

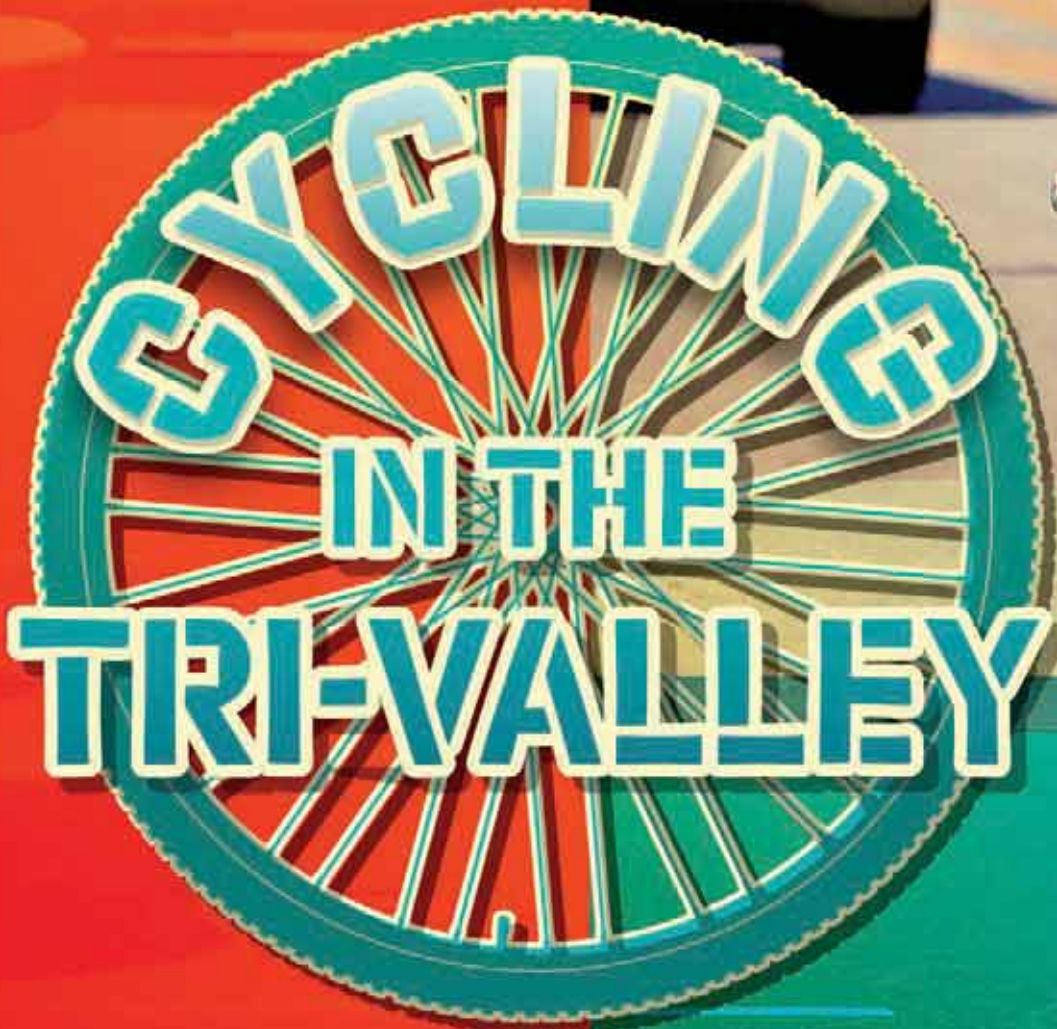
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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Celebrate with us

Let me be the one to formally invite you to the Pleasanton Weekly's 25th Anniversary Party, which is being held downtown Aug. 29 during the final Concert in the Park of 2025.

We've been promoting the special event for several weeks now, but a personal touch feels in order too — because we want to see you there.

The evening promises to be a celebration of community and local journalism, and what better setting than one of Pleasanton's summer pastimes in the newly redesigned Lions Wayside Park (which turned out pretty nicely, I must say, particularly considering the financial and logistical factors at play for the city with this project).

It will be an opportunity for you to meet with our editorial team and organizational leadership, and for us to thank you for your support over the years and encourage it into the future.

"A lot has changed since I joined the staff of the Pleasanton Weekly," said Gina Channell Wilcox, who has been publisher of the Weekly and president of our entire East Bay Division since 2006. "When the newspaper launched in 2000, almost every household in the two Pleasanton ZIP codes received a copy in their mailbox on Friday. With the economic downturn of 2008, the pandemic and 'big tech' changing the business model, unfortunately that is no longer the reality."

"What has not and will not change is our commitment to providing quality journalism," she added. "We will continue to explain complex issues and the effects on residents, daylight what would otherwise go unreported and ask the uncomfortable questions to hold the powerful accountable."

That shared mindset motivates our team every day. Not just in Pleasanton, but across the Tri-Valley for DanvilleSanRamon and Livermore Vine and across the Bay for our four sister publications on the Peninsula.

We are one big journalism family (actually, one small but dedicated journalism family) committed to upholding our reputation as the go-to source for local community news in each of our coverage areas.

That's why I'm excited to show off Pleasanton to our colleagues, families and friends — and hoping you'll show out to that same end.

With our conversion from a

for-profit news business to a non-profit journalism foundation at the beginning of 2024, it's more important than ever to immerse ourselves in our communities. Our brands are nothing without their readers, donors, advertisers and news sources.

The Weekly's success only rises as high as Pleasanton's support takes us.

That and the talent of the people on our staff, who pour their professional heart and soul into every article, every photograph, every ad design, every promotional campaign and every newspaper day in and day out.

Take the chance to interact with everyone on our team, not just our three Tri-Valley reporters, our editor, Gina and myself whose work you know well, but our admin associate and sales reps from the East Bay and our foundation CEO, chief technology officer, marketing team, page designers, business department and more from our Peninsula headquarters.

I've invited everyone from our organization out to Pleasanton for the occasion because they're all important parts of our engine. Likewise, I hope as many of our San Ramon Valley, Livermore and Dublin readers and supporters make it out to our party.

We can't do what we do without you.

"As a nonprofit, we look to those who ultimately benefit from our work — our readers — to support us financially. I ask everyone who has found value in our work at any point in our 25 years to contribute. Here's to the next 25!" Gina aptly put it.

Check out our 25th Anniversary webpage to learn more about becoming a Legacy Donor and look back over Memorable Covers, Staff and Reader Memories, past Take Us Alongs and more.

And get ready for a great evening of celebration on the 29th. Our group will be in the park starting at 6 p.m.; come chat with us, grab a copy of that Friday's paper, snap photos in our Take Us Along booth and snag some swag.

The music begins at 7 p.m. with The RPM Band playing danceable rock until 8:30 p.m. Remember the concert series by the Pleasanton Downtown Association is free and grass seating is first-come, first-served. Many people bring their own picnics to eat or order takeout from a downtown restaurant.

See you there. ■

### About the Cover

As bicyclists become more commonplace on local streets with the rise of e-bikes and bike commuting, Tri-Valley cities are seeking to balance safety concerns with promoting benefits of cycling. Photo by Chuck Deckert.

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## What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment in life thus far?



**Nancy Taylor**  
*Flight attendant*

My biggest accomplishment thus far is raising two incredible sons, my Justin and my Bryce, into the most caring, kind and loving gentlemen. They put a smile on my face every day!



**Taylor Moore**  
*Food clerk*

Making new friends, because I find most people to be too negative. I don't like that. So I've worked hard to meet really nice people and to develop great and lasting relationships with them.



**Anna Johnson**  
*Lab intern / postdoctoral scholar*

So far, my greatest accomplishment is leaving a stable but boring career in order to pursue science. I quit my job at 30 years old and have spent most of the last decade back in school. And now I'm about to begin a postdoc program. I'm so grateful for all of the mentors who encouraged my growth and embraced my non-traditional background.



**Dave Coyle**  
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Leaving my home state of New Jersey, 35 years ago, in order to move to Pleasanton, Calif. I had every hope of building a wonderful life in Pleasanton. I've done exactly that over the course of living here and am proud to be an active and involved member of our local community. It's enormously meaningful to me. I'm never leaving.



**Martha Tikalsky**  
*Retired*

My greatest accomplishment thus far has been watching our kids grow into amazing adults, start their own families and raise wonderful children of their own. Being able to spend time with them and being able to see them grow and thrive fills me with so much joy.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Glowltopia at mall

Imaginarium, an immersive light festival, is brightening up the Stoneridge Shopping Center for the next two months with its Glowltopia exhibit.

The outdoor showcase is a “dazzling celebration of light, joy and imagination” that allows people of all ages to experience a “world of illuminated gardens, interactive art and the Pleasanton debut of the high-energy Cirque Legacy Medieval Thrill Show.”

“Whether you’re capturing picture-perfect memories or simply soaking in the magic, Glowltopia offers an unforgettable night out under the stars,” according to a press release.

Located at the Stoneridge Mall, the Imaginarium is open Wednesday through Sunday and will run until Oct. 26. The exhibit opens at 7 p.m. and closes at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays — the other days it closes at 10 p.m.

### TVC volunteers

The Tri-Valley Conservancy is currently looking for volunteers of all ages to help the Livermore-based nonprofit out for a day by removing invasive weeds that have popped up near a new hiking trail at the Lund Ranch neighborhood in Pleasanton.

According to the land trust organization, if they can quickly remove the weeds, “we can stop them from spreading and protect this special habitat.”

“Whether you’re a seasoned volunteer or this is your first time, your help truly makes a difference,” the conservancy stated in a press release.

The clean up event will take place Aug. 30 from 8:30-11 a.m. at the end of Spring Creek Terrace.

### Nonprofit expo

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance is hosting a Resource & Volunteer Expo this month in Livermore, offering Tri-Valley families a chance to connect with local nonprofits for assistance or volunteer opportunities.

The free event, according to the alliance, will bring together an array of “local nonprofits, service providers, and neighbors for a day of connection, support, and engagement.”

“Whether you’re seeking help for yourself or your family — or hoping to make a difference through volunteering — you’ll find dozens of nonprofits offering vital information on services including mental health, housing, food access, job support, senior care, childcare, and more,” the nonprofit alliance stated in a press release.

The event will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center next Saturday (Aug. 23) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ■

## In the dark: Residents raise concerns over latest string of power outages

‘It’s been a tough week for many of our west Pleasanton residents,’ mayor acknowledges

By Christian Trujano

Pleasanton residents have expressed their growing frustration with what seems to be a recurring trend during the hot summer months: power outages.

Last week was a particularly bad one for many residents who, according to city officials, had been experiencing outages all week.

One Nextdoor user posted on Saturday that they had just experienced their fourth outage over the course of four to five weeks and that the first two lasted over

20 hours. Others on Facebook also posted the day before about another power outage that day having affected their day, which prompted Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch to respond that night.

