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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Every pint counts

Summer can be a tough time for the national blood supply — donations are down due to vacations, schools being out of session and other factors, but the need definitely doesn't diminish.

That's probably why I saw an injection of press releases in my inbox in July calling attention to blood donation efforts from organizations like the American Red Cross, Stanford Blood Center and even the U.S. Navy.

Another message caught my eye the most though. Chuck Deckert, a longtime Pleasanton resident and member of the Weekly family, posted on social media July 19 to commemorate his final time coordinating an American Red Cross drive after 15 years.

"The need for blood drives is absolutely essential in all parts of the country, and not really any less or more needed here locally," Deckert, our freelance photographer, told me by email over the weekend. "Nearly 80% of red blood donations in the US every day are from mobile drives vs fixed locations. So each community, school, and college, needs to do their part to organize blood drives to keep our blood supply stabilized."

Through the mobile drives Deckert has hosted (two to three per year since 2010), the Red Cross has collected more than 1,400 units of life-saving blood.

It's a need he knows first-hand as a blood cancer survivor.

"Couldn't have stayed alive without even 1 of those 24 transfusions," Deckert told me, reflecting back on his treatment journey two decades ago.

The Pleasanton native and proud Amador Valley High alumnus was 43 years old when he was diagnosed with late-stage (3b) non-Hodgkin blood cancer: Burkitt lymphoma. Deckert and his medical team needed to act fast with this rare and dangerous cancer.

"The aggressiveness of Burkitt's doubled the tumor size every day until treatment started," he recalled. "Before the chemotherapy was started, my main involvement was a tumor in my stomach, which was the size of a small watermelon — which had started the size of a tangerine."

Once his chemo regimen began, blood transfusions played an essential role.

"I had a total of five approximately three-week stays (99 days and nights) at the UCSF Parnassus Hospital that took me to April 2005 when I finished my treatment. Also had 10 spinal taps where they delivered chemo

up to my brain, and 24 red blood transfusions," he said.

The treatment was successful — and several years later, an opportunity arose to return the favor for the blood donation network and help patients facing a similar need. Deckert accepted a volunteer coordinator role in 2009 for the Red Cross' newly developed Interfaith Blood Drives.

"Initially was my intent to give back all the blood from the 24 units I received from anonymous donors during my cancer period," he said. "During my 15 years hosting ARC blood drives, however, 1,400+ units were collected, saving up to 4,200 lives, which I feel good about."

The average adult has approximately 10 pints of blood in their system. One unit of blood is in the pint range, but measured medically on the metric scale: 450-500 milliliters.

The Red Cross website has some stunning stats to hammer home the need: every two seconds somebody needs blood or platelets in the United States, the average red blood cell transfusion is three units and a single car crash victim can need as many as 100 units of blood.

Oh, and only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood annually.

A group of Tri-Valley residents in that participatory minority are taking part in the Red Cross blood drive at the Dublin Civic Center this Friday (Aug. 1), with a few appointment slots still available. The organization also has a whole round of openings for its daily hours at its Pleasanton Blood Donation Center (5880 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 34) next week.

Another person giving back is Navy Cmdr. John-Michael Gutierrez, a Pleasanton native whose recent blood donation aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln on the Pacific Ocean was highlighted in a nationwide press release from the Navy Office of Community Outreach on July 8.

Reminded me how the need for donated blood and platelets is ever-present.

Stanford Blood Center, which has a donation facility in the Fallon Gateway shopping center in Dublin, sent a scary statement three weeks ago, saying it was dangerously low across its network due to the normal summer slowdown, an influx of transplant surgeries and cardiac procedures, and a plumbing closure at its largest location in Campbell.

It appears that exigency eased a bit over the ensuing weeks, but the typical demand still looms large. ■

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How important to you is your physical appearance?



Malina Wiebes
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Noah Lombardi
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My physical appearance is moderately important to me because I like my physical appearance to enhance my life. So I put in the work that I need to, in order to look good. But I never obsess or stress out over it.



Breanna Murphy
Chiropractor

Physical health is far more important to me than physical appearance. When a person focuses on having and maintaining good physical health, their physical appearance typically follows suit.



Jake Williams
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It's fairly important to me because a good physical appearance is very confidence-building. Looking clean and put together is also one of the ways I show respect for others. It is important to me to show respect toward others, even if I don't care what they think of me.



Petra Holm
Admin

For me, it's important to just look decent and neat. I never leave my house looking disheveled. I also hope to look a few years younger than I actually am. Aside from that, I don't really give a hoot about my physical appearance.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Pool closure

The Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center 50-meter pool is temporarily closed due to a “critical boiler component failure which shut down the heating system,” according to a Pleasanton city spokesperson.

Alexa Jeffress, assistant city manager, said the damage to the pool is a result of normal wear and tear over time and that the city is waiting for a special replacement part to be delivered in order to complete the repairs.

“Barring any unforeseen delays, the pool should reopen to the public by mid-August,” Jeffress said. “It may be possible to open the pool sooner if the weather continues to get warmer.”

Other components of the pool are also reaching the end of their service life and will eventually need full replacement, Jeffress added.

Weekends on Main

Downtown Pleasanton’s Weekends on Main program will return this weekend with back-to-back events starting Friday with live music and outdoor dining.

According to the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the festivities will continue the next day on Saturday with the Porsches on Main event, which will feature over 200 different Porsche models. A DJ and live band will also perform during the free event, which will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festivities will close with the Pleasanton Palooza taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The event will fill Main Street with live music, vendors, a pet fair, food trucks and other activities for the entire family.

Due to the weekend programming, Main Street will be closed to traffic from 4 p.m. on Friday to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

School is back

Pleasanton Unified School District is gearing up for the start of school, with students returning back to their campuses citywide starting next Thursday (Aug. 7). ■

Corrections

Last week’s Editorial Comment incorrectly stated the city of Pleasanton’s expenditure related to sales tax measure polling and related consultant services in 2023 and 2024. The city paid consultant firm Clifford Moss \$260,058 under a contract that had a maximum “not to exceed” amount of \$380,000. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

City distributing notices of proposed water rate increases

Council also reviews LPDFD union contracts, approves housing and human services grants

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Pleasanton residents can expect to receive a notice in their mailboxes soon regarding the city’s proposed water and sewer rate increases.

The City Council is set to vote on the rates in October with plans for them to take effect in January.

The council gave staff the green light to send out the Proposition 218 notice during the July 15 meeting as part of an overall process the city is following before the council votes on the final water rate increases on Oct. 7. The council also accepted the final

water rate study, which guided the city’s decisions regarding the various rates.

“We are doing a data-driven approach that I think should build trust,” Mayor Jack Balch said regarding the overall water rate setting process during the July 15 meeting.

“Collapsing the tiers as well as dealing with the Zone 7 fixed charge (are) two monumental shifts that we had to address,” he added. “And I definitely understand that the proposed rate increases are not likely what our community wanted to see in light of the fiscal headwinds that

every household is facing, but we have to make sure that we’re investing in a reliable, sustainable water system and this is a data driven approach to achieve that.”

Vice Mayor Jeff Nibert pointed out that the last time the city underwent this process and sent out Prop 218 notices, some residents felt like there were shortcomings in the pamphlets and that the notices were inadequate. He asked staff if they had learned from those past comments.

“The reason that this process has looked the way that it has looked is a lot because of the takeaways

from that last time around with water rates,” City Manager Gerry Beaudin said.

If residents want to reject the rate increase, over half of the residential customers would have to formally submit objections.

The three-step rate-setting process kicked off last September when the city contracted with Water Resources Economics to conduct a comprehensive water rate study.

The first step of developing that study was to adopt a Water System

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Church site eyed for affordable, senior housing project

Consortium to submit development plan by next June

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

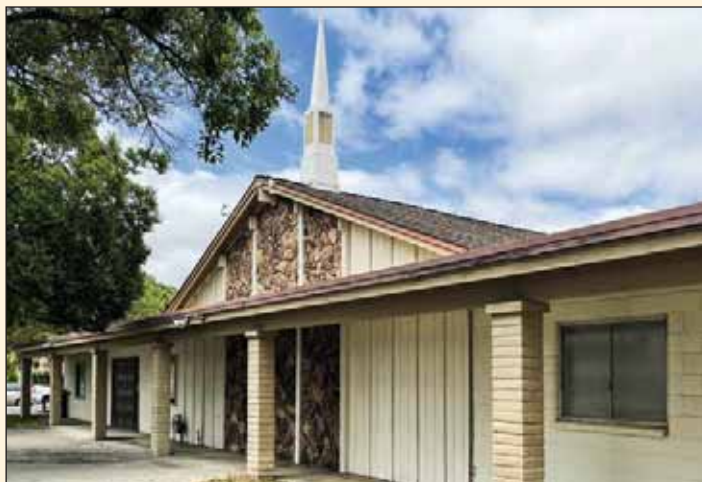
A church site in Livermore, once slated for the development of a substance use disorder treatment facility, is now being considered for a potential, approximately 15-unit service-enriched housing project designed for unhoused seniors.

Located at 2346 Walnut St., developer Housing Consortium of the East Bay acquired the property with the help of the city of Livermore in 2022, through its affordable housing trust fund and an affordable housing loan agreement.

At the time, HCEB was set to develop a substance use disorder treatment facility for low-income and unhoused Livermore residents, according to a June 9 Livermore City Council staff report prepared by Livermore management analyst Shelly Haynes.

However, when the property was later found insufficient to host a treatment facility, HCEB requested an amendment to the agreement to gain additional time for predevelopment activities as it reoriented its mission towards creating affordable housing.

Given the council’s unanimous approval of the amendment at its June 9 regular meeting, the developer must now complete predevelopment activities including site due diligence and feasibility studies along with submission of a concept plan to the city by October; community outreach by February 2026 as well as final submission of a development plan to the city by June 2026.



CIERRA BAILEY

Predevelopment work is underway for a potential senior housing project at the old Victory Baptist Church site in Livermore.

For the design phase, HCEB has partnered with Gunkel Architecture, known for its work on the Vineyard Resource Center — a supportive housing and services development. But if Livermore rejects the development plan, the city can require HCEB to transfer the property and assign its rights and obligations to a city-designated entity.

“This schedule is specifically designed to facilitate thoughtful public input and robust collaboration between HCEB and city staff, enabling us to shape a comprehensive program that not only provides housing but also strengthens vital services for the community’s most vulnerable,” city spokesperson Sonia Lee told Livermore Vine.

Victory Baptist Church moved out of the site in 2022, but they still hold Sunday services there and

help maintain the property until demolition and development begins, according to Lee.

The city council approved the allocation of \$2.4 million from its affordable housing trust fund to HCEB May 23, 2022 to acquire the property for development of a substance use disorder treatment facility, according to city staff.

The following month, the city entered into an affordable housing loan agreement with HCEB to finance the acquisition of the property and some predevelopment costs, the report states.

Under this agreement, HCEB committed to acquiring, developing, owning and operating the property until a nonprofit service provider could be identified. The provider — approved by the city

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Man shot outside home on Vineyard

Dog trainer allegedly motivated by report of animal abuse

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

A Sunol dog trainer is facing multiple charges, including attempted murder, after allegedly shooting a Pleasanton man Saturday afternoon during a confrontation over a report that the victim was beating his dog.

Pleasanton Police Department Officer David Cach wrote in a probable cause declaration that after calling the cops on the victim for the alleged animal abuse, 50-year-old Joshua Kaplan opened fire on the victim who attempted to leave his Vineyard Avenue home before police arrived.

The situation began on Saturday (July 26) when Kaplan — who is described to be a dog trainer in the police report — received a video from a client allegedly showing his neighbor, the 71-year-old victim, “beating his dog,” Cach wrote in his report, which is now public in the court record. The officer stated that the neighbor also allegedly observed the victim beating his dog.

Police previously told the Weekly there were “no obvious signs of injury to the dog when animal services took custody of it.”

After reviewing the video, Kaplan notified Pleasanton animal control, who advised him to call the

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Governor signs bill championed by local foundation

Legislation will give Californians option to donate portion of state tax return to childhood cancer research

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

After delivering a passionate speech in front the Tax Reform Committee at the state capitol a couple of months ago, Pleasanton seventh grader Raayan Kolte and his local nonprofit chapter focused on addressing pediatric brain cancer can now celebrate after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill Monday that the nonprofit has championed over the past year.

The piece of legislation, Assembly Bill 703, will now give California taxpayers the option to voluntarily donate a portion of their state tax return to support childhood cancer research starting January 2026. The bill is particularly important to Kolte after losing his younger brother, Neev, to a rare form of brain cancer known as diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, otherwise known as DIPG several years ago.

“DIPG has been known since the 1960s, and the standard of care



COURTESY ACS CAN

Sahil Mehta (left), a Fremont high schooler, and Raayan Kolte, a middle school student in Pleasanton, pose for a photo in front of the state capitol in April after having advocated for the passage of Assembly Bill 703.

still hasn't changed,” Kolte said during the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation hearing on April 7. “Neil Armstrong’s daughter got diagnosed with DIPG, and he

said, ‘How can they send me to the moon but cannot cure my daughter?’ ... How many more decades must go by before we have a cure for this deadly disease?”

The bill was introduced by Assemblymember Alex Lee (D-San Jose) and co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) and the Neev Kolte & Brave Ronil Foundation, according to a press release from the assemblymember’s office Tuesday.

The Pleasanton-based nonprofit was founded in 2022 and named in memory of 6-year-old Neev and 14-year-old Ronil Mehta, who lived in Fremont. The foundation focuses on supporting pediatric brain cancer research through fundraising events for medical research projects.

“I lost my brother Ronil to Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare and aggressive brain cancer with a near-zero survival rate,” Sahil Mehta, ACS CAN legislative

ambassador and Irvington High School student, said in Tuesday’s press release. “Before he passed away, he donated his tumor for cancer research to find ways to treat DIPG. Ronil never lost hope, and neither can we.”

According to the press release, Mehta reached out to the assemblymember to introduce the new bill after having learned about two existing voluntary contribution funds that have raised nearly \$6 million over the last six years for cancer research in California.

“This legislation gives Californians a direct way to help keep hope alive for a future where more kids can grow up and thrive despite a cancer diagnosis,” Mehta said.

