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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Rev up the beat

The summer concert season in downtown Pleasanton is closing in style with upbeat hits courtesy of The RPM Band, five longtime friends whose musical connection forged more than 40 years has grown even stronger during their resurgence the past decade.

And they can't wait to get the audience moving and grooving Friday evening at Lions Wayside Park.

"We love seeing people having a good time and forgetting about their daily worries. Our setlist has two requirements — you either need to be able to dance to the tune or sing along with it," said Steve Block, vocalist, bass guitarist and emcee of RPM.

"The music we play brings back memories for many people and seeing them smile and sing along makes everyone in the band happy. Life is short, so why not spend it having fun," the Danville resident told me in an interview this month.

Co-sponsored by the Pleasanton Weekly for our 25th Anniversary Party, this Friday's Concert in the Park will be the second year in a row playing Pleasanton's summer series for the band that formed in 1979 in the South Bay, where Block and cofounder Bill Pickering grew up.

"We joke that someday we will make it big, and a song we wrote in the early '80s at the ripe age of 21 ('My Life Flies By') will be the tune that does it," Block said.

The group's heyday was 1981 to 1983 when they signed with California Talent Associates and played upward of 250 concerts in Northern California and Nevada during that span.

"We have always been a 'South Bay band,' even back in the early '80s when we started. We played the occasional gig up 680 like the Monte Vista HS prom in 1983 (go Mustangs!) or the Los Cerros Jr. High 'end of year' dance that same year," Block said.

As 1984 arrived, RPM transitioned into a prolonged hiatus as "marriage, kids, jobs and everyday life took over", according to their website.

The guys stayed close and performed the occasional charity event or one-off local reunion show, but it wasn't until 2013 that RPM decided to reunite and play a regular schedule again.

These days they book eight to 10 concerts per year for logistical reasons.

San Jose native Block now lives

in Danville. Pickering (vocals, guitar, keyboards) and Mark Hanson (vocals and keyboards) both reside in the South Bay, John Silva (guitar, vocals) is in Escalon and Bob Moya (drums, vocals) lives in the Seattle area.

"We were all friends in high school, so the inspiration is still there as we have come a long way with so many memories. We still enjoy each other's company, and we laugh all the time," Block told me.

RPM has had a busy spring and summer so far, including multiple corporate gigs, Music in the Park in Danville in June, Concerts on the Plaza in Mountain View earlier this month and a show at Fortino Winery in Gilroy last week.

"I will say since we have reunited to play live on a regular basis, we have really focused on fun, danceable songs with strong vocal harmonies," Block said. "We have two members (Mark and Bill) who play keyboards, so that gives us the opportunity to play many songs that other bands in the area can't tackle."

"We do a disco medley that has become a band fave. You realize that it's a 'guilty pleasure' for many people dancing, and they even know all the words of the KC and The Sunshine Band songs," he added. "Another recent fave has been 'A Hard Day's Night' by the Beatles. When we hit that first chord, everyone smiles and shakes their head (regardless of age) like 'I know this song.'"

Block said the band was excited to get on the bill for the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concerts in the Park for the first time in 2024, calling it a bucket list gig in the region for them. Now they're thrilled to be the closing act in their second year here.

"We have been following the renovation of the park, and we can't wait to play on the new stage. The reception last year was phenomenal and we loved playing in the downtown area (we even got pizza at Gay Nineties before the show)," Block said. "2025 will be even bigger and better as we will be using all of our stage gear including our light trusses, lasers, fog and so much more!"

RPM's Concert in the Park is set to run from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday (Aug. 29) in Lions Wayside Park at 4401 First St. in downtown Pleasanton. Weekly leadership, staff, freelancers and volunteers will be on hand starting at 6 p.m. to greet readers as part of our 25th Anniversary Party. ■

About the Cover

Anthony Harrington made many big catches for Amador Valley last season. He and the Dons hope to carry the momentum into their 2025 campaign. Photo by Freddy Zamora. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXVI, Number 31

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Do you have any big plans to ring out the summer with a bang?



Jason Appelbaum
Sports broadcaster

No, actually, because we've already rung the summer out with a bang. We had a big family reunion back East on Cape Cod and then spent four days in New York City. We saw "Hamilton" while we were there, as well as the Stephen Colbert show after (the news) it had been canceled. It was a terrific show.



Tara Goldberg
Fine artist

I sure do! My husband Harold and I are going on a big cruise to the Bahamas and Bermuda, for nine days. We'll be celebrating Labor Day on the high seas, which will be a first for us. And then once we're back home, we anticipate all sorts of fun, family-filled fall activities.



Alena Dollar DeMand, with Vienna *Supply chain executive*

Not really, because we already did some huge stuff recently; I just got married, at the winery where my husband and I first met, and then we honeymooned in Europe, including in Vienna, which is our dog's name. That was a really big, big bang. And so now we're just happily getting settled into our new forever lives as a married couple.



Juan and Bessie Briseño
Automation engineer / homemaker

We don't actually have that plan set yet, but we will absolutely be doing something because my (Bessie's) birthday is coming right up. I'm expecting Juan to surprise me with a trip, or something else that's totally exciting and fabulous.



Bonnie Machuca
Pilates studio owner-operator

I do. I'm taking a quick trip to New York City for my daughter's 20th birthday. The plan is to enjoy walking the (hopefully) sunny streets of New York, in a sundress, and also to relax over outdoor meals, and on top of that, to see "Hell's Kitchen" on Broadway. It's supposed to be a phenomenal musical. I can't wait!

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Celebrate 25 years

The Pleasanton Weekly will be hosting its 25th Anniversary Party this Friday (Aug. 29) at the Lions Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton.

The event, which will take place during the final Concert in the Park of 2025, will give community members a chance to meet the Weekly's editorial team and organizational leadership and give the Weekly a chance to thank its supporters over the years.

The Embarcadero Media Foundation team will be at the park starting at 6 p.m. and music will begin at 7 p.m. with The RPM Band playing danceable rock until 8:30 p.m. The concert is free, and grass seating is first-come, first-served.

Fundraiser success

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative recently announced that this year's annual barbecue and auction fundraising event, which collects donations for the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship fund, raised just over \$30,000 for high school seniors.

According to a press release, the event — held in the backyard of City Councilmember Craig Eicher — was such a success that it actually raised 30% more than last year's event and saw nearly 120 attendees.

“Due to this success, the number of scholarships has also increased to as many as eleven,” Ken Mano, the scholarship committee chairman for the collaborative, said in the press release.

CERT training

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department will be offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes starting next month where members of the public can learn about basic disaster preparedness.

The seven session program will go over “basic response related to fire safety, disaster medical operations and light search and rescue”, according to LFPD. The training will culminate in a LFPD and CERT drill, putting what participants have learned into practice.

The free classes for Pleasanton and Livermore residents 16 years or older will take place every Thursday from Sept. 18 to Oct. 23 from 6-10 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Works Department and the LFPD training grounds on Busch Road. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

There will also be a Saturday class on Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration for the course is required, and space is limited. To sign up, email CERT@lpfire.org. ■

City to explore hotel tax increase amid ongoing financial uncertainty

Council declines to poll voters on other revenue measures such as sales tax increase or parcel tax

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council directed staff last week to begin discussions with regional hotel stakeholders and municipalities about the possibility of placing a transient occupancy tax/hotel tax increase on the November ballot next year.

The council majority did not signal staff to move forward with polling efforts to determine if there is community interest in other revenue sources such as a sales tax increase,

general obligation bond or a parcel tax, citing reasons including a lack of unanimous support for the polling efforts and overall disinterest in pursuing those other revenue options following the failure of Measure PP.

“I definitely have an appetite for discussion around (the TOT tax), but things beyond that seem so volatile and it seems so fresh after the last election — we're not even a year out — that I'm frankly afraid that we're going to get an even stronger push-back than we already had the first

time,” Councilmember Matt Gaidos said during the Aug. 19 meeting.

Aarón Zavala, assistant to the city manager, told the council that the city continues to face an ongoing projected structural fiscal deficit in upcoming budget cycles. He said there have been significant reductions made to the city's budget during the adoption of the current two-year budget, including economic development initiatives and a comprehensive municipal service in the works that will identify additional

efficiencies within the organization; but there is still a need for additional revenue sources.

Staff presented the council with a proposal to conduct professional voter opinion polling to get residents' thoughts on potential revenue measures for the November 2026 election. The proposal comes after a council majority in July halted plans for the city to become a charter city, which in turn also halted plans to

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Workday confirms data breach

Among companies hit by 'social engineering' cyberattack

By JEANITA LYMAN

Pleasanton-based Workday was among numerous large organizations impacted by a recent targeted “social engineering campaign”, according to an announcement from the company this month.

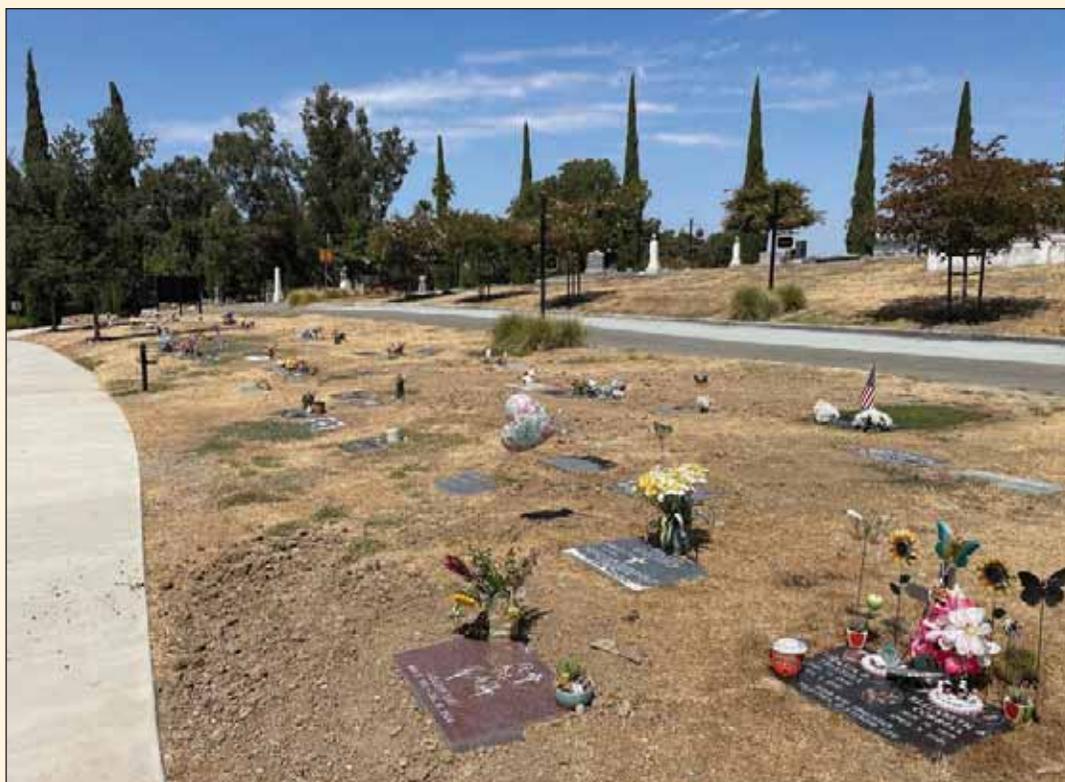
Workday officials said in a blog post Friday (Aug. 15) that the company had “acted quickly to cut access” to hackers in the attack aimed at gaining information that could be used to contact employees under false pretenses.

“In this campaign, threat actors contact employees by text or phone pretending to be from human resources or IT,” Workday officials wrote. “Their goal is to trick employees into giving up account access or their personal information.”

While hackers were able to gain access to some information, a majority of that information was not private or sensitive, according to Workday.

“The type of information the actor obtained was primarily commonly available business contact information, like names, email addresses, and phone numbers, potentially to further their social engineering scams,” Workday officials wrote.

They noted that the company would never contact employees by phone to request a password or other sensitive details, and that all official communications from the company are conveyed via secure and trusted channels. ■



JEREMY WALSH

City staff and consultants discussed the possibility of planting native landscaping at the cemetery because irrigating the grass would cost the city too much money.

Council pauses casket burials at Pioneer Cemetery

Pleasanton switching to only cremation services until facility reaches fiscal sustainability

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

In a split vote, the Pleasanton City Council last week approved staff's recommendation to pause casket burials at the Pioneer Cemetery and only offer cremation services while the city updates how the cemetery is operated.

The goal with this and other administrative changes is to address the fact that the cemetery is costing the city more money than what it makes in revenue every year, staff said.

“What it's doing is pausing casket burial sales which would allow us to not increase the liability to deliver those in the future while we figure out how to right-size the ship,” Mayor Jack Balch said in regards to the staff recommendation during the Aug. 19 council meeting. “I think that's valuable.”

All previously approved casket burial agreements will still be honored.

According to City Manager Gerry Beaudin, the update to the

cemetery has been in the works ever since the city first acquired the facility nearly 20 years ago. He said at that time, the cemetery had already been struggling financially and things have not improved since then.

