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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Legislators' year

Tri-Valley state legislators came out mostly ahead during the trick-or-treat period in Sacramento.

When the dust settled upon the Oct. 13 deadline for California Gov. Gavin Newsom to confirm or deny bills passed by the State Legislature, Sen. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and Asm. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) each celebrated six signatures and lamented multiple vetoes on legislation they introduced.

McNerney, the former U.S. congressman winding down his first year in the State Senate, considers 2025 "very productive" with 10 original bills passed by both houses and a half-dozen inked by the governor.

"My 2025 legislative package was designed to help make California and our Senate district more affordable, expand water recycling, create clean energy jobs, and ensure that artificial intelligence is safe and beneficial," McNerney told me by email Tuesday. "I was also proud to secure \$10 million in funding for the Valley Link rail project's first phase, connecting Livermore to Dublin-Pleasanton BART."

"Although I disagreed with governor's decision to veto a few of my bills, I will work with stakeholders to reintroduce some of the vetoed legislation next year to help protect workers from losing their jobs due to AI and safeguard ratepayers from skyrocketing utility bills," he said.

Working backward, McNerney saw his Senate Bill 846, to protect farmworkers from wage theft with updates to laws to hold agricultural employers accountable, signed into law in July.

Then this month, Newsom approved five McNerney bills: SB 711, to better align state tax-filing requirements with federal rules; SB 543, to streamline construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs); SB 279, to allow farmers and wine-grape growers to compost large amounts of green waste onsite; SB 86, to extend a program with tax incentives for green energy manufacturers; and SB 31, to expand the use of recycled water in the hopes of protecting the fresh water supply.

McNerney's four vetoed bills were SB 7, the "No Robo Bosses Act"; SB 24, to strengthen oversight of investor-owned utilities like PG&E; SB 454, to create state PFAS mitigation fund; and SB 787, the "Job Growth in Clean Energy Supply Chains Act".

Recall McNerney was also a vocal member of the Delta Caucus that helped defeat Newsom's controversial plan to fast-track the \$20 billion-plus Delta tunnel project.

In the lower legislative house, Bauer-Kahan's fourth term also saw

six bills she served as primary author on receive Newsom's signature — an outcome she sees as representing "positive momentum forward for our district and for California".

"Across all six bills signed this year — from protecting reproductive health data privacy to cracking down on AI-generated deepfakes — we're fighting for affordability, safety, and accountability in every aspect of our lives," Bauer-Kahan told me Wednesday morning.

"While I'm deeply disappointed by the Governor's vetoes of AB 432 and AB 1064, I'm proud of what we've achieved and remain committed to fighting for menopause care equity and protecting our children from exploitative companion chatbots," she added.

Her Assembly Bill 45 focused on protecting personal and location data related to health care from exploitation against patients, providers or researchers. AB 56 requires social media platforms to display mental health warning labels for users. AB 61, passed unanimously by the Legislature, strengthens civil enforcement options against websites that use artificial intelligence to create nude deep-fakes without consent.

There were also AB 290, the FAIR Plan Modernization Act; AB 578, enhancements to the Fair Food Delivery Act; and AB 774, cleaning up the Code of Civil Procedure related to enforcement of judgments in civil actions.

The vetoed Bauer-Kahan Bills were AB 432, the "Menopause Care Equity Act" to ensure insurance coverage for evidence-based treatments and physician training incentives related to medical care during menopause; and AB 1064, which sought to protect kids from AI "companion" chatbots.

For the record, I also sent the same inquiries to the press contacts for Asm. Liz Ortega — who represents a sliver of western Pleasanton and Dublin — Sen. Tim Grayson, whose district goes north from San Ramon. Crickets.

I get media releases for Ortega (D-San Leandro), so I know much of her focus was on issues such as wage theft, reentry for expelled students, workplace safety, no masking for law enforcement and top priorities for the Latino Caucus. Still, some year-end reflections would've been nice.

As for Grayson (D-Concord), I've never heard from his staff despite countless attempts during his first year in the upper legislative house, and his official website is starkly devoid of information about his bills, accomplishments and priorities. If you're out there reading, senator, I'd love to learn anything more about what you did in 2025. ■

About the Cover

The Museum on Main recently hosted its 2025 Ghost Walk tours, which take residents and visitors on a tour of downtown Pleasanton's most notoriously haunted buildings. Photo by Chuck Deckert.

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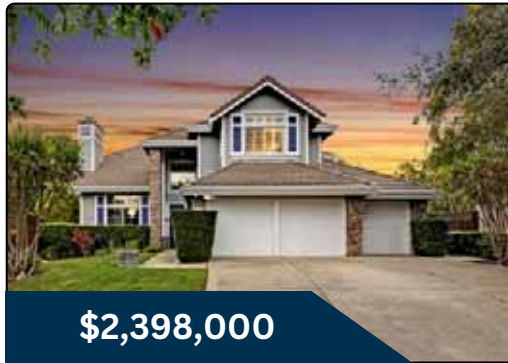
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What kind of Halloween decorations do you like?



Abhi Prakash
Software engineer

I like the festive kind, like smiley, friendly ghosts and colorful pumpkins. They're fun and enjoyable to look at.



Kevin Dolder, with Maxi
Data center engineer

I like to look at and decorate with spiders, cobwebs and other creepy stuff like skeletons. Unfortunately I can't decorate this year, the way I usually do, because I recently fractured my clavicle in a cycling accident in San Francisco.



Anjali Singh
Software engineer

I really like the spooky decorations because they're so different from the kind of decorations I see in India, where I'm from.



Mariya Armario
Property stager

I enjoy big, creepy, ghoulish decorations and giant skeletons of humans and animals. Zombies and scary monsters, too. The creepier the better, actually.



Anshul Sharma
Software engineer

I really like witches, as well as anything creative and imaginative. For example, in my neighborhood, someone made a mockup of the CEO and HR head who were recently and unexpectedly spotlighted — outed actually — on the jumbotron at the recent Coldplay concert. I found it very amusing.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Prop 50 election

Pleasanton residents will have until Tuesday (Nov. 4) to drop off their ballots or visit one of the two voting centers in the city for the statewide election on Proposition 50, a ballot measure that would temporarily allow California to draw new congressional district maps until 2030.

A voting center at Pleasanton Unified School District's offices on West Las Positas Boulevard is currently open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will remain open until Election Day — on that last day, it will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters can also visit a voting center at Valley View Elementary School, which will be open from Saturday (Nov. 1) to Election Day. The hours of operation will mirror those of the PUSD site.

Plan Bay Area 2050

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments have officially released the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Plan Bay Area 2050+ draft environmental impact report and are now asking for public input.