“It’s been a tough week for many of our west Pleasanton residents, three separate power outages and a major water line break have disrupted daily schedules, work, and quality of life,” he wrote in his Aug. 8 post.

He told the Weekly Monday evening that even he was affected by

the three outages that occurred Saturday and that he and the city of Pleasanton are committed to doing what they can to help address the issue.

“Given the warmer weather and our community’s overall experience, it’s my understanding that city staff (are) following up with PG&E to discuss the recent outages in more detail and get an update on future reliability plans,” Balch told the Weekly. “From there, we will evaluate next steps.”

Last year, roughly around the

same time, many residents had taken to social media to voice their frustrations with the power company’s yearly power outages with at least one resident having told the Weekly that during the hot months, the outages can occur as much as three times in one week.

Michael Austin is a longtime Pleasanton resident who has been affected by the latest string of power outages.

Austin said in his neighborhood

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JEREMY WALSH

Burlington is closing its Dublin store on Aug. 29. Despite word of the closure spreading, no notices existed on the building on Aug. 7.

## Bye bye Burlington

Retailer finally sells building, closing later this month

By Jeremy Walsh

A major domino in the dormant redevelopment of downtown Dublin has fallen.

Clothing retailer Burlington is closing its store in Dublin Place toward the end of this month after the company sold the building to American Realty Advisors, which owns the overall shopping center and wants to reinvent the prominent Amador Plaza Road property — although project plans in line with the city’s Downtown Dublin Preferred Vision abruptly paused last fall.

ARA and Burlington officials did not respond to requests for comment sent Friday, but city representatives confirmed they

were informed of the transaction and the impending closure.

Store staff said the final day is scheduled for Aug. 29, but did not offer further comment. Even as rumors swirled on local social media for several days, nothing inside or outside the store indicated to customers Aug. 7 that the doors would shutter for good three weeks later.

“Yes, the new property owner, American Realty Advisors, informed the City that they had closed escrow on purchasing the Burlington property, and shortly after, they received a notice from Burlington that they would be closing their Dublin location in mid-to-late August,” city spokesperson Shari Jackman told the Pleasanton

Weekly. “Burlington owns the Burlington store as well as Bassett, but no other parcels there.”

“As for the Downtown Dublin vision,” Jackman added, “the City continues to collaborate with the property owner, but a plan has yet to be approved.”

Through its development consultant Hines, ARA — which purchased the shopping center in 2015 for \$51 million — proposed its concept to create Dublin Commons at the 28-acre site, a mixed-use project with new and existing retail, research and development space for life sciences, 1,510 multifamily residential units and a new town square and park.

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## Hacienda reports occupancy decline

Anticipated new tenants provide optimism about rest of 2025

By Christian Trujano

Pleasanton’s Hacienda Business Park, one of the largest business hubs in the state, has seen a decline in occupancy since the start of the year and is experiencing increased vacancy rates, the business park stated in its second quarter update.

According to a press release from Hacienda, the shift in occupancy rates has been largely due to Party City and Kohl’s closing, among other things. Both those closures, according to the business park, have accounted for “more than 55% of the negative absorption.”

“These were very large spaces that contributed significantly to the total loss (net absorption loss) noted above,” Hacienda General Manager James Paxson explained. “Combined, they represent over a third of the space lost during the first two quarters.”

The business park is a 875-acre development that houses a “broad range of industries, from biomedical and technology to restaurants and retail”. At the end of the first quarter in 2025 there were 669 companies in the business park that employed just under 14,500 people, officials wrote in the press release.

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# Feds update sanctuary naughty list; Pleasanton off it

California, San Francisco, Berkeley among jurisdictions called out by Department of Justice

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Two Bay Area cities have landed on a list of sanctuary jurisdictions that “impede enforcement of federal immigration laws”, an updated and consolidated version of the list that removes hundreds of cities previously called out by the feds months ago, including Pleasanton.

San Francisco and Berkeley are two of 18 cities the U.S. Department of Justice identified in a list released last week as having policies, regulations or laws that impede immigration enforcement.

“The Department of Justice will continue bringing litigation against sanctuary jurisdictions and work closely with the Department of Homeland Security to eradicate

these harmful policies around the country,” U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi said in a statement.

In the last several months, the DOJ has filed lawsuits against sanctuary jurisdictions to “compel compliance” with federal immigration law, including New York City at the end of last month. And, in the case of Louisville, the receipt of a letter threatening legal action was enough for the city to revoke their sanctuary status, DOJ officials said in a statement.

The list also includes California, the city of Los Angeles and San Diego County.

San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie reaffirmed support for the city’s immigrant protections and announced more funding for immigrant legal

services on the same day the DOJ list was released.

“Under our city’s longstanding policies, local law enforcement does not assist with federal immigration enforcement,” Lurie said in a statement. “These policies help everyone in our city feel comfortable working with our police officers, they make all of San Francisco safer, and as mayor, I will continue to uphold them.”

The DOJ’s list is a narrower version of an earlier list from the Department of Homeland Security that included over 500 sanctuary jurisdictions. That list, released back in May, identified cities like Pleasanton, Alameda, Fremont, Martinez, Richmond and Santa Rosa for allegedly obstructing immigration enforcement.

Pleasanton officials were perplexed by the city’s inclusion at that time, noting it had no sanctuary policy on the books. The city had issued a public statement during the week of President Donald Trump’s inauguration saying the Pleasanton Police Department “does not intend to play a role in enforcing federal immigration laws” in alignment with comments made days earlier by the California Police Chiefs Association — of which Pleasanton Police Chief Tracy Avelar was president at the time.

It was never confirmed whether the Jan. 24 statement contributed to Pleasanton being on that initial national list.

Shortly after the DHS posted the list in May, it disappeared from the

department’s website and the page hosting the former list now says, “Page Not Found”.

But the DOJ said the current list can be updated.

“This list is not exhaustive and will be updated as federal authorities gather further information,” the department said in a statement.

For jurisdictions that are already on the list, the DOJ said it will “assist any jurisdiction that desires to be taken off this list to identify and eliminate their sanctuary policies, so they no longer stand in opposition to federal immigration enforcement.” ■

*Editor’s note: Pleasanton Weekly editorial director Jeremy Walsh contributed localized information to this story.*

## POWER

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they had eight power outages over the past six weeks with the longest one lasting about 12 hours. He said while roughly half of the residents in his neighborhood have solar-powered back up generators, including himself, the neighbors who don’t have been really feeling the impacts of the outages.

He also said as a 25-year Pleasanton resident, he remembers a time when these frequent power outages were uncommon. Austin questioned whether there was a connection between the frequency of the outages and the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station as he noted he first started to observe an increase in power outages following the station’s opening.

As someone directly impacted by the outages, Austin said he does not think PG&E is transparent enough with its customers and that the company needs to do better with maintaining its equipment in order to avoid future outages.

The city’s communications manager Heather Tiernan said PG&E confirmed that the most recent

power outage was caused by underground equipment issues.

“We at PG&E work to ensure all our lines, both underground and overhead, are operating safely and reliably,” Tamar Sarkissian, a PG&E spokesperson, told the Weekly. “However, we can experience emergencies, weather-related outages, animal contact and maintenance that may result in varying power outages.”

As for the previous outages, Balch said PG&E told the city the outage Friday was caused by an Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) event and that the company was “using helicopter patrols to inspect the line.” He said he could not comment on the cause for any other previous outages.

According to Sarkissian, EPSS are settings implemented on powerlines that help protect high fire-risk areas.

“Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings are one of many layers of wildfire protection in PG&E’s tool box,” Sarkissian told the Weekly. “When hazards contact powerlines, they can cause ignitions that can potentially lead to wildfires. EPSS turns off the power to an enabled line in less than one-tenth of a second if it detects a hazard coming

into contact with a powerline.”

She said the power company saw a 65% reduction in ignitions on powerlines that use the setting last year in high fire-threat districts compared to previous years.

However, while she said the settings help keep roughly 1.8 million customers safe by preventing wildfires, the power company also recognizes how they can result in unplanned power outages.

“We know how difficult it is to be without power, which is why we are continuing to find ways to lessen the impact of power outages on our customers,” Sarkissian said.

Initial estimates for the West Pleasanton outages earlier last week, per the company’s public outage map, were anywhere from 500 to nearly 5,000 residents affected, with early reports suggesting a total of around 3,000 customers having been impacted. Balch said by the time he addressed the outages in his Friday Facebook post, that number had been reduced to about 1,800.

Balch said the following day (Aug. 9) the city experienced three additional outages of “varying durations” in the south and west side of Pleasanton. He said that same

day, the power company told the city those outages were caused by a “breaker-level outage initially affecting 4,462 customers.”

**‘Investment in reliability is critical, not only for residents and businesses now, but also for public trust, our future economy and our electrification goals in our Climate Action Plan.’**

**Jack Balch,**  
Pleasanton Mayor

Balch said while the group of people who were affected during the Aug. 9 outages did not overlap with the previous outages, “roughly 7,500 customer accounts were affected over the course of the week.”

Tiernan told the Weekly that the city has had recent discussions with PG&E leadership and that the power company is “committed to sharing information about completed projects, as well as regular updates on system improvements.”

Balch also said that although the city does not control PG&E’s system, officials have been in more regular contact with the power company’s team during recent power outages in order to “ensure our challenges are elevated.”

The five Tri-Valley mayors and city managers recently met with PG&E leadership during a meeting that was organized by Innovation Tri-Valley to address the power outage situation. Balch said both immediate reliability concerns along with long-term infrastructure needs were raised during the meeting.

“While each city communicated specific challenges, common themes

included reliability, connectivity for new businesses, and additional capacity for future growth (including AI, high-tech, and EV infrastructure),” Balch said.

He said the power company told the Tri-Valley leaders that it is “focused on these priorities while balancing safety for their customers and employees.”

“For Pleasanton, I emphasized that investment in reliability is critical, not only for residents and businesses now, but also for public trust, our future economy and our electrification goals in our Climate Action Plan,” Balch said. “We value the partnership of our Tri-Valley neighbors in advocating together, which gives our concerns more weight than a single community might have alone.”

Balch also pointed out that during its Oct. 15, 2024 meeting, the City Council at the time received a presentation from PG&E on the company’s plans to address the outages at the time and plans for future infrastructure improvements to prevent such outages from happening.

“In October 2024, PG&E presented their planned investments for Pleasanton, and we are actively following up on the status of those investments,” Balch said. “They had mentioned that they had refiled for an additional (\$3 billion) in funding with an expected ruling in spring 2025.”

And according to Sarkissian, PG&E is also committed to “improving reliability in the area and are currently working on a project to help reduce the impact of future outages.”