Following the city's latest budget development process, the staff sought out advice from L.F. Sloane Consultant Group in order to evaluate the operational needs and liabilities that come

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Attorney says shooter acted in self-defense

Facing attempted murder charge, dog trainer doubles down that other man escalated confrontation

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A Sunol man accused of shooting a 71-year-old Pleasanton resident over alleged animal abuse is sharing his side of what took place through his attorney, who maintains that his client acted in self-defense.

Joshua Kaplan, 50, was arrested late last month for allegedly shooting a man at his Pleasanton residence and he was later charged by the Alameda District Attorney's Office for one felony count of attempted murder as well as a second felony count of shooting at an occupied vehicle.

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

However, Kaplan's attorney, Seth

Morris of Morris Law, said Kaplan has been "wrongfully accused in this case because shooting with a legal justification in self-defense is not a criminal act".

The incident unfolded on July 26 when Kaplan — a local dog trainer — reacted after receiving a video from a client allegedly showing his 71-year-old neighbor "beating his dog", according to court records. The person also reported observing the neighbor beating his dog.

Police previously told the Weekly there were "no obvious signs of injury to the dog when animal services took custody of it" and after a thorough examination by a licensed veterinarian, the dog was considered in good health and did not exhibit evidence of past abuse.

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

Pleasanton Police Department and report the alleged abuse. After reporting it to the police, Kaplan went to the man's residence in the 3000 block of Vineyard Avenue to wait for officers to show up, according to police records.

The altercation escalated when the 71-year-old attempted to leave his home and, as he entered his car and tried to drive out of his driveway, Kaplan parked his black truck in front of the victim's path in order to stop him from leaving, police said.

The victim's car "suddenly lurched forward and struck Kaplan's truck", according to police records. Kaplan allegedly began shooting at the 71-year-old from inside his truck and struck the man in the face.

The victim immediately got out of his vehicle, ran inside his home and grabbed his loaded shotgun before

stepping back outside where — with his shotgun at his side — he was allegedly shot at once again by Kaplan, according to police.

But Kaplan's attorney said his actions were to "save his life" in response to the other man's "repeated threats and escalating acts of violent aggression".

"Josh Kaplan acted lawfully and has committed no crime," Morris said in a statement to the Weekly.

"Josh is a loving husband and proud father of two," Morris added. "Dozens of people in Josh's community wrote letters vouching for his character — people from all walks of life, including a retired police officer, a fire chief, an economist, a preschool teacher, a nurse and a hospital director. The letters highlight Josh's kindness, work ethic and commitment to his community."

Kaplan was arrested and booked

into Santa Rita Jail before he was arraigned on July 30. He has since been released on bail and entered a plea of not guilty during his plea hearing on Aug. 7, according to court records.

Kaplan is set to return to court on Friday (Aug. 29) for a pretrial hearing and will have a preliminary hearing on Sept. 23 in front of a judge at the East County Hall of Justice courthouse in Dublin.

He has also resumed taking on clients for his dog training business, according to an Aug. 8 Facebook post.

"I'm officially back to work and taking on new clients," Kaplan wrote in the post. "Thank you to everyone who's stood by me in this challenging time."

The Weekly has attempted to reach out to the lead prosecutor representing the DA's office on the case for comments but has not heard back as of time of publication. ■

HOTEL TAX

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implement a voter-approved real property transfer tax.

According to Zavala, the polling would have provided data-driven insights and testing on initial support levels for multiple proposed revenue measures. The cost for the polling would have been anywhere between \$31,000 to \$50,000, Zavala said.

Staff said, as they have during past council meetings, that the city must continue to look into other revenue sources in addition to the work they have been doing to balance the numbers through other means, especially as staff continue to predict a \$6 million to \$9 million budget deficit every year for the next few years — despite having a balanced budget for the next two.

"You never know what's going to happen and the city may need to add other services to support the community," city finance director Susan Hsieh said. "There may be changes to financial conditions that we did not include in the (financial) forecast. The \$6 to \$9 million that I mentioned earlier is assuming there will not be significant changes to economic conditions down the road."

And City Manager Gerry Beaudin said with Measure PP having lost by only about 4% in the 2024 election, another potential revenue measure wasn't entirely outside the realm of possibilities for the city.

"A lot of work to be done but we know enough today to tell you as the elected body — and we have been saying it for quite some time — that we have a structural deficit and we do need to find new revenue, expense reductions and to work on that longer term, medium term economic development programmings," he said.

The four top revenue measures

that the city proposed for polling included a transient occupancy tax/hotel tax increases; sales tax alternatives; parcel taxes for specific services; and general obligation bonds for infrastructure.

The transient occupancy tax, according to staff, could potentially be increased from 8% to up to 12%, which could rake in nearly \$3 million in revenue while the city's sales tax could possibly go up to 10.75%, which could produce around \$10.8 million in revenue. The city doesn't currently have any parcel or general obligation bonds but each of those, as laid out by the city, could bring in anywhere from \$9.7 million to \$10.2 million a year.

The last two options would need a two-thirds voter approval while the first two would need a simple majority.

Vice Mayor Jeff Nibert was the main voice on the council who supported polling residents about the potential measures because he said the city needs to take immediate action in order to ensure its fiscal sustainability.

"I think we owe it to ourselves to get as much information as we can," Nibert said. "We need to act with urgency. Our structural deficit has not gone away and will not go away."

While economic development is great and welcomed, he said it is unpredictable and that the city really needs predictable sources of revenue so staff can develop a budget without cutting services.

"I don't think our residents want to live with constant cuts to services and deteriorating infrastructure for years to come," Nibert said. "If that's where we're headed, I think the community deserves a direct say."

However, the rest of the council had mixed feelings about polling residents.

Gaidos agreed with Nibert in

acknowledging how Pleasanton's infrastructure is aging and there will be future repair and replacement problems — he pointed to the water system as an example — that will cost the city money.

However, Gaidos remained hesitant on the city going out to poll residents on new potential revenue measures because he said it will be very hard to get residents to pass any such ballot measure without the unanimous support of the entire council.

Councilmember Julie Testa echoed similar sentiments. While acknowledging that she hates the idea of having to make future cuts to services, she said, "I do not support going forward with any of these unless we have unanimous support, and I don't believe we have that on our council."

"I think it's sad because we are going to have significant community impacts — it was really hard to sit up here and listen to the concerns of our community during our last round of cuts — but we'll have it again and it'll be worse but I don't think we will be successful putting anything forward without unanimous support," she added.

Councilmember Craig Eicher was also on the fence as he said he could understand why the city should poll its residents on how they would feel about the idea of new revenue measures but as someone who voted against Measure PP, he still thought the city should work on living within its means.

Pleasanton resident Debbie Wallace said during public comment that polling to gauge residents' views on another sales tax increase, or any tax increase, would be a waste of peoples' tax dollars.

"Measure PP was defeated, which in itself — I believe — indicates the answer you would get from asking residents for another tax increase," Wallace said.

The council ultimately came to agreement on supporting continued discussions about pursuing a hotel tax increase, which staff said wouldn't need community polling because it affects hotel stakeholders and residents don't usually pay those taxes — it's the visitors staying in those hotels who pay them.

The council also directed staff to speak with other cities in the region so that other Tri-Valley hotels could possibly implement such a tax.

Mayor Jack Balch noted throughout the meeting that with the city's recent efforts to balance its budget and introduce various strategies to improve its financial status, the city is building its credibility so that in the future, it might be easier to get residents on the same page regarding any revenue measures.

Balch said the credibility of any future ballot measure depends on whether or not this council can demonstrate "that we have modernized operations, that we have streamlined the processes, that we have actually changed how we do business".

"That credibility then leads us to help the community understand that we have belt-tightened, as proven

in the budget we've just passed, and we're doing something different so that we're not just throwing cash at the problem and going back to them," Balch said. "That we are using prudent measures going forward."

He said while he also supports pursuing a hotel tax increase, the city needs to see how its recent efforts to improve things like economic development will affect its financial forecast, which will then signal whether or not the city will need to pursue revenue measures in the future.

"I think we've got to perform," Balch said. "I think we've got to see some of our initiatives perform and I think that will build credibility."

Despite being on board with considering an increase to the hotel tax, Nibert said he was disgusted by the overall discussion Tuesday and vehemently disagreed with the council's decision to not poll residents on the other measures.

"We're talking about polling," Nibert said. "We're not talking about placing items on the ballot yet. We're just talking about getting information ... What's the matter with asking our residents their opinion?" ■

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PDA outlines efforts to improve downtown economy

New foundation, redrawn boundaries, associate member program among goals for next two years

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Despite the recent closure of the Starbucks on Main Street, the Pleasanton Downtown Association's update to the City Council last week was positive overall, outlining several ways the organization plans to increase the economic vitality of downtown.

"Vibrant downtowns bring people together, they drive economic activity and reflect the unique character of a place," PDA Executive Director Gabrielle Welk said during the Aug. 19 council meeting. "It's our mission to continue on our effort to make this a place where people can gather amongst each other and preserve the historical charm that we have and just keep moving forward."

The council also approved appointment of the PDA executive committee as the advisory board for the 2026 downtown Pleasanton Business Improvement District (BID), which could see some significant changes including new boundaries to include more business owners and a new rate structure.

The update comes after the council postponed the formation of the BID in January in order to allow the PDA, businesses owners and property owners to have further



JEREMY WALSH

An image shows the outside of the Pleasanton Downtown Association's headquarters located on Division Street near downtown.

discussions and provide last week's status update to the council.

Among the discussion topics was the association's strategic plan for 2025-27, which Welk said will help modernize the PDA's structure, increase funding capacity and expand engagement with local stakeholders.

The strategic plan is broken up into three points: establishing the Pleasanton Downtown Foundation, updating the downtown Pleasanton BID and launching an associate member program starting next year.

The foundation, which Welk said

has already been formed and the PDA is now working on launching publicly, will prioritize economic vitality and development, historic preservation, community engagement, revitalization and beautification, and marketing and programming.

The associate member program's objective will be to engage with stakeholders who are not part of the BID in order to create synergy throughout the city and the greater Tri-Valley.

Some of the expected benefits

through this program include diversification of revenue and stakeholder input, building stronger ties with the greater community, and enhancing the visibility and inclusiveness of the PDA's mission. Welk said at least two organizations — the Alameda County Fairgrounds and the Hacienda Business Park — have expressed interest in becoming associate members.

As for the updates to the BID, Welk said the PDA is looking into reassessing its boundaries to include additional businesses and emerging commercial zones and revising the rate structure to ensure equitable contribution while increasing the total funding capacity for operation, events and services.

However, she noted that after speaking with downtown property owners, they did not express any interest in paying into a BID assessment, which the city had been exploring since January.

"It was expressed that (property owners) had no interest in becoming part of — they called it an HOA of some sort — and just expressed that if they were to be given the fees themselves that they would just pass it down to their tenants," Welk said.

City Councilmember Julie Testa

said she was disappointed to hear that property owners did not want to pay assessment fees. "They expect the city and the downtown association and everyone else to invest in their properties and they're not willing to invest in their properties, I don't understand that," Testa said.

The assessment formula is based on the annual business license payment and is calculated based on where a business is located in downtown Pleasanton — those located curbside and on the first floor on Main Street pay higher than those on a second floor or those located off Main Street. The minimum assessment is \$50 while the maximum is \$350.

The assessment formula and minimum and maximum amounts have not been updated since 1996 and the downtown boundary has not been updated since 2016.

Welk said the benefits of the downtown BID are inclusive representation of downtown businesses; increased stakeholder engagement; increased funding to support downtown services, beautification, and events; and enhanced alignment with the city's Economic Strategy Plan. ■

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Man arrested for 2024 double homicide in Livermore

Caught in Mexico last week, suspect extradited back to California and booked at Santa Rita Jail

By JUDE STRZEMP

The man suspected of killing two people at a hotel in Livermore last year was apprehended this month in Mexico, following a nearly 16-month-long investigation, Livermore Police Department officials announced last week.

Suspected gunman Yonston Vazquez, 31, of Oakland, was taken into custody at approximately 6:30 a.m. Aug. 20 with assistance from the FBI, according to LPD officials. He was extradited to Livermore later that night and booked into Santa Rita Jail on two counts of homicide.

"This arrest represents the relentless pursuit of justice," Livermore

Police Chief Jeramy Young said in a statement.

"From the first response to the final arrest, the professionalism and persistence of our officers, specialized units and detectives were critical to bringing this case to resolution and ensuring accountability for the victims' families. I would also like to thank the FBI for their assistance as this suspect would not be in custody without their efforts and our partnership," Young added.

On April 27, 2024 at approximately 6:45 a.m., LPD responded to a report of a shooting at La Quinta Inn on Southfront Road in northeast Livermore.

Inside a room, officers found

26-year-old Oakland woman Lizbeth Murillo Rodriguez and 21-year-old Hayward man Christopher Brian Vera, both of whom had been shot. Both victims were pronounced deceased at the scene, police said.

This case marked the city of Livermore's first and second homicides of 2024.

LPD's Criminal Investigations Bureau immediately took over the case and identified Vazquez as the prime suspect, police said. Investigators also determined that Vazquez knew one of the victims.