According to a press release, the plan "contains 35 strategies representing public policies and investments that can be implemented in the Bay Area by 2050 to help the region build more homes, reduce commute times and create vibrant downtowns and natural areas for everyone to enjoy."

Residents in Alameda and Contra Costa counties will be able to provide feedback on the plan during an upcoming webinar scheduled for Wednesday (Nov. 5). To read more about the plan, submit feedback and attend the webinar, visit www.planbayarea.org.

Power of Giving

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance will be hosting its fifth annual Power of Giving: A Night of Inspiration event next Thursday (Nov. 6) at the Livermore Bankhead Theater.

The ceremony will look to honor other nonprofits, philanthropists and volunteers who "dedicate themselves to making a profound difference in our community ... Together, we will recognize the power of collective action and the enduring spirit of giving that fuels the Tri-Valley's nonprofits," according to the TVNPAs website.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Visit www.tvnopa.org.

Coping during holidays

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton's grief ministry will be hosting an event next Thursday at 7 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church where members of the community — regardless of their faith — can learn and discuss ways to cope with loss during the holidays. ■

City to draft annexation, development agreement for East Pleasanton project

Key terms to include \$3 million contribution from developer for El Charro Road extension

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton City Council members voiced their initial support last week for a pre-annexation and development agreement between the city and the applicant behind the Arroyo Lago project set to bring nearly 200 single-family homes to East Pleasanton.

Once staff finalizes the development and annexation agreement and brings it back to the council for approval early next year, the council will be able to vote on approving the housing development as a city project, versus a county project.

"We've had several opportunities to do better at this site than where we find ourselves today so to me,

this is an example of Pleasanton getting back in the driver seat, achieving what gains we can in the landscape of laws and challenges we are faced with, with this site," Mayor Jack Balch said during the Oct. 21 council meeting.

The council has discussed the annexation of both the Arroyo Lago and the East Lakes sites over the past year, which are both located east of Valley Avenue and Busch Road, north of Stanley Boulevard and south of Arroyo Mocho. Both sites are currently unincorporated land overseen by Alameda County.

Though the council did not actually vote on annexing the property where the Arroyo Lago project is set to be built, which proposes

building 189 single-family homes at 3030 Mohr Ave., the dais gave staff the green light to continue drafting the development agreement with project applicant 330 Land Company.

"If this had been annexed into the city, we could have zoned it however we wanted ... and now we're stuck between an odd part between the county going forward and putting something we all wouldn't want there as a city and as the neighbors of Ironwood wouldn't want or to do our best to come up with a best decision possible and the best plan possible," Councilmember Matt Gaidos said. "I truly believe this is the best thing that we can come up with given the

situation we're in."

Discussions surrounding the east side's future date back to 2012 when the city first embarked on developing an East Pleasanton Specific Plan.

By 2014, the city drafted a specific plan and published an environmental impact report, each of which provided detailed policies regarding land-use, urban design, transportation, environmental protections and public infrastructure in eastern Pleasanton.

However, that work was paused between 2015 and 2019 and was further halted amid the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. In light of these setbacks, the east side

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JEREMY WALSH

The Building Kidz child care center on Dublin Boulevard.

Parents sue Dublin day care following toddler's April death

Building Kidz rep denies allegations of negligence

By JUDE STRZEMP

A day care in Dublin is facing a wrongful death lawsuit from the parents of a toddler who was pronounced deceased shortly after being found unresponsive at the facility earlier this year.

Prior to the declaration of Matthew Bonneau Jr.'s death April 15, staff at Building Kidz of Dublin discovered the 2-year-old lying face down with his nose and mouth covered, at the end of nap time shortly before 2:30 p.m., according to the legal

complaint filed Oct. 13.

Teachers performed CPR on the boy, the complaint states.

Upon arrival, officers from Dublin Police Services also performed CPR on the child, Capt. Miguel Campos told the Weekly earlier this year.

The toddler was subsequently transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead at 3:18 p.m. that day. Police deemed the incident as non-criminal in nature.

Parents McKayla Saavedra and Matthew Bonneau Sr. as well as

sister Mylah Bonneau — via a guardian — allege that defendants recklessly neglected to monitor Matthew Jr., resulting in his death.

"Matthew Junior was full of energy, full of smiles and full of love," grandmother Renee Saavedra DeMotta said in a statement. "His laughter could fill the room, his hugs could melt away any sadness and his curiosity made every day an adventure."

"The sudden loss of his bright

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Commission reviews BART site proposals

Apartment housing could replace much of station parking lot

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Planning Commission examined early design proposals for the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station housing redevelopment project that, depending on final designs, could bring anywhere from 870 to just over 1,300 new homes.

Even though the city of Pleasanton won't be approving the project in the future — the BART Board of Directors will have final say on design specifics — the commissioners voiced their support for more housing in that area and appreciation for the transportation agency's willingness to listen to the community regarding the overall project.

"We should take advantage of this opportunity ... this could do a lot of relief for our city with the Housing Element," Commissioner Brandon Pace said during the Oct. 22 meeting. "Finding the right ways to do that are going to be really important."

When the city adopted its sixth-cycle Housing Element in 2023, one of the locations identified for high-density housing was the

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Family hosting 40th annual haunted house

Residents and visitors can walk through the spooky – and free – experience this Halloween

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

For some, longtime family traditions look like the entire family gathering for Christmas or going out to watch the fireworks on the Fourth of July.

But for Ryan Leach, his family's tradition is scaring random people — sometimes by chasing them with a chainsaw — at his family's home in Pleasanton every Halloween.

“Everyone just gets into the scare spirit,” he told the Weekly. “It's just funny knowing that someone else is going to get scared and you get to watch it and they don't know what's coming.”

But with his dad aging, Leach said he isn't sure how much longer

his dad will be able to continue hosting their community haunted house at 6230 Corte Fuego — which is why he hopes locals can join his family for some free Halloween fun this year to celebrate 40 years of scaring the neighbors.

Leach said his dad has always loved having a little fun for Halloween. Before his family moved to Pleasanton 40 years ago, his dad would set up a coffin during Halloween where he would jump out of and scare people.

So when his family moved to Pleasanton in 1985, Leach said his dad knew he had to set something up at their new house.

After that first Halloween, it became a tradition every year to

decorate the home with the entire family and put on a haunted house where kids would have to go inside to get the candy.

“Halloween night for me growing up was like the best four hours of the year, hands down,” Leach said. “When I was little I never went trick-or-treating. I just stayed (home) and either scared kids or watched and handed out candy.”