“We know how frustrating and disruptive these recent outages were for the Pleasanton community,” Sarkissian said. “In addition, we are exploring options for animal and bird enhanced protections, trimming trees near powerlines to reduce vegetation-related outages and continuously inspecting and maintaining our equipment.” ■



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# Anne Fontaine opens at outlets, Dolce & Gabbana to follow

Additions bring center's catalog of high-end stores to 27

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Anne Fontaine and Dolce & Gabbana are two of the newest luxury brands arriving in Livermore at the San Francisco Premium Outlets.

Known for its Parisian style and iconic white shirts, Anne Fontaine is currently open at the outlets while Dolce & Gabbana — named for the Italian duo famous for their cinematic approach to fashion — is set to open its doors this fall, according to an announcement from representatives with the shopping center.

“San Francisco Premium Outlets carefully curates a mix of staple and high-end brands that continuously make it stand out as the Bay Area’s must-visit shopping destination,” said Jennifer Koidal, general manager at

San Francisco Premium Outlets.

The two new stores increase the outlets’ luxury brand offerings to 27, joining Armani, Burberry, Givenchy and Gucci, among others.

“The latest additions of Anne Fontaine and Dolce & Gabbana have brought our luxury portfolio to the next level, attracting a clientele that is looking for easier access to designer brands at an affordable price. These two brands, and our ongoing demand, further position the outlets as having the best shopping in our region and ensures our guests have a memorable experience,” Koidal said.

Anne Fontaine is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The San Francisco Premium Outlets are located at 2774 Livermore Outlets Drive. ■



San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore.

FILE PHOTO

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The Dublin City Council was set to consider potential development and community benefit program, vesting tentative tract map and public infrastructure agreements with ARA at its Oct. 1 meeting last year, but the

matter was pulled from the agenda and shelved at the applicant’s request.

One hangup had been certain longtime tenants like Target and PetSmart declining to let go of their Dublin Place leases and associated terms such as parking lot allocations. Other units have remained empty in Dublin Place, such as the

former Lucille’s Smokehouse BBQ restaurant in the northeast corner and the old Hobby Lobby between Target and Burlington, presumably in anticipation of future redevelopment at the site.

Another key holdout had been Burlington — the discount clothing retailer formerly known as

Burlington Coat Factory that held onto ownership of its buildings in Dublin despite ARA scooping up the property around it.

Now Burlington has sold and is closing at 6900 Amador Plaza Road before Labor Day weekend, a move that will create a trio of consecutive vacant large units at the southern

entrance end of the shopping center — albeit Spirit Halloween was a temporary tenant in the former Hobby Lobby building at 7050 Amador Plaza Road last year.

Toys “R” Us had occupied the unit adjoining Burlington at 6850 Amador Plaza Road for years before its corporate troubles. ■

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# Invasive mosquito detected again in Tri-Valley

County officials urge residents to keep eye out for larvae near common hotspots

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton and Livermore residents are being urged to keep an eye out for an invasive species of mosquito after Alameda County officials said they discovered larva from that specific species at the fairgrounds last month and two adult mosquitos in two separate locations in Livermore last week.

According to a press release from the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, an *Aedes aegypti* mosquito larva was found in a trap set by the abatement district in the fairgrounds on July 30. The non-native mosquito is known to be an aggressive insect that bites throughout the day — typically

targeting the area near the ankle — and could spread diseases and illnesses such as dengue, Zika, and yellow fever.

“These mosquitoes are container breeders, laying their eggs just above the waterline in small, artificial water sources such as buckets, pet dishes, fountains, bird baths, plant saucers and old tires,” the district stated in its Aug. 4 press release. “Once laid, the eggs can survive for over a year without water.”

Prior to last month’s discovery, the mosquito was found in Pleasanton last October, marking its first detection in the county in a decade.

After finding the larva, the abatement district responded the

next day by “increasing our mosquito monitoring, inspection, and treatment efforts at the Alameda County Fairgrounds and surrounding neighborhoods,” according to Eric Haas-Stapleton, laboratory director of the abatement district.

The district is also conducting “intensive follow-up trapping.”

“It’s important to note that the larvae was collected from a trap that contains a material that keeps mosquitoes from growing, eventually eliminating larvae and adults, and is also spread to other breeding sites that the adult mosquito visits,” Haas-Stapleton said.

Last week also marked the first time ever that the abatement district detected the species of mosquitoes

in Livermore. According to an Aug. 8 press release from the abatement district, one adult *Aedes aegypti* mosquito was discovered in an industrial area near the Livermore Water Reclamation Plant, between Isabel Avenue and Jack London Boulevard.

A second adult mosquito was detected southeast of Jack Williams Park, between Holmes Street and Alden Lane.

The abatement district responded to these detections by going door to door in both detection zones to inspect potential mosquito breeding sites — including yards and outdoor spaces — and conducting additional follow-up trapping similar to the efforts in Pleasanton.

“We responded by inspecting public and private properties near the detection zones in cooperation with Livermore residents, business owners and city staff,” said Ryan Clausnitzer, the general manager for the abatement district, in the Aug. 8 press release. “The quickest way to prevent this annoying and potentially dangerous mosquito species from becoming established is to act now. We urge residents to grant yard access so we can ensure no one is accidentally breeding mosquitoes.”

The district is also urging Alameda County residents — primarily in Pleasanton and Livermore

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## Two PUSD vice principals relocate to new districts

Harris goes laterally from Amador to Cal High; Lydiksen’s McCullough takes principal job in Concord

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A pair of vice principals from two different schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District have recently moved to nearby districts.

According to posts from their new respective school sites and districts, former Amador Valley High School vice principal Melanie Harris is now serving as the new assistant principal at California High School in San Ramon while former Lydiksen Elementary School vice principal Jennifer McCullough took on the role as principal for Ayers Elementary School in Concord.

Susanne Frey, PUSD’s safety and communications coordinator, told



Melanie Harris



Jennifer McCullough

the Weekly in a statement that the district wanted to thank both former administrators for their dedication and service to the Pleasanton community.

“We wish them both the very best in their next chapters and continued success in their careers,” Frey said.

Both Harris and McCullough have not responded to requests for comment as of time of publication.

According to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District’s “Back to School” page, Harris initially began her career in the Valley in 2006 as an English teacher at Monte Vista High School and Venture Independent Study. She was later named vice principal at Amador in 2020.

Before her time in Pleasanton, she was also previously the coordinator of alternative education at the Acalanes Union High School District in Lafayette, according to SRVUSD.

“Melanie Harris brings extensive

experience in educational leadership to her new role as assistant principal at California High School,” according to SRVUSD’s page. “She is excited to return to SRVUSD and bring her experience and leadership to the Cal High community.”

McCullough also had an almost seven-year stint at SRVUSD from 2015 to 2022 where she worked as a teacher and as an intervention specialist before joining PUSD in 2022 as vice principal of Lydiksen Elementary, according to her LinkedIn account.

At Lydiksen, McCullough led several initiatives focused on student achievement, equity, and

schoolwide systems of support, according to Mt. Diablo Unified School District’s Facebook post from June 25. She also taught in public schools across the country including in states such as Massachusetts and Washington, as well as in the country of Colombia.

“Jennifer is an experienced elementary school leader,” according to the MDUSD Facebook post. “Jennifer’s work is rooted in her commitment to supporting the whole child through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), early reading intervention, and Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS).” ■

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# Zone 7 employees set to see salary increases

Raises to roll out over next few years, starting with 6% this fiscal year

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors recently approved tentative agreements between the agency and four different employee bargaining units, raising the salaries for those represented employees and offering them additional benefits.

The June 18 unanimous approvals of these agreements, which took place at the beginning of the meeting following discussions during closed session, also included a resolution between the water agency and unrepresented employees to increase their salaries. All five agreements will be effective from June 22, 2025 to June 17, 2028.

“The board is committed to helping our staff be able to attract and retain excellent employees to

reliably deliver water that meets or exceeds all standards to our customers as well as to manage flood control,” Zone 7 Board of Directors President Kathy Narum told the Weekly.

“These increases are provided for in the budget so we don’t expect any negative impacts,” Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor told the Weekly.

According to the June 18 board meeting minutes, the first agreement the board approved was a memorandum of understanding between Zone 7 and the Alameda County Management Employees’ Association.

The agreement grants salary increases for ACMEA-represented employees over the next three years. Those employees will see a

6% increase this year, followed by a 5% increase in 2026 and a 4% increase effective June 20, 2027.

The next agreement the board approved was between the water agency and the Building Trades Council of Alameda County, which represents construction unions in the county. According to the union’s LinkedIn, the council’s affiliated unions represent over 35,000 workers in the county including over 600 craft workers in public sector agencies such as Zone 7.

The agreement between the water agency and the council also includes a 6% salary increase this year as well as a 5% and 4% increase over the next two years, respectively.

The board then approved another similar tentative agreement between the water agency and International

Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21 — a union that also represents public sector workers across the Bay Area. The agreement mirrors the previous two with a 6% increase this year as well as a 5% increase the next year and a 4% increase effective June 20, 2027.

The last union that also received similar raises for its represented employees was the Northern California Public Sector Region, Local 1021 of the Service Employees International Union. The memorandum of understanding includes the exact same salary increases over the next few years as the previous agreements.

Finally, the board approved salary adjustments for unrepresented employees through a resolution that will also be effective from June

22, 2025 to June 17, 2028 — similar to the agreements between the four unions and the water agency. Thanks to the additional resolution, unrepresented employees will see the exact same 6%, 5%, and 4% salary increases over the next two years starting with this year.

Additionally, every single agreement includes an added section regarding longevity pay.

“These increases are important for Zone 7 to attract and retain an excellent workforce — we couldn’t do what we do without our employees,” Pryor said. “Our board recognized this in our recent strategic planning process and made professional workforce its number one goal. We want to be an employer of choice and continue to provide excellent service to our customers.” ■

## MOSQUITO

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— to do their part in helping eliminate the possibility of the mosquito population growing.

“If *Aedes aegypti* becomes established in Alameda County, it can threaten public health and diminish quality of life, as these

mosquitoes are highly aggressive and active during daylight hours,” according to the July 30 district press release. “Though not native to California, *Aedes aegypti* is now found in at least 26 counties across the state, including neighboring counties.”

Residents can help prevent the mosquito from permanently

establishing itself in the county by scrubbing containers, which can dislodge the eggs and prevent them from being transported to new locations, and inspecting their properties for standing water, which is the most typical breeding habitat for the mosquito.

“*Aedes aegypti* eggs are extremely small and often mistaken

for dirt or seeds. This mosquito can grow from an egg to an adult in as little as a bottle cap of water,” according to the abatement district. “The adult mosquito is a little less than a quarter-inch long, with black and white stripes on its back and legs. It usually only bites people and does not fly long distances, typically less than 300 feet

from where it hatches.”