LPD developed and followed up on numerous investigative leads that led to finding the suspect, department officials said. ■



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The alleged gunman behind a double homicide at a Livermore hotel last year was taken into custody Aug. 20 in Mexico, police said.

Lab develops system for real-time tsunami forecasting

El Capitan supercomputer enables reliable, life-saving warnings within a second

By PAREENA GUPTA

Scientists at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory have helped develop a real-time tsunami forecasting system that could improve early warning capabilities for coastal communities near earthquake zones. The system is powered by El Capitan, the world's fastest supercomputer.

With a theoretical peak performance of 2.79 quintillion calculations per second, El Capitan is part of a new generation of exascale supercomputers, designed for solving the most complex problems in science. It was developed through funding from the Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) program at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

LLNL researchers used El Capitan to create a large library of physics-based simulations that model how seafloor motion from earthquakes generates tsunami waves. The work was detailed in a paper selected as a finalist for the 2025 ACM Gordon Bell Prize, a prestigious award in high-performance computing, according to a press release from LLNL.

The team used over 43,500 AMD Instinct Accelerated Processing Units (APUs) to simulate

acoustic-gravity wave propagation, which shows how underwater earthquake waves move through the ocean. By performing this computing in advance, they developed a dataset that smaller computers can later use for rapid, real-time tsunami forecasting.

As part of the project, the researchers developed a tsunami "digital twin" in collaboration with the Oden Institute at the University of Texas at Austin and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. This real-time simulation acts as a virtual replica of how the ocean responds to earthquakes.

"This is the first digital twin with this level of complexity that runs in real time," said LLNL computational mathematician Tzanio Kolev in the press release. "It combines extreme-scale forward simulation with advanced statistical methods to extract physics-based predictions from sensor data at unprecedented speed."

By leveraging LLNL's Hewlett Packard Enterprise/AMD supercomputer El Capitan, the team solved a billion-parameter Bayesian inverse problem in less than 0.2 seconds, accurately predicting tsunami

wave heights at a speed about 10 billion times faster than existing methods. According to researchers, this capability could significantly improve emergency response and save lives.

'Conventional tsunami warning systems often ... use simplistic models that fail to capture the complexity of fault ruptures, which can lead to false alarms or dangerously late warnings.'

LLNL press release

"This work is important because it shows that we can solve an inverse problem of enormous size — not for 10 or 15 variables, but for millions, or even billions of variables, very quickly," Kolev said. "In the past, you'd either have a fast model that's not accurate, or a full-physics model that takes hours or days. Now we're showing that we can do both — accurate and fast

— using principled mathematics and modern computing."

At the core of the tsunami forecasting system is MFEM, an open-source simulation software developed by LLNL. Designed to run GPU-accelerated simulations of physical phenomena, MFEM performed the most compute-intensive phase of the project by solving complex equations that link movements on the ocean floor to data from seafloor sensors. This process involved simulating 55.5 trillion variables, and set a new record for the largest simulation of its kind.

"MFEM's high-order methods and GPU readiness, developed under the ASC program at LLNL and the Department of Energy's (DOE) Exascale Computing Project, made it possible to scale to the full machine," Kolev said. "This was really a first-of-its-kind demonstration of how we can use that power not just for raw performance, but also for mission-relevant, time-critical decisions in many MFEM-based applications."

This advancement paves the way for faster, more reliable tsunami forecasting.

"Conventional tsunami warning systems often ... use simplistic

models that fail to capture the complexity of fault ruptures, which can lead to false alarms or dangerously late warnings," officials wrote in the press release. "The team's approach, instead, uses data from seafloor pressure sensors and solves a full-physics model of acoustic-gravity wave propagation in the ocean in record time."

As seafloor sensor networks become more widespread along earthquake-prone coasts and computational infrastructure continues to improve, the team sees a clear path to deploying the approach in future tsunami warning systems.

"This framework represents a paradigm shift in how we think about early warning systems," said Omar Ghattas, professor of mechanical engineering and principal faculty in the Oden Institute at UT Austin.

"For the first time, we can combine real-time sensor data with full-physics modeling and uncertainty quantification — fast enough to make decisions before a tsunami reaches the shore. It opens the door to truly predictive, physics-informed emergency response systems across a range of natural hazards," Ghattas added. ■

30 instruments stolen from school over summer break

Crowdfunding campaign underway to help replace guitars, ukuleles for Dublin Elementary students

By JUDE STRZEMP

Guitars and ukuleles worth a total of \$2,750 were stolen from Dublin Elementary School this summer, according to officials at the school district and police.

The theft was discovered Aug. 8, while the Dublin Elementary music education teacher was conducting an inventory of musical

instruments, Dublin Police Services Capt. Miguel Campos said.

Missing items included 25 Yamaha JR1 wood grain acoustic guitars, valued at \$100 each, and five Makala brand ukuleles, valued at \$50 each, Campos added.

The guitars were among the instruments used in the site's comprehensive elementary school music program

"At this time, there are no leads as to who may have been responsible for the theft," Campos said.

The stolen instruments were stored on the stage of the school's multipurpose room, which currently serves as the music classroom.

The items were last inventoried at the end of the school year in June, Campos said.

A door was left unlocked in

an area under construction and renovation, so nothing was broken to gain access to the instruments, Dublin Unified School District spokesperson Chip Dehnert said.

On Monday, a GoFundMe campaign was launched to help Dublin Elementary replace the stolen guitars. Aimed at collecting \$5,000, the fundraiser has

garnered \$3,595 as of Wednesday morning.

"Dublin Elementary has a very accomplished and creative music teacher," Dehnert said of instructor TJ Jones-Heintz. "I do not doubt that she will find ways to fill the gaps in her program and provide her students with an enriching musical experience until the stolen instruments are replaced." ■

Construction begins on Springtown Open Space

Community park and disc golf course in Livermore expected to be finished in a year

By JUDE STRZEMP

Construction is underway on the Springtown Community Park and an 18-hole disc golf course in northeast Livermore, city officials announced on social media this week.

Located next to the Springtown Branch Library, the 6.8-acre park is set to include a shaded playground, sports fitness area, plaza and picnic area as well as pedestrian and bicycle paths, city officials wrote.

Construction of the community park and disc golf course marks the onset of Phase 1 of the city's overall Springtown Open Space project.

Construction of this phase is expected to reach completion by early September 2026, costing an estimated \$9,617,455, city officials confirmed.

"Looking forward to this new gathering space!" city officials wrote in their Aug. 19 social media post.

Construction of Phase 1 began on Aug. 15, with initial work preparing for upcoming grading, including erosion control, according



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A rendering of the future Springtown Community Park shows one of its planned shade structures.

to the city website.

Work is being completed by Livermore-based GradeTech Inc., which was awarded the construction contract July 28 by Livermore City Council.

Trails by the Springtown Community Park footprint are closed for the duration of

construction and pedestrians will be detoured around the construction site, city officials said.

According to the city's website, project funding is available through park fees (\$9,397,455) and Measure BB (\$220,000).

Previously, the 85-acre project site served as a nine-hole golf

course, the city website states. After its closure in 2015, the city began the process of converting it to open space.

The property is protected as open space by Measure FF, approved by voters in the 2016 general election. The area is preserved exclusively for recreation, conservation and scenic uses. The measure also stipulates that any future change to the open space designation would require a vote by residents.

The process of community engagement regarding Springtown Open Space began in 2016.

During 2017 Livermore City Council adopted the Springtown Open Space plan, which the city created with Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

The concept plan included playgrounds, on-site parking, restrooms, shade structures, a nine-hole disc golf course, a dog park, sports courts — for bocce, pickleball and basketball — and community gardens, among other amenities.

But the city froze the plan, due to a lack of funding available at the time.

More recently at the Dec. 3, 2024 Livermore Planning Commission meeting, the commissioners approved the proposed Springtown Community Park and disc golf course with the addition of traffic calming measures along nearby Bluebell Drive. The commissioners removed pickleball courts proposed in Marlin Pound Neighborhood Park from the project scope, given resident concerns regarding associated noise.

Staff at the city and park operator LARPD do not have plans to introduce changes to Marlin Pound at this time, according to city officials.

As for other project phases, the city is considering additional improvements around the Springtown Open Space area, city officials said. Specifics will be developed through a public outreach effort, officials added.

Updates on the project's progress and timeline are available on the city's website. ■

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with the facility.

The consultant group specializes in cemetery management, business planning, operations, sales and anything else involving cemeteries.

Heidi Murphy, the city's director of library and recreation services, and her team have also spent the last couple of years looking at the cemetery from an organization standpoint and evaluating different ways to better run the facility, which operates with a significant deficit every year.

According to last week's presentation, in 2024 the cemetery made about \$200,000 in revenues generated from both casket sales and cremation services. However, 60% of all sales were cremation services. In the same year, expenses for the facility totaled around \$350,000.

About \$300,000 of those expenses

went to paying contractors that took care of maintaining the cemetery and carrying out the actual burial services.

After looking at the cemetery's spending and operations, Stephanie Sloane — a representative from the consultant group — advised the council of staff's recommendation for the cemetery's operations moving forward: transitioning the facility into a community amenity service model.

"I think we're bringing you a steady march forward of here are some significant improvements you can make over the next three years or so to get to a point where you are not losing money and subsidizing this," Sloane said. "Once you've course corrected and right-sized, you can look at what's the path forward for trying to create that long-term preservation strategy knowing that you do run out

of space in a cemetery."

Some of the significant improvements that were eventually approved by the majority council vote includes pausing new casketed burial sales, maintaining one to two cremation lot sales per month, limiting contract costs by having library and recreation staff take over administrative tasks regarding the cemetery and aligning partnership contracts with fiscal goals, all while continuing to provide core cemetery services such as maintenance of the facility.

She said specifically, the city is paying too much for contractors and that the city is losing around \$100,000 a year for redundant services. She also said cremation has been trending as the more popular type of service compared to casket burials.

Sloane said transitioning the cemetery operations to a community-centered, cost-efficient amenity by bringing in more volunteers to help — similar to the library — and looking at partnerships to engage with the community, along with prioritizing services like cremation, will help ensure fiscal sustainability in the future.

"Because the expense side is so high right now, it's really hard to recommend for you guys to continue growing those obligations without an efficient way of delivering the services," Sloane said in regard to staff's recommendation to pause new casket sales.

Maintenance of the facility will still need to be contracted out, Sloane said, but other recommendations for the cemetery included looking at planting more native landscaping in order to save money on irrigation.

Through all of this work, the goal is also to improve the overall aesthetic of the cemetery, which for many on the council and residents in attendance, was a major point of concern.

Each of the council members had many things to say during last week's discussion, including Julie Testa asking if there are interested congregations who might want to buy the cemetery from the city — Sloane said there has not been any interest — and Craig Eicher wanting to maintain the current service model because of how much the city spends on its other parks.

Both voted against staff's recommendations, but Testa voted no because she said she wanted to pause the discussion so that staff could continue evaluating other options because she could not fully support any of the ideas brought forth

during the meeting.

While she disagreed with Eicher's push to maintain the current model, she also thought the community needs to step up in order to continue having assets such as the cemetery.

"We can't keep operating it at the loss that it currently is when we're eliminating other valuable community assets," Testa said. "I'd like to find a way to keep it but we have to work harder at doing that."

However, Councilmember Matt Gaidos along with Vice Mayor Jeff Nibert both supported the motion to approve staff's recommendations. Balch also voted to approve the resolution, adding that he would like to see staff work with veterans — some of whom spoke during the meeting — and cemetery staff as the facility works on making the changes outlined by city staff. ■



JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council voted last week to temporarily pause new casket burial services at Pioneer Cemetery and only offer cremation services.

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LVJUSD admin changes for 2025-26 school year

New principals at Mendenhall and Del Valle/Vineyard among staffing changes

By JUDE STRZEMP

Administration at select school sites in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District have undergone some changes for the 2025-26 school year.

Sites with new leadership include William Mendenhall Middle School, the Del Valle Continuation High School and Vineyard Alternative School campus, Junction Avenue TK-8 School and Christensen Middle School.

Among the changes, Erik Taylor is the new principal of the Del Valle and Vineyard Alternative campus after serving as principal at Mendenhall. Taylor had previously served at the helm of Del Valle Continuation High School,



Erik Taylor



Garrett Fitch



Tara Rodrigues

according to the Mendenhall website.

The position at the Del Valle and Vineyard Alternative campus was vacated by Tammy Rankin, who resigned at the end of last school year, according to district officials.

In Taylor's absence, Garrett Fitch assumed the helm at Mendenhall on July 1. Fitch had previously

served as the school's vice principal beginning summer of 2023.

"Honestly, this is such a blessing," Fitch said of his promotion. "I am looking forward to the challenge and am so excited to continue the work we already started here at MMS. This is an incredible place with amazing staff, students and parents."

Taking over for Fitch as vice principal at Mendenhall was Tara Rodrigues, a former school counselor in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District who

worked at the middle school level for 12 years.

Rodrigues holds a bachelor's degree in communications and a master's degree in education. She also holds a pupil personnel services credential as well as an administrative services credential.

Rodrigues was the district's only new hire at the site administration level for this school year, according to district officials.

"Things are off to a great start and I can't wait to see what the year holds," Rodrigues told Livermore Vine since officially beginning her role July 1.