The haunted house started small in the garage with Leach's brother making masks and props and then scaring people as the kids would walk in and grab the candy. Then it evolved over the years to include other areas of the house, motion censored props and someone,



COURTESY RYAN LEACH

Over the last 40 years, the Leach family has decorated their family home on 6230 Corte Fuego for their annual, free haunted house.

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Sunol Glen School completes cafeteria renovation

Community celebrates new Measure J upgrades during ribbon-cutting ceremony

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Sunol Glen School community recently commemorated the renovation of its cafeteria building earlier this month, which was funded by Measure J, the \$10.9 million general obligation bond that local voters approved in 2022.

Dubbed “Hoxie Hall”, after longtime director of maintenance and operations for the district Lowell Hoxie, the new cafeteria was

upgraded with new roofing, ceiling tiles, floor and lunch tables, among other improvements.

Other major upgrades include making the bathroom and doors more accessible, adding new cabinets for the staff room located inside the building and reconfiguring the kitchen with a new kitchen hood and other upgrades so that it meets building code requirements.

“Renovating Hoxie Hall was essential to preserving the heart of

our campus while bringing it up to today's standards,” Shay Galletti, superintendent and principal of Sunol Glen School, told the Pleasanton Weekly. “The upgrades, from a new roof and modernized kitchen to ADA-accessible restrooms and entrances, ensure that this space continues to serve our students, staff, and community safely and inclusively for decades to come.”

Back in 2022, the Weekly went on a tour of the school ahead of

the November 2022 Measure J vote where former Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees president Mike Picard pointed out all of the deteriorating infrastructure at the school, including the cafeteria.

Prior to the current renovations, Picard said the cafeteria didn't have any up-to-code air vents or fire extinguishing system for the oven areas in the kitchen, meaning they couldn't really cook food in there.

But after voters approved the school bond, the district went straight to work on designing the renovations to the cafeteria and multipurpose room, which comprises a student lunch and common area, as well as the adjacent staff room.

After years of design work, construction began right after school got out last June and the project is

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BART SITE

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eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station, located at 5835 and 5859 Owens Drive. The identification of potential housing for the site also included a program to prepare a concept plan for the station, which is what the commission reviewed last week.

According to staff, the process for developing the plan was meant to develop a consensus between BART, the city and other stakeholders around the parameters of the development before the transit agency puts out its request for proposals for potential developers.

The process of developing the conceptual plan included months of assessing the site, weighing out future opportunities regarding retail and constraints surrounding things like an existing fuel pipeline, and bringing up these issues and proposals to members of the community and city leaders.

During the Oct. 22 commission meeting, staff presented several aspects of the conceptual plan, including the two options for what housing would look like at the BART station.

“One of the things that we're committed to, through this process, is to really make sure we try and get it as right as possible,” city community development director Ellen Clark said.

The first housing scenario that was presented includes four individual buildings — two five-story buildings and two seven-story buildings — which would total anywhere from 870 to 1,088 potential homes. One building would wrap around a garage and could have up to 150 homes, another building would be more of a courtyard building with up to 210 homes and the last two would be seven-story podium buildings that would each range from as little as 280 homes to as many as 380.

The second scenario would be three buildings that would total anywhere from 1,047 to 1,309 homes. Two of the buildings would be seven-story podium buildings while the third could range from five to eight stories high and could see anywhere from 450 to 735 homes. The latter would also be a building that wraps around a garage.

All of the proposed housing would most likely be for rent and

20% of the homes would be designated as affordable housing, according to staff.

Rick Williams, a partner at Van Meter Williams Pollack urban design and planning firm, went over the specifics of the two options and noted how viable the area is for this type of high-density housing.

“If you think about Pleasanton in general and where larger-scale development can occur without impacting surrounding residential neighborhoods, this is really the place to work on a lot of your Housing Element needs and this would be a good opportunity for looking to achieve highest densities that you generally could fit on a site,” Williams said.

Other aspects of the conceptual plan include a centralized plaza where BART wants to use as a destination space for not just visitors to use, but also for future residents to enjoy. Williams also went over potential plans for retail spaces both in the plaza and at the kiosks surrounding the BART station.

Even though many on the commission noted how those kiosks have been mostly empty over the

years and how hard it is to find viable businesses for those spaces, Williams said it all depends on the developer and how much that developer actually wants to build with retail in mind.

Other details from the concept plan included improved bike lanes, drop off zones, better signage, upgrades to the Iron Horse Regional Trail and updating how circulation would work within and surrounding the middle section of the project where the plaza would be located.

However, one of the main points of contention from several of the commissioners had to do with parking and how the overall project would take away parking spaces from the BART station.

“We're making a decision here to take away parking and it's a big decision,” Commissioner Anurag Jain said. “A lot of residents have reached out to me ... all of them are concerned about parking.”

While Jain, much like the rest of the commission, appreciated many of the other aspects of the conceptual plan, he wanted to make sure the city has as much information about the impacts reducing the number of parking

spaces would have on the community and future BART riders who might have trouble finding parking spaces.

Similarly, Commission Chair Ken Morgan agreed that parking would be the crux of any future input from the commission, which is why he called for the parking management and station access study — which the city received a grant to conduct — to be done sooner rather than later.

In the end, the commission did not vote on anything during the meeting but did signal that continued collaboration between the city and BART will be important as the project slowly moves forward.

“As a commission, as a council, as a city, we have to be clear about what we need and then figure out a way to get there,” Commissioner Vivek Mohan said.

Following last week's meeting, the Pleasanton City Council will discuss the project during a study session tentatively scheduled for Nov. 18. Staff will then integrate all of the recent feedback into a draft framework plan before returning to the commission and council for a pair of hearings set for January and February, respectively. ■

Livermore city manager salary up to almost \$400,000

'We do have an exceptional team in place and that's why my job is really not that difficult,' Burch says, crediting staff

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore city manager is due to receive approximately \$30,000 in additional compensation annually beginning mid-November, given an amendment to her employment contract that the Livermore City Council supported unanimously Monday.

As part of the amendment approved Oct. 27, City Manager Marianna Burch is set to earn an annual base salary of \$392,895, up from \$370,656. The 6% increase is provided in line with her existing contract, which grants her the same cost-of-living adjustment

provided to the Livermore management group.

The "material change" to Burch's contract is for the city to provide an additional \$327.85 per pay period (\$8,524 annually) to the city manager's deferred compensation, according to a staff report prepared by Livermore administrative services director Tina Olson. This boosts the city's contribution to her deferred compensation to \$903.85 per pay period, the amendment states.

Burch's updated salary and benefits are set to take effect beginning the pay period starting Nov. 17, according to the staff report.

The amendment follows a positive performance evaluation by the council and its evaluation subcommittee during closed session Oct. 13.

