips last summer to Alaska, including a one-week cruise and one-week land tour. Here they posed with the Weekly in Fairbanks, where the excursion ended. "A trip of a lifetime," Vickie said.

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.

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 573469

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): SANDATA 4833 mancini dr Castro valley, ca 94546 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/02/2020 UNDER FILE NO. 573469 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): SANDRA SUE LAINES 4833 mancini dr Castro valley, ca 94546 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 08 2025. (PLW Jul 18, 25, Aug 1 and 8, 2025)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 574240

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): FIRST AND FINAL DRIVING SCHOOL 4183 1st street, suite F Pleasanton, CA, 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 11/02/2020 UNDER FILE NO. 574240 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): ASSEM RAYAN 1326 Gentry lane Tracy, CA, 95377 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on June 11 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

Notice of probate hearing to transfer deed from parent to child. This court date is for Atika and Ashley Long. My sister and I reported the passing of our father Dale Long. The deed to 4218 West St. Oakland, Ca 94608 will be transferred into our names as we are equal heirs. (PLW Jul 18, 2025)

CALENDOLA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615487

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Calendola , located at 1133 Harrison St San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

LAIA MOSS

1133 Harrison St

San Leandro, CA 94577

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/31/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 18 2025. (PLW Jul 18, 25, Aug 1 and 8, 2025)

PRAKRUTII BAZAAR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615368

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

1.) Prakrutii Bazaar , located at 3958

Stoneridge Dr Apt #8 ,Pleasanton CA 94588,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.

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

POOJA WAGH JADHAV

3958 Stoneridge Dr Apt #8

Pleasanton, CA 94588

ROHIT JADHAV

3958 Stoneridge Dr Apt #8

Pleasanton, CA 94588

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 13 2025. (PLW Jul 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 2025)

TA DANADO JIU JITSU HAYWARD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615652

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

1.) Ta Danado Jiu Jitsu Hayward , located at

21463-B Foothill Blvd Hayward CA 94541,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

GALINDO ENTERPRISES INC

1244 Apple Ave

Hayward, CA, 94541

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/09/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 25 2025. (PLW Jul 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 2025)

ISMASH PLEASANTON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615841

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

1.) ISMASH PLEASANTON , located at 4275

Rosewood Dr Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

RAGE CITY INC

19131 Redwood Rd Ste H

Castro Valley, CA 94546

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 July 03 2025. (PLW Jul 18, 25, Aug 1 and 8, 2025)

GROUNDED IN 3CS HOLISTIC WELLNESS AND DOULA SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615500

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

1.) GROUNDED IN 3CS HOLISTIC WELLNESS AND DOULA SERVICES , located at 2495 Valley St, Berkeley, CA 94702, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: Co-Partners.

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

RAHNEE WILLIAMS

2495 Valley St

Berkeley, CA 94702

MARYAM HASSAN

2495 Valley ST

Berkeley, CA 94702

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/20/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 20 2025. (PLW Jul 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

PURSER SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615830

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

1.) Purser Services , located at 3698 Vision

Common Unit 402, Fremont, CA 94538,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

TZU YING PURSER

3698 Vision Common Unit 402

Fremont, CA 94538

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 July 03 2025. (PLW Jul 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 2025)

THE MAX LABS PROJECT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615021

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

1.) The Max Labs Project , located at 4902

Treewood Ct Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

TIMOTHY HILL

4902 Treewood Ct

Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 6/1/23

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 02 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

HIGHLANDER MOTEL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614612

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

1.) Highlander Motel , located at 3255

MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602, Alameda

County. Mailing Address: 4000 Pimlico Dr Ste

114-116 Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

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

RK INVESTMENT 55 LLC

4000 Pimlico Dr Ste 114-116

Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/22/24

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 14 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

HARI KRISHNA CHILD CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615016

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

1.) Hari Krishna Child Care , located at 2108

Avanti Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: a General

Partnership.

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

MONAL PATEL

2108 Avanti Avenue

Dublin, CA 94568

APURVA PATEL

2108 Avanti Avenue

Dublin, CA 94568

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/02/2013

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 02 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

PARADISE POOL SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615047

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

1.) Paradise Pool Service , located at 6352

Alisal St. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda

County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 128

Pleasanton, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

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

DDJ ENTERPRISES LLC

6352 Alisal St.

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/3/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 03 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

BAY TREE THERAPY GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615082

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

1.) Bay Tree Therapy Group , located at 5994

W Las Positas Blvd, Ste 115, Pleasanton, CA

94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

ALLISON KAE LIN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

THERAPY, INC.