"I'm really looking forward to working together to make school a positive place for everyone — and I'm so excited to be part of the

Mendenhall family," Rodrigues added.

Also at the level of vice principal, LVJUSD cut one of the two posts at Junction for the 2025-26 school year as part of budget reductions, according to district officials.

As a result of the cut, former Junction vice principal Lauren Shiffrin-Chi transitioned to vice principal at Christensen.

The previous vice principal at Christensen, Janine Mains, was bumped from the role and became a teacher on special assignment due to the reduction and seniority, according to district officials. Mains had stepped up as vice principal at Christensen for the 2024-25 school year. ■

EBRPD Police Department fills all sworn positions

Faster response times and greater community presence among benefits of full crew

By JUDE STRZEMP

The East Bay Regional Park District Police Department has reached full staffing levels at the sworn police officer rank for the first time in over 18 years, park district officials announced in a statement this month.

The achievement is particularly significant as approximately 15-25% of officer positions at police agencies on the West Coast were vacant in 2024, according to data published last year by RespondCapture, a technology firm that assists law enforcement

agencies with recruitment strategies. Nationwide, the average vacancy rate last year was 10%-15%, according to the RespondCapture website.

Filling all 76 sworn officer positions displays EBRPD's success in attracting officers who are drawn to its mission, supportive culture and opportunities to protect both people and natural spaces, according to park district officials.

"Full staffing means more proactive patrols, faster response times, greater community presence and an even higher level of service for park visitors," EBRPD Police Department Chief Roberto Filice said in a statement. "It also means our officers enjoy a supportive team environment, exceptional training and the satisfaction of serving in one of the most beautiful regions in

the country."

Since 2022, the department has made targeted investments in its recruitment efforts, park district officials said.

"Filling vacancies has always been — and will always be — a priority, but it's even more important to find the right people," Filice said. "We look for officers who share our values, are dedicated to keeping our parks and communities safe and are committed to fostering positive relationships with park visitors."

Recruitment efforts have included creating a sergeant role focused solely on attracting top talent, outreach to police academies, collaboration with training agencies as well as participation in job fairs and community engagement events like National Night Out, according to

EBRPD officials.

"Reaching full staffing in law enforcement is a remarkable milestone," EBRPD General Manager Sabrina Landreth said. "It reflects the dedication of our recruitment and retention teams, the appeal of our mission and the leadership of Chief Roberto Filice."

The police department is responsible for a range of services including emergency response, criminal investigations, aerial support and interagency mutual aid across 73 regional parks, 55 miles of shoreline and over 1,330 miles of trails. Additionally, the department provides contracted policing for East Bay Municipal Utility District recreation areas, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission watershed lands in the East Bay and several state-owned parks. ■

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Visiting with Frankie in France: Our Tri-Valley Foodist Deborah Grossman took the May 4 Weekly with her cover story on the Pleasanton Farmers Market to the Côte d'Azur a few weeks later. In a sidebar to the story, Deborah wrote about buying Nina chocolate cookies from Feel Good Bakery for her neighbor who was pregnant and craved chocolate. Her friend and former neighbor, Frankie Brooks, who now lives in Chamonix-Mont Blanc, France, drove down and took her to Sainte Maxine and later, across the bay to San Tropez.



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Grass fire at Camp Parks contained at 118 acres

Fast-spreading blaze that broke out last Friday afternoon subdued in multi-agency effort

By JEANITA LYMAN

The Tri-Valley's largest fire of the year was declared 100% contained this weekend without any damage to neighboring structures or residents thanks to the coordinated efforts of fire agencies from across the region.

The Parks Fire broke out at the Camp Parks army base near the border of San Ramon and Dublin Friday afternoon, ballooning quickly from one acre to a peak of 118 acres within less than two hours.

Crews from the Camp Parks fire department, Cal Fire, SRVFPD, ACFD, Con Fire, and LPPFD converged for the coordinated effort near Dougherty and Fall Creek road, stopping forward progress of the fire by that evening and successfully controlling it by late Saturday morning.

"The fire, which ignited yesterday, burned exclusively within the installation's training area on the northern portion of the base," officials with Camp Parks said in an announcement Saturday evening. "No buildings, structures, or essential infrastructure were damaged. There were no reported injuries to military personnel or civilians."

While the initial fire was resolved without further incident beyond the 118 acres of grassland it burned, the dramatic plumes of smoke that were visible from throughout the Tri-Valley Friday afternoon and evening served as a stark reminder to the community about how quickly a vegetation fire can start and spread in the dry grasslands in the late summer heat.

The Parks Fire was the first of the

year to exceed more than 100 acres in the Tri-Valley, according to data from Cal Fire, and the only one to have

'The fire burned exclusively within the installation's training area on the northern portion of the base.'

Camp Parks officials

posed a major threat to well-populated areas. It was the second largest fire of the year in all of Alameda County, behind the 261-acre Midway Fire east of Livermore that started May 22.

The cause of the Parks Fire remains under investigation, officials said. ■



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An SRVFPD firefighter looks on at the nearby Parks Fire on Aug. 23.

Livermore ready for annual Community Service Day

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore residents seeking opportunities to give back and beautify their community can participate in this year's Community Service Day.

The annual collaborative initiative is a partnership between the city of Livermore, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. This year's event is set for Sept. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to an announcement from the city.

"Community Service Day is a true celebration of what makes Livermore so special," Mayor John Marchand said. "This cherished annual event provides an opportunity for residents to come together and create a visible, positive impact on the city we all love. I invite everyone — from new neighbors to long-time residents — to join us, get their hands dirty, and

experience the power of community in action."

Volunteers have the chance to select from a variety of projects throughout the city, including park clean-ups, fence painting, plantings and other beautification efforts. All skill levels are welcome, city officials said.

The day will begin with volunteers working on project sites from 8-11:30 a.m. Following the morning's work, volunteers are invited to gather for a celebratory event at Las Positas College from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. where a complimentary lunch will be served.

There are 26 volunteer sites spread out across the city for people to choose from, including planting and spreading mulch at the Rincon and Civic Center libraries and at City Hall, among other locations. There are also a number of parks on the list such as Sycamore Grove, Hagemann Ranch and Robertson Park.

Christensen Middle School, Joe Michell TK-8, Livermore High School and Junction Avenue TK-8 School are among the several public school campuses that will also welcome volunteers on Community Service Day.

Upgrade efforts at Junction have been ongoing since parents expressed concern to the district and school board earlier this year for the safety and well-being of their children on campus with severely aging facilities.

"The parents of Junction would like to invite all Community members to come on campus to work alongside us during Livermore's Community Service Day," Junction parent Tara Boyce said in a statement to Livermore Vine. "You will see first-hand our aging campus that needs significant improvements to buildings, recreation structures and grounds that only a bond passage can provide while helping beautify a piece of our campus to be used today."

With warm temperatures expected on Community Service Day, organizers recommend wearing sunscreen, hats, sunglasses and light-colored clothing. Bringing reusable water bottles is also encouraged.

Community members and businesses are urged to get involved in Community Service Day by sponsoring the event or nominating a project site. Individuals interested in volunteering or learning more can find more information and sign up online at www.LivermoreCA.gov/CSD. ■



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FOURTH YEAR ON VARSITY

Amador Valley standout Harrington reflects on football journey as senior season arrives



FREDDY ZAMORA

Anthony Harrington made many big catches for Amador Valley last season. He and the Dons hope to carry the momentum into their 2025 campaign.

BY DENNIS MILLER

It's been a blur for Anthony Harrington as he enters his senior year for the Amador Valley High School football team.

Much the same way Harrington has been a blur to opposing defenses throughout his four years on the Amador Valley varsity.

That's right, Harrington is entering his fourth year on the varsity for the Dons. Playing as a freshman on a varsity football team in the East Bay Athletic League is a rare accomplishment, but Harrington has done just that — and thrived.

Now on the verge of beginning his final and senior season, Harrington took some time to look back on the journey.

He had barely graduated from Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton when he was called up to the Amador varsity to provide badly needed depth for the Dons' defensive backfield.

It was a lot to digest.

"The speed was way different, the size was different, and I felt like I was getting dominated," said Harrington, who was 5-foot-7, 135 pounds at that point. "Being able to learn from them and to see how a varsity team worked — it was mind blowing."

He learned quickly.

"He was the next dude up in the entire program," Amador coach Danny Jones said of pulling Harrington up from the freshman

team. "Initially there were some size concerns, but within a week, he was starting at corner for us."

And he was opening the eyes of the coaching staff.

"It went from getting depth for defense to how do we get him the ball in the open field," Jones said.

Along the way that freshman year, among the teams he had to play against was traditional national powerhouse De La Salle.

"Oh my God — that was scary (stuff)," said Harrington about taking on De La Salle for the first time. "They were just different than other teams."

Harrington persevered throughout the year, including a lost fumble the first time he touched the ball on

offense, and by the end of the season, his path was defined.

"Yep, he fumbles on his very first offensive play, but by the end of the season, he was one of our best players," said Jones.

When the season ended, Harrington knew the mission was clear.

"It was a different feeling," he said about how he looked at being on the varsity. "I knew where I wanted to get to and how much work I had to do to get there. I wanted to be a dude at this program."

His role would be two-fold his sophomore season. Amador's new quarterback Tristan Ti'a had to sit the first five games after transferring from Granada, so the Dons' ability to get the ball down the field through the air was limited.

As a result, Harrington needed to contribute running the ball.

"I wanted to show what I was capable of," Harrington said. "I knew I could help the team with my feet."

Jones and his staff could see the maturation process.

"You could tell his body was getting bigger," Jones said. "He was getting thicker. He was just incredible in the open field that year. We needed him to move the ball on the ground."

Ti'a played the last three games, as the Dons took the EBAL Valley Division title at 4-0, and then they lost 41-14 to Pittsburg in the first round of the North Coast Section playoffs.

But the final three games of the season were a preview of what was coming next season for the duo of Ti'a and Harrington.

"Going into his junior year we knew he was our best player on the field," Jones said of Harrington.

"We had really high expectations for that season," Harrington added. "Tristan and I played on the same 7v7 team, helping us learn a lot there as we worked together."

One thing was clear: The Dons could put points on the board. Through the first three games in 2024, Harrington had already hauled in 19 passes, and it was obvious where the key was for the offense. "That connection they had was amazing," Jones said of Ti'a and Harrington. "They had their own hand signs like if the corner was playing soft."

Like for instance in a 48-12 win against crosstown rival Foothill, Jones sent in a play but when Harrington got to the line, he saw how the corner was lined up. He signaled Ti'a, the quarterback acknowledged, and the result was a 70-yard touchdown.

"They called that play — not me," said Jones, with a sense of astonishment and recognition of the way the two players communicated.

The numbers continued to build, and by the end of the season Harrington finished with 86 receptions for 1,503 yards and 11 touchdowns.



Harrington poses at practice this summer. He and the Dons hope to carry the talents to Idaho State in college.

Those numbers were among the leaders in California and set Amador Valley single-season and career receiving records.

Ti'a — now at Oregon State — finished with 3,758 passing yards, hitting on his passes at 75%, finishing with 32 touchdowns and only four interceptions. He added 871 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns.

But as good as the individual performances were, it was the team side that made Amador's season one to remember.



The Amador varsity coaching staff, led by



CHUCK DECKERT

The Amador senior is poised to take his

State Bowl playoffs, having to travel to West Oakland and McClymonds to play for a spot in the state title game.

“That was one for the books, that game,” Harrington said of the McClymonds game. “We were a little intimidated, but once we figured out they were like us, it was a hard-fought game.”

The Dons trailed 13-8 at the half but charged back in the second half, scoring 14 in the third quarter and 22 points in the fourth to win 44-33 and earn a spot to play for the state title.

That came seven days later when Amador faced Frontier (Bakersfield) in Long Beach. What happened next no one could see coming.

The day of the game, Harrington had a breakfast burrito at the team hotel, and it turned into a case of food poisoning.

“I felt so fatigued — all I could do was think, why is this happening,” Harrington said. “By the time the game started, nothing felt good — my adrenaline never kicked in. I went through three cans of air, and I threw up at halftime. I felt better in the second half but still never felt good.”

He still caught a second-half touchdown to pull the Dons within 18-14, but Frontier held on to win.

In an almost hard-to-believe move, Harrington battled through the illness without letting on to anyone outside of his family.

“He didn’t say a word until the bus ride home following the game,” Jones said. “He had food poisoning, was still able to catch a touchdown, and never said a word. What a stud — he’s just a special person.”

The season also put Harrington on the map of colleges — or at least should have. Now checking in at 5-foot-9, 175 pounds, Harrington did not fit the numbers most colleges look at. It wasn’t unexpected



FREDDY ZAMORA

Harrington turns upfield with the ball against Acalanes during the “Battle of the Dons” last season.

One year after winning the EBAL Valley title, the Dons went 1-2 in the insanely strong Mountain Division, with their losses coming to San Ramon Valley (29-28) and California (54-48, OT).

The competition made them sharp for the postseason.

The Dons were seeded No. 2 in the NCS Division II tournament and took the title with wins over Las Lomas, Windsor and Bishop O’Dowd.