"The committee and also the entire council had great praise for the job that our city manager is doing," Livermore Mayor John Marchand said of Burch's performance review.

"Your praise goes to the entire city staff," Burch replied during the meeting. "We do have an exceptional team in place and that's why



Marianna Burch

my job is really not that difficult, given the team that we have."

According to Burch's employment contract, the council must conduct an annual performance review of her work, according to the staff report. Based on her performance review, they may then modify the terms and conditions of her employment including any salary increase, bonus or other benefit changes, the report states.

Following Burch's evaluation and a discussion of her requests,

the draft amendment to her employment contract was placed on Monday's meeting agenda for council consideration.

The city's increased contribution to Burch's deferred compensation takes into account the depressed cost to the city associated with her pension formula, according to Olson.

The council's approval marks the second amendment to the city manager's employment contract.

In total, the additional, annual net salary and benefits cost the city \$30,763 and will be paid via its general fund, according to the staff report. ■

Slice House expanding to Tri-Valley

New pizzeria in downtown Livermore set to open early next year

By JUDE STRZEMP

San Francisco-born pizza chain Slice House is set to open its sole Tri-Valley location early next year in downtown Livermore, according to restaurant representatives.

Known for its pizza variety, Slice House offers New York, Detroit, Grandma and Sicilian styles by the slice with a selection of local craft brews and wines, according to the restaurant website.

In addition to the forthcoming Livermore location, the chain by

13-time world pizza champion Tony Gemignani has about 10 locations open in the Bay Area as well as additional sites across the country.

"Construction is in full swing, and once the finishing touches are done and our team is trained up, we'll be ready to fire up those ovens," Livermore franchisee Ratika Tyagi said.

Dublin resident Tyagi said she selected Livermore as the new home of Slice House because of the city's energy.

"Livermore's downtown scene has that fun, welcoming spirit we love, and it felt like the perfect place to add Slice House to the mix," Tyagi told Livermore Vine. "We use high-quality ingredients, make our dough from scratch, and offer a variety of styles you won't find everywhere."

Originally publicized last weekend on social media by Livermore Downtown Inc., Slice House is set to open in the retail space below the Legacy at Livermore apartments at 1948 First St. ■

Chevron axes another 68 jobs in San Ramon

Downsizing continues at former headquarters after move to Texas

By JEANITA LYMAN

Chevron is continuing to chip away at its local workforce as the latest step in the downsizing of its corporate presence in the Tri-Valley since trading in its former headquarters for a smaller office space, then shifting to Texas as its primary hub.

A total of 68 workers at the company's San Ramon offices were laid off effective Oct. 23, according to data from the state's Employment Development Department, with the company estimating a total of 100 local layoffs in a letter to the state earlier this year.

"Chevron remains committed to supporting affected employees through this transition," Chevron officials said in their letter to the EDD on Aug. 22.

"We are providing severance pay, medical continuation coverage, access to education and training resources, and outplacement assistance," they continued. "All employees will receive at least 60 days' advance notice of their final

day of employment."

The 68 positions cut in the latest round of layoffs range from analysts, engineers and administrative roles in a variety of departments, including seven senior management positions.

Earlier this year, the company laid off 600 employees in San Ramon effective June 1 as part of its goal "to simplify our organizational structure, execute faster and more effectively, and position the company for stronger long-term competitiveness".

"This means we will have fewer positions and unfortunately, fewer people," Chevron officials said in a letter to the state on March 27.

While the company said during its move to Texas last year that the San Ramon office would continue to host some support staff, this year's hundreds of layoffs are part of an ongoing effort to reduce its workforce by 15% to 20% by the end of next year in order to reduce expenses by \$2 billion to \$3 billion.

The continued downsizing comes after the company relocated its

headquarters from San Ramon to Houston. At the time of the move, Chevron officials said that the San Ramon offices hosted approximately 2,000 workers, with nearly 700 jobs having been axed since then.

Chevron was San Ramon's top employer at one point, but has since been eclipsed by PG&E as of the most recent data from the city. According to that data, Chevron is now the second top employer with 1,500 employees, down from 3,460 as of the city's previous report.

Chevron's presence in the city had already become less prominent years before the move to Texas, when it sold the sprawling Chevron Park campus at 6001 Bollinger Canyon Road back to Sunset Development in 2022 and moved into its current office space.

That site is now slated for redevelopment into the 2,500-unit, mixed-use Orchards project envisioned by Sunset as an extension of the city's growing downtown neighborhood, with formal development plans submitted to the city earlier this year. ■



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Officials blast county child welfare failures

‘We have to do better. We must serve these children. They are our most vulnerable youth.’

BY KILEY RUSSELL /
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State Sen. Aisha Wahab said Monday she is alarmed by the lack of leadership and sense of urgency in Alameda County following a scathing audit of the county’s child welfare department.

The California State Auditor released a report last month that details failings in several key areas managed by the county’s Department of Children and Family Services.

On Monday, Wahab (D-Fremont) gathered at Hayward City Hall with several current and former elected officials from throughout the county to demand immediate, measurable action based on the audit’s findings.

“It’s not the first time, it’s not one case, it’s not two cases, it’s decades of failure on Alameda County’s part to do right by the children of this county,” said Wahab, who was herself a foster child in the county. “This is not about paperwork failure. This is child endangerment by

government neglect.”

The audit found that DCFS failed to start about 50% of investigations within the time allowed, failed to ensure that foster youth received medical care and mental health services promptly, failed to adequately report critical incidents at its Transitional Shelter Care Facility and often failed to ensure that foster children were able to keep in touch with family.

“From 2019 to 2024, 89% to 95% of the urgent abuse cases weren’t investigated within the legal requirements of 24 hours,” Wahab said.

Also, investigations into child abuse, neglect and exploitation averaged 187 days to start and 275 days to close and children have disappeared from shelters where abuse and trafficking occurred, she said.

“This is not mismanagement, it’s criminal neglect” that has been nurtured by a “culture of denial and excuses,” Wahab said.

State auditors also found that from fiscal years 2019-20 through

2024-25, the department’s vacancy rates doubled from 17% to 34% for child welfare workers and more than doubled from 8% to about 18% for supervisors.

The vacancies resulted in child welfare workers at the department’s Emergency Response Unit having caseloads higher than the recommended 15 new cases per month, according to the report.

Livermore City Councilmember Evan Branning said his wife is a former DCFS employee who would come home from work in tears daily after struggling with a deeply flawed department.

“She got into the profession because she wanted to help, and she found a bureaucracy in the system that instead left her doing the least,” Branning said. “We have to do better. We must serve these children. They are our most vulnerable youth.”

Despite the seriousness of its findings, the county has so far failed to respond to the audit with a sense

of urgency it demands, according to Wahab.