Both Kolte and Mehta —along with their families — have dedicated the last couple of years to advocate and raise awareness about childhood cancer and to fundraise money to support research projects.

Kolte specifically founded the “Siblings and Friends” chapter of the nonprofit in order to push for the recent bill to be passed. According to the Tuesday press release, Kolte and Mehta both played a key role in ensuring the bill reached the governors desk after rallying support from state lawmakers and testifying in legislative hearings such as the one in April.

“With the unprecedented proposed cuts to research funding at the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute, it’s more urgent than ever that we, as Californians, are able to step up to ensure critical cancer research doesn’t slow down or stop,” Jen Grand-Lejano, ACS CAN Pacific region managing director, said in the press release. “This new law will make it easier for the public to help fund promising childhood cancer research, bringing hope to families facing a heartbreaking diagnosis.” ■

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Pleasanton Police Department and report the alleged abuse. After reporting it to the police, Kaplan decided to go to the victim’s residence in the 3000 block of Vineyard Avenue to wait for officers to show up, according to Cach.

That’s when the victim exited his house and entered his vehicle to “go run an errand”. As the victim began pulling out of his driveway, Kaplan parked his black truck in front of the victim’s path in order to stop

him from leaving, Cach wrote.

According to the officer, Kaplan told the victim he “couldn’t leave because he had called the police about animal abuse”. The victim was adamant about leaving and told Kaplan he would talk to the police when he returned.

That’s when, according to Cach, the victim’s car “suddenly lurched forward and struck Kaplan’s truck”. Kaplan, without warning, then began shooting at the victim from inside his truck and struck the victim in the face, according to the police report.

The victim immediately got out of his vehicle, ran inside his home and grabbed his loaded shotgun before stepping back outside. Holding the shotgun with one hand at his side, the victim noticed the truck was no longer visible, Cach stated.

“Then, again suddenly, he was struck by gunfire and began yelling for his brother to call the police,” Cach wrote.

Moments later officers arrived at the scene to detain Kaplan and render medical aid to the victim who had multiple gunshot wounds

throughout his entire body. Police previously told the Weekly that the victim had been shot at least six times.

Cach wrote in his police report that the victim “never pointed his shotgun at anyone and never fired off a round”.

Kaplan immediately invoked his Miranda rights and did not provide any statements, according to the officer. He was later booked into the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin early Sunday morning.

According to the criminal complaint that was filed by the Alameda

County District Attorney’s Office on Tuesday, Kaplan is charged with one felony count of attempted murder as well as a second felony count of shooting at an occupied motor vehicle.

He is also facing several special allegations, such as intentional discharge of a weapon, engaging in violent conduct and inflicting great bodily injury to someone over 70 years of age.

Kaplan was scheduled for arraignment on Wednesday morning, with the outcome pending as of publication time. ■

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Council slaps down appointments pushed by Mayor Hu

Alternates ultimately elevated on Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission, Senior Center Advisory Committee

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Dublin City Council rejected two of Mayor Sherry Hu's appointments to advisory bodies at its mid-July regular meeting, citing a conflict with seniority norms and a lack of transparency surrounding applications.

In need of members were the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission and the Senior Center Advisory Committee, each of which had one unscheduled vacancy occur during May followed by subsequent application periods.

Hu approached the council at their July 15 meeting to confirm her appointments of newcomer Jackson Berg to the commission



Sherry Hu

and alternate member Michael Goldstein to the committee.

No interviews were held for these specific positions, Hu said during the meeting. Instead, the appointments were based on applicants' community involvement.

If confirmed by council, Berg would bypass then-alternate Victoria Liu, who also applied for the position as commissioner — something Vice Mayor Kashef Qadri and Council members Jean Josey and Michael McCorriston found disagreeable. As for Goldstein, endorser of Hu during her bid for mayor last year, his application appeared lacking to Qadri and McCorriston.

The council voted 3-2 to deny Hu's initial appointments, after which she returned with alternatives that unanimously passed muster.

Ultimately, Liu was confirmed as the newest voting member of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission for the remainder of a term ending December 2028. Alternate Regis Harvey was confirmed as the newest voting member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee for the remainder of a term ending December 2026.

"When an application isn't completely filled, as is the case here, a lot of things go through your head. And if the process is skipped, and an alternative is skipped over, you start wondering why," McCorriston said during the meeting. "We absolutely need to be fair to everyone. This is not a personal preference thing — we need to avoid any inference of that."

The Senior Center Advisory Committee's unscheduled vacancy occurred May 7, followed

by the same occurrence May 15 on the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission, according to the staff report prepared by Dublin city clerk Marsha Moore. A notice seeking applications was posted May 23, with a deadline of June 13.

In the meantime, the positions were temporarily filled via alternates, Dublin parks and community services director Jackie Dwyer said during the meeting.

"It's not like a specific interview for this specific situation, but I do know who I appointed very well and I do know other commissioners pretty well," Hu said of the selection process.

"I make appointment based on their past involvement and actions, not on this applications," Hu added. It is not clear whose applications Hu is referring to.

Hu selected Berg to join the

commission after reviewing applications from alternate Liu as well as five other hopefuls, according to the staff report. He is the community outreach manager for U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell.

During the meeting, Hu said she knew many of the applicants through events and "other situations".

"The young, male person I choose for this because that's what I believe is a very good addition to the overall art commissioners," Hu said. "He's very active. He has done a lot of community engagement in different events".

This is not the first time Hu has bypassed a well-qualified alternate for elevation to a voting position, Josey said. The assumption is that alternates move up to the voting role

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and Alameda County Behavioral Health — would then develop, own and operate the substance use disorder treatment facility.

Under this agreement, the property could also be repurposed for affordable, multifamily housing for unhoused residents if a nonprofit service provider could not be secured within two years.

HCEB then collaborated with the city and nonprofit organization La Familia to implement the project.

"After conducting community outreach and evaluating the property's limitations, it was determined that the capacity and needs of the project exceeded what the property could support," city staff wrote in June.

HCEB then requested an amendment to its agreement with the city to gain additional time for predevelopment activities on the property to repurpose it for affordable housing.

The council unanimously granted the request as part of the June 9 consent calendar — which includes items considered routine in nature that are typically approved by a single vote.

Through the amendment, the developer gains extra time for feasibility studies, community outreach and development planning.

The amendment also allows HCEB access to the remaining funds from the original loan for predevelopment and site carrying costs, including taxes and insurance.

While plans for the treatment facility at 2346 Walnut St. were axed, La Familia intends to establish a facility on Tesla Road in unincorporated Alameda County featuring 16 dedicated beds for Tri-Valley residents, according to city staff. The organization has secured funding through the state continuum infrastructure program to acquire a 10-acre site for the project. ■



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National Night Out returns next week

Annual outreach event promotes unity between communities and law enforcement

BY CONNOR HUARD

Tri-Valley communities can prepare to party during this year's National Night Out campaign next Tuesday.

Part of a nationwide campaign to strengthen community-police partnerships, National Night Out is an evening of block parties and barbecues on the first Tuesday of August. Originally created in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch to promote greater crime prevention involvement of communities, National Night Out has grown into a celebration of community service, civic pride and neighborhood camaraderie.

The festivities are organized by law enforcement, regional nonprofits, neighborhood watches and other local groups. While registration for holding parties has passed, Tri-Valley communities can prepare for a number of parties and events in their cities.



COURTESY CITY OF SAN RAMON

National Night Out is an evening of block parties and barbecues on the first Tuesday of August.

National Night Out parties in Livermore will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday (Aug. 5). Registered parties in Livermore may be visited by police officers, city officials or other local first responders.

"National Night Out is all about

connection," said Livermore police spokesperson Azenith Smith. "It's a chance for our officers to meet community members where they are, have meaningful conversations, and celebrate the partnerships that help keep Livermore safe."

Registration for Pleasanton's National Night Out closed on July 23 after the police department reached its maximum of 50 registered block parties in just three weeks.

Pleasanton festivities last the longest of any of the Tri-Valley cities, with parties planned to run from 5-9 p.m. Block parties are open to any Pleasanton civilians who want to celebrate crime prevention and will be visited by city officials.

The city of Dublin encourages community members to throw parties with their neighbors, even though the deadline to register with the city was July 18. While non-registered parties will not be visited by Dublin Police, Alameda County Fire, and/or Dublin city officials, they still celebrate National Night Out's spirit of crime prevention and community. Dublin will be celebrating National Night Out from 6-9 p.m.

National Night Out in San Ramon

is co-sponsored by the San Ramon Police Department and various neighborhood watch groups. Festivities will last from 5:30-9 p.m., during which officials urge citizens to lock their doors, turn on outdoor lights, and party with their community.

"Many of our Neighborhood Watch groups are planning special events, such as potlucks, block parties, ice cream socials, and the like," San Ramon officials said in an announcement. "San Ramon Police and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District representatives will be visiting registered events during that time, helping you light up the city."

Danville used a form for National Night Out registration that included specific time slots for Danville police officials to visit registered parties. The official celebration of National Night Out is set to run from 6-9 p.m. ■

Another regional tax? Transportation officials look to get more funding and people on board

State legislation seeks to advance ballot measure for five counties in region

BY ANDRES JIMENEZ LARIOS /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

As Bay Area transit agencies continue to face budget deficits, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission last week discussed new strategies to stabilize and expand public transit.

The group of mayors, county supervisors, and other elected officials

that make up the MTC Board of Commissioners talked July 23 about progress on a state bill that could potentially pave the way for a new long-term source of funding for public transportation in the face of ridership and budget challenges across the region.

Commissioners received updates on California Senate Bill 63, a piece

of legislation that would allow for a potential regional sales-tax measure for Bay Area residents to vote on. They also distributed millions of dollars from previous regional measures to several transit agencies for capital projects that would theoretically create more efficient services.

The Connect Bay Area Act, SB 63, sponsored by state senators

Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Jesse Arreguin (D-Berkeley) passed key milestones through multiple committees in the California State Legislature but has yet to come to a final vote.

While Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties have agreed to participate in the regional measure, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have yet to officially join. San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan said he wanted to ensure the responsibility for funding operators like Caltrain will be shared across multiple counties and not burden one in particular.

"Every entity here is not going to get exactly what it wants. That's just the reality," Mahan said. "There will be a shared sacrifice if we're going to raise the funds to address the overarching concern we should all have, which is if we have to significantly cut transit services we're going to end up in a negative spiral economically and in terms of quality of life for the entire region."

However, officials at the meeting remained optimistic that all the counties would find a consensus by Aug. 11, the deadline for San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to opt in before the final versions of the bill are voted on in the Legislature.

The bill would allow for a regional measure to be placed on a ballot for voters in the Bay Area, possibly as soon as 2026. The measure would introduce a 14-year sales tax for five counties, a half-cent for Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and one

cent in San Francisco.

An expenditure plan released by both senators allocates funding for county transit authorities and several of the largest public transit operators in the region, including BART, Alameda/Contra Costa Transit District, Muni, Caltrain, the San Francisco Bay Ferry and Golden Gate Transit, while smaller bus operators would receive millions of much needed operating funds.

"Without good quality public transit, fewer customers and employees could access businesses, fewer fans could attend concerts and sporting events, and thousands of low-income people lose their only transportation option," Wiener said in a written statement.

After the commissioners expressed gratitude for the people working on SB 63, they quickly moved on to pass several agenda items all at once. One item was the allocation of \$21 million to several agencies using toll crossing funds from Regional Measure 3.

About \$3 million went to Muni for new electric buses. Just over \$13 million went to AC Transit for training and hydrogen refueling projects. The Sonoma-Marina Area Rail Transit system received nearly \$5 million to design and build a new bicycle and pedestrian pathway.

The commission also approved \$250,000 in Regional Measure 2 funds, also from a previous toll increase, to construct a road between the Palo Alto Transit Center and nearby Quarry Road. ■

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'Ratify, reaffirm and readopt': Livermore council again endorses Eden Housing project provisions

Developer permitted to secure final construction financing for 130 affordable units downtown

By JUDE STRZEMP

Following years of community debate and court proceedings, an affordable housing project downtown Livermore appears to be advancing once again given the Livermore City Council's go-ahead Monday on an agreement between the city and nonprofit developer Eden Housing, Inc.

The development is set to include 130 units of workforce housing on an approximately two-acre parcel, located southeast of the Railroad Avenue and L Street intersection.

The council voted 4-1 Monday to approve a resolution "ratifying, reaffirming and readopting" the amended and restated disposition, development and loan agreement with Eden Housing, excluding construction of an improvement to Veterans Park. Councilmember Ben Barrientos cast the sole dissenting vote, suggesting the construction of a park instead of the housing project.

The resolution was previously approved June 24, 2024, but a trial court found its adoption to be "premature" per the California Elections Code, as it was "substantially similar" to a 2022 resolution that was repealed less than one year prior, according to the staff report prepared by Livermore assistant planner Shannon Pagan. The city and Eden Housing appealed the ruling and await a decision by the appellate court, which is scheduled for oral argument August 21.

The council's approval on Monday allows Eden Housing to secure final construction financing to implement the project — pursuant to the terms of the agreement — excluding any work related to Veterans Park. Their action also further acknowledges that the agreement remains in effect as of the date it was signed, May 24, 2022.

"We can sit here and debate all day, how to make the perfect housing

complex and to have it be placed in the most perfect spot. There's no perfection," Councilmember Kristie Wang said during the meeting. "We needed the 130 units of affordable housing seven years ago. We just can't wait any more."

Long before Monday's meeting, the council approved the 2018 Downtown Plan January 29, 2018 for the development of portions of the Livermore Village Site to include up to 130 units of workforce housing, Stockmen's Park, a science center, a black box theater, retail space as well as a linear public park that would become known as Veterans Park, according to the staff report.

On November 26, 2018, council approved the original DDLA to sell a portion of the Livermore Village Site to Eden Housing, Inc. to develop a multi-family affordable rental housing project with up to 130 units of workforce housing, the staff report states.

The council later approved an amended DDLA May 24, 2021 to clarify certain terms and conditions of the property transfer and ownership. This amendment reflected that the Veterans Park parcel would remain under the city's ownership and that Eden Housing would coordinate with the city to allow for the development of a publicly accessible community park space named Veterans Park, according to the staff report. Veterans Park was meant as an addition to Stockmen's Park, which occupies a different portion of the Livermore Village Site.