5994 W Las Positas Blvd, Ste 115

Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 04 2025. (PLW Jul 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

THE PERFORMANCE GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615307

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

1.) THE PERFORMANCE GROUP , located at

6673 Owens Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

TPG NORTH SALES & MARKETING, INC.

6673 Owens Drive

Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 12 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

GALEANA GLAZING LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 614844

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

1.) Galeana Glazing LLC , located at 1301 66th

Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

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

GALEANA GLAZING LLC

1301 66th Street

Emeryville, CA 94608

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/08/2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 27 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

LIVING GRACE CHURCH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615515

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

1.) Living Grace Church , 2.) Living Grace ,

located at 7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton,

CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address:

7311 Tabitha Pl Tracy, CA 95377

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

LIVING GRACE TRI-VALLEY

7311 Tabitha Pl

Tracy, CA, 95377

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/8/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 20 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

PROFIT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615522

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

1.) Profit Property Management , located at

1407 Queens Rd, Berkeley, CA 94708 Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

MFMG INC

1407 Queens Rd

Berkeley, CA 94708

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 June 20 2025. (PLW Jul 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 2025)

THE QUIET KNOT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615689

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

1.) THE QUIET KNOT , located at 2744 Foothill

Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

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

THE QUIET KNOT LLC

2744 Foothill Road

Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/26/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 26 2025. (PLW Jul 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

V POIRIER CAREER CONSULTANT LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615126

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

1.) V Poirier Career Consultant LLC , located

at 1310 Clinton Ave Alameda, CA 94501,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 615778
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Isaiah 54:2, located at 2781 Garden St Oakland, CA 94601, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MARVIN JORDAN
2781 Garden St
Oakland, CA 94601
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 July 01 2025. (PLW Jul 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 2025)

WOOD WINDOWS WAREHOUSE INC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 614843
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Wood Windows Warehouse Inc, located at 1301 66th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
WOOD WINDOWS WAREHOUSE INC
1301 66th Street
Emeryville, CA 94608
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/08/2015
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 27 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

FIVE FIELDS FLOWER FARM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 615402
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) FIVE FIELDS FLOWER FARM, located at 2227 Buena Vista Ave Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ELIZABETH FIELDS
2227 Buena Vista Ave
Livermore, CA 94550
BRADLEY FIELDS
2227 Buena Vista Ave
Livermore, CA 94550
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/13/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 16 2025. (PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

A R WORKS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 615208
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) A R WORKS, located at 4669 COCHISE COURT PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
AMY GAIR
4669 COCHISE COURT
PLEASANTON, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 09 2025. (PLW Jul 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

SAMA AUTO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 615372
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SAMA AUTO, located at 101 E Vineyard Ave Suite 119 Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SAMA RAYANNE LLC
101 E Vineyard Ave Suite 119
Livermore, CA 94550
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 June 13 2025. (PLW Jul 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

ORION AUTO EXCHANGE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 615564
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ORION AUTO EXCHANGE, located at 4049 1st Street Suite 137, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ORION AUTO EXCHANGE, LLC
4049 1st Street Suite 137
Livermore, CA 94551
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 June 23 2025. (PLW Jul 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV000039
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Qiqiang Mao filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
QIQIANG MAO to LAWRENCE MAO
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: 11/07/2025, 9:30am, Civil Division of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 6/23/2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jul 18, 25, Aug 1 and 8, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV121360

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Mary Ann Medina filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MARY ANN ANDRADE AKA MARY ANN MEDINA to MARY ANN MEDINA
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: 9/5/2025, 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: 5/6/2025
Thomas J Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jul 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV116992
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Ye Zhu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
YE ZHU to MARTY YE ZHU
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: 08/01/2025, 9:30AM, Hayward Branch of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 04/02/2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV127608
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Shayla Loren Owen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SHAYLA LOREN OWEN to SHAYLA LOREN BATYAH
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: October 17, 2025, 9:30AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.
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PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: June 27, 2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jul 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV126696
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Mina Robitaille filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MINA KATHARINE ROBITAILLE to MINA KATHARINE MUDD
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: 10/24/25, 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: 6/17/25
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV000087
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Erick Tarbutton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ERICK TARBUTTON to ERICK DALE LOVDAHL
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: 9/5/25, 9:30AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St., Hayward CA 94544.