She also said that she could open State Senate hearings on the subject and tie county funding to the department’s compliance with reforms, at least some of which have been identified in the past.

For example, the audit notes that on at least three other occasions — a 2023 Alameda County Grand Jury report, a 2024 California Department of Social Services review and a lawsuit filed by the city of Hayward — serious problems were discovered with DCFS investigations, overall staffing levels and conditions at one of its youth shelters.

“They’ve had many, many reports spanning decades of failures,” Wahab said.

Both she and Oakland City Councilmember Carroll Fife said the Alameda County Board of Supervisors is holding on to a \$15 million reserve fund that could be used to improve the department’s

performance.

“The county is sitting on reserves that are unimaginable to cities like Oakland,” Fife said.

Wahab and Fife, along with several other speakers Monday, mentioned 8-year-old Sophia Mason, who died after allegedly suffering sexual and physical abuse at the hands of her mother and her mother’s boyfriend — even after repeated reports to DCFS about signs of abuse from doctors, teachers and relatives.

“Sophia was not unseen, she was ignored,” Wahab said.

She also brought up the case of 3-year-old Mariah Musafa, who was hospitalized for allegedly ingesting meth, and then sent back to the same foster home.

“Days later, she overdosed again and died,” Wahab said. “That was not bad luck. It was negligence.”

Alameda County Administrator Susan Muranishi and a spokesperson for the county didn’t immediately respond to requests for comment. ■

DAY CARE

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light was a moment that changed our family forever, splitting time into before and after,” Saavedra DeMotta added.

The family is seeking a jury trial regarding claims that Building Kidz of Dublin exhibited negligent hiring and/or retention, supervision and/or training as well as the infliction of emotional distress via negligence and intent, according to the legal complaint.

“This is one of the most shocking cases of childcare neglect we’ve ever seen,” J. Gary Gwilliam, the family’s attorney at Gwilliam, Ivary, Chiosso, Cavalli & Brewer said in a statement. “This is every parent’s worst nightmare. This tragedy was entirely preventable — and the facility’s repeated violations show a complete disregard for the safety of children in their care.”

A spokesperson for Building Kidz said that a final report from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) found claims of the school’s role in the student’s death to be unsubstantiated and that there

was insufficient evidence to support the allegation.

The school has been exonerated by the State of California, the Building Kidz School spokesperson said.

“While we respect the family’s pain and their right to seek answers through the legal process, the accusations of negligence and wrongdoing are unequivocally false. We are confident the facts will exonerate those named in the lawsuit, and Building Kidz School will vigorously defend itself against these baseless allegations,” the day care spokesperson told the Weekly.

“Our focus remains on supporting our school community through this devastating loss and ensuring the well-being of our students and staff,” they added.

Along with Building Kidz of Dublin, the family is suing its parent and related companies — Building Kidz, Inc.; Building Kidz Worldwide, LLC; Building Kidz Properties, LLC; Brilliant Minds Academy and Brilliant Minds Investments, LLC.

Although they maintain the allegations against them in the lawsuit are false, the school expressed sympathy for the incident. “There are simply no words to adequately express the profound sorrow we feel for his parents, family and everyone who loved him,” the spokesperson for Building Kidz said. “Our

thoughts and deepest sympathies remain with them during this unimaginable time.”

Matthew Jr. and Mylah Bonneau had been enrolled at the day care since approximately December 2024. Upon enrollment, the defendants did not make any effort to obtain medical information about either child, according to the lawsuit.

The parents repeatedly asked how to provide medical information and were given a “short form,” the complaint states.

Although his parents advised the defendants of Matthew Jr.’s medical conditions, including his history of seizures, his record with Building Kidz does not include any medical issues — only his food allergy and immunization records were included, the lawsuit alleges.

On the day of Matthew Jr.’s death, his father dropped the kids off at approximately 8:20 a.m. at Building Kidz of Dublin. Teachers confirmed that the boy seemed OK and in good spirits, the complaint adds.

However, the coroner’s report stated that his death was caused by “probable complications of influenza B viral infection.”

“What we were hoping to get was some kind of closure with the autopsy report and that just sent us spinning,” Saavedra DeMotta told the Weekly.

McKayla Saavedra is very attentive

to her children’s health and Matthew Jr. was healthy on the day he died, Saavedra DeMotta said. If either Matthew Jr. or Mylah Bonneau had a sneeze or cold, their mom would keep them home, the grandma added.

On April 15, one of Matthew Jr.’s teachers reported that he ate less than usual at lunch and was not acting like himself before nap time, according to the complaint.

It was also reported that Matthew Jr. had difficulty falling asleep.

The children were left unattended and unchecked for about one hour and 20 minutes, the lawsuit alleges.

Previously, the CDSS suggested that Building Kidz of Dublin implement 15-minute sleep checks, according to a department report Oct. 25, 2023 based on an unannounced, annual random inspection.

Nap checks every 15 minutes are not required by law for children over the age of 2-1/2 years old, but it is considered “best practice” to continue the checks with older children, especially for those with medical concerns, according to the legal complaint.

Shortly before 2:30 p.m. April 15, teachers returned to the room to wake the children. Matthew Jr. did not respond and after flipping the toddler onto his back, teachers performed CPR, according to the complaint.

The facility director allegedly “fr(oze) in the crisis, as if she did

not know what to do or how to assist,” the complaint states.

“It is evident that defendants failed to develop and maintain effective protocols and/or procedures for emergency situations and ensure proper training regarding the same,” according to the complaint.

An Oct. 14 report by the CDSS determined that the facility had insufficient staffing for a total of 26 minutes during nap time on the day of Matthew Jr.’s death.

The investigation by CDSS was prompted by a complaint the department received April 16.

Per the CDSS report, three teachers were assigned to “the classroom” and two teachers left to take their lunch break April 15, leaving one teacher responsible for 14 children, the report states.

Of the 14 children, two were observed on video as being active and mobile within the classroom, according to the report. The staffing arrangement did not comply with the required staff-to-child ratio of 1:12.

“This staffing arrangement poses a potential risk to the health, safety, and personal rights of the children in care,” according to the report.

As of Oct. 22, Building Kidz of Dublin has been the subject of at least six complaint investigations by the CDSS, with four allegations substantiated, according to the department website. ■

CAFETERIA

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now the first one completed under the Measure J bond project list. According to Galletti, the project came in under budget at \$1,008,796.

Galletti said the school has

already been using the newly renovated cafeteria space since the beginning of September, but on Oct. 15 the school wanted to actually celebrate the completion of the project with the greater community with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The ceremony doubled as a

commemoration of Hoxie after he officially retired last month after 20 years of serving the school.