The amended DDLA also gave the city the option to negotiate a future construction and reimbursement agreement with Eden Housing to coordinate the construction of Veterans Park.

On May 24, 2022, the council green lit a resolution authorizing the execution of an amended and restated DDLA with Eden Housing,

following the delay caused by a failed lawsuit that challenged project entitlements, according to the staff report. This resolution also included language for the construction of and improvements to Veterans Park by Eden Housing.

During July of that year, oppositional group Move Eden Housing presented a petition against the 2022 resolution for processing as a referendum, according to the staff report. But the city did not process the petition at the time, since approval of the DDLA was considered administrative in nature, rather than legislative, and therefore ineligible for a challenge by referendum.

The trial court ruled in favor of the city. But the appellate court later ruled March 6, 2024 that the portions of the agreement approving the construction of and improvements to Veterans Park were subject to

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District to use sale proceeds to pay down HQ debt

As part of board's decision, PUSD will also set aside \$11M for general fund reserves

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously agreed this summer to use millions of dollars primarily from the sale of the district's Vineyard Avenue property to pay off the majority of a \$30 million certificate of participation (COP), which helped finance the district's new offices on West Las Positas Boulevard.

The board also agreed to transfer \$11 million from the finalized property sale, which netted the district a total of \$30,394,115, into the district's general fund reserve fund, according to Lanita Villaseñor, executive assistant to the superintendent and school board.

"This option was selected as a balanced approach that significantly reduces long-term debt while preserving \$11 million from the property sale for one-time General Fund reserves," Villaseñor told the Weekly. "It aligns with the district's strategic goal of maintaining fiscal stability and avoids zeroing out the property fund which may be needed to progress in vacating the surplus Bernal property."

Back in June 2022, the Board of Trustees at the time approved the sale of a \$30 million COP to help pay for the new district headquarters located at 5758 and 5794 W. Las Positas Blvd., which ended up costing the district almost \$23.5 million. The remaining funds from the COP were used to make necessary improvements to the facility.

A COP is a type of financing where an investor purchases a share of the

lease revenues of a program and the future tenant payments pay for the space and any future renovation and construction projects.

"The Certificate of Participation (COP), a district-level financing tool, was structured so that for the initial three years, the district could make the minimum interest-only payments until the Vineyard property was sold," according to the July 10 special meeting staff report. "The proceeds from the sale would then be used to pay off the COP."

Over the last three years, PUSD's COP payments were partially offset by the lease payments the district received from the sole tenant currently renting a portion of the Arroyo Center, electron microscopy firm Gatan Inc. Once the COP is paid off, the revenue from those tenant payments will go to the district's general fund.

After the district completed the sale of the Vineyard property on June 24 — a San Ramon-based developer is set to build housing and a park at the property — the board was tasked with deciding how to use the roughly \$30.4 million to pay back the COP.

During a special board meeting on July 10, the trustees reviewed four different options and plans for how to pay off the COP using money from the Vineyard property sale fund and from a separate fund that came from the sale of the district's Sycamore property.

Instead of fully paying off the COP using money from both funds — which was one of the four options

— the board unanimously supported the option to partially pay down the COP by \$25 million by using about \$19.3 million from the Vineyard property sale and the rest from the Sycamore property sale and to transfer \$11 million to the General Fund Reserve.

"The set-aside amount represents 5% of the district's 2025—26 budget expenditures and is consistent with

Education Code Section 17463.7," Villaseñor said. "Further Board action and approval from the State Allocation Board are required to formally transfer these funds into the General Fund."

Some of the other options that were presented to the board during the July 10 meeting included paying down the district's debt by \$27 million and setting aside varying

amounts to the general fund reserves. The option that the board unanimously approved includes the highest amount of money being set aside to the reserve fund out of all four options.

According to the July 10 special meeting staff report, the board may choose in the future to pay off the remaining portion of the COP before its maturity date. ■

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Pool faces closure amid deadline for required upgrades

Leaders of 62-year-old Briarhill Cabana Club aim to fundraise \$150,000 for project

By JUDE STRZEMP

Briarhill Cabana Club in western Dublin must upgrade its pool prior to next year's swim season in order to abide by Alameda County health and safety codes, according to the club website.

Upgrades required of the main pool — some of which have been pending since 2015 — include a new pump, drain lines, drain covers, plaster, stairs, ladders, coping and tile, according to club officials. Following multiple extensions provided throughout the years, failure to complete the work by the 2026 opening season may result in the pool's closure for that season.

In an effort to raise \$150,000 for upgrades to the main pool, the club and board treasurer launched a GoFundMe page in early June.

In the meantime, a "temporary solution" was enacted to open the pool this year, according to the fundraiser page. It is not immediately clear what the solution entails.

"Briarhill Cabana Club, a



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Briarhill Cabana Club aims to raise \$150,000 for pool renovations to become compliant with Alameda County's health and safety codes.

cherished part of our community for over six decades, is facing a serious challenge — and we need your help," officials wrote on the GoFundMe page. "Without these essential improvements, we may not be able to reopen next season."

Since its founding in 1963, Briarhill has been a spot for swimming as well as a gathering place

for families and friends, officials stated on GoFundMe. The private neighborhood pool at the corner of Hansen Drive and Dublin Boulevard also hosts special events and swim lessons.

"It's a neighborhood tradition, a safe space for kids and a gathering place for all generations," officials added. Club membership is paid,

but there are no homeowners association requirements to join.

As of Monday morning, the club had raised \$1,470 toward its \$150,000 goal via eight donations.

To secure additional funding, Briarhill was set to offer multiple-year memberships at a discounted rate, according to the club website.

Meanwhile, the club instated a temporary membership fee increase of 10% for the next four years since "minimum membership increases over the years have only covered basic operating expenses," the website states.

"This increase will directly contribute to funding the necessary improvements and allow us to continue making much-needed upgrades to our facilities to better serve our members for years to come," the website states.

Once the upgrades are complete, Briarhill officials do not foresee any roadblocks to reopening the main pool, according to the club website.

As for the current season, the pool

will remain open until Oct. 19.

"We have worked closely with local officials to find a temporary solution for this year, but long-term, we need your support to keep Briarhill alive," officials wrote on its GoFundMe page.

It is not immediately clear which local officials were involved in the temporary solution. There is no record of Briarhill contacting the city of Dublin for a solution to its problem, according to city spokesperson Shari Jackman.

As a separate issue, Briarhill's baby pool was closed during part of last season and will not reopen as a result of the upgrade project.

"Our current focus is on the main pool," Briarhill officials wrote on the club website. "Per new building codes, the baby pool requires its own pump, filters and heaters; Currently it's connected to the main pool and not in compliance."

Club officials have not responded to requests for comment as of Monday morning. ■

LPD raises awareness on e-bike safety, laws

Officers focus on informing community, issue citations on case-by-case basis

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Police Department has managed an educational campaign in recent months regarding e-bikes, e-scooters and other two- and three-wheelers to gain community compliance with laws surrounding these vehicles.

Its work coincides with complaints about "reckless riders" as well as a rise of incidents involving electric motorcycles, especially among juveniles, according to LPD Capt. John Reynolds.

The department has sought to educate the public through work including direct contact with riders, its partnership with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District as well as its participation in a public awareness day earlier this year.

"The police department continues

to educate the community about e-bikes and e-scooters and off-highway motorcycles," Reynolds told Livermore Vine in mid-July. "As we do so, we're also transitioning into an enforcement period."

Similar to law enforcement in other cities, LPD has received complaints about irresponsible ridership of e-bikes, e-scooters and off-highway motorcycles, particularly in shared spaces such as parks, walking and bike trails and downtown, Reynolds said.

"Typically, traffic-related trends begin with an educational and messaging component prior to enforcement to seek compliance from the community," Reynolds explained.

In LPD's quest for compliance, the agency has created and distributed an educational brochure

to inform the public about road rules as they relate to e-bikes, e-scooters and off-highway motorcycles. It has been displayed by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the Livermore Library and the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, with additional postings in the downtown area.

According to the brochure, all classes of e-bikes may be ridden wherever traditional bicycles are permitted, no license required. Bicycle helmets are required for all e-bike riders under 18 years of age.

Differentiating Class 1 and 2 from Class 3 e-bikes is the maximum speed at which the motor will assist the rider, capped at 20 mph for the first two classes and 28 mph for the third class.

While there is no minimum age requirement to ride Class 1 and 2 e-bikes, riders of Class 3 must be aged 16 years or above.

As for e-bike incidents, they tend to stem from factors such as the riders' lack of experience, inattention on the roadway, riskier riding behaviors and lack of helmet use, Reynolds said.

In terms of safety, LPD recommends using equipment including properly fitted helmets, lighting and reflective clothing as well as proper maintenance of one's bike and riding responsibly. This means riding "predictably" on roadways shared with vehicles, signaling turns, avoiding abrupt movements, not riding on sidewalks where prohibited and yielding to pedestrians on shared paths, Reynolds said.

Also included in the pamphlet are motorized e-scooters, which require a driver's license or instruction permit and the use of a bicycle helmet for riders under 18 years of age. They may be ridden at a maximum speed of 15 mph wherever traditional bicycles are allowed. But they may not be ridden on sidewalks.

Motorized bicycles and mopeds, which can reach a maximum speed of 30 mph, may be ridden on public and private roads but not sidewalks. Operating these vehicles requires a driver's license with an M1 or M2 endorsement, registration with the California Department of Motor Vehicles, adequate vehicle insurance and use of a DOT-compliant helmet.

Standing apart from the rest, dirt bikes are not street legal. This means they cannot be ridden on any public roadway, sidewalk or park, Reynolds explained. Instead, dirt bikes may only be used on private property.

Dirt bike operation also requires valid registration with the DMV, a valid driver's license with proper motorcycle endorsement, adequate insurance and helmet compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Possible penalties for noncompliance include helmet citations, right of way citations for improper riding as well as VC citations for driving without a license and towing with a 30-day impound.

Whether LPD issues a citation for a riders' violation depends on severity and whether the rider has a

history of violations and relevant education, Reynolds said in mid-July.

But as the new school year approaches, the educational component of LPD's work is the agency's main focus, Reynolds explained.

In partnership with LVJUSD, LPD has distributed informational messaging to students and their families about riding rules and safety.

School Resource Officer staff are also preparing additional education regarding the rules of the road to coincide with the 2025-26 school year, Reynolds said.

"Teaching students safe practices for walking and wheeled travel is essential to ensuring the safety of both students and their families," LVJUSD director of student services Tracie Christmas said.

The partnership also includes annual discussions about crossing guard placements across the city, Christmas said.

LVJUSD often shares LPD's safety messages on its district social media, especially at the beginning of each school year, district spokesperson Michelle Dawson added.

LPD also joined law enforcement agencies from across the Tri-Valley May 21 for the Electric Bike Enforcement Day wherein agencies set out to enforce e-bike regulations, educate riders and reinforce the importance of safe riding, according to a social media post from host Dublin Police Services.

If one witnesses a potential violation on the streets, LPD recommends reporting the incident to the police department. ■

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WATER RATES

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

The rate changes are associated with the implementation of an enhanced project delivery model from the Water System Management Plan, which included a revenue increase of 15% for the first two years and 8% for the following two years, and full fixed charge recovery of Zone 7 fixed costs.

This would change the city's water rate structure from a tiered system to a uniform one where very low water users will see their bill more than double by the end of four years.

According to the city's bimonthly impacts reports for single-family customers with a 5/8-inch meter, average water consumers under the proposed rate structure can expect a nearly \$20 bump to their current water bill by next year but by year four, that difference jumps to over \$80.

"For an average user using 24 ccf per bimonthly billing period, a single family customer with a 5/8-inch meter, which is the most common type of customer in your service area, they will see an \$19.08 increase to their bi-monthly bill," WRE principal consultant Nancy Phan said during the July 15 meeting.

After the council approved the final water rate study, the council members had to also approve the Proposition 218 notice because according to

Phan, it provides the best justification to residents for the rate increases.

"Prop 218 requires that we show our work," she said. "We have to prove that there's a nexus between what we charge customers in the final rates and what it costs to serve those customers and the rate study report is our proof of that."

She said the notice — along with the water rate study — is the city's best defense in case of any legal challenges.

"I don't like the outcome of rate increases but it's really appreciated that we are able to show the community and justify what we have to do," Councilmember Julie Testa said.

Testa also pointed out in her comments that the city did not address the potential changes to the city's water discount programs for seniors and low-income residents, which the council previously discussed at the May 6 meeting.

Beaudin said the city is still evaluating both programs — staff previously recommended that the city should eliminate the "Senior Discount Program" — and that staff will return to the council to have a conversation about both programs before the new rates take effect.

In other business

- City staff introduced the specific elements of two proposed contracts: one between the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Joint Powers Authority and the union representing LFPD battalion chiefs and the other between the joint powers authority and the union representing

sworn fire personnel.

The council reviewed both contracts and will be voting on approving the agreements, which include various salary and benefit increases, during the Aug. 19 council meeting.

Both the battalion chiefs union and the union representing sworn fire personnel have ratified each of their agreements. The Livermore City Council voted to adopt the agreements during its July 28 meeting — each city must approve the contracts because of the costs shared between each city.

According to the staff presentation, the previous tentative agreement between the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1974 Battalion Chiefs (IAFF-BC) and the Joint Powers Authority expired on June 30. The union currently represents seven employees.

The new agreement being proposed will cover the employees from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, if approved by the council in its August vote.

Some of the specifics of the agreement include general wage increases of 3% effective July 1, 2026 and another 3% increase the following year; administrative leave being reduced from 80 hours to 40 hours per year and administrative leave pay ending; and other changes to battalion chief coverage stipends and shift management pay.

Pleasanton's obligation for the term of the agreement is approximately \$115,000 over the three-year contract period, according to staff.

The other agreement between

the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1974 and the Joint Powers Authority will look to cover sworn fire personnel, which includes 102 suppression and six prevention employees, over the next four years.

The previous agreement expired on June 30.

If approved next month, the four-year agreement will begin on July 1 and will include 3% general wage increases over the first three years and 3.75% during the last year of the agreement in 2028.