That got them in the CIF 3-AA

for the rising senior.

“I always knew my size was going to be an issue,” Harrington said. “For me it was all about working hard — I knew because I was smaller, I had to work harder. My goal was always D-I. I sent out emails trying to build a connection.”

He got invited to some summer camps, one of which was Idaho State.

He made the trip to Pocatello, Idaho for the camp and showed the Bengals’ staff what the EBAL

already knew — Harrington is a special player.

“I went to their camp and balled out,” he said. “The coaches said they were going to talk at the end of camp. Later that night they called and offered me. It was a sense of relief — I knew I wanted to be there. I wanted to take the first offer because they saw something in me first.”

Jones was ecstatic.

“He came in as a 135-pound freshman and is now committed to

a D-I program,” Jones said. “I am so proud and happy for him.”

Now all that’s left is his senior year. With what Jones called the most talented junior class in his time with the Dons now back together as seniors, Harrington could put those school records he has in his back pocket out of reach.

“As a senior, I feel like this is my team — our team,” Harrington said. “Last year taught us what we have to do. It taught us how to fight through injuries to achieve our goals.” ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Danny Jones, get their team ready during pre-season training over the summer.



CHUCK DECKERT

With a strong crop of returning varsity players, the Dons have high expectations for the 2025 season in the competitive East Bay Athletic League.



Bagpipes, kilts, cabers and a castle

SCOTTISH GAMES AT FAIRGROUNDS THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

By CONNOR HUARD

One of California's longest-running sporting events returns for its 159th year this Labor Day weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco and founded in 1866, the Scottish Highland Gathering and Games predates the modern Olympic Games by 30 years.

This year's games has headline-making competition and brand-new attractions to bring in visitors. For the second time, the Caledonian Club will host the Women's Scottish Heavy Athletics World Championships. The competition, including hammer throws, caber tosses and weight-for-height events, brings together elite female athletes from around the globe.

"The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's annual Scottish Highland Gathering & Games has proudly hosted the U.S. Scottish Heavy Athletics

Championships since their inception in 1975," said William Hardie, chief of the club. "This year, we are especially delighted to additionally host the Women's World Scottish Heavy Athletics Championship, where some of the world's elite athletes will compete in all the traditional events, for the coveted title of World Champion."

"This year's competition features an exceptional lineup, including reigning five-time Women's World Champion Meagan McKee of San Jose, alongside elite athletes from the U.S., Canada, and Scotland," Hardie added.

Other festivities over the weekend will be featured on the six stages, including music from over 200 piping and drumming competitors, Celtic rock bands, Scottish folk musicians, and country dancing. Whisky tastings, Scotch eggs, fish and chips, meat pies, sausage rolls and more will also be part of the games.

"Beyond the music and sport, the

Games feature engaging exhibitions such as Living History reenactments, classic British cars, Birds of Prey and Celtic animals (including a Highland cow)," Hardie told the Pleasanton Weekly.

New this year is the games' castle facade and gate leading into the "Living History Exhibition". Modeled after Inverness Castle, where Shakespeare's Macbeth slew Duncan, the exhibition includes an immersive experience. Visitors can meet Mary, Queen of Scots, and even get knighted by the queen. 16th-century crafts, stamp collecting and military drills will also be part of the experience.

The games have always been a celebration of Scottish culture and history. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco is one of the oldest Scottish societies in the United States and the Highland Games is the oldest of its kind on this side of the Atlantic. This year's games will include 74 clans and Scottish societies, and will be visited by Andrew Carmichael, a representative of

the Honoured Clan Carmichael.

Longtime visitors of the Highland Games will get to experience once more the famous Kilted Mile Race, a foot-race along America's oldest one-mile horse track. New visitors should be eager to see it, as the games's Kilted Mile Race is the only of its kind in the United States. The sheepdog trials, which have been a Scottish Games mainstay since 1996, will also be occurring this year for anyone eager to watch their furry friends.

Both days of the games open and close with the Grandstand Show, featuring traditions, pageantry and entertainment as well as performances from the Massed Bands. The games will start at 8 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 30-31).

Following this year, the Scottish Games will continue to be hosted at the Alameda County Fairgrounds until at least 2029, under a recently signed agreement with the Caledonian Club. ■



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Scottish culture, past and present, will be on full display at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this Saturday and Sunday during the 159th Highland Gathering and Games.

Jason Alexander appearing in Livermore next week

'Seinfeld' alum opens 2025-26 Rae Dorough Speaker Series at Bankhead Theater

By JUDÉ STRZEMP

Award-winning actor and comedian Jason Alexander is making his way to the Bankhead Theater next week for an evening of conversation, quips and music.

Well-known for his role as George Costanza in the sitcom "Seinfeld", Alexander has also starred on Broadway and in films such as "Pretty Woman", "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" and "Shallow Hal".

The man of many talents is also a director, producer, writer, children's book author, award-winning magician, semi-pro poker player, and a social and political activist.

Everything — career and otherwise — is up for discussion in his show dubbed "As Long As You're Asking - A Conversation with Jason Alexander". The upcoming variation of this show features a moderated interview with Alexander and opportunities for the audience to ask questions of their own.

"What it is for me, more than anything else, is an opportunity to engage with people," Alexander told the Pleasanton Weekly in a recent interview. "If something I say is impactful to them, great. If something I say is entertaining to them, great. But it goes both ways. It really is, for me, a conversation."

Alexander envisioned the show about a decade ago, following feedback from his many keynote presentations.

Prior to each keynote, he recalls asking the invitees for direction on what to talk about.

"They just want to hear you speak..." Alexander remembers them saying, laughing at the recollection.

"...which is not even true in my own home," he quipped.

So Alexander would prepare material to talk about and orate a speech that he said typically landed well. However, in the receptions



ROBERT SUGUITAN / COURTESY LVA

Actor Jason Alexander headlined the Brilliance at the Bankhead gala in 2023. He will be back at the theater in downtown Livermore for a Q&A about his career on Sept. 5, as part of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series.

that followed, he remembers audience members asking for additional material.

In response, he compiled common requests and questions into a list, which he typically distributes to audience members during non-moderated shows.

"That way, if it goes really well, I was very good — and if it goes badly, you picked the wrong things," Alexander jokes to audiences. "But at least I won't be blamed."

While this version of the show is moderated, the audience will still have opportunities to ask questions of Alexander.

During the moderated section of the evening, Alexander is set to talk about his Broadway and theater influence, his time directing and producing, "Seinfeld" and possibly some personal interests, according to Livermore Valley Arts spokesperson Ruth Egberman.

As for the specific kind of comedy and music to expect at the show, Egberman said, "You will need a ticket to find out."

Where the onstage storytelling

begins is yet to be seen, but Alexander grew up in New Jersey with dreams of becoming a magician and Broadway actor.

He started performing during his youth in school and community theater, where he said he found a sense of community.

Given two working parents and half-siblings who were much older than himself, Alexander described himself as a latchkey kid.

"I was not a sports kid. I was not a popular kid and I didn't have my thing — I didn't have my community," he said. "When I got pulled into my first theater production in a school, that group of kids were my people. I clicked with them."

Also interested in magic, Alexander was enamored to discover that theater was its own illusion.

It was the early 1970s and 12-year-old Alexander was watching a preview of "Pippin" the musical.

"Oh my god, it's all an illusion — nothing up there is real," Alexander recalls thinking.

Nobody onstage is who they say they are, nor things the way they

should be, he added.

"But look how this audience is so willing to embrace that illusion and look how this illusion actually excites them or affects them more than any magic trick I could ever do," Alexander said. "Once I made that equation, that theater is an illusion, and it's an illusion I do with people that I really like and enjoy ... that was it."

At 14 years old, the young actor took part in a pilot episode for a TV show. This opportunity arose out of his participation in a children's theater group.

The pilot aired in New York on a Sunday morning and as part of the job, Alexander joined his first actors' union. Out of the experience, Alexander also got an agent.

Still in his mid-teens, Alexander acted in commercials, which he said was a great experience.

While in college, the theater major was cast in his first Broadway show and film.

In theater, you know on a daily basis how you are impacting your audience, he said. But it wasn't until

the success of the sitcom "Seinfeld" in the '90s that Alexander began receiving different feedback from people.

Well into "Seinfeld", he started receiving comments that the show and his work on it helped people through hardships, like losing children or parents, illness and layoffs, he said.

"When I started hearing that, I allowed myself the possibility that what I was doing might be of service to other people, as opposed to just this fun thing I get to do to make a living — that it actually has a place in the world in a more meaningful way," Alexander said.

In addition to his work on stage and screen, Alexander also participates in social and political activism.

He makes a point of taking care of the people in his many communities, whether friends, family, neighbors or working groups, he said.

"The community that I work with is large and diverse and within it are several kinds of communities that I am not necessarily part of. The LGBTQ community, none of those letters apply to me, but those are my friends and colleagues and so they are part of my community and so my activism extends to them," Alexander said.

Additionally, he extends support to those with chronic health conditions during a time when "health care is not coming through," he said.

"If everyone of us was able to participate in the healing of their personal communities, that, I think would cover the broad spectrum of social and political life," Alexander added.

"As Long As You're Asking - A Conversation with Jason Alexander" is set to begin at 8 p.m. next Friday (Sept. 5). The show is hosted as part of LVA's longstanding Rae Dorough Speaker Series.

A return engagement in Livermore for Alexander, who headlined the Brilliance at the Bankhead gala in 2023, tickets and more information are available at livermorearts.org. ■

Museum highlights haunted history at Ghost Walks

Popular program for spooky season runs two weekends in October

By JEREMY WALSH

The Museum on Main is again helping the "spirits of Pleasanton past come alive" on the doorstep of Halloween as the nonprofit's popular Ghost Walks return downtown this fall.

Tickets are on sale now for the usually sold-out program that offers two-hour guided tours of haunted sites along Main Street on four nights in mid-October — a family-friendly affair that encourages patrons to don their favorite costumes and bring their open minds.

"The Ghost Walk at Museum on Main is a Halloween tradition in Pleasanton and is a fun way to

explore Pleasanton's history through its ghosts," Peter Wallis, director of education at the museum, said in a press release this month.

"This walk brings stories and experiences collected and documented from locals over the years. It is a great way to experience a unique tour that integrates history into an event that is sure to get you into the Halloween spirit," Wallis added.

The Ghost Walks will be held on Oct. 10, 11, 17 and 18, with tours leaving the historic museum at 603 Main St. every 30 minutes from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Led by a "ghost host" equipped with a K2 electromagnetic field meter, each tour will stop at nine haunted

locations throughout downtown.

The stops will see actors, including young performers from the city's Creature of Impulse teen improv troupe, portraying various ghosts of Pleasanton to bring the stories and local history to life.

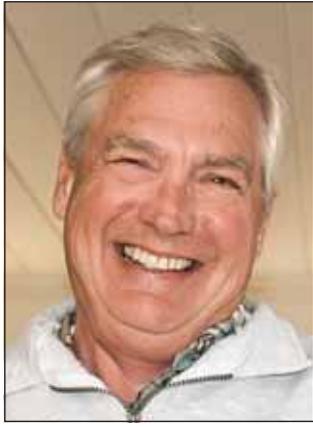
The Ghost Walks are held rain or shine, so attendees are urged to dress appropriately for that night's climate. Many tour stops are outdoors but some are inside the haunted buildings, and multiple locations may require the use of stairs to access the ghosts, organizers noted.

For tickets and more information, go to museumonmain.org or call 925-462-2766. ■



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

Cynthia Lagodzinski as Gertrude Ellis, the spirit at the Rose Hotel, during a Ghost Walk tour hosted by Pleasanton's Museum on Main.



Thomas Clayton Tucker

April 17, 1941 – August 13, 2025

Thomas Clayton Tucker, 84, passed away peacefully on August 13, 2025, in Pleasanton, California. Born on April 17, 1941, in Norwalk, Ohio, to parents Paul and Katharine, Tom lived a life marked by dedication to his family, his community, and the field of healthcare.

Tom began his professional journey with Grace Memorial Hospital in Detroit, Michigan and went on to play a pivotal role in shaping healthcare delivery in California. He contributed to the development of Prepaid Health Plans for the State of California and later served as IT Director at San Francisco General Hospital. His career culminated in his work as an independent hospital and healthcare professional with Computer Synergy Inc., where he continued to impact lives through innovation and leadership.

A proud veteran of the United States Coast Guard, Tom was honorably discharged in 1965. His service reflected the same values that would define his life: commitment, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Tom was known for his love of boating. As captain of his cherished vessel “One Love”, he found joy navigating waters and sharing that passion with his many friends. In 1999, he was honored to serve as Commodore of the Diablo Yacht Club — a testament to both his seamanship and leadership within the boating community.

Tom was a volunteer with Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Valley Humane Society’s Canine Comfort Program. He was very proud to support the opportunities created by these organizations to provide people with an opportunity to experience the unconditional love of an animal.