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, the county is advising residents to apply insect repellents, wear long-sleeved clothing when mosquitoes are most active, ensuring windows or door screens are in good condition and reporting mosquito bites immediately to the abatement district. ■

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# Newsom announces seven new Bay Area judges

Meier, Sandberg, Wilensky named to Alameda County Superior Court

BY KILEY RUSSELL /  
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Gov. Gavin Newsom last week announced the appointment of seven new Superior Court judges in three Bay Area counties, including Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara.

In Alameda County, Newsom tapped Diane Meier, who worked as an attorney in the First District Court of Appeal since 2018 and was a senior staff attorney in the Solano County Superior Court from 2010 to 2018, according to the governor's office.

Meier, a Democrat, earned a law degree from the Washington and Lee University School of Law in Virginia. Meier takes over for judge Charles Smiley, who now sits on the First District Court of Appeal.

Julie Wilensky was also appointed as an Alameda County Superior Court judge. Wilensky worked as a deputy city attorney at the San

Francisco City Attorney's Office since 2022 and was a senior staff attorney at the National Center for Lesbian Rights from 2018 to 2022, among other things.

Wilensky, a Democrat, earned her law degree from Yale Law School and takes over for judge Noel Wise, who was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

The third person appointed to Alameda County Superior Court is Cara Sandberg, who worked as deputy county counsel for the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office since 2023 and worked at Conrad Metlitzky Kane LLP from 2022 to 2023, among other things.

Sandberg, a Democrat, earned her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of



**Diane Meier**



**Julie Wilensky**



**Cara Sandberg**

Law and fills the vacancy left by Ursula Jones Dickson, who left the court after being appointed the new Alameda County district attorney.

In San Mateo County, Newsom appointed Michael Mau, who was a commissioner at the San Mateo County Superior Court since 2022 and ran his own law firm from 1999 to 2022, among other things.

Mau earned his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law and takes over for judge Jonathan Karesh, who retired. Mau

is registered to vote with no party preference.

In Santa Clara County, Newsom selected Kemi Mustapha, who was a managing attorney since 2024 at Bay Area Legal Aid, where she held several positions since 2012. She also worked as an employee relations representative at the San

Francisco Department of Human Resources from 2011 to 2012.

Mustapha, a Democrat, earned her law degree from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis and replaces judge Maureen Folan, who retired.

Newsom also appointed Sarah Cook to serve as a judge in the Santa Clara County Superior Court system. Cook worked as the director of policy and legal services at the Dependency Advocacy Center since 2023, where she has held multiple

positions since 2013.

Cook earned her law degree from Washington University School of Law and takes over for judge L. Michael Clark, who retired. Cook is a Democrat.

Newsom's third Santa Clara County Superior Court judicial appointment is Mark Flanagan, who worked as a partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr from 2006 to 2025 and as a lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law from 2017 to 2019, among other things.

Flanagan earned his law degree from the UC Berkeley School of Law and takes over for retired judge Arthur Bocanegra. Flanagan is a Democrat.

Newsom's office said "the compensation" each will receive is \$244,727, but didn't say if that number only accounts for their salary or if it includes the value of other benefits, as well. ■

## HACIENDA

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In addition to being a business hub, Hacienda is also home to about 5,800 residents — that number is expected to increase to 6,400 thanks to ongoing housing developments.

But despite anticipated improvements in occupancy rates due to new developments and favorable prospects — which the business park said could help occupancy get to pre-pandemic levels — the business park has faced significant challenges this year.

"Hacienda experienced a further decline in occupancy at the start of

2025," the press release states. "By the end of the second quarter, the vacancy rate had climbed to 18.86%, compared to 15.22% at the end of 2024."

Specifically in July, the monthly occupancy declined from 6,628,368 square feet to 6,602,979 square feet.

The press release also explained that net absorption, which is the net change in occupied space within a specific market over a given period, has remained negative in the second quarter and totaled nearly 300,000 square feet. For comparison, the net absorption in 2024 was positive 43,921 feet.

"This is a net change in building

occupancy. It means that we lost more tenant space than we gained in the last two quarters," Paxson said. "When I say lost and gained, I do not mean that space was removed from the market or added to it, simply that more space became vacant owing to tenant departures than space occupied owing to tenant arrivals."

But despite these challenges, the business park is hopeful that it will see more positive numbers and overall improvement during the rest of the year thanks to, in part, "additional transactions anticipated along with opportunities for a rise in local market activity."

While he couldn't disclose any prospective tenant activity, Paxson told the Weekly the business park has seen some activity that he believes will make its way to Hacienda due to its high value.

"Regionally and nationally, there are signs that the office market is strengthening," Paxson said. "While I do not believe we will see a rapid recovery, I do believe that the fundamentals that are reflected in the current trends toward office recovery will eventually exhibit themselves in Hacienda, Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley as a whole."

He also said that certain major lease agreements that the business park secured over the past year have also helped in maintaining Hacienda's long-term appeal.

"We have had several of the largest transactions in the I-680 corridor over the last year or so," Paxson said.

Two leases he noted were Sutter Bay Medical Foundation leasing 64,222 square feet at 4480 Willow Road for new clinic facilities and ACCO Engineered Systems — a heating, ventilation and air conditioning company — leasing 67,757 square feet at 5890 Owens Drive.

Sutter Health's Palo Alto Medical Foundation also recently signed a 23,000-square-foot lease at 5075 Hopyard Road as part of the foundation's broader plan to "open more than 25 new ambulatory care centers across its network," according to Hacienda's press release.

"Renovations for these facilities are set to begin this year, with openings planned for 2026 and 2027," officials said.

In July, leasing activity was also primarily driven by smaller spaces with units under 10,000 square feet making up almost 95% of all transactions during that month as well as just over 71% of the total square

footage leased. For comparison, spaces between 10,000 and 50,000 square feet made up roughly 5% of all transactions.

According to the business park, this shows how tenants tend to favor smaller, more flexible spaces due to "shifting operational demands and continued economic uncertainty."

"The flow of new leases — especially from essential sectors like healthcare and advanced services — shows that businesses continue to see long-term value in locating at Hacienda."

**James Paxson,**  
Hacienda General Manager

Still, Paxson stated in the press release that a diverse tenant mix, continued employment opportunities and future tenant prospects will help Hacienda remain strong and competitive despite the challenges of the Bay Area real estate market this year.

"The flow of new leases — especially from essential sectors like healthcare and advanced services — shows that businesses continue to see long-term value in locating at Hacienda," Paxson said in the press release. "We are encouraged by the pipeline of transactions ahead and remain confident that Hacienda's diverse tenant base and prime location will support continued recovery and growth through the rest of 2025 and beyond." ■

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Plea deal struck in love triangle murder of San Ramon custodian

The three defendants in the murder of a Pittsburg husband and father were sentenced last week in a plea deal struck with prosecutors to resolve the case purportedly precipitated by a romantic triangle at the San Ramon senior home where they all worked.

Pablo Gutierrez-Morales pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the stabbing death of Santiago Jacobo in February 2024, with Vanessa Vera-Aguilar and Jazmin Ruiz pleading no contest to felony and misdemeanor accessory counts, respectively, during an emotional hearing Aug. 7 at the A.F. Bray Courthouse in Martinez.

All three had been employees alongside Santiago Jacobo, 37, at what was then known as The Watermark senior living facility in San Ramon — since rebranded as Discovery Commons — prior to his body being discovered by his wife at Pleasant Hill Park after he failed to return home from his second job as a janitor there one night.

Santiago Jacobo and Vera-Aguilar had been romantically involved at one point, with the murder having occurred after Vera-Aguilar became a target of romantic interest from Gutierrez-Morales. Ruiz reportedly joined them in a plan that was executed between the three to remove Santiago Jacobo from the picture.

Santiago Jacobo was found dead by his wife, Alejandra, at Pleasant Hill Park in the early morning hours of Feb. 10, 2024, with the three defendants identified and arrested four months later.

“My husband lying there lifeless is something I still think of every day,” Alejandra Jacobo said in court last week.

Alejandra Jacobo noted that her husband had worked two jobs with the goal of providing everything he wanted as a child to their children, who appeared with her in court along with more than a dozen family members and loved ones of her late husband.

In addition to losing her husband and proceeding to raise their two children as a single mother, Alejandra Jacobo said that the three of them now live in a “constant state of fear, sadness, and stress.”

“That park has become a place of pain and terror,” Alejandra Jacobo said of Pleasant Hill Park.

She said that she hoped to see Gutierrez-Morales spend the rest of his life in prison, a sentiment that was echoed by others in the Jacobo family in the courtroom along with a desire to see harsher sentences for

Ruiz and Vera-Aguilar.

“My family is serving a life sentence of pain, grief and fear,” Alejandra Jacobo said.

Loved ones contended that the defendants — particularly Vera-Aguilar and Ruiz — had been dismissive and flippant about the case throughout previous court proceedings and appeared to lack remorse for their role in Santiago Jacobo’s death at Gutierrez-Morales’ hands.

“What happened was wrong,” 9-year-old Santiago Jacobo Jr. said in a statement read aloud by his aunt. “I hope the people who did this get 942 years, because that’s how long I’ll be sad for.”

Santiago Jacobo Jr., along with his sister and the loved ones spanning three generations, said that his life had been changed forever by the death of his father.

“He did not deserve this, not over Vanessa (Vera-Aguilar), not over a situation so senseless,” Santiago Jacobo’s niece Maria Negrete said as her mother, the victim’s sister, sobbed nearby. “How do you fix your mother’s heart when yours is broken too?”

In addition to their mother, the two children’s aunts, uncles and grandparents said that their grief over the loss of Santiago Jacobo was compounded by watching the two young children live without their father.

In a statement read by his wife, the victim’s brother Alonso Jacobo emphasized the roles of Vera-Aguilar and Ruiz in the murder and called for harsher sentences for all three defendants.

“They stalked Santiago — it was premeditated, and it was well-organized, like cat and mouse,” Alonso Jacobo wrote.

Alonso Jacobo’s statement said that the light sentences for Vera-Aguilar and Ruiz sent the messages “that if you’re not holding the knife, nothing will happen to you” and that the two would be able to continue going on with their lives, unlike his brother and the surviving family.

“Vanessa and Jazmin — they have a careless attitude and are not taking the situation seriously,” Alonso Jacobo said. “They got away with it.”

Gutierrez-Morales — who was already in custody — was sentenced to 15 years to life at the end of the hearing upon pleading guilty to second-degree murder. Ruiz received one year of probation for misdemeanor accessory to murder. Vera-Aguilar was remanded to custody at the conclusion of the hearing for a one-year sentence in county jail for a felony count of accessory to murder.

As part of their sentences, all three defendants also received stay-away orders from one another, as well as from Alejandra Jacobo and

her children, who expressed fears for their safety ever since last year’s murder.