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Date: June 20 2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV126902
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Allison Sarah New Ringeisen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ALLISON SARAH NEW RINGEISEN to ALLISON SARAH NEWRINGEISEN
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: 10/3/2025, 9:30 AM, 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: 06/18/2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jun 27, Jul 4, 11 and 18, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV126477
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Cesar Martin Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CESAR MARTIN MORENO to ALEXIS ARIEL CASTANEDA
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: 10/10/2025, 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:
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Real Estate

Danville, San Ramon rank high on latest tax roll

Assessed property value across Contra Costa County increases to record-high \$290.66 billion

By JEANITA LYMAN

The total value of assessed property in Contra Costa County increased by more than \$10 billion over the last year, helped by gains in Danville, San Ramon, unincorporated San Ramon Valley and even a sliver of the Livermore Valley, according to the annual assessment roll.

The 2025-26 assessment roll marks the highest ever in the county's history, according to an announcement from Assessor Gus Kramer's office earlier this month, citing a total value of \$290.66 billion — a \$11.67 billion increase, or 4.18%, over last tax year.

Danville was among the municipalities seeing a percent increase in growth beyond the

countywide average at 5.28%, ranking No. 2 just behind the highest percent increase in the county's municipalities in San Pablo at 5.81%. San Ramon's 4.46% increase was also slightly above the countywide average.

But although its year-over-year rate increase was modest compared to Danville's, San Ramon stands out as having the highest overall assessed value of all Contra Costa County cities, with a total property tax base of \$29.6 billion, up by \$1.26 billion over the prior year — which was the highest dollar amount increase countywide over 2024-25.

While Danville saw a higher percentage increase than its neighbor to the south, that translates into a dollar increase of

approximately \$950 million and a total tax base of \$18.9 billion.

Increases in assessed value reflect both the appreciated value of existing properties, as well as new properties, making areas with high growth such as San Ramon major players in the historic high reflected in the current year's assessment roll.

"The total number of assessed parcels now stands at 382,022, an increase of 1,341 parcels compared to the previous year," Kramer said in a July 1 press release. "This growth reflects ongoing development and investment throughout Contra Costa County."

Walnut Creek was second behind San Ramon in total value growth over the past year, with a more than \$1 billion increase, with

Danville coming in third across municipalities in the county in terms of dollar amount increase.

For non-incorporated communities, the San Ramon Valley overall also saw the highest dollar amount growth over the past year, with a \$727 million increase and a tax base of \$19.2 billion, the highest non-city total in the county. The North West County area, with a tax base of \$4.8 billion, saw the second highest dollar amount increase at \$352 million.

In terms of percentage increases, the sliver of the Livermore Valley that sits in Contra Costa County saw the second highest percentage growth, up by 14.73% — second to a 25.5% increase in the Pittsburg area — or \$13.7 million on its \$107 million tax base. ■

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (April 28-May 2)

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$525,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,325,000
Average sales reported: \$1,569,176

Livermore (April 28-May 2)

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$325,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,760,000
Average sales reported: \$1,075,705

Dublin (April 28-May 2)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$725,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,869,000
Average sales reported: \$1,329,285