“Lowell Hoxie embodied the heart of Sunol Glen,” Galletti said in an Oct. 13 press release. “His dedication to education, mentorship, and civic engagement continues to

inspire generations. This building stands as a living tribute to his incredible impact.”

The ribbon-cutting event featured remarks from Sunol district officials, students and Hoxie’s family before the school unveiled a commemorative artwork that was created by

Sonya Paz, a local artist whose aim with the mural — which is located inside the cafeteria — was to capture the spirit of Hoxie’s legacy.

“Creating this piece was an honor,” Paz said. “It celebrates the legacy of a man whose passion for education truly shaped this community.” ■

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Shirley Ann Macchiano

February 7, 1942 – September 30, 2025

Shirley Ann Macchiano peacefully passed away on the morning of September 30th at the age of 83. Shirley was predeceased by her Father Gino Molinaro, Mother Mary Molinaro and brother Robert Molinaro. Shirley will be lovingly remembered and missed by her husband of 62 years, Tony Macchiano; Children Michelle Macchiano, Anthony Macchiano and Scott Macchiano, and Grandchildren Evan Eacret, Madison Eacret-Black (Michelle), Kyle Neves, Madden Macchiano and Dominic Macchiano (Anthony).

Shirley was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco on February 7, 1942. She grew up in Daly City and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1959. After graduating high school, she worked for IBM in San Francisco. Together with friends from her grammar school days, Shirley enjoyed bowling at Castle Lanes in Daly City. This is where Shirley met her soon to be husband Anthony (Tony) Macchiano. On January 26, 1963, Shirley Ann Molinaro became Mrs. Anthony Macchiano at The Church of the Visitation in San Francisco. Tony and Shirley purchased their first home in San Bruno. Shirley was a homemaker caring for their newborn daughter Michelle, while Tony made a living plastering high-rise buildings in San Francisco. In 1969, Shirley (pregnant with twins), Tony, Michelle, Gino & Mary Molinaro, Robert & Carol Molinaro, and their two children Gina and Kent moved across the Bay to Pleasanton to start their family business Pleasanton Garbage Service.

Shirley loved raising her family and making friends in the small town of Pleasanton. She was also ever present at countless charity and community fundraising events along with Tony. She always did her part to help make Pleasanton a wonderful place. Her passions were bowling, tennis, and golfing with her friends on the Castlettes and Nine Holer's at Castlewood Country Club. Shirley also loved to travel with her family and good friends. Family vacation meant everything to her. Especially when all the grandkids were able to join in on the fun. She was the best Nonni to all 5 of her grandchildren and they will miss her dearly.

Shirley made an impression on all the people she met. Everyone was a friend, and most importantly, she recognized the good you brought into the world. She never missed a beat to acknowledge someone's amazing qualities and thoughtfulness.

A celebration of life will be announced in the near future.

Shirley's favorite charities:

ALS TDI, 480 Arsenal Street, Suite 201, Watertown, MA 02472 <https://fundraise.als.net/coreyscrusade>

Tri Valley REACH, PO Box 5564 Pleasanton CA 94566 <https://trivalleyreach.org/>

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specific plan was ultimately never adopted.

During the Feb. 4 council meeting this year, the council directed staff to begin a new process — the East Pleasanton Policy Framework — in order to establish a General Plan vision for the east side that includes policies for future development in the area. The direction came after the council also agreed to move forward with the process of annexing the Arroyo Lago and East Lakes project sites.

While East Lakes, which could see up to 600 units depending on final designs, is still in the early phases of development and is expected to have more flexibility for city discretion and review, the Arroyo Lago project has been moving forward under the county's planning development process.

City community development director Ellen Clark told the council on Oct. 21 that the Alameda County Planning Commission was set to certify an environmental impact report and approve a vesting tentative tract map subdivision for the Arroyo Lago project the night before but continued the item once again to Nov. 17 — the commission had already previously continued the item from a September meeting.

The key difference between the county version of the project and the version being discussed at the city level is that the county's maintains the originally proposed 194 homes while the city proposes to build 189.

The ultimate goal of the city's pre-annexation and development agreement and the key terms that were presented to the council that night are to help ensure that the developer maintains certain responsibilities as the project progresses and ideally gets annexed into city boundaries.

Some of the terms to be included in the draft agreement are that the developer must complete the project within 10 years once the city annexes the land; a public trail must be constructed through the project to Mohr Avenue; maintenance

funding must be ensured for park, trail, streets, lighting and storm facilities; and the developer must construct needed water, sewer and offsite road infrastructure improvements.

According to Clark, the developer would bear the upfront costs of those infrastructure improvements but could be eligible for reimbursement.

Other terms of the agreement are set to include allowing the developer to qualify for the city's old impact fee rate schedule; designating Pleasanton as the point of sale for construction materials and fixture; and stipulating the project to include 48 deed-restricted, junior accessible dwelling units, which would be the only affordable housing offered by the project.

The last key term is that the city and developer agreed to having 330 Land Company contribute \$3 million for the design and construction of an El Charro Road extension, which residents, staff and the council have said is an important piece to the puzzle regarding future East Pleasanton developments.

While that contribution might not reflect a true fair-share cost of the total \$6.5 million to \$8 million that would be required for El Charro Road, Clark said \$3 million is reasonable given that if it were a county project, there wouldn't be any monetary contributions to similar improvements.

The project applicant has also made several concessions and incurred a number of additional costs or losses in value, according to Clark. The project made changes to accommodate deeper and larger lots, which brought the overall unit number down from 194 to 189. The developers also paid city impact fees that they were not originally planning for as the county's fees are much different compared to the city of Pleasanton's.

"We are really contributing a lot," said Steve Dunn, senior managing director for SteelWave which owns the Arroyo Lago site. "In addition to the \$4 million ... We're now paying \$2.2 million in city (transportation improvement fees), which we wouldn't have to pay in the county.

We're also paying an additional \$3 million contribution to El Charro, which we wouldn't have to pay in the county."

"But if you look at the whole bucket of fees, it's about \$10 million more for us to go (through) the city than to go into the county," Dunn added.

Another concession Dunn pointed out was going from two-story to one-story homes which, combined with the loss of five units, totals in about \$5 million of lost value. The applicant decided to shift to one story units to appease residents of the Ironwood neighborhood adjacent to the project who raised concerns about privacy.

But despite the many concessions, Dunn and the project applicant said they still wanted to move forward with the city annexing the project site and moving forward under the city's development process.

While the council was mostly on board with moving the project forward under the city's process because it could bring hundreds of thousands of dollars in property taxes, some concerns were still raised from the dais.