Other benefits include increases to education incentives, increased premium pay for paramedics of rank (engineers and captains) to 4.5% and longevity pay with varying percentage increase depending on if an employee represented by the fire association has been there for eight years or 12 years.

The fiscal impact to both cities for the second contract with fire personnel is about \$8.63 million through June 2029 with Pleasanton's share being approximately \$4.3 million over the next four years.

Beaudin said while Pleasanton is in "not as great of a place" financially compared to Livermore, the two cities worked to find a right balance to be able to negotiate fair contracts with the unions and fire department that also works for both cities.

- The council, during its consent calendar portion of the meeting, approved nearly \$700,000 in funding to go to the Housing and Human Services Grant Program, which helps organizations deliver vital services to those in need.

The organizations that received funding from the grants include Spectrum Community Services, Open Heart Kitchen, CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Tri-Valley Haven, Axis Community Health, Tri-Valley Reach, Goodness Village, and others.

The funding comes from a mix of federal, state, and local sources that support local nonprofits and community projects like the aforementioned organizations. The city also allocated \$100,000 from its general fund to go toward these organizations.

"These programs allow us to invest in services and programs that directly support our residents," Balch stated in a July 16 press release. "They reflect our commitment to a strong, inclusive, and connected Pleasanton."

However, during the meeting Nibert called out the fact that Tri-Valley Haven, a nonprofit focusing on domestic violence and homelessness, did not receive as much funding as the others.

He said out of the nine organizations that were funded, seven received 100% of the funding they asked for while Tri-Valley Haven got 30% — the other got 60%, according to Nibert. He asked staff why this was given that Tri-Valley Haven received a high rating.

He also asked staff if there was any way to redistribute the funds evenly between all of the organizations but after some brief discussions it was decided that wouldn't be possible and the grants were approved as originally presented. ■

EDEN HOUSING

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referendum. It found that the housing elements were ineligible for challenge by referendum.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office processed the referendum and issued a notice of sufficiency after examining the signatures, the staff report states. The city council was slated to either repeal the 2022 resolution or call for an election.

On June 24, 2024, city council adopted resolutions to accept the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' certification of the referendum petition and to repeal the 2022 resolution. During the same meeting, the council also adopted a companion resolution to ratify, reaffirm, and readopt the Amended and Restated DDLA with Eden Housing, excluding the construction of and improvements to Veterans Park and acknowledging that the agreement remains in effect as of the date it was signed, the report states.

MEH challenged the adoption of the companion resolution and the trial court ruled that the resolution was "premature" because it was "substantially similar" to the 2022 resolution, the staff report states.

The city and Eden Housing have appealed the trial court's ruling and

now await a decision by appellate court.

During public comment surrounding Eden Housing July 28, over half of the eleven speakers expressed support for the project to progress. Among the letters and e-comments submitted to the city, all but one of the approximately 20 submissions also expressed support for the project.

"If it wasn't for the years of delay caused by unnecessary lawsuits, this project would have been completed and opened in 2023," Eden Housing project developer Vasko Yorgov said during public comment.

"Sadly, while the project has been stuck in court, the need for affordable housing has only grown more acute," Yorgov said.

Eden Housing saw this demand first-hand earlier this year, when the organization received 6,700 applications for 72 units of affordable housing, according to Yorgov.

The delay also forced Eden Housing to return a competitive tax credit financing award that will require time and energy to acquire again, Yorgov said.

"The downtown Livermore apartments should have been built long ago and there is an even greater need for affordable housing for Livermore's workforce and its families," Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce President and CEO

Sherri Souza said.

Speaker Alan Burnham later requested the council to approve the agreement.

"I urge you to vote for this tonight. Not because it's a perfect plan, but it's because, if we're going to build it this century, we need to actually make some decisions and move on," Burnham said.

On the oppositional side, public commenters requested that the council delay their decision and voiced support for relocating the housing project and constructing a park in its place.

"What the people want is shopping and open space in our downtown area. They don't need a four-story place. There's other places we can put it," speaker Tom Ramos said.

Tom Soules, candidate for Livermore Council during last year's election, agreed that Eden Housing should be located elsewhere.

"I have only one motivation and that is, I want a beautiful downtown in Livermore," Soules explained.

Julie Wild, another public commenter, argued that council's approval Monday would disregard the prior referendum.

"Ignoring a referendum today sends a clear message to Livermore residents that their voices simply don't matter and any future referendums will be ignored as well," Wild said.

The council repealed the previously approved agreement based on the appellate court's ruling that park provisions were subject to referendum, Mayor John Marchand later replied.

Given the appellate court's upcoming decision, Carol Silva suggested the city council postpone its decision.

"In the end, what you're doing is delaying much needed affordable housing and to me, it's unconscionable," Wang later said in response to the variety of opposing arguments.

The project will provide much-needed housing for people working in the city, including educators and those helping provide services, Vice Mayor Evan Branning said.

"It causes me a great deal of pain to hear people speak out against affordable housing," Branning said. "This is a beautiful project."

The project's years-long process has thrown into question the intent of the opposition, Branning said.

The city increased the size of the park and incorporated additional parking per community feedback, but there seems to be changing requests, Branning said.

"The goal-post keeps moving on us. And when the goal-post keeps moving, it's hard to believe that we're dealing with serious actors," Branning said. "How am I to believe that the goal is not simply to kill the

project, to delay it and make it cost more?"

"So just be honest with us. Just come up to us and say, 'I do not want affordable housing.' Say it to me — be genuine. If that's your goal, be honest. I've seen no evidence otherwise," Branning added.

During council deliberations, Barrientos expressed his preference for a park in lieu of the housing project and postponement of a vote.

"I did collect signatures for this thing," Barrientos said of the petition. "So I do have vested interests. So I'm wondering, should I recuse myself?"

Barrientos later said he would vote against the resolution on principle.

The council ultimately passed the motion by a 4-1 tally. "This milestone marks a significant step forward in what has been a long and needlessly challenging process — delayed by meritless lawsuits that have only made it harder to respond to the region's urgent need for affordable housing," Eden Housing President and CEO Linda Mandolini said in a statement following the meeting. "We are grateful to the many supportive residents, community advocates and to the City Council for their unwavering commitment, and we look forward to advancing this much-needed project as we begin seeking financing and move closer to bringing these homes to life," she added. ■

New gallery, cafe creating community hub for the arts

Latte Da Vinci will celebrate grand opening on Main Street this month with first exhibit, competition

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Downtown Pleasanton will be welcoming a new addition to its art scene with Latte Da Vinci, a nonprofit gallery and cafe set to officially open its doors in a couple weeks.

Lewis Liu — an accountant, Pleasanton resident and founder of the gallery — said the nonprofit will be operating as a co-op where any artist can display their work and residents can hang out and enjoy coffee and light snacks.

“This whole thing started as a gallery but I wanted to turn it into a place (for) all the people living in the Tri-Valley,” Liu said.

The space will also serve as a community hub and as a space to host events, workshops and classes for people of all ages, according to Kayelani Hudson, a Livermore native who helps Liu run and operate the nonprofit gallery space.

“I’ve always had the desire to have an art gallery that’s not only an art gallery but (also) a creative space where people who have different means of using their creativity ... come together,” Hudson said.

Liu’s passion for art began during the pandemic after he found a pond he wanted to paint on the John Muir Trail. He photographed it and attempted to paint it at home but found it challenging without any artistic background. This led him to take art classes at Las Positas College with Hudson’s father, an art professor.

Hudson said she always had a passion for the arts thanks to her father.

So when her father introduced her to Liu, she knew she had to ask him about opening a gallery. And as it turned out, Liu not only shared the same dream, but also had the

perfect space for it.

After Hudson’s father introduced the two, they began brainstorming ideas for the type of gallery they wanted to open. Liu said he noticed that the other galleries around Main Street were a bit selective, which is why the two thought of the idea of creating a co-op gallery where anyone from the community could showcase their work.

“We’re open to everybody — all the artists,” Liu said.

His storefront, formerly a real estate office, was quickly converted into the gallery by him and Hudson after the previous tenants vacated.

Liu said in order to incentivize more artists to display their work at the gallery, Latte Da Vinci plans on keeping its membership fees low and only charges 20% commission fees so that the artist mainly benefits from the sale of their work. Non-members can also submit their work to be displayed, he said, although members will be prioritized.

“It’s (about) bringing the community together to give them an opportunity to show what they put their hard work and effort into,” Hudson said.

Apart from what the name suggests — they plan on selling coffee first to members and then, as they expand, to non-members — the two plan on having various types of art workshops, community events and classes for all ages.

Hudson said she specifically wants to create collaborations with the local schools in order to get more kids involved with the world of art because of the benefit drawing and being creative in general has on children.

“When we said we wanted to open it up to everyone, it’s not just young adults, older adults — it’s everyone,”



Lewis Liu recounts some of the paintings he has worked on that are currently on display at the gallery. He said once they get more submissions from other artists, he will replace his own work with those new pieces.

Hudson said. “Everyone should have the opportunity to create and to be creative and to express themselves through art.”

The two also said they want the gallery to be a space where artists can hang out and use the space as a studio so people walking along Main Street could look inside the gallery, see the artists at work, be intrigued and walk in, which could lead to more people buying the artists’ work.

And while selling the art — and eventually the coffee — will be a big part of the nonprofit’s mission due to the fact it is mostly dependent on volunteers and members who will be expected to help out given that Latte Da Vinci will run more as a co-op, Liu and Hudson said the overall goal is to create a new artistic hub for the community and for downtown Pleasanton.

“We just want to offer the com-



Kayelani Hudson, who helps run the gallery with Liu, admired a painting by her father, a Las Positas College art professor who taught Liu.

munity a place to be artistic and to see the art that people have created in the Tri-Valley,” Hudson said.

The space will be celebrating its grand opening on Aug. 16 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and its first exhibit, which will feature submitted

paintings. Those who wish to submit their work will have until Aug. 10.

The gallery will also be hosting a competition for those pieces where several winners will be announced and awarded cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. ■

APPOINTMENTS

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unless there is a problem.

“Yet they are continuing to be bypassed for a voting role,” Josey said. “A new person is essentially leapfrogging them on the committee.”

Josey may have been referring to Hu’s appointment of Matthew Aini to the Dublin Planning Commission at the council’s Feb. 18 regular meeting. Aini surpassed alternates Suresh Puli and John Wu as well as over 15 other applicants to replace Catheryn Grier, following her December 2024 resignation.

“My concern is for the process, not the people,” Josey added. “My concern is that, if we multiple times bypass the alternate, then we will suppress the interest of people wanting to be alternates because they won’t feel like they are going to get an opportunity to move into

the voting position.”

Instead, Josey said she supports promoting alternates who are interested in moving up, barring a reason they should not serve.

“That’s exactly why for the senior center commission position, I recommended one of the alternate,” Hu replied. “So I take that seriously and I do know the people very well and I consider multiple reasons, demographically, different reasons I think that will make this team more complete and more engaged and more active in the way they can perform their task.”

Hu selected Goldstein for the committee from candidates including Harvey as well as Namrata Berry, Shubha Kandukoori and Julia Nam, according to the staff report.

But McCorrison said he was not impressed with Goldstein’s “incomplete” submission.

“In this case, you have moved an alternate up, but I was a little

underwhelmed at the application to be quite honest with you — there was nothing on there,” McCorrison said. “You had another alternate who was very articulate, very clear and showed passion, and has been there. And that person was not chosen.”

“I was a little disturbed — while we are holding to process in a way, we are dismissing, in my opinion, the importance of the application. Every one of those other people submitted, contributed, invested time in their applications,” McCorrison added.

Hu later noted that she appointed both Goldstein and Harvey as alternates on the committee. She selected Goldstein to rise to the voting position because he has completed 20 to 30 years of volunteer work, was named Dublin’s Citizen Of The Year in 2023 and serves as President of Dublin Lions Club.

Hu also received Goldstein’s endorsement during her successful bid

for mayor last year, according to her website.

Qaadri later agreed that Goldstein’s application was lacking.

“I’m seeing a lack of transparency, in terms of the applications,” Qaadri said. “If we were trying to assess the qualifications of a candidate based on their application, that one in particular would score quite low.”

Ahead of the council’s first vote, Hu requested the council’s confidence in her appointments.

“I hope you trust me because I have done this a lot,” Hu said. “I am pretty confident in knowing people, seeing their actions from their past many years to pick the right person for the right thing.”

“I’m not feeling comfortable right now with the information I was given and I don’t see an urgency in doing it tonight,” McCorrison replied.

The motion confirming Berg and Goldstein failed by a 3-2 tally,

with dissenting votes from Qaadri, Josey and McCorrison. First-term Councilmember John Morada joined Hu in the affirmative.

Following feedback from Josey and McCorrison, Hu brought forward an alternative motion for the confirmation of Liu’s appointment to the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission and Harvey to the Senior Center Advisory Committee.

The motion passed unanimously. Per process, Berg could not be appointed same-day to the alternate position on the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission. But Josey said she would support his future appointment to the role.

The council’s confirmation of Hu’s appointments were scheduled as part of their consent calendar, which is composed of items typically non-controversial in nature and considered for approval by the council with a single action. ■

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“Relics”
by Maureen Langenbach

By PAREENA GUPTA

Livermore Valley Arts is opening “Fragile Earth: A Call to Action” this week, a new exhibition that blends visual art with scientific understanding and grassroots advocacy.

By bringing together local and regional artists committed to highlighting the urgent need for environmental responsibility through art, the exhibit seeks to be a powerful example of grassroots advocacy — a bottom-up approach where community members unite to raise awareness and inspire action around shared concerns.

“With this exhibit, I wanted to offer a thoughtful and creative look at our relationship with the environment,” said Anne Giancola, visual arts and education manager at LVA.

“Through a variety of artistic voices and mediums, the exhibition explores the beauty of the natural world alongside the chal-

Bankhead Theater.

LaRosa created a puzzling piece using repurposed objects and metal fragments in unusual shapes and sizes to “represent a character named Metal, whose mission is to save the Earth. Metal points to three simple words, ‘Stop and Think’ on an old red and white button,” she told the Pleasanton Weekly.