— *Jeanita Lyman*

### Judge denies ex-deputy’s motion to expunge record

A former sheriff’s deputy who fatally shot two men while on patrol in Danville will remain on parole after serving three years in prison for one of those shootings, with a Contra Costa County Superior Court judge denying his motion to dismiss his conviction last week.

Shortly after being released from San Quentin in March, Andrew Hall filed a motion in May to have his record expunged following his conviction in the 2018 shooting of Laudemer Arboleda at the end of a slow-speed car chase in Danville.

Hall’s service and training as a firefighter during his time in prison was the basis of the petition, which argued that he qualified to have his criminal record expunged under a state law that went into effect in 2021 with the goal of paving the way for incarcerated firefighters to pursue careers as professional firefighters upon their release.

Hall’s attorney argued in court on Aug. 7 that he believed his client’s situation was “exactly what that legislation was enacted for,” noting that the former CCCSO deputy was seeking to turn over a new leaf with a new career.

The prosecution contended that dismissing Hall’s conviction was “not in the interest of justice” given the gravity of the crime and its impact on Arboleda’s family.

After hearing from the defense and prosecution, Judge Julia Campins ultimately denied Hall’s petition.

“Given the severity of the offense and its impact on the community, the District Attorney’s Office opposed Hall’s petition for relief,” Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton said in a statement after the ruling. She noted that the request “if granted, would have various legal consequences regarding his parole status, disclosure requirements, and other legal implications.”

“The Contra Costa District Attorney’s Office remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting victims’ rights and ensuring justice for the Arboleda family and the community at large,” Becton said.

Arboleda’s family has been critical of Hall’s early release, as well as the lack of more serious charges for the fatal shooting of the 33-year-old with a history of mental health challenges.



Andrew Hall

According to the family, Arboleda got lost while looking for a property management office in Danville in his final hours, prompting a resident to report him as suspicious to police which resulted in the response and encounter that took his life.

“Our family lives with this pain and loss every day,” Arboleda’s family said in a statement read aloud in the courtroom.

Members of Arboleda’s family who were in attendance at the court hearing declined to offer further statements in person, with family friend and NAMI Contra Costa CEO Gigi Crowder speaking on their behalf.

Crowder emphasized the fact

that Hall had gone on to shoot and kill another man in Danville after Arboleda’s death — despite facing no charges in the 2020 shooting of Tyrell Wilson — noting a history of mental health challenges for both victims and calling for an alternative to police responses in cases of mental health crises.

“For someone to have done that twice is deplorable,” Crowder said.

Crowder called Hall’s petition for dismissal — having already been released from prison less than halfway through his six-year sentence — an insult to both victims’ families and the community at large. ■

— *Jeanita Lyman*

## Joseph Samuel Crosby

July 28, 1937 – July 30, 2025



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joseph Samuel Crosby, who left us peacefully on July 30th, 2025, at the age of 88. Joe’s life was marked by devotion to his family, a passion for music, and a deep appreciation for the joys found in life’s simple pleasures.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy Joan Crosby and his two sons (Christopher) Dennis and Peter Joseph.

Joe and Nancy were married on May 18, 1963 in Nancy’s hometown of Sioux City, Iowa and raised their family in the California Bay Area. The family moved to Pleasanton in 1977 where Joe and Nancy have been ever since.

Joe enjoyed a successful career as a commercial banking executive but those who knew him best knew his real passions were music, especially jazz, and baseball. He played the clarinet, saxophone and piano and could frequently be found performing on tenor saxophone with local jazz big-bands.

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# Cycling in the Tri-Valley

Cities seek to accommodate rise of bike commuting, spread of e-bike popularity



Phil Bowman takes a ride across the Iron Horse Regional Trail bridge over Dublin Boulevard that was opened in 2024.

STORY BY JEANITA LYMAN | PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

While bicycles have been a popular mode of travel and recreation for more than 200 years, the present era of environmental awareness in response to climate change — and advances in technology — have made them more popular than ever in the

Tri-Valley as residents look to alternatives to gas-powered vehicles.

Sharon Piekarski is among many in the region and elsewhere who have come to increasingly rely on cycling as a practical form of transportation in addition to an enjoyable form of recreation, with the goal of reducing carbon emissions

while reaping the mental and physical health benefits that it offers.

“I’m really concerned about the environment and the climate, and what it’s going to do for my children and grandchildren, and all the young people,” said Piekarski, a Pleasanton resident and chair of the city’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Committee. “And so that’s why I got started in being an advocate about eight years ago.”

While it was her concern for the environment that made her begin to turn to cycling as a form of transportation and become an advocate, Piekarski said she had also found she loved it as a form of exercise while participating in a triathlon in her late 50s.

“I still hated the running and I still hated the overwater, but I really liked riding the bike,” Piekarski said.

Nonetheless, Piekarski, now 77, said it wasn’t until more recently that bicycling has become one of her primary modes of transportation — specifically with her recent purchase of an e-bike.

“Once I did that, I’ve been riding a whole lot of my trips within the city of Pleasanton on that bike,” Piekarski said. “I ride to yoga, to the Senior Center on the other end of town — I’m doing a lot of my trips via bicycle.”

While cargo-style e-bikes such as Piekarski’s enable people of all ages

and fitness levels to easily travel, shop and carry items throughout town, the benefits of e-bike technology have been overshadowed in recent months by abundant safety concerns, particularly about their use on sidewalks and by inexperienced younger riders on the roads over the summer.

Piekarski said concerns about young people using fast, high-powered vehicles that she said are better classified as “e-motos” than e-bikes were a topic at a recent bike and trails committee meeting in which Pleasanton Police Department officials had been on hand to answer questions.

“What they’ve been doing is figuring out who it belongs to and then having a chat with the parents and letting them know that these are not legal for these kids,” Piekarski said. “He said it’s not a huge problem in Pleasanton.”

Meanwhile in the San Ramon Valley, e-bike safety has been top of mind for elected officials, school district administrators, and police departments alike as they coordinate their outreach, education and enforcement efforts.

San Ramon Police Chief Denton Carlson noted that while bicycling benefits the community in numerous ways, the rapid rise of e-bikes has poised new challenges.

“Unfortunately, significant risks have also come with the dramatic increase in the unsafe (and illegal) use of e-bikes by youth throughout the San Ramon community,” Carlson said.

He noted that some e-bikes can reach speeds of more than 35 mph with simple modifications.

“Parents need to understand the capabilities of the e-bikes their children are riding,” Carlson said. “The speeds of these e-bikes can be excessive and dangerous — not just to the rider, but to members of the San Ramon community who may be sharing roadways, sidewalks, or trails with e-bike riders.”

Legally, Carlson said that e-bikes that can travel more than 20 mph without pedaling are considered motorized bicycles, which is also the case for e-bikes that can exceed 28 mph with pedal assistance



The neighborhood around Amador Valley Community Park gets a lot of bicycling action.



Outside of the city’s major thoroughways, Augustin Bernal Community Park offers access to more rugged terrain on Pleasanton Ridge.

— thereby requiring that riders have valid motorcycle licenses.

“If they do not have the proper license, they are at risk of being issued a citation for driving without a license,” Carlson said. “This could have significant implications for anyone, and especially for someone under 16. Delays in the ability to obtain a driver’s license, extended provisional license restrictions and significantly increased insurance premiums are all potential consequences for someone in these circumstances.”

E-bike safety has been the topic of numerous public comments and council discussions in Danville, with the latest step from the town being its “Not My Kid” campaign launched last week with the goal of addressing some of the same concerns that Carlson touched on.

Even for e-bikes not classified as motorized bicycles, vehicles that can travel more than 20 mph — and even regular bicycles — can pose safety challenges, particularly in the hands of inexperienced riders. Danville’s campaign calls for parental awareness and education, with resources including a quiz to see how their children’s bicycles are classified under state law.

Other measures aimed at promoting e-bike safety in the San Ramon Valley include a double-tracking pilot program in San Ramon between Crow Canyon and Bollinger Canyon roads, as well as the recently opened Iron Horse Regional Trail overcrossing over the latter.

Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen has spearheaded that effort in her district, which covers a majority of the San Ramon Valley, in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District as it seeks to recognize the Iron Horse Trail’s road as a transportation thoroughway in addition to accommodating recreational riders.



The bike racks at Amador Valley High School were full to the brim upon the start of the new school year on Aug. 7.

“From my perspective, we also needed trail separation with the ultimate creation of a ‘bicycle expressway’ so that people wanting to ride at faster speeds would not come in conflict with those who enjoy walking on the trail, or ride slower,” Andersen said. “A child learning to ride a bike or parents pushing a stroller should be able to enjoy the trail as much as someone wanting to get to and from work or the BART station quickly.”

“With the increase in use of e-bikes along the trail, the need for trail separation is even greater,” the supervisor added.

Andersen, who helped to secure \$500,000 in park dedication fees for the design pilot project last year, said that the Board of Supervisors was “actively looking for additional funding” to build a second trail upon completion of the design phase.

Dublin has also sought to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety with its bridge connecting the Iron Horse Trail over Dublin Boulevard, which opened late last year. It is part of the city’s overall efforts to promote bicycling as a viable form of transit — and a connection to BART — via its bike and pedestrian programs, including twice-yearly public workshops aimed at garnering feedback from residents and commuters.

While numerous efforts are underway locally to contend with safety challenges posed by advancements in e-bike technology and more riders on the roads, the promotion of bicycling as an environmentally sustainable means of transit with added health benefits is also at the center of local initiatives from both public and private entities.

For example, Dublin-based Patelco Credit Union hosted its fourth bike build event on July 23 in partnership with the local non-profit Kids Bike Lane, which seeks to provide bicycles access and education to

underserved youth. Since the start of that partnership, Patelco employees have volunteered to build and contribute 93 new bikes and helmets.

Piekarski pointed to the range of benefits that could be seen if more people were to travel by bicycle — including reductions in carbon emissions, traffic, and parking needs, particularly for children old enough to ride to school.

“I think if more people did that, everyone would be better off,” Piekarski said. “It would reduce traffic, it would reduce parking, which is a major concern here in the Tri-Valley. It would be safer for everyone, it would be more convenient for parents — there’s a lot of benefits, but I think going back to making sure that the child is educated and understands how to be safe. So that’s the starting point, with learning the

right way to be safe and what dangers to be aware of.”

In addition to contending with new safety challenges, Piekarski and Vishal Saboo, a Pleasanton resident who bikes regularly to his job near Stoneridge Shopping Center, called on the city to maintain and improve its existing bike infrastructure and contend with longstanding challenges.

“Right now, I actually have two flats because the lanes — they are often filled with sweetgum seed pods, twigs, and debris,” Saboo said. “That’s the same route many kids take to bike to school. On roads like Parkside Drive, Springdale Avenue and Muirwood Drive, there are no bike lanes at all. And with cars flying by, it doesn’t always feel safe.”