Councilmember Julie Testa had staff point out that the housing units from this project will not count toward the city's state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation unit numbers. Vice Mayor Jeff Nibert also noted the importance of building out El Charro in order to avoid serious traffic congestion, which was a concern raised by a couple of residents during public comment.

Testa also said toward the end of the meeting that she still believes an age-restricted project or even light industrial development at that site would have been a better use of the space.

"I don't believe that the residential that is going to evolve in this area is going to be revenue positive," she said.

However, she also acknowledged all the work that has already been done to update the project and ultimately supported moving forward with the process to annex the property by early next year. ■

HAUNTED

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usually his dad, dressing up and chasing people with a chainsaw — without the chain.

As Leach grew up, he began seeing the neighborhoods change and attendance dwindle every year for their makeshift haunted house. And when the COVID pandemic hit, the Halloween landscape seemingly changed even more as people were less inclined to walk into a person's home.

But even though their attendance has gone from thousands to hundreds over the years, Leach said the family is still keeping his dad's original tradition alive through his

kids and the rest of his family.

From leading people along the haunted house maze as sort of a tour guide, to joining in on the fun of scaring people, Leach said his kids and other younger members of the greater family having taken more ownership of the tradition, which he appreciates seeing given how disconnected some younger people seem to be in this age of technology.

"I think these experiences allow the younger generations to kind of get the sense of: This is what it used to be like and (how it) could be like again if we get this sense of community ... coming back that I feel like we kind of lost," he said.

He also said he hopes to see more people out this year, not just

because of the fact that the holiday falls on a Friday, but because they are celebrating 40 years of scaring fellow Pleasanton residents and because they want to make it a special occasion for his dad, who Leach said might not have many more haunted houses left in him — despite Leach saying his dad still dresses up and chases people with that chainsaw.

"The month of Halloween turns my dad into a kid again and it is so cool to see," Leach said. "There's been so many years that my dad's like 'Maybe I'm not going to do it this year,' ... but then all of the sudden he has seven grandkids and it's like, 'Well now I have to do it for them.'" ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Dublin couple arrested in murder of SF strip club boss

Santa Rosa police arrested two people on Friday who they say are responsible for the shooting death of a 60-year-old man outside his Santa Rosa residence on Brookwood Avenue earlier this month.

The victim, Mark Calcagni, was found shot to death in the street at about 6:30 a.m. on Oct. 3 by a neighbor, who called 911.

Dublin residents Richard Lund, 43, and Asia Morton, 25, were identified as suspects after an investigation by the Santa Rosa Police Department's Violent Crimes Investigations Team that was said to be based on witness interviews, surveillance footage, and unspecified "digital evidence." Both were allegedly former employees at an adult nightclub in San Francisco that Calcagni managed, police said in a news release Saturday.

The Santa Rosa Police Department alleged in its statement that Lund waited for Calcagni to come home before shooting him, and alleged that Morton helped plan the shooting.

Lund was arrested at the Dublin residence that police said he and Morton shared in the 7500 block of St. Patrick Way.

Morton was arrested shortly afterward at San Francisco International Airport upon returning from an international trip, according to police.

— Bay City News Service

Motorcyclist killed in predawn crash on Portola

A Livermore motorcyclist died as a result of a collision with a vehicle early Monday morning at the intersection of Paseo Laguna Seco and Portola Avenue, according to the Livermore Police Department.

LPD responded to the incident at approximately 3:30 a.m., LPD officials wrote Monday on social media. Paramedics arrived within minutes, but the 47-year-old motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

A preliminary investigation indicates that a 61-year-old Livermore resident was making a left turn onto Portola Avenue from southbound Paseo Laguna Seco while the motorcyclist was traveling westbound on Portola Avenue, police said. The two vehicles then collided in the intersection, according to police.

The driver remained on scene and is cooperating with investigators, police said.

"The cause of the crash is still under investigation," LPD officials said.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau is set to release the motorcyclist's identity following notification of the victims' next-of-kin, police said.

— Jude Strzemp

Homicide suspect mistakenly released from jail

Authorities are searching for a homicide suspect who was mistakenly released from jail in Contra Costa County last week.

Isaiah Jamon Andrews, 20, was released from the Martinez Detention Facility on Oct. 22 despite being held on an out-of-state arrest warrant for homicide, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office said Monday.

Authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding Andrews' release, the sheriff's office said in a news release.

"After Sheriff's Office staff realized Andrews had been released, we launched a search of the immediate area and confirmed that Andrews was no longer in the area," the sheriff's office said.

The search for Andrews — a resident of Kent, Wash. — is being carried out by the U.S. Marshals Service, and local law enforcement agencies have been notified.

Andrews was also being held at the jail on local charges and a juvenile warrant out of Sacramento, the sheriff's office said.

Anyone with any information on Andrews' whereabouts is asked to call 911. ■

— Bay City News Service



Deborah (Debbie) Todd Georgatos

October 11, 1951 – October 16, 2025

Deborah (Debbie) Todd Georgatos, 74, of Peoria, AZ, passed away peacefully on October 16, 2025.

Debbie was born on October 11, 1951, in Salinas, CA to Bud (Benson) and Louise Todd. She was the youngest of their three children. Debbie met the love of her life, Dean at San Jose State University in the fall of 1972 and they got married on August 10, 1974. They later graduated from San Jose State University in May of 1975. Prior to having their three children, they had many adventures; in the summer of 1977 traveling by train and backpacking through over a dozen European countries for six weeks (guided by the book: "Europe on Ten Dollars a Day" / but trying to spend even less), prior to Dean accepting a job with Ernst and Ernst in Athens in 1977. They returned to the states the following year upon learning their oldest son, Jason, was going to be born. Debbie and Dean enjoyed traveling, making many trips to Greece and Australia to visit family as well as explore history, culture and cuisine. Before her more recent decline in health, Dean and Debbie were blessed to be able to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Greece last summer, with a memorable Greek island cruise and a lovely stay on Kefalonia, the Greek island Dean was born on.

Debbie was proud of her rich American heritage, having family members that could be traced back to the Mayflower and Pre-revolutionary America. However, she fully embraced Dean's Greek heritage. With no pressure whatsoever from him, in Dean's opinion anyway, she enthusiastically became Hellenized, along with the kids. She was particularly proud of having learned to speak a decent amount of Greek, but early on claimed she could understand almost everything being said, for obvious reasons.

Debbie spent many years raising, caring, transporting, guiding, encouraging, and protecting, but most of all, genuinely loving on her three children, who she considered were precious gifts from God, until she earned her Masters in Counseling from Bethany University in 1992. She spent time after that working in addiction counseling and later as a teacher. After many years living in Almaden Valley (San Jose), Dean and Debbie moved back to Pleasanton where Dean had grown up. Their oldest son Jason was attending UC

Santa Barbara at the time, and their daughter Nikki would soon be headed off to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Their youngest son, Peter, spent most of his childhood in Pleasanton before graduating from San Diego State University.