“If we don’t take time and start to think about change in how we live — products we make, packaging we use to sell those products, and whether or not these materials being made pollute the earth while they are used or when they are disposed — it will never happen. Metal is a messenger for sustainability,” LaRosa added.

Quest Science Center is a nonprofit in Livermore that has partnered with Livermore Valley Arts to present “Style Transfer”, an interactive photo booth experience. The exhibit blends machine learning with visual art to offer a hands-on way for people of all ages to connect with artists’ visions. It will appear alongside work by Livermore artist Caroline Powers-Robinson and interns from Quest Science’s Tri-Valley Youth Climate Action Program.

“We’ve worked successfully with Quest Science Center on a number of exhibits in the past, and the subject of climate change and ‘Fragile Earth’ is a natural extension of our shared goals,” Giancola said. “Our collaboration grew organically from a mutual interest in sparking curiosity, fostering empathy, and encouraging community dialogue through both scientific insight and artistic expression.”

Additionally, the “Fragile Earth” art exhibit will have a separate section dedicated to student eco-art, including pieces created in the Bothwell Arts Center art camps this summer.

The “Fragile Earth” exhibit is free and open to the public and will be held in person at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery of the Bankhead Theater. It will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 1-5 p.m., except for closure dates on Aug. 16, Aug. 21-24 and Aug. 30.

A special reception for the exhibit will take place on Sept. 6, from 1-4 p.m. in the Bankhead downtown. The reception will feature an interactive art project that participants of all ages can help create, along with representatives from Quest Science Center who will be on hand to discuss pressing climate issues.

“The success of an exhibit like this is measured by the conversations it sparks and the connections it fosters within the community. When visitors pause to reflect, share their thoughts, or see their own experiences reflected in the artwork, we know the exhibit has made a meaningful impact,” Giancola said.

“We value the quiet moments when someone is moved, inspired, or sees the world a little differently,” she added. “Success is also felt when community partners, like Quest Science Center and student participation helps to bring the exhibit to a wider community.” ■

FRAGILE

EARTH

“Earthbound Man: Three Futures”

by Vida Pavesich



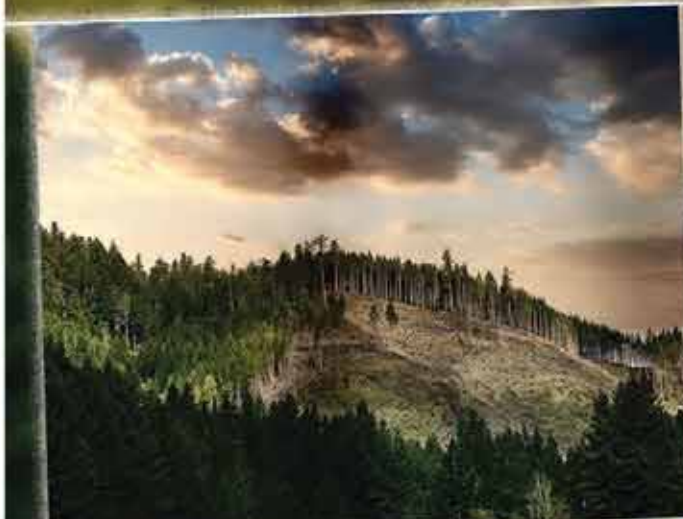
NEW EXHIBIT BRINGS ENVIRONMENTAL ART AND ADVOCACY TO BANKHEAD

lenges it faces,” Giancola added. “I believe art can gently encourage reflection and conversation, making complex issues more approachable and personal. This exhibit invites viewers to consider their connection to the planet and the small but meaningful ways we can care for it together.”

Artists present unique interpretations of humanity’s impact on the natural world through diverse media including painting, sculpture, photography and interactive installations. Each piece acts as both a warning and a call to action, encouraging visitors to reflect on the environmental crisis and consider their role in responding to it.

“My watercolor painting ‘Relics’ comments on the relationship between a fragile earth and our dependence on fossil fuels,” artist Maureen Langenbach said. “I have always been concerned over how the fossil fuel industry has dominated and manipulated our interests over more sustainable energy sources. I take every opportunity to share my concerns over environmental pollution to the broader public.”

Livermore-based artist Bernice LaRosa will also have work on display in the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 19 in the



“Scorched”
by Marijean Brush

Comedy legends set for ‘two-woman show’

‘Mama always has her own reactions. Sometimes they make sense. A lot of the time they don’t.’

By JEANITA LYMAN

It was in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks that longtime comedian Vicki Lawrence began seeking to bring her beloved character Thelma “Mama” Harper into the present day at a time when the world needed to laugh.

“It was the year after 9/11, and I remember saying to my writing partner, ‘I know that Mama has to be a big part of the show because people love her so much, but I would really like to be me before I’m not anymore,’” Lawrence said in a recent interview with the Pleasanton Weekly. “So we put together the show in two parts.”

Lawrence has been taking her “two woman show” around the world ever since, providing a personal glimpse into her own life and career that was spurred by her run on “The Carol Burnett Show” from 1967 to 1978 — where Mama also made her debut before making her own mark on the spinoff series “Mama’s Family” in the 1980s.

“My part is sort of largely autobiographical,” said Lawrence, who has two appearances set in Livermore in mid-August. “It’s like everything people would want to ask me if I did questions and answers like Carol (Burnett). So it’s like how I got started. How did I become a natural redhead? How did I meet my husband? How come I had one huge hit record? How did Mama happen? It’s everything that people would want to know.”

“I feel like my life has been nothing if not comical and very serendipitous,” she continued. “So I would like to think that’s a very funny part of the



COURTESY LVA

“Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show” is set to come to the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore with two performances on Aug. 16.

show. And then we take a little break, and then Mama comes out.”

Nearly 60 years after Lawrence’s most well-known character was debuted, Mama continues to live large despite drastic changes to the media landscape in the years that have followed, and to society at large.

“I just didn’t want her to be retrospective,” Lawrence said. “A lot of people just think Mama’s kind of stuck in a time warp, because she’s very Midwestern, she’s very stuck in her ways, she’s very traditional. And I wanted to take her out of that and push her into the new century so she would have to deal with what’s going on in the world.”

Mama’s talking points in the present day are wide-ranging and ever-evolving, Lawrence said.

“Mama always has her own reactions — sometimes they make sense,” Lawrence said. “A lot of the time they don’t. A lot of the time she’s got it just a little bit wrong. But you know, she talks about everything. Like how can there be a size zero? And what about the toilets that flush three times before you can pull your pants up? And what about same-sex marriage? I mean, she just talks about everything.”

Lawrence noted that the media landscape — particularly network television and the rise of social media

— has changed drastically during her time in show business. She said that a long-running late night variety show on network television would be all but impossible today.

But while Lawrence and many others still hold fond memories of what is considered by many to be the golden age of television comedy, changes over the years have given way to new opportunities — and new audiences for Lawrence as herself and as Mama.

“A lot of parents and grandparents are introducing their kids to all the good old shows, and it’s great, so I feel like Mama is as popular as she’s ever been,” Lawrence said. “I’ll tell you what, during the pandemic I have

never gotten so much fan mail!”

Lawrence said that she personally watches little in the way of comedy on network television, and struggles to sit through standup comedy shows in the present day in a “very different” environment than what she and her colleagues on “The Carol Burnett Show” experienced.

“We were left alone by the network,” Lawrence said. “Now everybody’s looking over your shoulder — that’s very different than it used to be. It used to be so much fun. It’s just different now. And I mean, why are you going to pay for all of those things to do a variety show when you can now get people to act like idiots on TV for nothing?”

While Lawrence’s work continues to resonate with each new generation — arguably more than ever — she said that she struggles to give advice to up-and-coming performers in the present day.

Nonetheless, Lawrence said that she has seen some positive changes, at least in the comedy world and its treatment of women, over the course of her career.

“Things are changing — it’s slow — it always has been for women, but they’re changing,” Lawrence said. “Thankfully, women are tough.”

“That’s the fun thing about Mama — she’s an old lady,” she continued. “I feel, now that I’m much older, that you just kind of earn the right and the privilege to say what you need, and say what you think. You don’t have a lot of time to waste, so you just say things. And Mama’s always been that way.”

“Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show” is set for the Bankhead Theater on Aug. 16, with performances at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets and more information are available at livermorearts.org. ■

Building community through craft and charity

Cal High Origami Club unites 150+ members to uplift through handcrafted paper art

By PAREENA GUPTA

In less than a year, the student-led Origami Club at California High School in San Ramon has created and donated over 400 origami pieces.

The club was founded in 2024 as a collaboration between Pragati Tumma and Riya Dabholkar, rising juniors at Cal High.

“We started this club sophomore year because we thought that the art of origami should be shared and we really want to share this passion with other students. We also wanted to create a sense of community within the school,” Dabholkar said.

“Our club’s mission is essentially about combining two things we’re really passionate about, which are art and community service,” Tumma added.

Meeting twice a month, members of the Origami Club earn 0.5 volunteer hours for each session they attend. The club has over 150 members, most of whom are beginners. To support the new learners, club officers lead meetings with live instruction and online videos on how to make origami.

“We create cranes and butterflies all year round, and we also do seasonal crafts, depending on the seasons. We did cherry blossoms for spring and bunnies for Easter. We also did snowflakes during the wintertime,” Dabholkar said.

In addition to regular meetings, the club organizes external events and workshops throughout the year. These are often held in collaboration with other organizations, such



COURTESY CAL HIGH ORIGAMI CLUB

as the Origami Club at the crosstown Dougherty Valley High School or the San Ramon Library.

These events typically last two to three hours, providing members with a chance to socialize and receive additional support with their origami designs. Some events are also open to the broader community and offer opportunities for the public to learn the art of origami.

“Out of all the other clubs, I think our club really stands out at California High School because we try to emphasize communication and connection

among all of the club members and also the local community,” Dabholkar said.

The club officers highlight origami as a meaningful way to relieve stress and stay connected to personal passions.

“It can be easy for students to get swept up in academics, especially in high school, because it’s very stressful preparing for college and everything. As a result, a lot of people have their hobbies take a backseat,” Tumma said. “I know a lot of people can relate to that. We think it’s important to keep

in touch with hobbies, especially because it’s a good way to relax.”

Besides hosting occasional community events, the Cal High Origami Club fosters relationships with the broader community by donating its handcrafted pieces of members’ paper art to nonprofit organizations throughout the Tri-Valley.

The club has donated all 400-plus origami pieces crafted this year to organizations like the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, the Danville and San Ramon public libraries, and the Pleasanton Senior Center. ■

Community Pulse



Ray Eugene Brown

August 1, 1930 - July 25, 2025

Ray E Brown was born in Romney, West Virginia on August 1, 1930 and lived in Pleasanton, California for over 70 years. Ray died peacefully on July 25, 2025 and was reunited with his wife of 52 years, Blanche (Kit) Brown, and grandson Douglas Stephens.

He is survived by his sister, Anna Lou Jackson, his wife Cynthia Howard, daughters Donna Brown and Denise Clark with her husband Dan Clark, granddaughter Kim Stephens, great grandson Nikolay Baker, and stepdaughters Tuesdai Powers and Quaker Boyd with their four children.

Ray graduated from Romney High School and served in the US Navy for four years as the ship's cook and baker and participated as an amateur boxer. He was a retiree of Safeway Stores, Inc. employee for 40 years. He was also past president of SIRS (Seniors in Retirement). He enjoyed golf, was a dedicated A's fan, and was known for his delicious peach and apple pies.

Services will be held on Ray's 95th birthday, August 1, 2025 at Callaghan Mortuary at 11:00 in Livermore, CA.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Wounded Warriors Project.

PAID OBITUARY

Joseph Michael Crosslin

August 17, 1937 - July 2, 2025

Joseph Michael Crosslin passed away on July 2, 2025 surrounded by family. Joe was born in Oakland, CA on Aug. 17, 1937, and graduated from Castlemont High School in 1955. After serving in the U.S. Navy for two years, he attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He met the love of his life Glorian in 1964, when, after dating for one month, he proposed. They enjoyed nearly 55 years of marriage until her passing in 2020. They moved to Pleasanton in 1967 and resided in their home on Tanglewood Way for 56 years. Joe enjoyed a 22-year career as a High Tech Salesman in the era before personal computers, followed by a career as a Realtor working alongside his wife Glorian for 31 years. Together, they were co-owners of Wayside Park Realty in Pleasanton. Joe was an active member of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Men's Club, The Rotary Club of Pleasanton, The Network Exchange, Poker Group and The Bay East Assn. of Realtors. Joe will be missed for his wit, creative writing, video shorts, photoshops, chocolate chip cookies, and ability to recall trivial facts. Joe is survived by his daughters Kim McGuire (Tony), Lisa Moffett (Darren) and Lora Crosslin and grandchildren Rowan Moffett and Brooke McGuire. Friends and family are invited to a Funeral Mass on August 9, 2025 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton at 10am. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Joe's name to: Pleasanton Rotary Foundation <https://pleasantonrotary.org/donation-guide/>



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POLICE BULLETIN

Police arrest suspect in 2024 stabbing case

A 19-year-old wanted for attempted murder has been arrested after allegedly leading police on a brief pursuit through a Livermore neighborhood on a bicycle.

Just after noon July 19, an officer patrolling near Pine Street and Rincon Avenue spotted a familiar figure: a Livermore resident with an active arrest warrant for alleged attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a 2024 stabbing case.

When the officer tried to stop him, the suspect allegedly took off on a bicycle, triggering a police chase. Additional officers swarmed the area to search for the suspect. They eventually found him on

Chestnut Street and arrested him.

He was booked on the outstanding warrant and an additional allegation of resisting arrest, police said.

— Bay City News Service

Suspects nabbed in Gucci outlet theft

Two young men were arrested in San Francisco on Sunday after allegedly robbing a high-end store in Livermore, according to police.

Just before 5 p.m., officers responded to a Gucci store in the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore on a report of a robbery. The suspects allegedly entered the store, grabbed several purses worth about \$28,000 off racks, then fled.

As the suspects fled, they rammed through barriers at the mall, causing thousands in property damage,

police said.

Multiple agencies then coordinated to locate the suspects — a 19-year-old man from Stockton and a 19-year-old man from San Francisco — in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco, where they were arrested by the San Francisco Police Department. Officers allegedly recovered the purses and a firearm.