Saboo said that he would like to see more city officials get on bikes

themselves and navigate the city’s existing infrastructure as it adapts to a more cycling-centric future.

“The debris in bike lanes, the lack of protection on certain roads, etc., it all adds up to an environment that could be much safer and more inviting with just a bit more attention and care,” Saboo said.

“But here’s the exciting part: Pleasanton has so much potential to become a truly bike-friendly city,” he continued. “We already have beautiful trails and a great climate. With more consistent infrastructure, better maintenance, and a stronger focus on safety, we can create a real biking culture — one where kids can ride to school confidently, families can ride to parks or downtown without worry, and commuters like me can make biking a normal, healthy part of daily life.” ■



ers a reprieve from street traffic and



Cyclists take to the road on the bridge over Arroyo del Valle during a sunny day this month.

## Hints of Harvest

Meet the women leading wineries in the Livermore Valley next week



COURTESY LIVERMORE VALLEY WOMEN'S WINE COLLECTIVE

Hints of Harvest: A Women's Wine Collective is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at Charming Fig in Livermore.

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Female leaders in the Livermore Valley wine industry are set to once again host a tasting event this month to showcase their work ahead of the grape harvesting season.

Hints of Harvest: A Women's Wine Collective Event is an open-house style gathering where guests can sip industry-favorites and speak directly with the women behind the bottle.

The host collective is a community group composed of women working in all facets of the wine industry who support and empower each other in a traditionally male-dominated industry.

At the third Hints of Harvest event, wine will be served with crostini pairings and additional food will be available for purchase.

A total of 15 female-driven Livermore Valley wineries are set to attend, including Almost Famous Wine Company, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Darcie Kent Estate Winery, Del Valle Winery, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, JMC Cellars, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Omega Road Winery, Page Mill Winery, Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, Sakura Winery,

The Steven Kent Winery and Wood Family Vineyards.

"We all love what we do and so we love getting to share that with guests and with the community," said Alexandra Henkelman, owner and winemaker at Omega Road Winery as well as collective co-founder.

Set to attend Hints of Harvest, Henkelman founded Omega Road Winery with her dad in 2012, with commercial production beginning in 2014.

Prior to kick-starting the business, she graduated from California Polytechnic State University with a major in economics and a concentration in marketing. But it wasn't until she pursued winemaking and viticulture at Las Positas College that she found a career path that resonated with her.

Stepping out of her first class at LPC, Henkelman remembers feeling as though she'd found exactly what she was meant to do.

The way that wine exists at the blending point of science and art is beautiful, she said.

"It's the most incredible and unique way of capturing not just a moment in time or a style or a place — it does all those things — but then you open

it and it's a whole new memory in the making and it's a whole new piece of magic that then people will remember," Henkelman said.

Over the span of a few years, Henkelman and her father took courses at University of California, Davis and Sonoma State University as well as additional classes at LPC to learn more about wine and its production.

Then in 2017, Henkelman and her parents opened the Omega Road Winery tasting room in Livermore to the public.

A few miles away in 2023, Jessica Carroll opened the JMC Cellars tasting room.

"I've always wanted to have my own business and I never actually thought it would be a reality," Carroll said. "And so when the opportunity presented itself, it was a dream come true."

"My background is in civil engineering, and it turns out I went from one male-dominated industry to another," Carroll added.

Henkelman and Carroll joined forces to create the Women's Wine Collective in 2022, following discussions of the mutual challenges they faced as women in the industry.

In the California wine industry, women hold approximately 15%-20% of decision-making roles including winemakers, tasting room managers and winery owners, according to Henkelman. As with change in any aspect of life, she said there can be some resistance.

Similar to other industries, women face challenges to be heard and recognized for their contributions to the wine industry, Henkelman added.

"It can be a challenge for women to step into that space and take on that leadership, but I think our women are absolutely incredible and deserve the recognition for what they're doing and the experiences that they're creating at the wineries and in the tasting rooms with all our guests that come into the region," Henkelman said.

In the Livermore wine sector, women hold over roughly 50% of leadership roles, according to Henkelman's estimation.

"It's already a very amazing place to be in business and to be a winemaker. There's also not the pretense that comes with wine in so many places," Henkelman said of the Livermore Valley. "It's welcoming. It's approachable for so many."

The area's hospitality can be attributed in part to women being in leadership positions and their meticulous care in crafting wine, Henkelman added.

But operating in the region does not come without its challenges.

One such challenge female business owners face in the Livermore Valley wine industry — oftentimes starting up small wineries — is competing with established and well-known wineries in the area, Henkelman said. But even the larger wineries like Wente are inclusive of female decision-makers, she added.

"Our goal is not to say that anybody is better or worse, but really just to highlight and empower, to elevate the women who are making decisions and to showcase that," Henkelman said of the collective.

In addition to spotlighting women-driven wineries this year, Henkelman hopes to highlight the work being done at host restaurant Charming Fig, owned by Julia Steinman.

Hints of Harvest is set to take place from 6-8 p.m. next Thursday (Aug. 21) at the Charming Fig in Livermore. For tickets, visit the Livermore Valley Wine Community website at [lvwine.org](http://lvwine.org). ■

## Fan favorites featured at Firehouse

The Golden Follies, The Jeff Bordes Quartet shows in coming weeks

By JEREMY WALSH

The Firehouse Arts Center is set to welcome two familiar acts back to its stage in downtown Pleasanton for shows in the weeks ahead.

The Golden Follies senior Las Vegas-style revue has two afternoon performances next weekend, and The Jeff Bordes Quartet will be joined by vocalist Alanna Vicente for a special concert, “A Jazz Tribute to Disney Classics,” two weeks later.

Featuring a cast of performers ages 56 to 86 years old, Golden Follies are known for their “high-energy dance routines, dazzling costumes and timeless musical repertoire” in shows that mix “Broadway classics,

contemporary hits and various production numbers,” Firehouse reps noted.

The ensemble usually sells out the Firehouse days or more in advance, and limited tickets remain available for the two Golden Follies’ shows at 2 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 23-24).

The city’s Presenting Series at the Firehouse will continue on the evening of Sept. 6 with trumpeter Bordes — an Amador Valley High School alumnus — accompanied by Vicente on vocals, Tammy Hall on piano, Andrew Currier on bass and Darius Minaee on drums to put a jazz spin on Disney classic songs.

Firehouse reps said the audience

can look forward to “rich harmonies, inventive arrangements and the joyful spirit of jazz” while being transported to the worlds of their favorite Disney films.

“I’m so excited to invite you to A Jazz Tribute to Disney Classics — a magical night where we bring the iconic songs you know and love to life through the language of jazz,” Bordes wrote on Instagram. “From dreamy ballads to swinging classics, this is a night for all ages — filled with heart, soul and a little Disney magic.”

Tickets and more information about the three Presenting Series shows can be found at [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

Some seats are also still available

for this Friday night’s performance of “Asthitva: Tale of the Pregnant King” at the Firehouse, presented by Siddhi Creative. Indian artists Adithya PV and Parshwanath Upadhye are coming to the U.S. for this American premiere show, organizers said.

“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,” according to the Firehouse. “This new work blends tradition and innovation in a performance that is both magical and thought-provoking.” ■



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

“A Jazz Tribute to Disney Classics” with the Jeff Bordes Quartet will be Sept. 6.

## Flower art returns to Livermore Library

Local artists showcased in ‘Flora in Focus’ exhibit

By JEREMY WALSH

Artists from across the Tri-Valley and beyond in the Bay Area are seeing their flower-inspired works on display at the Livermore Public Library throughout this month.

The third annual “Flora in Focus” exhibit is a project among local artists “who share a love of floral subjects and a strong creative bond,” according to organizer Meghana Mitragotri, whose “Blush of a Moment 4” is among the artwork hanging on the walls through Aug. 31.

“More than just a visual celebration of flowers, ‘Flora in Focus’ is a reflection of friendship, collaboration and a shared appreciation for the natural world,” Mitragotri said. “Each piece is not only an

expression of the artist’s personal style but also part of a larger story about connection and creative community.”

Joining Mitragotri as featured artists this year are Monique Makepeace, Wei-Ting Chuang, Charlotte Severin, Jenna Hobbs, Helene Roylance, Tejal Shah, Lynda Briggs, Peggy Kervin, Usha Shukla, Tuan Karsevar and Rekha Joshi. The exhibit includes a diverse collection of media, including watercolor, acrylic, oil, gouache, colored pencil, glass, mixed media, ink-and-color and East Asian brush painting.

A special public reception with “Flora in Focus” artists is set for this Saturday (Aug. 16) from 2-4 p.m. at the Civic Center Library at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Visitors can meet



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“Red Rose with Lady Beetle” by Monique Makepeace.

with the creators, view the art, sample refreshments and enter a raffle for art-inspired prizes. ■



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“Balinese Dream” by Tuan Karsevar is on display in the Livermore Civic Center Library in the “Flora in Focus” exhibition throughout August.

## Bankhead welcoming LeAnn Rimes next weekend for Brilliance gala

Major annual fundraiser for Livermore Valley Arts

By JEREMY WALSH

The excitement is building for next weekend’s Brilliance at the Bankhead, which will bring Grammy Award-winning singer LeAnn Rimes back to the Tri-Valley to headline the gala fundraiser for Livermore Valley Arts.

Rimes, who will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony during her evening performances of songs and storytelling, first arrived on the country-pop scene as a teenager with her rendition of the ballad “How Do I Live” nearly 30 years ago.

In addition to her longstanding music career across multiple genres, Rimes has acted in film and television, and most recently appeared as a judge on “The Voice UK” and “The Voice Australia” last year. And she is no stranger to the Tri-Valley,



COURTESY LVA

LeAnn Rimes headlines Brilliance at the Bankhead on Aug. 23.

having performed a handful of concerts at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton over the past decade-plus.

Next Saturday, Rimes will be the centerpiece of LVA’s marquee annual fundraiser. Brilliance at the Bankhead will also include dinner, drinks, dessert, live and silent auctions, and raffles — all to support LVA’s programming of shows,

exhibits, classes and special events at the Bankhead and Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

“In the history of Livermore Valley Arts, this gala is looking like it will be the biggest ever. I can’t think of a more perfect way to launch our newest and most ambitious season to date. We are so grateful for all the supporters and patrons out there who recognize the importance of the Arts and how they make all our lives better,” CEO Chris Carter told Livermore Vine this week.

Brilliance at the Bankhead, which acts as the ceremonial kick-off for the 2025-26 Bankhead Presents season, is set for 5:30 p.m. next Saturday (Aug. 23) at the theater in downtown Livermore. Tickets are nearly sold out. For more information, go to [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■

## Chorale set for ‘Grease’ sing-along

’50s costume contest also on tap for Vine Cinema event

By JEREMY WALSH

Next weekend is the time. Vine Cinema & Alehouse is the place. The audience is the motion.