Family was at the heart of everything Tom did. He was a beloved father to Randol Tucker (Kathy), Brian Tucker (Areli), Todd Tucker (Melissa), and daughter-in-law Jennifer. He also held close the memory of his late son Bradley Tucker. Tom’s legacy continues through his grandchildren — Clayton (Jessica), Haley, Logan, Zachary, Danny, Lexi, Nicholas (Lauren), Blake, Lluñuel, Diana, Brendan, Daniel, Morgan, Noah, Zoe, Cameron, and Alice — and great-grandchildren Anthony, Bella, Logan, Brodie, Charlotte, Conner, Tristan, and Judah. He is also remembered by his brother Dennis Tucker (Ellen), while holding dear the memory of his late brother Terry Tucker.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years Joann Tucker. Together they built a life rooted in love and mutual devotion — a foundation that continues to support their family today.

Tom’s home was always filled with warmth and laughter — often shared with Kiwi the dog by his side — and he found immense joy in spending time with those he loved most. A passionate genealogist, a proud Descendant of the Mayflower, as well as a devoted patriarch of a large and loving family, Tom dedicated himself fully to preserving family history while creating new memories for future generations.

Those who knew Tom remember him as selfless and caring — a man whose kindness touched countless lives. His presence brought comfort; his wisdom offered guidance; and his love left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege to know him.

A memorial service celebrating Tom’s life will be held on August 31 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary Chapel in Pleasanton. Family and friends are welcome to gather at 10:00am. Funeral service at 11:00am.

May Thomas Clayton Tucker’s memory bring peace to those who mourn him and inspiration to all who carry forward the values he so deeply embodied.

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE BULLETIN

DA drops charges against most jail staff in death of inmate

Alameda County District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson dropped all charges last week against most of the 11 Santa Rita Jail guards and staff accused in the 2021 death of inmate Maurice Monk.

Dickson said she will still prosecute three of the defendants — two Alameda County sheriff’s deputies, Donall Rowe and Robin Hayer, and one former deputy, Thomas Mowrer — who are all facing one count each of dependent adult abuse.

Hayer, also known as Robinderpal Singh Hayer, is also charged with falsification of an official document.

Dickson said that after she took office in February, she ordered a review of the Monk case, which was originally charged by her predecessor Pamela Price, who was ousted in a recall election last year.

“The question that had to be answered by the district attorney’s office is whether the actions of each of the eleven defendants who were previously charged caused them to be criminally culpable,” Dickson said in an emailed statement Aug. 21.

“After a comprehensive review of all the evidence, we have determined that the answer to that question is yes, as to three defendants,” she said. “The DA’s office will vigorously pursue justice on behalf of Mr. Monk and his family as we prosecute this case.”

Dickson’s decision isn’t sitting well with Monk’s family, who issued a statement through their lawyer saying they were disappointed.

“It has been nearly four years since Mr. Monk’s deteriorating medical condition was ignored, causing his death, when all that the guards and the jail’s medical contractors needed to do was their jobs, and to consider Mr. Monk as someone whose life was valuable,” attorney Adante Pointer said.

“Santa Rita’s guards and the medical staff from Wellpath all failed to do that, and in their ability to even view Mr. Monk as a human who was suffering,” Pointer said.

The 45-year-old Monk died in his cell in November 2021 and was found in a pool of bodily fluids after being dead for about three days.

Guards allegedly ignored his condition even as meals delivered to him piled up uneaten and Wellpath nurses allegedly just tossed his medications into the cell, according to civil lawsuits filed against the county and the health care company.

Monk was being treated for diabetes and schizophrenia at the time and was in jail for about a month prior to his death.

He had been arrested on suspicion

of disorderly conduct for allegedly refusing to get off an Alameda-Contra Costa Transit bus and failing to appear on a misdemeanor warrant for another alleged altercation on a bus.

In 2023, Alameda County agreed to a \$7 million settlement with Monk’s family, an agreement that also requires the Sheriff’s Office to improve the ways in which it conducts observation checks on inmates.

In June, Wellpath, the company responsible for medical care at Santa Rita Jail, settled a \$2.5 million federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Monk’s family.

Of the original criminal defendants, eight are now off the hook: sheriff’s deputies Ross Ohalloran Burrue, Andre Gaston, Syear Osmani and Mateusz Laszuk, former deputy Troy Hershel White, Alameda County Behavioral Health Dr. Neal Edwards and Wellpath nurse David Everett Donoho.

— Kiley Russell, Bay City News

Man sentenced in murder-for-hire plot

A Manteca man who pleaded guilty to a murder-for-hire scheme was sentenced to nine years in federal prison, U.S. Attorney Eric Grant announced.

In January, Jagninder Singh Boparai, 48, admitted to conspiring with two men — Ramesh Kumar Birla Jr., 45, from Dublin, who has not yet entered a plea deal, and Shaminderjit Singh Sandhu, 51, from Tracy, who pleaded guilty in July — to murder someone referred to as “Victim 2” in court documents, according to prosecutors.

In February 2023, Boparai met with a person he believed to be a hitman at a Starbucks in Manteca who was actually an undercover FBI agent, prosecutors said.

Boparai told the supposed hitman that the first job involved the assault of “Victim 1”, and “once he proved his trustworthiness, he would be given another job”.

The following day, Boparai met the confidential informant again and offered to pay \$6,000 for the assault of Victim 1. In March 2023, allegedly in the presence of Birla and another person, Boparai met with the confidential informant, and Boparai gave the undercover agent \$1,000 as a down payment for the assault.

The confidential informant later showed Boparai a staged photo of Victim 1 laying on the ground covered in bruises, dirt, and blood to indicate the assault had occurred. Boparai said he liked the photo and told the confidential informant that he had two other “jobs,” one of which involved robbing a business, and the other involved making a person “disappear”, prosecutors said.

According to court documents, in March 2023, Boparai met with the confidential informant to pay

them \$10,000 as a down payment for the murder of Victim 2. Sandhu provided Victim 2’s address, and Boparai instructed the confidential informant that Victim 2 must “disappear without any evidence remaining,” the DOJ said.

Boparai then allegedly made two calls to Birla asking for Victim 2’s Facebook profile, which he showed to the undercover agent.

On March 24, 2023, Sandhu met with the confidential informant in a parking lot in Manteca. Sandhu claimed that Boparai was out of town, but Boparai was observed by surveillance remaining in a car in the same parking lot, according to prosecutors. Sandhu allegedly instructed the confidential informant to kill Victim 2 and take Victim 2’s remains to Mexico in a suitcase. Birla was allegedly involved in this as well.

All three defendants were arrested on March 31, 2023, and are currently in federal custody. Each faces the same penalties as Boparai, the DOJ said.

— Katy St. Clair, Bay City News

Shoplifting arrests

The Livermore Police Department apprehended two people last week for theft-related charges, recovering over \$2,000 worth of stolen property in their possession, officials said.

On Aug. 21 at approximately 3:30 p.m., LPD responded to an in-progress shoplifting at the Ross store on West Jack London Boulevard.

Officers contacted the first suspect, a 23-year-old Fremont man, as he exited the store with stolen merchandise, according to LPD officials. A second suspect, a 23-year-old female, was found hiding in a clothing rack, police said.

In the suspects’ vehicle, officers allegedly found additional stolen property in plain sight.

Investigators determined that the pair had also allegedly stolen items earlier that day from the Ross on Las Positas Road.

The suspects were booked into Santa Rita Jail and recovered merchandise was returned to the stores, according to police.

— Jude Strzemp

Stolen shoes and clothes

California Highway Patrol officers arrested a driver on suspicion of felony grand theft after a traffic stop in Pleasanton this month.

The arrest followed a traffic stop at 10:51 p.m. Aug. 15 on northbound Interstate 680 south of Stoneridge Drive for a routine traffic violation. During the stop, officers observed a large quantity of new clothing — including Nike and Adidas merchandise with security tags still attached — and containers of laundry detergent in the vehicle, the CHP said.

The name of the driver who was arrested has not been released. ■

— Bay City News Service

By JUDY LLOYD

Lawmakers must prioritize health care affordability

Small and mid-sized businesses are the backbone of the Bay Area economy. From local restaurants and tech startups to home health providers and construction firms, these businesses create jobs, fuel innovation and strengthen our communities.

A big part of that commitment includes offering health care coverage to employees — a benefit that helps businesses attract and retain talent, support employee well-being and give families peace of mind.

But that coverage is under threat. Right now, state lawmakers are advancing a series of proposals that would drive up health care costs for California employers. Between costly new health care mandates and the state's proposed expansion of Essential Health Benefits (EHBs), businesses are facing nearly \$1 billion

in higher premium costs. While these well-intentioned proposals may expand access on paper, in practice, they risk pricing employers out of the ability to offer health care coverage to their employees altogether.

For small businesses, those added costs don't just disappear. They show up in higher monthly premiums, larger deductibles and steeper out-of-pocket expenses.

In reality, many employers may be forced to delay hiring, scale back benefits or stop offering health care coverage completely.

That's bad news for workers. Here in the Bay Area, where the

cost of living is already sky-high, employer-sponsored health care is one of the few ways families can afford the care they need. If employers can't afford to provide coverage, it becomes much more difficult for workers to afford access to preventive care, chronic disease management and maintain the kind of stability that keeps families healthy and financially secure.

The root of the problem is simple: there's too little focus on affordability.



Lawmakers are moving forward with new health coverage mandates, often without fully considering their costs and impact.

Each mandate may sound reasonable in isolation, but their combined effect adds up quickly. For small businesses, the financial pressure becomes unsustainable.

Small and mid-sized businesses can't just absorb major cost increases year after year. And yet, they're the ones who will be squeezed the hardest by these proposals.

If we're serious about expanding access to care, we need to get serious about keeping it affordable. The solution lies in policymakers having the

stomach to oppose all new health care mandates which impact businesses.

Business leaders across the state have come together to form the California Businesses for Affordable Health Care coalition. I am a member. The coalition urges lawmakers to listen to the voices of employers who are doing everything they can to support their workforce, and asking them to stop advancing policies that make it harder for them to do so.

We all want a healthier California, but mandates that push health care out of reach won't get us there.

It's time for lawmakers to put affordability and jobs first. ■

Editor's note: Judy Lloyd, founder and president of Altamont Communications Strategies, is a small business owner in Danville who serves on the California Leadership Council for the National Federation of Independent Business. She is a coalition partner with California Businesses for Affordable Health Care.

LETTERS

Don't rename Happy Valley

Regarding Gina Piper's opinion to change the name of Happy Valley to Equestrian Estates, I would like to say that actually having grown up on Happy Valley Road, I find this offensive. I love the name and I am sure there are many others that do also. Even the nickname Chicken Alley brings many fond memories.

If you ask me, I actually find the name Equestrian Estates a little bit uppity. Hopefully this never happens.

— Shirley Martin

Rebuttal to 'Beware those selling heritage'

The Aug. 8 article "Beware those selling heritage" reads like a Marxist playbook — portraying heritage as a manipulated fantasy. That distorted view ignores what commonsense Americans know: Our heritage is made up of both triumphs and failures, and together they form the backbone of our city, state and national identity.

No honest American claims that our past is flawless. But instead of tearing down monuments, erasing traditions or rewriting the past to suit an agenda, we should preserve the truth — the good and the bad — so future generations can learn from it. Cancel culture, rooted in Marxist ideology, seeks to replace our genuine history with a politically altered version designed to undermine our shared values.

Our heritage is more than a "curated narrative". It is the legacy of hard work, sacrifice and moral principles handed down from our ancestors — principles that continue to guide us today. Erasing or distorting that legacy does not make us stronger; it makes us weak and easier to control.

Americans must reject any attempt to recast our history in service of ideology. We should take pride in our heritage, honor our traditions and keep them alive for generations to come. The truth — our full, unvarnished history — belongs to the people, not to those who would rewrite it for political gain.

People who forget their heritage lose their identity.

A nation that erases its past has no future.

Our history is not for sale — and it will not be stolen.

— David Ott

PG&E outages

It was interesting to read that the recent outages in Pleasanton were the result of a "breaker-level outage". I received a voicemail message from PG&E on Aug. 11 that their team believed the outages were caused by birds. It would be nice if their story was at least consistent.

— Paul Luce

Fun time at Brilliance

We had a great time at the Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala event Saturday night! It was a privilege to attend and can't thank Embarcadero Media Foundation / Pleasanton Weekly enough for the tickets!

It was a perfect night to be dining alfresco on a delicious meal listening to the very talented East Bay Jazz High School All-Star ensemble (one of the causes we donated to). Perusing the silent and live auction items, I think that a couple hundred thousand dollars were raised! There were two \$25,000 donations and some live auction items raised tens of thousands of dollars.

After a decadent dessert / intermission LeAnn Rimes performed, backed by her trio and the Livermore-Amador Symphony. She

has a beautiful and powerful voice that filled the Bankhead with joy and hope. The audience loved her (especially the very vocal fans behind us!).

This event got me thinking about the Firehouse Arts Center and Embarcadero Media. Both are also very worthy causes that if you could get people out and together maybe the generosity would also flow! I know that in today's world there is so much uncertainty and unknowns ahead but deep down people really care (and can be very generous).

Thanks again for a wonderful evening,

— Rick and Kathy Schneider

Appreciation for Nibert

Councilman Jeff Nibert's recent letter, "The public servant as trustee" (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 15, 2025), offered a thoughtful explanation of the trustee model of representation.