— Katy St. Clair,
Bay City News Service

Pilot arrested after landing at SFO

A 34-year-old Delta Airlines pilot with ties to the Tri-Valley was arrested on suspicion of child sexual abuse after his plane landed at San Francisco International Airport on Saturday night, authorities said Monday.

Rustom Bhagwagar was taken into custody after Flight 2809 from Minneapolis landed at SFO, by Homeland Security agents and Contra Costa County sheriff's deputies.

On Monday, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office said its detectives have been investigating Bhagwagar since April, after receiving a report of sex crimes against a child. They obtained a Ramey warrant for his arrest and learned he was going to fly into SFO on Saturday.

Bhagwagar, listed as a resident of Florida, was booked into Martinez Detention Facility on suspicion of five counts of oral copulation with a child under 10 years old and is being held on \$5 million bail. The sheriff's office didn't release any other information about the case.

The San Francisco Chronicle was the first to report that Bhagwagar previously lived in San Ramon.

— Bay City News Service

Standoff in Danville

A Danville man was arrested last week at the conclusion of a standoff with police at a home in the southeast of town near Bay Club Crow Canyon.

Timothy Bancroft faces charges of assault with a deadly weapon and negligent discharge of a firearm, which were filed by Contra Costa County prosecutors.

Officers with the Danville Police Department arrived at the scene on the 1900 block of St. Norbert Drive just before 2 a.m. July 21, with police saying they heard gunshots coming from the home upon their arrival.

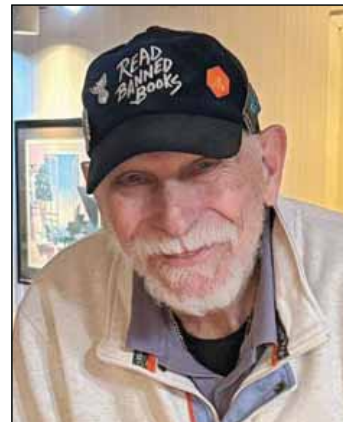
Neighboring residents were issued a shelter-in-place warning through the county's community warning system as police demanded that the man exit the home, which he ultimately did. ■

— Jeanita Lyman

Robert (Bob) Ditter

January 23, 1943 - July 5, 2025

Robert (Bob) Ditter passed away suddenly at home on July 5 at the age of 82. He was born and raised in Twin Falls, ID and moved to Sacramento, CA in 1962, where he attended Sacramento State, graduating with a degree in History. He began his retail career at Weinstock's Department Store, where he was the book and small electronics buyer.



Bob moved to Pleasanton in 1980 and began his second career in sales of electronics and then later as a publisher's representative. He and his wife, Judy Wheeler, purchased Towne Center Books in 1998 where he was a familiar face, champion of history books, and prolific story teller until the day he passed.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, of 44 years, children Wilson Wheeler (Allison Daniels) of Littleton, CO; Robby Ditter of Granite Bay, CA; Allison Otvos (Scott) of Granite Bay, CA; and Angie Ditter (Henry Harrison) of Oakland, CA. He also leaves behind two brothers, Bernie Ditter (Betsy) of Sacramento, CA, and Tom Ditter (Lois) of Boise, ID. He will be missed by his cousin Tom Swartz (Shari) of Gresham, OR, and his many nieces and nephews.

Being a grandfather was a highlight of Bob's life. His 6 grandchildren are Zach and Curtis Otvos, Samantha and Stephanie Ditter, and Cash and Everett Wheeler. He could often be found cheering them on at their many sporting events. Bob loved family and his favorite times were vacations with his whole extended family. He also enjoyed golfing, watching sports, sharing fishing stories, and attending his yearly class reunions in Idaho with his friends in Twin Falls.

There will be a reception at Towne Center Books where all who knew Bob are invited to attend and share in honoring his memory. 555 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA @ 4:00pm, Sunday August 17th.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to ABFFE, American Booksellers For Free Expression, or BINC, The Book Industry Charitable Foundation.

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LETTERS

Pleasanton Weekly got it wrong

The Pleasanton Weekly's July 25 editorial got the facts — and the story — flat-out wrong.

For over a year leading up to the last election, the previous City Council worked publicly and transparently to address the city's growing budget crisis. This included council meetings, special meetings, community workshops, mailers and direct outreach. The Pleasanton Weekly was there. To now claim the Council was evasive or disingenuous isn't just misleading — it's dishonest.

The editorial suggests the Council should have done nothing while multimillion-dollar deficits loomed — and that residents didn't deserve a say in how to respond. That's outrageous. Rather than acknowledge its role in sowing confusion, the editorial board doubled down, defending its divisive actions and downplaying the consequences. That's not journalism. That's spin.

Measure PP was a responsible attempt to face a mounting fiscal threat. All Councilmembers received the same sobering financial projections from city staff. Four took action. One, Jack Balch, chose not to. Voters had the final say through a public, democratic process.

The defeat of Measure PP was not inevitable, as the Weekly claims. If failure had been certain, it never would've reached the ballot. The risk of doing nothing far outweighed the risk of asking voters to act. Now, Pleasanton faces the very cuts that Measure PP sought to avoid — cuts that were preventable.

The Weekly's praise for pulling \$3 million from the pension trust is misleading. That money isn't "free" — it adds to our unfunded liability and does nothing to fix the structural deficit.

Economic development is important, but it's no quick fix. Costs are rising. Without new, stable revenue, more painful cuts are on the way.

Pretending the crisis is over doesn't help. It misleads the public and delays real solutions. Pleasanton deserves facts — not revisionist history.

— Valerie Arkin, former member of Pleasanton City Council, Pleasanton USD Board of Trustees and Pleasanton Library Commission

District 1

Councilmember Jeff Nibert was elected to represent the people of Pleasanton's District 1 — not override them. Repeatedly, his vote runs counter to the voices of those who

elected him. That is not leadership. That is a breach of trust.

When people speak, their representatives should listen. Councilmember Nibert does not. He votes as if public input is background noise. We deserve a leader who listens. Councilmember Nibert ignored our concerns, dismissed our voices and consistently voted against our interests.

Voters in District 1 voted 55% against Measure PP. Councilmember Nibert ignored this and supported Measure PP. Nibert was fully aware voters in District 1 were against tax increase. Yet Councilmember Nibert supported a charter city ballot measure for tax purposes, claiming infrastructure needs the tax revenue.

Councilmember Nibert misunderstands the role of representative democracy — his voting record suggests personal conviction takes precedence over community consensus. Councilmember Nibert, your job is to represent us. Not rule over us.

Councilmember Nibert, you are out of step with constituent priorities. Councilmember Nibert, you are consistently misaligned with voter sentiment. Councilmember Nibert regularly diverges from community consensus. Jeff Nibert, you place personal or political agendas above public interests. Your tax and spending agenda is wrong.

— Michael Austin

Editorial stepped over the line

I am a strong supporter of independent journalism, but personally think your last editorial of July 25 stepped over the line. I have personally attended most City Council meetings (and am graduate of the five-month Pleasanton Community Academy) over the last 18 months and respectfully disagree with several of your comments.

The editorial included the statement that the prior City Council was contentious, divisive, failed to collaborate and distracted Pleasanton citizens. I believe this was off-base and a bit inappropriate.

It was also noted that the new City Council "embraced" the failure of Measure PP. Whether it was embraced or not, I question whether the city and residents are truly in a better spot.

Over the next few months, as the reality of the proposed cuts are felt, I would bet that our Pleasanton community will come to realize we have taken a step back and PP was a missed opportunity. As you note "with the budget finalized let's move forward".

— TJ McGrath

Enjoying Pleasanton's heritage

My wife and I recently joined one of the Charles Huff Walking Tours hosted by the Museum on Main. Strolling along St. Mary Street, Division Street and Rose Avenue, we admired the stunning historic homes and learned about Pleasanton's early founders and important citizens, including Bernal, Nevis, Hearst, Hansen, Orloff and Charles Huff, just to name a few.

Our knowledgeable guide shared captivating stories about the families who lived in these homes, their livelihoods and their contributions to our city's rich history.

The tour concluded with a visit to the Museum on Main, where engaging exhibits brought

Pleasanton's past to life. A highlight was the demonstration of the horn atop the iconic Main Street archway sign — a thrilling experience to see and hear!

These free tours are a fantastic way to explore our town's rich heritage. The next tours are scheduled for Aug. 9 and 12 where we will explore Railroad Avenue, Second Street and Neal Street. I encourage everyone to visit the Museum on Main to enjoy all its offerings and to join a walking tour to discover the people and stories that shaped Pleasanton.

We are blessed to live in the beautiful city of Pleasanton and to have a jewel such as the Museum on Main to share our wonderful heritage.

— David Ott

Beverly Jane Jotten

April 3, 1940 – July 23, 2025

Beverly Jane Jotten (née Minden), age 85, of Pleasanton, California, passed away peacefully at home on July 23, 2025, surrounded by her family, after a courageous two-year battle with lung cancer.

Beverly was born on April 3, 1940, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to Virgil and Jessie Minden. She graduated from Newell High School in Iowa and later attended business school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over the

years, Beverly held a variety of positions, including switchboard operator for Sears, teletype operator for Francis I. duPont & Co., and bookkeeper for both World of Shoes and Kolln Hardware.

She married her first husband, Lars Jotten Sr., in 1960, and they shared over 30 years of marriage before he passed from lung cancer in 1990. Together, they raised their two children, Tanja and Lars Jr., in Pleasanton.

Beverly often said she had lived three distinct lives: one with her first husband, one during her single years, and a third with her second husband, John. She and John Roeber were married in 2015 and spent the last ten years enjoying the simple pleasures of life — sharing time with close friends, camping in their fifth-wheel trailer, and visiting local wineries.

Family was at the heart of everything Beverly did. Though miles often separated them, she remained closely connected to her four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, cherishing every opportunity to spend time together. Whether through visits, phone calls, or thoughtful notes, she made sure each grandchild felt seen, loved, and valued. Holidays, birthdays, and simple gatherings were treasured moments for Beverly — times when laughter, stories, and love flowed freely. Her warmth, devotion, and the deep joy she found in family will be felt for generations to come.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Roeber; her daughter, Tanja Gabler; and her son, Lars Jotten Jr. and his wife Tiffany. She was a proud grandmother to Larissa Carli and her husband Jon, Stephen Jotten and his wife Kendra, Kristen Gabler, and Shelby Ziehl and her husband Tanner. She was also blessed with four great-grandchildren: Elaina, Noelle, Ryder, and Abigail.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lars Jotten Sr., and her parents, Virgil and Jessie Minden.

Visitation will be held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, CA on 8/11/25 from 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

A funeral service will be held on 8/12/25 at St. Philip Lutheran Church, 8850 Davona Dr., Dublin at 10:30am.

PAID OBITUARY



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Pleasanton players win five racquetball titles

Also: Foothill swimmer Mijatovic battles illness at world championship in Asia

When Shreya Chandel shows up to the first day of her sophomore year at Amador Valley in a week, if anyone asks her if she did anything fun during the summer, she's got a great answer.

She can answer that she went out and won a pair of national titles in racquetball.

Chandel took home titles in the USA Racquetball Junior National Championships during the last week in June at the University of Minnesota.

Chandel won the girls' 14 and under singles title, then teamed with Ayan Sharma, also of Pleasanton, for the mixed doubles title. Finally, Chandel and Nyasa Gupta, another Pleasanton resident, finished second in the girls' doubles bracket.

Sharma won the 14-and-under boys' singles and teamed with Lucas Frost-Biskup of Omaha, Neb., to take the boys' doubles, giving him three titles.

Chandel was the No. 3 seed in singles and battled the No. 4 seed Gupta in the finals, winning 15-10, 5-15, 11-9.

"It is always good to see so many junior players out there competing," Chandel said of a possible resurgence of the sport that was huge globally in the 1980s. "The sport is really fun."

She was introduced to the sport by her parents early on, but once COVID hit she switched to tennis and did not go back to racquetball until May of 2023.

A good student, Chandel uses her intelligence to master the game. That, combined with amazing court sense, is a tough combination to beat.

"I like a lot of wide angles and pinch-shots," Chandel said. "I like to use my brain and hit it where the other person isn't."

Sharma rolled through his singles win, giving up only 13 points total in five matches. In doubles the duo of Sharma and Frost-Biskup gave up

only 13 points in four matches. In the finals they beat Luke McCann and Michael Stempf 15-0, 15-5.

Next up, the winners will travel to the IRF World Junior Championships in December at Santon Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Mijatovic battles illness at Worlds

Apparently, there is something that can stop Foothill High junior-to-be Luke Mijatovic when it comes to swimming success — illness.

The 16-year-old Mijatovic was part of the "acute gastroenteritis" outbreak that hit the United States National Team in their pre-world aquatics training camp in Phuket, Thailand.

Saturday night (Sunday in Singapore) was the opening day of the swimming portion of 2025 World Aquatics Championship in Singapore.

Mijatovic was competing in the

400 freestyle heats, the youngest American male swimmer to do so since Michael Phelps in 2001.

Taking part in the fifth heat — featuring some of the top 400-free swimmers in the world — it was evident in the first 50 meters that Mijatovic was under duress, something confirmed by his mother via text after the race.

She texted that he had been hit since that Wednesday with a stomach virus.

Mijatovic was one of several U.S. swimmers affected. Torri Huske, Gretchen Walsh and Claire Weinstein — three of the top swimmers on the female team — were all affected as well, either being pulled from events or having their performances affected.

It was a tough way to end a year where Mijatovic won two more California Interscholastic Federation championships, and became a member of the U.S. Senior



COURTESY RITU SINGH

Shreya Chandel, two-time racquetball national champion.

National team, earning his spot after finishing second in the 400 free 2025 National Championships.

There, he made the finals in four events, medaling in the 400 free with a time of 3:45.71.

But then again, as only a 16-year-old junior at Foothill, it is scary to see what he will accomplish.

Great season Luka and we look forward to seeing what you can do next year! ■

Tri-Valley Karate athletes bring home 13 medals from nationals

'Pushed me to stay focused and disciplined,' says two-time gold winner

By JEREMY WALSH

Nine standout martial artists from Tri-Valley Karate competed at the national championships in Texas this July and brought 13 medals home to Pleasanton.