Valley Concert Chorale has picked for this year’s summer sing-along movie event the 1978 musical classic “Grease,” starring John Travolta and the late Olivia Newton-John.

The Tri-Valley vocal group will urge attendees to get into the groove as the familiar tunes play throughout the film, including the title track “Grease,” “You’re the One That I Want,” “Sandy” and “Hopelessly Devoted to You,” which was nominated for an Academy Award that year.

Dressing like Danny, Sandy or other T-Birds or Pink Ladies — or

characters like Cha Cha, Principal McGee, Coach Calhoun or even Eugene — will be encouraged too.

“We are excited to again partner with Vine Cinema & Alehouse for this movie sing-along,” said Sarah Allendorf, VCC board president. “Last year’s ‘Mamma Mia!’ event was so fun that we wanted to do it again. This time we are adding a costume contest for anyone dressed in 1950s outfits.”

“Grease: A Movie Sing-along and ‘50s Costume Contest” is set for 10 a.m. next Saturday (Aug. 23) at Vine Cinema, 1722 First St. in downtown Livermore. With seating limited, general admission is \$15, seniors \$10 and students \$5. For tickets and more information, go to [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org). ■

## GUEST OPINION

### Time to rename Pleasanton's hidden gem

By GINA PIPER

Pleasanton is a city filled with unique neighborhoods, but none are quite as special as Happy Valley.

Nestled just five minutes from downtown Pleasanton, this serene enclave offers a rare combination of rural tranquility and urban convenience. As someone who grew up in Pleasanton, I've had the privilege of watching this neighborhood evolve, and it remains one of the area's most distinctive gems.

#### From 'Chicken Alley' to equestrian-friendly estates

Happy Valley has a rich history rooted in its rural beginnings. Longtime locals like myself remember when this area was affectionately called "Chicken Alley," a nod to its small ranches and abundant chickens. While the nickname has faded, the spirit of the neighborhood remains.

Today, Happy Valley boasts a diverse mix of properties. Original ranch-style homes sit alongside sprawling equestrian estates and newer luxury residences, offering something for everyone.

Many properties feature wells and septic systems, a testament to the area's unincorporated county designation. This unique status gives the neighborhood a charming, independent feel while still enjoying the benefits of a Pleasanton address.

#### A neighborhood for every lifestyle

Happy Valley is more than a neighborhood — it's a lifestyle. Zoned to allow animals, it's a haven for equestrians. For those without an equestrian interest, the area offers endless possibilities.

Barns and open spaces can be transformed into storage for collector cars, private pickleball courts, or

even lush gardens. The versatility of Happy Valley properties is matched only by the creativity of those who live here.



#### Callippe Golf Course: A local treasure

One of the neighborhood's standout features is the Callippe Preserve Golf Course. This public course is not only a golfer's paradise but also a scenic retreat. With its rolling hills and sweeping views, it's a favorite for locals and visitors alike.

#### A vision for the future

Having watched the neighborhood grow over the years, I believe it's time to give it a name that reflects its character and potential. That's why I'm proposing we rename it to

Pleasanton Equestrian Estates.

This name captures the essence of the area: a picturesque, equestrian-friendly community that offers the best of country living and suburban convenience.

#### A unique gem

Happy Valley, or as I hope it will soon be known, Pleasanton Equestrian Estates, is a rare blend of history, charm, and modern convenience.

It's a neighborhood that feels like a peaceful countryside escape while being just minutes from the vibrant heart of Pleasanton.

As someone who has lived here my entire life, I'm honored to share this special place with others. Whether you're new to the area or a longtime resident, I encourage you to explore this hidden gem and experience all it has to offer. ■

*Editor's note: Gina Piper, a lifelong Pleasanton resident, has been a real estate broker for 29 years and now owns and operates Elation Real Estate, a boutique brokerage in the heart of downtown Pleasanton. She previously served on the city's Planning Commission and Economic Vitality Committee.*

## LETTERS

### Common sense returns

I'd like to express my appreciation for Christian Trujano's outstanding reporting of Pleasanton's political scene and your board's recent "...Time to move on" editorial.

Along with the futility of passing an increased sales tax, substantial resources have been wasted on the former city council's endless power plays, including attempting to demand 5-0 votes (as Valerie Arkin tried to do to place Measure PP on the ballot a year ago), to silencing Jack Balch through various tactics including a non-televised "Code of

Conduct" special meeting, where for some strange reason, the Brown Act press/public notification process was skipped.

When will politicians learn that haranguing colleagues and the public create toxicity and undermine teamwork? When Livermore voted to end the Pleasanton-Livermore liaison committee last year, a Livermore city councilmember indicated the behavior of Pleasanton elected officials to give direction to Livermore staff was "completely and utterly objectionable."

Hopefully going forward, the new mayor and council with its new

members will adhere to common-sense boundaries of what is appropriate and inappropriate and attend meetings to collaborate rather than to gripe. Sadly from Livermore's perspective, that certainly does not seem to have been the case in its dealings with Pleasanton's elected officials last year.

Though it is indeed time to move on, so much damage was done in the process, it will be a very long time before things are back to normal. Thankfully at last we have a new mayor and new city councilmembers to help move the city forward.

— Anne Fox

### The public servant as trustee

In a representative democracy, citizens elect officials not just for their immediate wishes, but to use their own judgment, expertise, and conscience when making decisions.

This "trustee" model of good governance means officials consider public input seriously but ultimately make decisions based on informed judgment about what will best serve the long-term public interest, even if it's unpopular in the moment.

This is different from the "delegate" model, where elected officials are expected to simply vote the way the majority of their constituents want, every time.

The trustee model goes back a long way. In 1774, Edmund Burke told the people he represented: "Your representative owes you, not his industry

only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

In other words, we elect people not just to repeat what we say, but to weigh all the facts, draw on their knowledge and values, and make decisions they believe are right for the community's future.

We choose representatives because we trust their integrity, their ability to sort through complex issues, and their willingness to sometimes make hard calls in service of the greater good — even when those calls aren't the easy or popular ones.

This is how the Founding Fathers envisioned our republic.

— Jeff Nibert,  
Pleasanton City Council member

### What is democracy?

Democracy is the majority, the masses, the individual, the bigger tent, the marginalized, DEI, a seat at the table, urban/suburban/rural, the right to food, the right to shelter, the right to feel safe, the right to disagree, the Constitution, awake, radical, truth, an aspiration, an experiment, the past, present, and future, the arts, the sciences, storytelling, family, hope, optimism, respect, agency, a birthright, our shared humanity, an ideal that lives in all of us.

Democracy is not a political party. Democracy is a way of life. Democracy matters. Democracy is America.

— Ward Kanowsky

## PET OF THE WEEK



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### Make memories with Millie

Hi, I'm Millie! I'm a playful and independent young tortie-tabby who loves to enjoy every moment of every day, whether it's napping in my favorite spot or playing with all the fun toys around me. I'm perfectly content doing my own thing, but once I get to know you, I'm all about the snuggles and affection too. While I love people, I'm not such a fan of other kitties (who likes to share the attention anyway?!) so I'm looking for a home where I can be the solo cat and soak up all the love. Meet me at East Bay SPCA in Dublin; go to eastbayspca.org

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## Leprechauns make another leap in third season

Also: Foothill lauded for sportsmanship with 'Zero Ejections' recognition from NCS

In just their third season, the Dublin Leprechauns vaulted into the upper tier of the Pecos League by winning a road playoff series before falling to San Rafael in the Pacific Division finals.

Down by two runs in the 8th inning, the Leprechauns scored eight runs to run away with a 15-9 victory over second-seeded Bakersfield and clinched a berth in the Pecos Pacific finals.

"Our organization goals this season were to play .500 baseball and make the playoffs," said Guy Houston, Dublin director of baseball operations. "To go 34-20 in the regular season and win a playoff series, this exceeded our expectations. We are in a good position as we plan for 2026."

San Rafael went wire-to-wire to finish the regular season with a 38-16 record. Bakersfield was second at 36-21, with the Leprechauns finishing 34-20. Martinez got the

final playoff spot with a 25-30 record.

It was another amazing leap by the Leprechauns in their three-year franchise run. Their first season, the Leprechauns were 4-44, then jumped last year to 24-30, before posting that winning record this season.

Much of the Leprechaun success can be attributed to second-year manager David Aceron. The San Diego native was constantly shuffling the deck of players and positions to catch the right formula to win, even when it went against convention.

An example of that was signing Marika Lyszczyk, the first woman to compete in the Pecos League. "Some thought this was a stunt, but Marika pitched well. We won both games she threw for us," said Aceron. "We want players that will help us win, no matter who they are."

The goal for all the Leprechaun players is to continue to progress

in their careers, meaning climbing the ladder of Minor League Baseball with the hope of playing someday in the majors.

Right after the Pecos playoffs, outfielder Damone Hale was signed by the Ottawa Titans of the Frontier League.

"Damone was our best hitter and a team leader," general manager Tim Sbranti said. "The organization is so proud of him to make it to the next level and wish him the best in his career. He will always be a Leprechaun."

As for 2026, there are a million ideas swirling through Houston's head to prepare for next season.

"There are only 70 cities that are home to independent professional baseball in the United States, and we have one right here in the Tri-Valley," Houston said. "There is a lot of talent out there; next season will be our best yet."

BY DENNIS MILLER

### CCOP basketball

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton is once again offering the youth of the community an opportunity for fellowship and character development through participation in the CYO Basketball program.

The basketball program is open to all children in Pleasanton or Sunol schools entering the third through eighth grades.

Player evaluations for team assignments will be Aug. 24, 25 and 26. For more information about the basketball program and how to register, go to [ccopcyo.org](http://ccopcyo.org).

### Foothill recognized for sportsmanship

Foothill High was recognized as one of the schools in the North Coast Section that had "Zero Ejections" for the 2024-25 sports season.

There were 45 schools throughout the entire section that went without

an ejection, with Carondelet being the only other East Bay Athletic League school that can make the boast.

In addition, looking at the list of schools, Foothill has the largest enrollment, as most of the schools on the list are smaller schools throughout the section.

NCS had the following to say on the certificate sent to the respective schools: "Your commitment to sportsmanship, respect, and integrity sets a powerful example for all. Thank you for upholding the true spirit of high school athletics."

Foothill principal Sebastian Bull, who if you know him is easily the driving force behind the attitude of the school, had the following to say: "It is a testament to the strong character found in our athletic programs and the good sportsmanship showed by the Falcons."