He explained while community input is essential, our elected officials are also called on to use their own judgment and experience to make decisions they believe will best serve the future of Pleasanton — even when those decisions are not the most popular today.

This helps remind us of the principles guiding our local government. I appreciate Councilman Nibert taking the time to share these reflections.

— Jeff Safire

Our founding fathers' view

A response to Jeff Nibert's statement: "This is how the founding fathers envisioned our republic."

The founding fathers were far

from eager tax-raisers — they were cautious, principled, and deeply skeptical of taxation, especially the kind that felt arbitrary or unfair.

"No taxation without representation" was the rallying cry of the revolution. They saw taxation as a tool of tyranny when imposed without consent. The constitution gave congress broad powers to tax, but with checks, taxes had to be uniform to voluntary transactions, and serve the public good.

Indirect taxes like tariffs, duties and excises were preferred. These were seen as fair because they applied voluntary transactions. Internal taxes (like those on property or income) were frowned upon.

The founding fathers explicitly rejected income taxes. It was not even considered in the constitution because most people did not earn wages in the modern sense. When a progressive income tax was introduced during the Civil War, it was repealed soon after.

The Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 was a direct response to a federal excise tax on distilled spirits. It showed how sensitive Americans were to federal taxation — even under Washington leadership.

Raising taxes, be it sales tax, (Measure PP) was misrepresented with its insertion on the ballot. The voters said as much. Jeff Nibert, move on. Property tax on the other hand is a class conflict between renters and property owners. Renters may see a minor increase in their monthly rent over several years. Property owners pay the full amount yearly.

— Michael Austin

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Dublin's Guy Houston wins GM of the Year

'2025 was the year of the Leprechauns in the Pecos League on and off the field'

I have known Guy Houston for roughly 55 years, as we have been teammates, opponents and most importantly friends for most of our lives.

So, when Houston got hold of me a few years back to tell me of his involvement with the Dublin Leprechauns baseball team, a member of the independent Pecos League, I knew what to expect.

Since I have known Houston, he has been the kind of guy who could sell ice cubes to Eskimos. In other words, he doesn't shy away from tough situations — he embraces them.

Instead of conceding defeat, he finds the way to make things work. He never asks why but rather, what if we did this.

Two years ago, when the Leprechauns made their debut, they finished 4-44. In year two, they were

24-30 following a late-season rush.

This year when I had lunch with Houston and Leprechauns manager David Acheron in May before the grind of the Pecos League season, both had a twinkle in their eyes.

At that point I knew Houston as the general manager of the team had figured something out.

Both talked about pitching being the key to success in the Pecos League. Playing 54 games in around 60 days screams for pitching depth, with Houston and Acheron doing their diligence in putting together a staff.

The team finished the year 34-20 and made the Pacific Division playoffs. It didn't stop there, as they went on the road and beat Bakersfield in the best of three first-round playoff series.

That sent them to the Pacific finals where they ended up falling to

San Rafael, the team with the best regular season record, losing the first two games of the series.

But it was an amazing season — and for his efforts, Houston was recently selected as the Pecos League General Manager of the Year.

The Pecos League issued the following statement:

"Dublin Leprechauns General Manager Guy Houston has been named 2025 Pacific Division General Manager of the Year. Dublin was just in its third season in 2025 but qualified for playoffs and advanced to the Pacific Division Finals.

"Guy Houston has got the Leprechauns to the level of top Pecos League Teams despite being an expansion team. All other Pacific Division teams have at least 10 years of baseball history in their town and ballpark. The relationship with Camp Parks Reserve Army

Base for the players is a one of a kind across the entire Pecos League.

"Most importantly under Guy Houston's leadership, the City of Dublin has made a commitment to improvement at the Fallon Sports Park facilities. 2025 was the year of the Leprechauns in the Pecos League on and off the field."

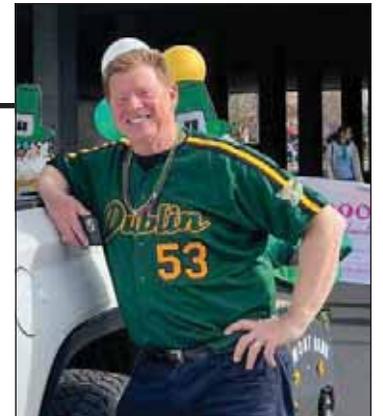
It wasn't a surprise to me in the least, knowing Houston's drive to be successful.

To improve that much from the first to the third season speaks volumes and leaves me excited about what will happen next year.

And if you know any Eskimos in search of ice, give Houston a call!

Fall sports underway

Here are the sports I am looking for help in getting the results: volleyball, water polo, tennis, cross country, flag football and golf.



COURTESY LEPRECHAUNS

Guy Houston, 2025 Pecos League General Manager of the Year.

Please feel free to contact me with any information or questions. We welcome results of junior varsity or freshman sports, and we are happy to publish them but they are published on a space available basis, with the varsity teams having priority.

The deadline each week is noon on Sunday afternoons, but you can always send them earlier. The parents in the past that took pictures of the scorebook usually send me the pictures right after they take the picture.

Send all the results, rosters and photos to me at acesmag@aol.com. ■



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The Playbook gives you an in-depth look at what's going on in prep sports.

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Entertainment

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join the Pleasanton Weekly's 25th Anniversary Party at Concerts in the Park on Friday night for a celebration of community and local journalism at the redesigned band stand in Lions Wayside Park. 7-8:30 p.m., Aug. 29. RPM, Danceable Rock.

159TH SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING & GAMES Experience the thrill of California's largest and longest-running Scottish Games, a Bay Area tradition since 1866, and witness world-class competitions from the awe-inspiring feats of Scottish heavy athletes to the electrifying energy of Scottish dancing, piping, and musical performances. Aug. 30-31. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

A CONVERSATION WITH JASON ALEXANDER As Long As You're Asking: A Conversation with Jason Alexander is an evening of comedy, music and conversation with the award-winning star of stage and screen where he will present a variety of topics for the audience to pick and choose. 8 p.m., Sept. 5. 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. Sept. 5, 24K Magic (Bruno Mars Tribute). Visit wentevineyards.com.

JANE LYNCH AND KATE FLANNERY Join Emmy Award-winner Jane Lynch and The Office alum Kate Flannery for The Trouble with Angels, an evening of mischief and music from two very familiar faces. 8 p.m., Sept. 6. Tickets \$100-\$125. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE JEFF BORDES QUARTET WITH ALANNA VICENTE Step into a world of timeless melodies and swinging rhythms as acclaimed trumpeter Jeff Bordes leads a stellar jazz ensemble featuring the enchanting vocals of Alanna Vicente in a magical tribute to Disney classics. 7 p.m., Sept. 6. Tickets \$30-\$40. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE ABBA CONCERT EXPERIENCE This eight-piece production show performs all the greatest hits of one of the world's most beloved super groups. This family friendly show is a delight for all ages. 3 p.m., Sept. 7. Tickets \$59-\$79. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

FLORA IN FOCUS EXHIBIT This flower-inspired exhibition celebrating the beauty of nature and the strength of artistic friendship is on display at the Livermore Civic Center Library through August. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

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/visual-arts-2.

Talks

AUTHOR EVENT Towne Center Books is hosting picture book author Meg Fleming, 4 p.m., Aug. 31. RSVP to this free event at townecenterbooks.com. 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

THE MANHATTAN PROJECT Jeff Colvin, author or co-author of nearly 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications, presents "The Manhattan Project" at the Livermore Civic Center Library. 2 p.m., Sept. 7.

BALI: WHERE THE HEART, ART AND THE SEA ALL DANCE TOGETHER Juls Vistnes presents this free Armchair Travelers program of a 14-day adventure in Bali sharing personal experiences and adventures, along with some handy travel tips. 1:30 p.m., Sept. 11. Livermore Civic Center Library.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB The September meeting is, Garden Design with Susan Ballinger, where she will discuss how to incorporate colors, special plants and texture to create a sense of mystery. 6-8 p.m., Sept. 11. Crosswinds Church, 1660 Freisman Road, Livermore. Visit lavgc.org.

Farmers' Markets

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

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

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

Business

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

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

Outdoor Rec

FREE FISHING DAY Aug. 30 is a free fishing day in the East Bay Regional Park District as both park district fishing fees and state fishing license requirements are waived for visitors. Visit ebparks.org/recreation/fishing.

RANGER PROGRAM: TARANTULAS Explore the amazing world of tarantulas, and following a short talk, see and touch some arachnid sample items and meet Candycorn, the resident tarantula. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 6. Visit larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM Explore the amazing world of insects that crawl, hang out and fly about at Sycamore Grove and then craft a bug to take home. 2-3 p.m., Sept. 7. Meet at the Ranger Station Picnic Area. Visit larpd.org.

Seniors

A TASTE OF CHOCOLATE Taste different chocolates from around the world. Registration required at this event at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sept. 11. \$5. Call 925-931-5365.

SENIOR (50+) POP UP TRIP Jay Leno & Arsenio Hall at the Gallo Center for the Arts in Modesto. The day begins at the Manteca Sizzler for lunch, included in the cost, followed by the show. 12:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 13. \$148R/\$162NR. Visit larpd.org.

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

SPECTRUM MEALS ON WHEELS Spectrum Meals on Wheels

provides home delivered meals (60+). For more information, call 510-881-0305 or visit spectrumcs.org.

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

BRIDGE AT PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Join for Bridge 12:45-3:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50N.

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

FALL PREVENTION Fall Prevention: Sit Fit by CityServe is at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursdays. Free.

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

DROP-IN CRAFTS AT RLCC The Golden Circle Craft group meets at 12:30 p.m., Mondays. Bring a craft project to work on. Robert Livermore Community Center. 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Fundraisers

HEART OF THE TRI-VALLEY GALA Heart of the Tri-Valley Gala 2025 is a fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen. Enjoy dinner, dancing, auctions and more. 6 p.m., Sept. 5. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. Visit openheartkitchen.org/gala.

TRI-VALLEY REACH HAVANA NIGHTS Join for an evening filled with vibrant energy, inspiring stories and meaningful opportunities to make an impact. 6 p.m., Sept. 10. McGrail Vineyards. To learn more, visit trivalleyreach.org/events.

PACE FOR PEACE Join Tri-Valley Haven's annual Pace for Peace 5K/10K Walk/Run with a 1K kids dash where all proceeds directly support their Domestic Violence Services Department which provides safety, shelter and healing to survivors and their families. 8 a.m., Oct. 4. Visit trivalleyhaven.org.

HOPE HOSPICE GOLF MARATHON Join this fun and challenging charity golf event among an exclusive group of golfers which raises support for hospice care in the Tri-Valley and adjacent East Bay cities. Oct. 20, Castlewood Country Club. Visit p2p.onecause.com/hope100golf.

Support

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

BASIC TECH HELP DROP-IN SERVICE Livermore Civic Center Library offers basic Tech Help with an expert volunteer who will help adults with basic computer skills such as uploading and downloading files, creating an email account, using Microsoft Office and Google suites and basic Web searching and browsing. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays.

CONNECTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP This NAMI Tri-Valley Connection Recovery Support Group is held on Zoom and in person the first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month. 7-8:30 p.m. Common Point Center Conference Room, 164 N. L St., Livermore. Visit namitrivalley.org.