Leading the way for the local dojo was 17-year-old Govardan Vadlaputi, who won national titles in both kata (forms) and kumite

(spars) in his division. He was among three gold medalists from the Tri-Valley at the 2025 Karate National Championships & U.S. Junior Team Trials in Fort Worth, Texas from July 9-13.

"Preparing for karate nationals over the past few months was a challenging but rewarding experience. It pushed me to stay focused and disciplined while improving

both mentally and physically," Vadlaputi said in a statement.

Harshini Uppalapati, 14, won gold in kumite and earned silver in kata, and 14-year-old Rishi Manikandan took the other national championship for Tri-Valley Karate in kumite on top of a bronze in kata.

Dojo owner and teacher Sanjit Mandal told the Weekly that the achievements of his national champions and their six teammates in Texas were a testament to their efforts in training throughout the year.

"These young athletes demonstrated incredible focus, resilience, and teamwork on and off the mat, proudly representing both our community and USA Karate on a national stage," Mandal said.

"What people don't know is that we spend countless hours training, refining details, and we only perform for maybe 2 minutes," he added. "Some might only get one sparring match, which is also 2 minutes, unlike other sports where they have a game that lasts an hour

or a tennis match that could last well over 2 hours, a very different type of competition."

Other local medalists included Ami Mandal (9) with a silver in kumite, Hridyansh Gorsia (10) and Atiriya Belagodu (13) each with silver in kata, and Jocelyn O'Dell (15) and Sai Gautam Chippada (16) with bronze medals in both kata and kumite. Akhila Chippada (12) also competed from the Tri-Valley, finishing fifth in kumite and seventh in kata. ■

'Incredibly surreal': Dublin teen reflects on ESPYS experience

Ramanathan plans to use grant to expand free sports programs for girls

By JEREMY WALSH

Fresh off having the successes of her Girls4Sports nonprofit recognized on a national stage, Dublin teen Maegha Ramanathan is ready to continue the momentum from her ESPY Award to expand the efforts of her grassroots organization.

Ramanathan — who founded her nonprofit at 13 years old to help improve access to sports for girls locally and across the country, especially in underserved communities — was one of three recipients of

ESPN's 2025 Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Awards, accepting the honor and participating in festivities during ESPYS Week July 14 and 15 in Los Angeles.

"It was incredibly surreal to stand on the same stage where so many inspiring women made history this year," Ramanathan told the Pleasanton Weekly after the ESPYS.

"I had the chance to connect with trailblazing female athletes (my heroes since childhood) like Simone Biles, Suni Lee and Ilona Maher,

who are redefining what's possible in sports," she said. "Beyond the recognition, I'm deeply grateful to now be part of a powerful network who are shaping the future of sports nationwide."

"With the grant that comes with this award, we plan to partner with Title I schools across the U.S. to expand and streamline our free sports programs for girls," Ramanathan added. "We're also launching a fellowship for girls ages 12-20, giving them access to mentorship from incredible athletes and organizations like those I met at the ESPYS and empowering them to lead their own community initiatives for equity." ■



COURTESY MAEGHA RAMANATHAN

Maegha Ramanathan (center) on stage at the ESPYS with the other two winners of the 2025 Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Awards.

Entertainment

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., Aug. 1. The Urban Outlaws, Country.

HADESTOWN TEEN EDITION Join PYTC for this intriguing and beautiful folk opera which delivers a deeply resonant and defiantly hopeful theatrical experience. 7 p.m., Aug. 1-2; 2 p.m., Aug. 2. Tickets \$13-\$23. Visit firehousearts.org.

ARE YOU READY FOR IT? A TAYLOR EXPERIENCE Recreating the magic of the Eras Tour in a spectacular, unforgettable show starring Traci Marie as Taylor. Her authentic costumes, mannerisms and voice embody the essence of Taylor Swift. 8 p.m., Aug. 2. Tickets \$25-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

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.

TWILIGHT TUNES AT CONCANNON VINEYARD Join on Thursdays at Concannon Vineyard for live music, local food truck bites and wines by the glass or bottle all set against the backdrop of a summer sunset. 5:30-8 p.m. \$10. Visit concannon.wine/winery-events.

THE GREAT DUBOIS: MASTERS OF VARIETY This fast-paced, high energy circus show for all ages showcases incredible feats of juggling, hula hoops, unicycle, aerial, circus stunts, contortion, magic and audience interaction all wrapped up in a blanket of comedy. 8 p.m., Aug. 9. Tickets \$25-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

ASTHITVA: TALE OF THE PREGNANT KING Asthitva, a satirical work in Bharatanatyam genre on identity, gender, and dharma, tells the story of a king who, in a miraculous twist of fate, is chosen to bear a child. What follows is a deeply layered journey of self-inquiry, transformation, and transcendence. 7 p.m., Aug. 15. Tickets \$30-\$50. Visit firehousearts.org.

Exhibits

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.

FIREHOUSE MEMORIAL WALL EXHIBITION The Firehouse Arts Center is featuring the work of Shweta Agrawal presenting approximately 20 of the artist's representative landscapes and ink portraits on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall. Through Aug. 30.

HARRINGTON GALLERY LOBBY EXHIBITION This solo exhibition of Jen Huber, Winged Companions, features 16 works highlighting

serendipitous interactions between humans and birds. Through Aug. 23. Firehouse Arts Center.

TRAVELING EXHIBITION AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Pleasanton's Museum on Main 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.

FRAGILE EARTH: A CALL TO ACTION EXHIBIT This Quest Science Center Collaboration exhibit which explores the delicate balance of our planet's ecosystems and the urgent need for environmental stewardship is on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater through Oct. 19. Visit livermorearts.org/visual-arts-2.

Outdoor Rec

NATURE WITH LARPD RANGERS Join this Summer at beautiful parks for free games, sports, crafts and special activities for the whole family. Children must be supervised at all times. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 1. Independence Park. Visit larpd.org.

NIGHT HIKE WITH A RANGER Experience life in the park after the sun goes down where an LARPD Ranger will lead a mile long hike into the park and discuss nocturnal animals that call Sycamore Grove home. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Aug. 2. \$10/\$11. Visit larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM: TARANTULAS In honor of National Tarantula Appreciation Day an LARPD Ranger will introduce these unique arachnids and their very own tarantula, Candy Corn. 11 a.m., Aug. 3. Free registration at larpd.org.

SENSORY SPLASH SWIM NIGHT Join for a Sensory Splash Swim Night at Robert Livermore Aquatics Center (RLAC) designed for individuals with sensory sensitivities or disabilities to enjoy a calm and welcoming aquatic experience. 6-8 p.m., Aug. 5. \$5. Pay at the entrance of RLAC.

NIGHT HIKE WITH A RANGER An LARPD Ranger will lead a relaxing one-mile after-hours walk to learn about nocturnal animals and their adaptations. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Aug. 9. \$10/\$11. Register at larpd.org.

PATTERSON RANCH TRAIL HIKE Discover new heights and views from the newest addition to the park, the Patterson Ranch Trail. An LARPD Ranger will lead a 2-mile uphill hike to the view of Patterson Ranch and discuss wonders along the way. Bring water and sunscreen. 9 a.m., Aug. 10. Register for free at larpd.org.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT RAVENSWOOD Presented by The Ravenswood Progress League and LARPD, the Ice Cream Social at Ravenswood Historic Site includes Docent tours,

live music from CoolTones Big Band, a Magician, Ranger Booth and more. Free admission with food available for purchase. 12-4 p.m., Aug. 10.

Farmers' Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year round featuring vendors with seasonal fruits & 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

AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP WORKSHOP Learn about the City of Livermore's Affordable Homeownership Program at the Civic Center Library, Community Rooms A & B. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 2.

FINANCIAL FUNDAMENTALS (45+) Boost savings and investments by understanding how money works at this free presentation. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Aug. 6. Robert Livermore Community Center. Register at larpd.org.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Guest Speaker Mel Beach's fiber art has been juried into prestigious art venues and traveling exhibitions, while earning top awards and honors along the way. 1:30-4 p.m., Aug. 9. Pleasanton Middle School. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/WordPress.

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE WEBINAR In this Webinar Dilip V. Jeste, MD Director, Social Determinants of Health Network, and President-Elect, World Federation for Psychotherapy, will discuss Behavioral Pandemic of Loneliness, with Wisdom for its Prevention and Treatment. 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 12. Register by Aug. 11 at alanhufoundation.org.

Fundraisers

STUFF THE CRUISER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Join the Livermore Police Department for the annual Stuff the Cruiser School Supply Drive, benefiting K 12 students in the community. Help fill police cruisers with essential school supplies to ensure every student is equipped for success this school year. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 2-3. CVS, 1500 First St.: Safeway, 1554 First St.

PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

Lovely Louise

Hi, I'm Louise! I'm living in a foster home with very caring volunteers. They say I am a mellow, low energy, sensitive and smart Husky. People always compliment my beautiful, blue eyes and how sweet and calm I am. I have a gorgeous white coat and a super lush tail. I'm approximately 3 years old, and I weigh 46 pounds. I am fully housebroken, potty trained and I'm doing great with crate training. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue via tvar.org.

AMADOR VALLEY LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER Amador Valley Lions Club is hosting its 4th Annual Pizza, Pasta and Trivia fundraising event which includes a buffet, trivia, silent auction and heads/tails raffle. \$150 per couple with profits benefiting local nonprofit charities. 6 p.m., Aug. 14., Dante Robere Winery, Livermore. To purchase tickets, call J Chubb at 925 968-4800.

Seniors

INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI Join for Intermediate Tai Chi 1:15-2:15 p.m., Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Drop-in fees apply.

AMERICAN STYLE MAH JONGG Join for American Style Mah Jongg at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Tuesdays and Fridays, 12:45-3:45 p.m. Drop-in fees apply.

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

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., Aug. 4. Visit larpd.org.

SENIOR (50+) POP UP TRIP Take a relaxing ride in a luxury motor coach to the charming Mother Lode country for Some Enchanted Evening, the Songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein with a stop in

downtown Sonoma first for lunch on one's own. 9:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., Aug. 21. \$95R/\$105NR. Visit larpd.org.

Business

PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MIXER Join the Pleasanton Young Professionals mixer, 5 p.m., the first Thursday of each month. No host bar, free raffle. Free for Chamber members to attend, \$10 for guests. Visit pleasanton.org.

PLEASANTON CHAMBER NETWORKING MIXER The Pleasanton Chamber Networking Mixer is 5-7 p.m., the second Wednesday of each month. For more information visit pleasanton.org.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce virtual Business Alliance Meeting is 8-9:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of each month. For more information visit livermorechamber.org.

Support

CITYSERVE RIDECARE This program provides free round-trip door-through-door transportation services for Tri-Valley older adults and 18+ individuals with disabilities to locations where they can be connected to additional service agencies, errands, medical appointments and more. Visit cityservecares.org/ridecare/.

Employment

Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. seeks a(n) Staff Engineer, Software, in Pleasanton, CA to provide software and systems architecture along with leadership to a team of engineers working on genetic sciences applications for either clinical or diagnostic software products. \$206315 - \$221000. See full req's & apply online: <https://jobs.thermofisher.com/global/en>. Req # R-01322574.

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Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 572786

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): KERRY APEX (ULS) 7411 CENTRAL AVE. NEWARK, CA 94560 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 09/10/2020 UNDER FILE NO. 572786 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): UNITED LOGISTIC SOLUTIONS, INC. 7411 CENTRAL AVE. NEWARK, CA 94560 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 21 2025. (PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

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)

POP OFF

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616285

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

1.) Pop Off , located at 1241 Victor Ave, San Leandro, CA 94579, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

JESSICA YIM

1241 Victor Ave

San Leandro, CA 94579

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/10/2025

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

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

THE KING'S WAY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616317

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

1.) The King's Way , located at 20340 Hunters Knls, Castro Valley, CA 94552, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

DAVID CHIU

20340 Hunters Knls

Castro Valley, CA 94552

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 21 2025.

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

FOOD ALLERGY INSTITUTE BAY AREA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616196

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

1.) Food Allergy Institute Bay Area , 2.) Bay Area Food Allergy Institute , located at 2191 Mowry Ave suite 300B, Fremont CA 94538, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

FOOD ALLERGY INSTITUTE

4900 airport plaza dr suite 200

long beach, ca 90815

State of Incorporation/Organization: Delaware 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 16 2025.

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

TOYBOX MOTORS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616380

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

1.) Toybox Motors , located at 57 California Ave STE F Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

TOYBOX MOTORS INC

57 California Ave STE F

Pleasanton CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 23 2025.

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

ARDENT GOODS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615445

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

1.) Ardent Goods , located at 3876 Old Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 5664 Ellis Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

CURATED MASS

3876 Old Santa Rita Road

Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2020

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

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

CLAY ALL DAY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616392

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

1.) Clay All Day , located at 1061 Serpentine Lane Unit G Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

CANVAI ALPHA

634 Placer Ct

Livermore, CA 94551

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 July 24 2025.

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

GENTLE GARDEN PSYCHOTHERAPY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616238

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

1.) Gentle Garden Psychotherapy , located at 1811 Santa Rita Rd, Suite 210, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

KORIN NADELLE

1811 Santa Rita Rd, Suite 210

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/1/25

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

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

S.A.M SINGAPORE MATH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616121

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

1.) S.A.M Singapore Math , located at 205 Main Street , Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

SOAR BRIGHT LLC

4309 Roscommon way

Dublin, CA, 94568

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 14 2025.

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

PNEUMA PILATES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616193

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

1.) Pneuma Pilates , located at 6800 Sierra Ct., Suite L, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

OLIVIA SCHREINER

6800 Sierra Ct., Suite L

Dublin, CA 94568

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2020

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 16 2025.

(PLW Aug 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

GOAL LINE STUDIOS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616248

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

1.) GOAL LINE STUDIOS , located at 5959 CORONADO LANE PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 5955 CORONADO LANE PLEASANTON, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: a Limited Partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

CRIMSON BEAR LTD, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

5955 CORONADO LANE

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/01/2025

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

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 2025)

CALENDOLA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615487

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

1.) Calendoula , 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 BAZAAAR

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)

BAY FITNESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616113

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

1.) Bay Fitness , located at 7479 Ginger CT. Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

HAMOON NOZARI

7479 Ginger CT

Pleasanton, CA, 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/14/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 14 2025.