Great job Falcons! Let's see if we can get all the schools in the EBAL to follow suit this year. ■

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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)

## RYTHU BAZAAR MINERVA CAFE KONASEEMA KITCHEN BAKERS' FUN GODAVARI CUTZ FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616744

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) RYTHU BAZAAR, 2.) MINERVA CAFE, 3.) KONASEEMA KITCHEN, 4.) BAKERS' FUN, 5.) GODAVARI CUTZ, located at 3185 WALNUT AVE FREMONT, CA 94538, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 2676 Garden Farms Ave, Lathrop, CA 95330 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): RYTHU BAZAAR LLC 3185 WALNUT AVE FREMONT, CA 94538 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/28/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 08 2025. (PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 2025)

## ASCEND COLLECTIVE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616472

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) ASCEND COLLECTIVE, located at 4608 DARCELLE CT. UNION CITY CA 94587, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ALMA THERESA ALVAREZ 4608 DARCELLE CT UNION CITY, CA 94587 ARIES ALVAREZ 4608 DARCELLE CT UNION CITY, CA 94587 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 28 2025. (PLW Aug 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2025)

## MOK1 AUTOS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616608

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) MOK1 AUTOS, located at 3597 First Street, Suite #1 Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1085 Rosamund Dr San Ramon, CA 94582 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MOK LLC 1085 Rosamund Dr San Ramon, CA 94582 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 August 04 2025. (PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 2025)

## SPRINKLES & SHINE EARLY LEARNING & ENRICHMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616467

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) SPRINKLES & SHINE EARLY LEARNING & ENRICHMENT, located at 34589 SHENANDOAH PLACE, FREMONT, CA 94555, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ADIYOGI INC. 34589 SHENANDOAH PLACE FREMONT, CA 94555 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/1/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 28 2025. (PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 2025)

## FLORIRIS SHOKA ATELIER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616542

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Floriris, 2.) Shoka Atelier, located at 34300 Siward Dr Fremont, CA 94555, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JIAXIN ZHENG 34300 Siward Dr Fremont, CA 94555 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/29/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 31 2025. (PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 2025)

## ADRIAN WEST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616567

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Adrian West, located at 1042 62nd Street, Unit A, Oakland, CA 94608, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): RICHARD MCGILLY 1042 62nd Street, Unit A Oakland, CA 94608 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/05/2012 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 31 2025. (PLW Aug 8, 15, 22 and 29, 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)

## FOOD ALLERGY INSTITUTE BAY AREA BAY AREA FOOD ALLERGY INSTITUTE 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)

## LEAD CORE STRATEGIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 615784

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Lead Core Strategies, LLC, located at 2472 Riffel Ct Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): LEAD CORE STRATEGIES, LLC 2472 Riffel CT Castro Valley, CA 94546 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 21, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 01 2025. (PLW Aug 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2025)

## THE WELLNEST GROUP TWG DEVELOPMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616614

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) THE WELLNEST GROUP, 2.) TWG DEVELOPMENT, located at 1970 BROADWAY SUITE 450, OAKLAND, CA 94612, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): BUGZ N BIRDZ CORP 1970 BROADWAY SUITE 450 OAKLAND, CA 94612 State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/1/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 04 2025. (PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 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)

## LOOT & CO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616544

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Loot & Co, located at 2323 Broadway St Oakland, CA 94612, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): FORTUNA COMMERCE LLC 2323 Broadway St Oakland, CA 94612 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/5/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 31 2025. (PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 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)

## 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.) Pnuma 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)

## 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)

## SWINDALE PRINTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 616620

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Swindale Printing, located at 74 Neal St. Suite 203 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 529 Oriole Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ZACKARY SWINDALE 74 Neal St. Pleasanton, CA 94566 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 04 2025. (PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

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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.: 25CV131393

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ranier Vince Castillo Lieberman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RANIER VINCE CASTILLO LIEBERMAN to RANIER VINCE WEEDON-KASTILYO

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: 10/03/2025, 0900, 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: July 18, 2025

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV132809

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Cassidy Wong filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

CASSIDY WONG to CASSIDY HYUN WONG 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: 10/03/2025, 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: 07/21/2025

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV130956

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Brittany M. Saldivar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

BRITTANY MONA MARIE CASTANO SALDIVAR to BRITTANY RAMONA SALDIVAR

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 03, 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: 08/01/2025

Thomas J Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV134135

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Deepak Malik and Chitra Malik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

VANSH MALIK to VAANSH MAALIK

VIRALI MALIK to VIRALHI D MALLIK

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: 10/03/2025, 9:00am, Hayward 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: 08/01/2025

THOMAS J NIXON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV129552

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: JULIE CAO (aka THUY CAO)

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JULIE CAO (AKA THUY CAO) to THUY CAO 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 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m., 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: July 2, 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 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 to DENVER MOHAN 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: 09/12/2025, 9.00 am, 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405, Amador St, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 07/14/2025

Thomas J Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV133891

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Gurleen Singh Nagra filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GURLEEN SINGH NAGRA to GARY SINGH NAGRA

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 03, 2025, 09:00 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: JULY 31, 2025

THOMAS I NIXON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV132171

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Brenda Rochelle Collins filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BRENDA ROCHELLE COLLINS to BRYNND A ROCHELLE COLLINS THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 10/3/2025, 9:00AM, Municipal Court 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: July 23, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV131987

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Manohar Prasad Bhattarai filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MANOHAR PRASAD BHATTARAI to MANOHAR BHATTARAI THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person

objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: September 05 2025, 9:00 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: July 22, 2025

Thomas J Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV134440

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Myint Thu Zar and KoKo Maung filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

EVELYN LOO to EVELYN LAW

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: 10/10/2025, 9:00am, 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: 8/4/2025

Thomas I Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 15, 22, 29 and Sep 5, 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.: 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)

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# 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 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)

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 of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:

Christian R. Jajeh, Esq.

The Jajeh Law Firm, P.C.

1766 Bonanza Street

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

925-476-4046

(PLW Aug 1, 8 and 15, 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  
510-418-1952  
(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 9:45am 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)

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.

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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:  
Christian R. Jajeh, Esq.  
The Jajeh Law Firm, P.C.  
1766 Bonanza Street  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
925-476-4046  
(PLW Aug 8, 15 and 22, 2025)

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.

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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.

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Petitioner in Pro Per:  
Steven Foss  
5255 N Forestdale Cr  
Dublin, CA 94568  
858-231-3564  
(PLW Aug 1, 8 and 15, 2025)

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If you object to the granting of the petition,

## CALENDAR

# Entertainment Exhibits

**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](#).

**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. 15. Salvage Title, rock 'n' roll classics.

**VICKI LAWRENCE AND MAMA**

One of the most beloved television personalities of all time, comedienne Vicki Lawrence returns with her all-new, two-woman show. This side splitting two-act show serves a mix of stand-up, musical comedy and observations about real life. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 16. Tickets \$25-\$90. Visit [livermorearts.org](#).

**WENTE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**

This series brings a vibrant mix of tribute bands where guests enjoy a live performance, a variety of foods and favorite Wente wines. Doors open at 6 p.m. General admission \$55. Aug. 16, Petty Theft (Tom Petty Tribute). Visit [wentevineyards.com](#).

**OPERA IN THE VINEYARD**

Experience the magic of live music in the heart of wine country, blending the beauty of world-class voices with the charm of a relaxed, outdoor setting nestled among the vines. 5 p.m., Aug. 17. Garre Vineyard & Winery. Visit [livermorevalleyopera.com](#).

**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 Thursday 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](#).

**ART IN THE PARK OUTDOOR ART FAIR**

Join for Art in the Park, a vibrant celebration of local creativity, community and summer fun at this annual outdoor event featuring artists and makers showcasing their work, live demonstrations and handcrafted goods for sale. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 17. Carnegie Park, 2155 3rd St., Livermore.

**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, Harrington Gallery Lobby Exhibition.

**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.

**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.

**THE INDEPENDENT GALLERY**

This new art gallery is dedicated to showcasing solo and small group exhibitions by local and regional artists highlighting diverse artistic voices. Free and open to the public. David Gates Landscapes through Oct 11. 5-7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 2250 First St., Livermore.

**FRAGILE EARTH: A CALL TO ACTION EXHIBIT**

This Quest Science Center Collaboration exhibit that 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](#).

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**COMING SOON**

**3338 MARSH HAWK COURT,  
PLEASANTON**

4 BEDROOMS  
3 BATHROOMS  
2,308 SQ. FT.  
LIVING SPACE  
.33 ACRE LOT

**LISTED FOR  
\$2,495,000**

**COUNTRY FAIR**



**SOLD**

**5975 VIA DEL CIELO,  
PLEASANTON**

4 BD | 2.5 BA  
2,283 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
.25 ACRE LOT

**SOLD FOR \$2,320,000  
WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS**

**DOWNTOWN**



**SOLD**

**549 EAST ANGELA STREET,  
PLEASANTON**

3 BD | 2 BA  
1,529 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
7,000 SQ. FT. LOT

**SOLD FOR \$1,350,000  
WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS**

**STONERIDGE TOWNHOME**



**SOLD**

**5336 BROOKSIDE COURT,  
PLEASANTON**

3 BD | 2.5 BA  
1,925 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE

**SOLD IN 1 DAY  
FOR \$1,270,000!**

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## Just Sold

- 1818 Sannita Court, Ruby Hill: Rep Seller & Buyer | \$4.650 | Marketing
- 669 Sylvaner Court, Pleasanton: Rep Seller & Buyer | \$1.7 | Marketing
- 1552 Oxsen Street, Pleasanton: Rep Seller | \$1.19 | Sphere of Influence
- 6130 Allbrook Circle, Pleasanton: Rep Seller | \$1.2 | Sphere of Influence
- 516 Tanager Road, Livermore: Rep Buyer | \$1.13 | Past Client
- 3539 Palermo Way, Dublin: Rep Buyer | \$1.668 | Past Client
- 7038 Calistoga Lane, Dublin: Rep Buyer | \$1.3 | Social Media
- 3607 Central Parkway, Dublin: Rep Seller | \$1.278 | Past Client
- 1565 Trimingham Drive, Pleasanton: Rep Seller | \$1.025 | Referral



## 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**



### JUST LISTED

## 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**

### JUST LISTED



## 1834 Brooktree Way, Pleasanton

Located in one of our most popular neighborhoods and just minutes from all levels of schools. 4 BDR 2 BA offering 1,854 SqFt of living space. Many updates are throughout this one story home. 18Ft wide side yard access is a special plus.

**Offered at \$1,790,000**

### SOLD



## 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.

**Sold \$1,900,000**

### SOLD



## 4151 Alvarado St. Pleasanton

This charming 3 BDR. 2 BA home offered 1,159 SqFt of living space with a spacious and open floor plan and a private backyard.

**SOLD at \$1,285,000**

*Kris, represented both the seller and buyer securing an offer before coming onto the market.*

### 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**

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