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

SOUPER TUESDAY Local volunteers serve warm soup to grab and go or stay inside to connect with others and learn about local resources. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesdays. CityServe Care Center, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

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

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

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

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File No.: 616572
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1.) MONICA DIS ON POSHMARK DBA DISMSER RESALE , located at 1685 Peachtree Common, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MONICA DISMER
1685 Peachtree Common
Livermore, CA 94551
DONDI DISMER
1685 Peachtree Common
Livermore, CA 94551
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2024
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616544
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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
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IVORY ENTERPRISES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616759
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) IVORY , 2.) IVORY ENTERPRISES , located at 5994 W Las Positas Blvd Ste 201, Pleasanton, CA 94588 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
TOA PREMIER MARKETING INC
5994 W Las Positas Blvd Ste 201
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616816
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Tri-Valley Garage Pros , located at 5888 Northfront Rd 1002, Livermore, CA, 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

TRIBAY INSTALLATIONS LLC
5888 Northfront Rd 1002
Livermore, CA, 94551
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
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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.
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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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616752
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) YVONNE CHAN MUSIC ACADEMY , located at 3465 DUBLIN BLVD 316,DUBLIN CA 94568, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
YEE YAN CHAN
3465 DUBLIN BLVD 316
DUBLIN CA 94568
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616708
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1.) AG Technologies , located at 433 Ann Court, Livermore CA 94550, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANDREW P. GODDARD
433 Ann Court
Livermore, CA 94550
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SWINDALE PRINTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616620
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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.
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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)

FLOOR COVERINGS INTERNATIONAL OF EAST BAY, CA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616974
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) FLOOR COVERINGS INTERNATIONAL OF EAST BAY, CA , located at 5600 Sunol Blvd. Ste D. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DJSWMFLOORSINC
5076 Allred Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338
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 August 18 2025.
(PLW Aug 29, Sep 5, 12 and 19, 2025)

SUNLOGIC PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 616985
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SUNLOGIC PROPERTIES , located at 48 Uvas Falls Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
YI WEN LO
48 Uvas Falls Terrace
Fremont, CA 94539
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/18/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 18 2025.
(PLW Aug 29, Sep 5, 12 and 19, 2025)

DG CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 615993
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) DG Construction , located at 18433 Pepper St. Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DANIEL HERRERA GARCIA
18433 Pepper St.
Castro Valley, CA 94546
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 09 2025.
(PLW Aug 22, 29, Sep 5 and 12, 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)

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)

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 Seward 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 Seward 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)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV118737
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Emma Rose Clopton filed a petition with this court for a decree

changing names as follows:
EMMA ROSE CLOPTON to EMMA ROSE IBANEZ
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: August 22, 2025, 9:30am, 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: April 15,2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Aug 29, Sep 5, 12 and 19, 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)

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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.: 25CV134135

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SOPHOCLES ALEXANDER VITAKIS Case No.: 25PR137991

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

Maria Vitakis and Sophia Vitakis in the will or

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that:

Maria Vitakis and Sophia Vitakis be

appointed as personal representative to

administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's

will and codicils, if any, be admitted to

probate. The will and any codicils are

available for examination in the file kept

by the court. THE PETITION requests

authority to administer the estate under

the Independent Administration of Estates

Act. (This authority will allow the personal

representative to take many actions without

obtaining court approval. Before taking

certain very important actions, however,

the personal representative will be required

to give notice to interested persons unless

they have waived notice or consented to

the proposed action.) The independent

administration authority will be granted

unless an interested person files an

objection to the petition and shows good

cause why the court should not grant the

authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held

on September 24 2025 at 9:45am in

Department 201 of the Superior Court of

California, County of Alameda, located at

2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA

94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition,

you should appear at the hearing and state

your objections or file written objections

with the court before the hearing. Your

appearance may be in person or by your

attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor

of the decedent, you must file your claim

with the court and mail a copy to the

personal representative appointed by the

court within the later of either (1) four

months from the date of first issuance of

letters to a general personal representative,

as defined in section 58 (b) of the California

Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date

of mailing or personal delivery to you of a

notice under section 9052 of the California

Probate Code. Other California statutes and

legal authority may affect your rights as a

creditor. You may want to consult with an

attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court.

If you are a person interested in the estate,

you may file with the court a Request for

Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of

an inventory and appraisal of estate assets

or of any petition or account as provided in

Probate Code section 1250. A Request for

Special Notice form is available from the

court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:

David T. Moutoux, Esq.

Moutoux Law Offices

865 Laurel Street, Suite 2

San Carlos, CA 94070

650-596-8135

(PLW Aug 29, Sep 5 and 12, 2025)

The Pleasanton Weekly is adjudicated to publish in Alameda County.

- Fictitious Business Name
- Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name
- Name Change
- Partnership Withdrawal or Dissolution
- Petition to Administer Estate - Probate Hearing
- Notice of Bulk Sale
- Legal Summons
- Trustee Sale

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm.

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REAL ESTATE

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 2-13 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

Pleasanton

2494 Bay Meadows Circle Lozier Trust to C. & A. Axibal-Cordero for \$1,050,000

5336 Brookside Court Gluck Trust to K. & P. Dudeja for \$1,275,000

663 Concord Place E. Kazemi to O. & I. Raikov for \$648,000

6317 Corte Esperanza A. Client to Dreisbach Family Trust for \$2,650,000

1063 Crellin Road J. Fu to Mandala Family Trust for \$1,590,000

5756 Dalton Creek Way C. & J. Wright to S. & S. Chopra for \$2,800,000

7864 Fairoaks Drive Ballintine Trust to L. & D. Dugginni for \$1,745,000

3443 Gravina Place M. James to Ajbk Trust for \$2,462,000

1075 Hopkins Way Schulze Family Trust to M. & R. Dronamraju for \$2,853,000

1131 Laguna Creek Lane Desai Family Trust to A. & R. Cadman for \$3,300,000

4024 West Las Positas Boulevard Rodriguez Living Trust to L. & A. Thoppil for \$1,550,000

4914 Middleton Place K4 Family Trust to Yarbrough Living Trust for \$2,819,000

6369 Paseo Santa Maria Patmont Trust to Hsu Family Trust for \$1,829,000

4062 Rockingham Drive Royer Family Trust to K. & D. Kasman for \$1,681,000

1027 Rose Avenue Cutchen Family Trust to Gruen Family Trust for \$2,000,000

4270 School Street Degroot Ventures LLC to P. & P. Gopinathan for \$1,500,000

4132 Veneto Court Tarabek Living Trust to R. Balasubramanian for \$929,000

5975 Via Del Cielo C. Smith to N. & S. Pawar for \$2,320,000

2392 Via Espada Peterson Trust to K. & S. Petluru for \$1,421,000

3669 Virgin Islands Court Wadhawan-Singh Living Trust to S. & N. Uddhandi for \$1,680,000

3689 Woodbine Way R. Saha to G. & V. Dhanasekaran for \$860,000

549 East Angela Street M. Berch to Myers-Benson Family Trust for \$1,350,000

2565 Arlotta Place T. Basseer to Tsai Family Trust for \$3,620,000

14 Castledown Road C. Hsu to K. & R. Jones for \$2,300,000

2280 Delucchi Drive M. Conley to M. & S. Babulal for \$947,000

435 Ewing Drive J. Alexander to B. Aizezi for \$1,600,000

18 Foothill Place Yan Family Trust to Chandra Family Trust for \$2,790,000

4236 Jensen Street F. & R. Reichmuth to Dsouza Enterprises LLC for \$1,025,000

2911 Liberty Drive Guydish Family Trust to M. & J. Tamsen for \$1,250,000

4885 Muirwood Drive M. Shansab to Nikhil Family Trust for \$1,900,000

1989 Rheem Drive E. & D. Yang to M. & D. Mihaescu for \$1,153,500

3289 Royalton Court D. Berger to A. & R. Bhatia for \$1,640,000

2314 Sandpiper Way Benson Trust to S. & S. Makkena for \$2,010,000

5011 Woodthrush Road Woodthrush LLC to M. & W. Heo for \$1,850,000

3174 Zuni Way M. Cha to X. Liu for \$680,000

Livermore

3148 Callaghan Street J. Bai to Chow Family Trust for \$1,040,000

342 Clarke Avenue D. & H. Mendenhall to E & A 2025 Investments LLC for \$826,000

1915 De Vaca Way Premier Trust to W. & M. Franks for \$665,000

1921 Depot Drive #107 D. Jappert to S. & D. Dunning for \$850,000

754 Estates Street 754 Estates Street LLC to D. & A. Schaffer for \$1,480,000

1229 Gonzaga Court Pratt Trust to D. & J. Penner for \$900,000

773 Grace Court C. & R. Burden to O. & R. Eckles for \$1,175,000

651 Hemlock Court V. & M. Tarin to A. & K. Goldberg for \$1,100,000

1411 Hollyhock Street J. & M. Muniz to A. & C. Doyle for \$800,000

2459 Lexington Place C. & W. Williams to S. & P. Limaye for \$1,580,000

1205 Marguerite Street S. & M. Migliore to Mony Nop Investments LLC for \$680,000

1456 Melanie Way Obrien Family Trust to S. & S. Gaddam for \$1,780,000

189 Misty Circle J. Liu to G. Gangothri for \$1,135,000

975 Murrieta Boulevard #47 3K Investments Inc to V. Geyko for \$455,000

1208 Riesling Circle Tao Living Trust to A. & N. Narvekar for \$1,600,000

665 Sandalwood Drive #4 Brent Trust to J. Campbell for \$1,115,000

598 Sandalwood Drive Bass Trust to C. & E. Miller for \$1,150,000

1290 Vienna Street G. Wessel to V. & F. Go for \$1,230,000

1083 Xavier Way T. & M. Sharbach to J. & A. Mac Cullough for \$1,225,000

692 Adelle Street A. & D. Nenni to S. Fakhri for \$820,000

5894 Arlene Way A. & D. Persaud to B. Guidry for \$1,525,000

1598 Bluebell Drive G. Toschi to M. Tiwari for \$860,000

5709 Bobby Drive A. & J. Bauer to S. & B. Shanmugam for \$1,370,000

3819 California Way K. & D. Roza to Naf Cash LLC for \$1,000,000

834 Camden Common A. & M. Tayag to X. Liu for \$900,000

1002 Carrara Way R. Seely to Gulden Living Trust for \$2,310,000

1324 Chateau Common #204 Burgess Trust to S. Lemaigen for \$580,000

642 Debra Street Gulden Living Trust to C. & L. Peurifoy for \$1,225,000

557 Debra Street Miller Trust to B. Minard for \$1,000,000

564 Debra Street R. Prabhala to R. & P. Sharma for \$1,250,000

6485 El Capitan Way Indrebo Trust to K. & D. Berberia for \$1,535,000

2611 Kellogg Court K. Mapes to J. Gladen for \$1,830,000

1091 South Livermore Avenue Martinez Living Trust to S. Kidwai for \$775,000

618 Loyola Way Pytlik Trust to A. & D. Nenni for \$1,550,000

1085 Murrieta Boulevard #305 S. & J. Perez to C. Walker for \$343,000

1087 Murrieta Boulevard #244 N. Bahr to N. & A. Colmenares for \$345,000

975 Murrieta Boulevard #38 Samples Family Trust to S. Hihara for \$455,000

1001 Murrieta Boulevard #88 S. Saurabh to Steiger Trust for \$330,000

2320 Palomino Road Perez Trust to M. & W. Kennedy-Ward for \$850,000

1033 Plumas Court Nicolosi Family Trust to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Gr for \$858,500



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STATUS	ADDRESS	PRICE	BEDS	BATHS	SQ FT
New	1348 Carlton Pl, Livermore	\$2,698,000	6	3	3,618
New	1727 Sutter St, Livermore	\$1,069,000	3	2	1,348
Active	301 Arrowleaf St, San Ramon	\$2,298,000	4	3	2,909
Active	8165 Mountain View Dr, Pleasanton	\$499,900	2	2	1,043
Active	1804 Tanglewood Way, Pleasanton	\$1,998,888	4	2	2,112
Active	7740 Creekside Dr, Pleasanton	\$1,069,992	3	2	1,614
Active	391 Oak Ln, Pleasanton	\$2,095,000	4	3	3,521
Active	2456 Crestline Rd, Pleasanton	\$1,799,000	4	2	1,916
Pending	3618 Reflections Dr, Pleasanton	\$1,149,800	3	2	1,458
Pending	4737 Perugia St, Dublin	\$798,000	2	2	1,630
Pending	5129 Rappolla Ct, Pleasanton	\$995,000	2	2	1,365
Pending	418 Golf Ct, Walnut Creek	\$2,350,000	4	3	3,775
Pending	2909 Moreno Ave, Pleasanton	\$1,249,000	3	2	1,761
Pending	5989 Hillbrook Pl, Dublin	\$1,679,000	4	2	2,150
Sold	4152 Forest Springs Rd, Dublin	\$1,375,000	4	4	2,447
Sold	1234 Bordeaux St, Pleasanton	\$2,499,000	5	4	3,525
Sold	2057 Foxswallow Rd, Pleasanton	\$1,959,000	4	2	2,147
Sold	1002 Carrara Way, Livermore	\$2,198,000	5	2	2,731
Sold	2259 Leccino Ct, Livermore	\$2,899,000	5	5	4,443
Sold	7765 Tuscany Dr, Dublin	\$589,000	1	1	805
Sold	2795 Corte San Blas, Pleasanton	\$1,949,000	4	3	2,206
Sold	2862 Calle Reynoso, Pleasanton	\$1,969,000	4	2	2,100
Sold	1834 Tanglewood Way, Pleasanton	\$2,198,000	5	3	2,963
Sold	1075 Hopkins Way, Pleasanton	\$2,800,000	5	3	3,179
Sold	2772 Tivoli Ct, Livermore	\$2,299,000	5	3	3,315
Sold	7020 Stagecoach Rd, Dublin	\$499,000	1	1	722
Sold	388 Martin Ave., Livermore	\$1,158,000	3	2	1,800
Sold	5011 Woodthrush Rd, Pleasanton	\$1,934,000	4	2	2,147
Sold	4164 Grant Ct, Pleasanton	\$3,388,000	4	4	3,938
Sold	5070 Crestwood Ct, Pleasanton	\$1,550,000	3	2	1,520
Sold	5204 Hummingbird Rd, Pleasanton	\$1,949,000	4	2	2,167
Sold	690 S K St, Livermore	\$1,800,000	3	2	1,800
Sold	4861 Knox Gate Ct, Pleasanton	\$1,899,000	4	2	2,103
Sold	138 Tourmaline Ave, Livermore	\$2,400,000	5	3	2,912
Sold	6860 Garaventa Ranch Rd, Livermore	\$1,475,000	3	2	2,132
Sold	2682 Pickfair Ln, Livermore	\$1,149,000	3	2	1,570
Sold	4809 Pipit Ct, Pleasanton	\$1,849,000	4	2	2,088
Sold	1901 Buena Vista Ave, Livermore	\$3,395,000	4	3	3,728

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