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 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)

INDIAN TIFFINS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615731

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

1.) Indian Tiffins , located at 5690 Metrose Ct Unit 301 Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

MANISH PARMAR

5690 Metrose Ct Unit 301

Dublin, CA 94568

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 27 2025.

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 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)

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)

ISAIAH 54:2

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)

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)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 25CV130544

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Mohan Subramanian filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SHASWAT MOHAN

Public Notices

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV130943

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Sandhya Marie Thekkekk filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SANDHYA MARIE THEKKEK to SANDHYA MARIE SAUNDERS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: September 19, 2025, 9:00 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: July 10, 2025

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

Case No.: 25CV130913

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Lynn Mary Martin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

LYNN MARY MARTIN to LYNN MARY CARSTENSEN

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: 10/31/2025, 9:00 AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 7/16/25

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV131128

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Gregory Ross Carlson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

GREGORY ROSS CARLSON to ROSS CARLSON

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 3, 2025, 9:00 AM, Hayward Hall of Justice, Dept. 514, of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, California, 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: July 17, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV130777

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Sarah Courtney Jean Young filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SARAH COURTNEY JEAN YOUNG to SARAH COURTNEY PEREZ

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 3, 2025,

9:00 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA.

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: 7/16/2025

KAREN SCHWARTZ DEPT 514

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 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 COUNTY

Case No.: 25CV128058

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: JOSHUA TIYOWEH BARRERA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JOSHUA TIYOWEH BARRERA to JOSHUA

TIYOWEH KAPERNAROS

MADELINE SOPHIE BEESON to MADELINE

SOPHIE KAPERNAROS

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: 10/31/25, 930am,

Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County 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: 6/30/25

HON. Jonathan Wolff

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Jul 25, Aug 1, 8 and 15, 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.

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: June 27, 2025

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

DALE EDWARD LONG

Case No.: 25PR126370

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

ASHLEY J.LONG AND ATIKA D.LONG in the

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that:

ASHLEY J.LONG AND ATIKA D.LONG be

appointed as personal representative to

administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to

administer the estate under the Independent

Administration of Estates Act. (This authority

will allow the personal representative to

take many actions without obtaining court

approval. Before taking certain very important

actions, however, the personal representative

will be required to give notice to interested

persons unless they have waived notice

or consented to the proposed action.) The

independent administration authority will

be granted unless an interested person files

an objection to the petition and shows good

cause why the court should not grant the

authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July

25 2025 at 9:45am in Dept.202 of the Superior

Court of California, County of Alameda,

located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way

Berkeley, CA 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition,

you should appear at the hearing and state

your objections or file written objections with

the court before the hearing. Your appearance

may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor

of the decedent, you must file your claim with

the court and mail a copy to the personal

representative appointed by the court within

the later of either (1) four months from the

date of first issuance of letters to a general

personal representative, as defined in section

58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2)

60 days from the date of mailing or personal

delivery to you of a notice under section

9052 of the California Probate Code. Other

California statutes and legal authority may

affect your rights as a creditor. You may want

to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in

California law. You may examine the file kept

by the court. If you are a person interested

in the estate, you may file with the court a

Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of

the filing of an inventory and appraisal of

estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner in Pro Per:

Ashley J.Long and Atika D.Long

4218 West St. Oakland, Ca 94608

Oakland, Ca 94608

510-418-1952

(PLW Aug 1, 8 and 15, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MICHAEL FOSS

Case No.: 25PR132246

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

STEVEN FOSS in the Superior Court of

California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that:

STEVEN FOSS be appointed as personal

representative to administer the estate of the

decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will

and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

The will and any codicils are available for

examination in the file kept by the court. THE

PETITION requests authority to administer the

estate under the Independent Administration

of Estates Act. (This authority will allow

the personal representative to take many

actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions,

however, the personal representative will be

required to give notice to interested persons

unless they have waived notice or consented

to the proposed action.) The independent

administration authority will be granted

unless an interested person files an objection

to the petition and shows good cause why the

court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on

August 22 2025 at 9:45am in Dept 202 of

the Superior Court of California, County of

Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King

Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition,

you should appear at the hearing and state

your objections or file written objections with

the court before the hearing. Your appearance

may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor

of the decedent, you must file your claim with

the court and mail a copy to the personal

representative appointed by the court within

the later of either (1) four months from the

date of first issuance of letters to a general

personal representative, as defined in section

58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2)

60 days from the date of mailing or personal

delivery to you of a notice under section

9052 of the California Probate Code. Other

California statutes and legal authority may

affect your rights as a creditor. You may want

to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in

California law. You may examine the file kept

by the court. If you are a person interested

in the estate, you may file with the court a

Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of

the filing of an inventory and appraisal of

estate assets or of any petition or account

as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A

Request for Special Notice form is available

from the court clerk.

Petitioner in Pro Per:

Steven Foss

5255 N Forestdale Cr

Dublin, CA 94568

858-231-3564

(PLW Aug 1, 8 and 15, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

RAYMOND B. WALLACE

Case No.: 25PR132311

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Roger

B. Wallace in the Superior Court of California,

County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that:

Roger B. Wallace be appointed as personal

representative to administer the estate of the

decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to

administer the estate under the Independent

Administration of Estates Act. (This authority

will allow the personal representative to

take many actions without obtaining court

approval. Before taking certain very important

actions, however, the personal representative

will be required to give notice to interested

persons unless they have waived notice

or consented to the proposed action.) The

independent administration authority will

be granted unless an interested person files

an objection to the petition and shows good

cause why the court should not grant the

authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on

August 22 2025 at 9:45 AM in Department 202

of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor

Real Estate

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 12-16 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 30 to July 3 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

6829 Adobe Court Diane Living Trust to 1036 Johnson St LLC for \$1,254,000
5709 Belleza Drive Watari Trust to Chanabasappa Trust for \$1,228,000
3429 Bernal Avenue M. Flanders to S. & N. Garla for \$1,057,000
2612 Camino Segura Kellmann Family Trust to A. & M. Ali for \$2,460,000
2795 Corte San Blas Campanile Family Trust to M. Rezaeirad for \$1,965,000
484 Del Sol Avenue J. & C. Prevost to Messenger Family Trust for \$1,887,000
3853 Fairlands Drive C. & R. Nishijima to R. & J. Thattil for \$1,475,000
8362 Regency Drive Henry Family Trust to Packard Family Trust for \$3,297,000
3941 Vine Street A. Yow to A. & H. Nguyen for \$785,000
3881 Vine Street S. Park to M. Orozco for \$767,000
3163 Weymouth Court P. & A. Zboril to Suryateja Family Trust for \$1,605,000
1406 Whispering Oaks Way Feng Family Trust to P. & G. Bidarkundi for \$2,143,000

Livermore

2831 7th Street C. Oschbach to S. Rasmussen for \$642,000
376 Albatross Avenue R. Cowan to A. Cook for \$975,000
414 Brighton Way Cutchen Family Trust to N. & B. Raju for \$945,000
1912 De Vaca Way C. Slade to C. Adamson for \$540,500

1069 Felicia Court Thompson Living Trust to K. & J. Discala for \$1,550,000
1597 Genoa Street Meredith Trust to X. & Y. Lu for \$1,380,000
2289 Hampton Road Woodward Trust to C. & M. Klingmann for \$1,300,000
1548 Honeysuckle Road M. Rivera to K. & A. Zaragosa for \$963,000
1058 Iroquois Avenue Stamos Family Trust to K. & J. Painter for \$1,175,000
403 Lincoln Avenue Harter Living Trust to X. Valencia for \$1,040,000
606 Loyola Way Davis Family Trust to M. & J. Ton for \$1,635,000
1241 Madison Avenue E. & M. Winegarner to K. & P. Dhayalan for \$1,325,000
388 Martin Avenue L. & S. Griffin to O. & D. Deguchy for \$1,050,000
189 Nadine Street Carter Property Ventures LLC to N. & C. Lo for \$1,250,000
2125 Neptune Road S. Zanetti-Pellegrini to D. & G. Singh for \$1,825,000
2328 Normandy Circle Sanderson Trust to V. & V. Narayanan for \$2,451,500
474 North O Street J. & D. Zimmerman to S. Denardi for \$775,000
2130 Staghorn Way Billowitch Family Trust to M. & K. Ramaswamy for \$1,925,000
2816 Waverley Way A. & D. Cook to C. & M. Lee for \$1,699,000
1407 Winding Stream Drive S. Castellanos to M. & S. Khatri for \$1,400,000

Dublin

7461 Brookdale Court D. Darby to S. & S. Jamal for \$1,585,000
7015 Coombsville Loop Ellapavendra Living Trust to S. & L. Lay for \$1,144,500

7148 Dublin Meadows Street #A F. & A. Rodriguez to O. Sanusi for \$525,000
7239 Emerald Avenue D & K Comerford Properties LLC to N. & B. Ortega for \$1,080,000
5609 Fallbrook Court C. & J. Clementi to M. & A. Amin for \$1,737,500
7827 Hillrose Drive Wanzenried Living Trust to L. & K. Yu for \$1,615,000
7550 Ironwood Court C. & L. Castro to S. & J. Yang for \$1,300,000
7393 Kenwood Road C. & L. Carrera to J. & N. Perera for \$1,525,000
5650 Lexington Avenue #402 Plattel Trust to Ninomoto Trust for \$1,549,000
3115 Paolo Terrace Hong Trust to Waziri Trust for \$1,650,000
8085 Via Zapata A. Zheng to P. & V. Kanneganti for \$1,365,000
11866 West Vomac Road Correia Family Trust to M. & A. Morimoto for \$1,685,000

San Ramon

1650 Banbury Drive R. & N. Addanki to S. & V. Dharanipathi for \$2,130,000
321 Cameron Circle J. & G. Hovekamp to M. & M. Vidra for \$2,270,000
502 Cartagena Lane Shetty Family Trust to A. Naik for \$1,925,000
3359 Chartwell Street V. Etterer-Jarpe to S. Kommanapalli for \$1,160,000
9821 Davona Drive Lassie Trust to A. & K. Linford for \$1,299,000
9 Dogwood Court Mallillin Living Trust to D. Nguyen for \$860,000
3287 Ensenada Drive Clark Family Trust to A. & P. Yadav for \$1,290,000
231 Firehorn Court A. Qawi to A. & A. Patel for \$1,650,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (May 12-16)

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$767,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,297,000
Average sales reported: \$1,660,250

Livermore (May 12-16)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$540,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,541,500
Average sales reported: \$1,292,300

Dublin (May 12-16)

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$525,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,737,500
Average sales reported: \$1,396,750

San Ramon (June 30-July 3)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$640,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,500,000
Average sales reported: \$1,350,000

Source: California REsource

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Ventana Hills Neighborhood

Pleasanton

851 Independence Court

- 3000 SF, 13,639 SF Lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 suites
- 3.5 bathrooms
- 3 car garage
- Built in 1988

Welcome to 851 Independence Court, in Ventana Hills. This fresh, light and airy versatile home offers top-of-the-line living in a dual primary suite design. The home is situated on a private court which backs up to permanent open space. Relax and entertain in the beautifully landscaped backyard and watch the wildlife, deer, turkeys and more. The home features the primary ensuite downstairs, along with a living, dining, family room and upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite counters. There is a large bar area with ample storage. The indoor laundry room offers the convenience of a sink and cabinets. Upstairs you will find two large bedrooms, 2 full baths and a large loft for younger generations to hang out in. One bedroom and bath make up the Junior suite on the second level. This home can accommodate generational living. All flooring has been replaced and refinished. Close to Mission Hills Park, downtown Pleasanton, shopping and easy access to I-680 and ACE transit station.

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1137 Via Di Salerno, Pleasanton

Located in one of Pleasanton's most sought-after luxury gated communities of Ruby Hill. This custom luxury home welcomes you with warm mahogany floors and a grand staircase. 5 BDR, 4.5 BA, and 5,411 SqFt of beautifully designed living space. The spacious kitchen features a center island, desk area and abundant cabinetry, and opens to the family room and a separate dining area. Highlights include a downstairs office, an entertainment room with motorized retracting movie screen and ceiling projector, a downstairs bedroom suite, and a large laundry room. The luxurious primary suite features an expansive walk-in closet with dual built-in dressers and a dressing area, complemented by a spa-inspired bathroom. The serene backyard features professional landscaping, a custom pergola, and an in-ground gated pool and spa. Enjoy access to Ruby Hill's exclusive amenities, including a clubhouse, tennis courts, and 24-hour security.



Presented at \$4,300,000



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168 Albatross Ave. Livermore

This 3 BDR, 2 BA offers 1,155 SqFt of living space. The owner has chosen the popular mid-century design in many of the home features. Original wood flooring, generous natural light and just minutes from downtown and May Nissen Park offering a tennis court, playground, pool, dog park, and more.

Presented at \$950,000

PENDING



4946 Sequoia Way, Dublin

The home's 11-foot ceilings welcome you in to the spacious and open floor plan with 4 BDR, 3 full BA within 2,220 SqFt of living space. The kitchen offers a gas stove, double ovens, and a spacious pantry. Located close to the neighborhood pool.

Presented at \$1,900,000

PENDING



4151 Alvarado St. Pleasanton

A charming 3 BDR, 2 BA home built in 1965 offers 1,159 SqFt of living space, with a spacious and open floor plan and a private backyard. Close to downtown, featuring the new Wayside Park for Friday night music, shopping and Meadowlark Dairy.

Presented at \$1,250,000

RECEIVED 5 OFFERS IN 5 DAYS



3499 Dennis Dr., Pleasanton

This popular one-story home offers 4 BDR, 2.5 BA with 2,522 SqFt on a 10,369 SqFt corner lot.

Listed at \$2,200,000 | Sold for \$2,325,000

RECEIVED 4 OFFERS IN 5 DAYS



14 Castledown Rd., Pleasanton

In the prestigious area of Castlewood, 4 BDR, 2.5 BA home offers a spacious 2,880 SqFt on a 21,567 SqFt lot.

Listed at \$2,000,000 | Sold for \$2,300,000

UNDEVELOPED LAND IN THE HAPPY VALLEY AREA



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