San Ramon (June 16-20)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$680,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,100,000
Average sales reported: \$1,480,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 28 to May 2 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 16-20 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 3859 Appian Street** C. Extended to Y. & S. Liu for \$1,182,000
 - 7815 Canyon Meadow Circle #A** G. Hung to Prasad-Kanji Family Trust for \$525,000
 - 7595 Canyon Meadow Circle #A** Menon Family Trust to Prasad-Kanji Family Trust for \$665,000
 - 7765 Canyon Meadow Circle #H** Chan & Hung Family Trust to Prasad-Kanji Family Trust for \$672,500
 - 7595 Canyon Meadow Circle #B** Bean Family Trust to Prasad-Kanji Family Trust for \$667,500
 - 7627 Desertwood Lane** Sanders 1999 Trust to Sanders Living Trust for \$1,375,000
 - 6887 Herrin Way** K. Lam to N. & K. Beketayev for \$1,270,000
 - 7544 Highland Oaks Drive** Haraughty Living Trust to D. & S. Mahajan for \$1,380,000
 - 2831 Iberis Court** Tam & Li Family Trust to V. & A. Jayanthilal for \$1,781,000
 - 3625 Kamp Drive** Samardzic Family Trust to N. & N. Yoshikawa for \$1,775,000
 - 8014 Kingbird Court** D. Jiia to J. & M. Wu for \$4,000,000
 - 1201 Lund Ranch Road** Toll West Coast LLC to K. & R. Nampelly for \$4,325,000
 - 3669 Manchester Street** H. Cho to R. & A. Karuturi for \$1,750,000
 - 472 Montori Court** P. & S. Fernandes to C. & T. Chan for \$2,280,000
 - 8170 Mountain View Drive #G** N. & M. Kabbarah to Prasad-Kanji Family Trust for \$560,000
 - 8145 Mountain View Drive #H** Harris Living Trust to Prasad-Kanji Family Trust for \$660,000
 - 4244 Waycross Court** Pecoraro Family Trust to L. & W. Liu for \$1,808,000
- #### Livermore
- 837 Arbor Court** Revolinsky Family Trust to Chan Trust for \$1,239,000
 - 5195 Bianca Way** Sherman Living Trust to V. & S. Songu for \$1,220,000
 - 271 Covellite Lane** N. Bhatt to R. & J. Borrego for \$1,275,000
 - 992 Del Norte Drive** C. Avanzino to Z. & R. Nielsen for \$725,000
 - 4605 Golf Drive** B. Barr to M. & J. Rasmussen for \$780,000
 - 1546 Helsinki Way** Mony Nop Investments LLC to J. & H. Lattin for \$1,650,000
 - 658 South K Street** Nigg Family Trust to Condy Living Trust for \$1,600,000
 - 1009 Murrieta Boulevard #117** Oconnell Trust to A. Abood for \$350,000
 - 1085 Murrieta Boulevard #103** R. Chavez to Z. Kennedy for \$325,000

- 2284 Palm Avenue S.** & S. Nakasaki to J. Meunier for \$1,125,000
- 642 Ravenna Street** Leslie Living Trust to J. & J. Antony for \$1,760,000
- 118 Selby Lane #8** L. & Y. Stryzheus to D. & J. Hopkins for \$860,000
- 202 Sonia Way** Lou Trust to Sas Flips LLC for \$1,150,000
- 747 Sunset Drive** Parodi Trust to M. & F. Bautista for \$1,125,000
- 5349 Theresa Way** Lager Trust to S. & S. Fernandez for \$1,150,000
- 5458 Treeflower Drive** Castagnini Trust to A. & B. Martinez for \$928,000
- 982 Waverly Common** N. Hardiman to K. & J. Bowman for \$1,025,000

Dublin

- 5655 Apex Drive** R. Gysel to B. & J. Amistoso for \$870,000
- 7630 Arbor Creek Circle** Daiker Family Trust to J. Lagasca for \$725,000
- 7448 Brighton Court** Y. & A. Ochoa to Mandar-Aditi Trust for \$1,825,000
- 2119 Carbondale Circle** S. & C. Wee to J. & W. Bian for \$1,872,000
- 7734 Castilian Road** Gliedt Family Trust to G. & R. Wahengbam for \$1,425,000
- 5565 El Dorado Lane** Y. & A. Hong to M. & T. Gupta for \$1,250,000
- 7194 Elk Court** D. & E. Bay to K. & P. Hua for \$1,360,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #112** J. Hernandez to A. & M. Gonzales for \$800,000
- 4022 Knightstown Street** S. Subramanyam to N. & B. Gupta for \$1,726,000
- 3360 Maguire Way #139** S. Amaral to J. Grewal for \$820,000
- 3349 Monaghan Street** R James Trust to I. & A. Popov for \$855,000
- 3715 Penwood Place** J. & D. Won to Y. Cheng for \$2,869,000
- 7031 Prince Drive** A. & M. Morgan to S. & L. Zepeda for \$913,000
- 8275 Vomac Road** Hoffman Trust to R. & K. Kuruppu for \$1,300,000

San Ramon

- 3188 Ashbourne Circle** Rath Family Trust to Yenamaredd Living Trust for \$3,100,000
- 909 Cloverberry Way** Evans Living Trust to H. & B. Schaecken for \$1,100,000
- 7573 Corrinne Street** McMahon Living Trust to K. & J. Pekowsky for \$1,480,000
- 3857 Crow Canyon Road** Catamount Properties 2018 LLC to M. & B. Grygo for \$680,000
- 242 Hardwick Place** E. Halpin to One Key Investment LLC for \$1,180,000
- 3104 Sorrelwood Drive** J. Chen to Bridge Golf Number One LLC for \$2,657,000

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