Debbie was lovingly committed and deeply devoted to her Christian faith. She tried to live out her faith by her tireless commitment to her family and by putting her faith into action helping others by using her counseling skills and passion for members of the senior community. She also was fiercely dedicated to helping take care of her elderly parents in their final years. After her parents passed away, she felt a special calling to help make quality care available for senior citizens, eventually launching her own Senior Helpers business. After some time helping serve the caregiving needs of the senior community, Debbie decided to focus her final years on spending time with and doting on her ten grandchildren, who she dearly loved and was so enormously proud of.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Kostandinos ("Dean") Jerry Georgatos; their three children, Jason Georgatos (Theodora) of Sydney, Australia; Nikki Dauphin (Stephen) of Sandia Park, New Mexico; and Peter Georgatos (Noelia) of San Clemente, CA; and ten grandchildren: Isaac Dauphin (20), Caleb Dauphin (18), Joshua Dauphin (17), Christos Georgatos (15), Elliana Dauphin (15), Sophia Georgatos (13), Nathan Dauphin (13), Timothy Dauphin (9), Kehlanee Georgatos (7), and Kamden Georgatos (4). She is also survived by her siblings, William Todd of San Jose, CA, and Susan Todd of Salinas, CA.

Debbie would want to be remembered primarily of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and for her loving devotion to her grandchildren, who were the light of her life. She will also be remembered as a devoted loving wife and mother to her three children.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate her life on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton, CA. A reception with finger food, refreshments and fellowship will follow. Debbie will be laid to rest that afternoon at Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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GHOSTS OF PLEA

Museum on Main's experiential tours educate

Story by Christian Trujano



A dimly lit picture of an unexplainable shadowy figure, stories of tragic deaths from decades ago and first-hand accounts of cold spots in an otherwise warm room were just some of the highlights from this year's Ghost Walk tours.

Organized by the Museum on Main, the special tours are an annual program that take place on select October weekends and feature dozens of volunteers who dress up as the ghosts of Pleasanton's past and help keep the city's history alive in a spooky, but educational, way.

"It's really personal to the town,"

Mia Cortese, one of the actors who portrayed a ghost at the old PRIMM Boutique building next to Inklings, told the Weekly during the Oct. 10

tour. "It's talking about the history, and it kind of keeps people thinking about where we are and why we're here ... It's a really fun thing that our town does that maybe not everywhere does."

According to the museum's executive director, Tony Cruz, the Ghost Walk tours started nearly 20 years ago and continue to be one of the museum's most popular events. It remains one of, if not the, biggest fundraising campaign for the museum.

He said last year the Ghost Walk tours raised about \$17,000 and this year they hope to break \$20,000 — they were already grossing about \$18,000 during the first night of the tours.

Held during the two to three weeks before Halloween, each tour takes residents and visitors through several stops in downtown Pleasanton where people have witnessed paranormal experiences or that have a long reputation of ghostly encounters given the history of the buildings.

One of the stops was Towne Center Books where Nancy Gilvin, one of the workers inside the store, told the uninitiated group of first-time Ghost Walk participants about the three ghosts that haunt the old building, which used to be a laundry and dry cleaning store.

Gilvin said she encountered her first ghost at the store 25 years ago when she started working there — she noticed an old rocking chair move by itself. Since then, she has experienced cold spots throughout the back area of the store and has heard of books being moved around by themselves.

At one point, she said there was a psychic who visited the book store and said the ghosts were from the turn of the 20th century, which could suggest that the ghosts were those of deceased manual workers who died when they were young.

After the first stop, the tour group moved on to other locations such as the Blue Agave Club next to the museum, the Rose Hotel and the Ruby and Roses Restaurant. Each of the stops featured different volunteers who dressed up as the ghosts who supposedly haunt each of the locations.

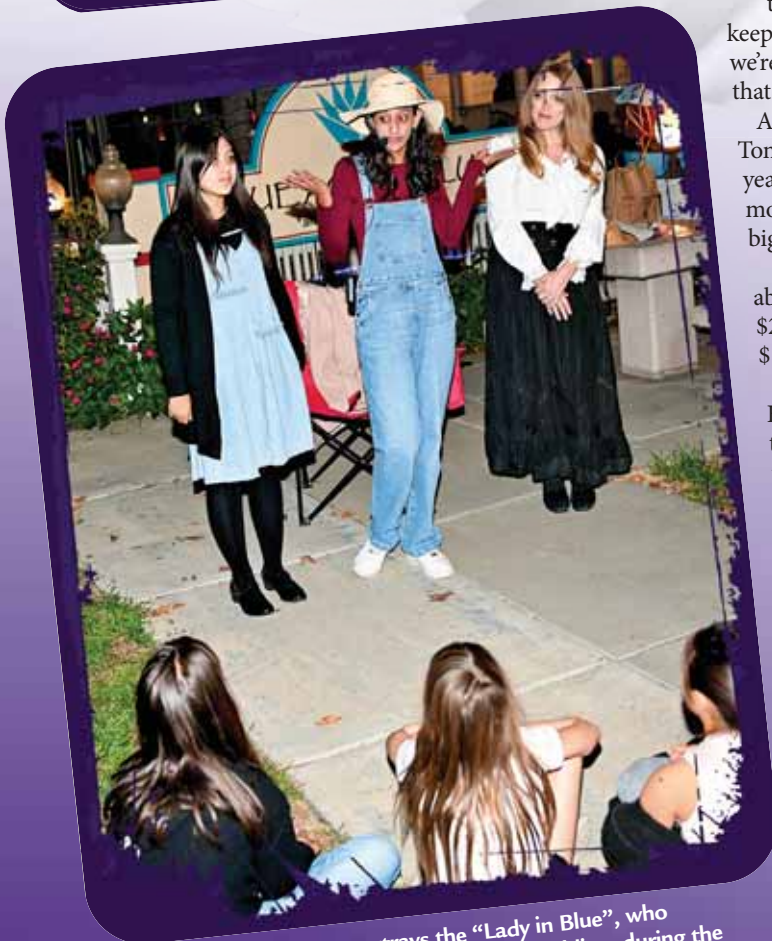
Museum on Main education director Peter Wallis said he just started working at the museum six months ago but as a longtime educator, he appreciates just how much work the museum and local volunteers do to keep history alive through events such as the Ghost Walk.

"A big part of the Ghost Walk that's really neat to me is the way that history comes back alive and you get to walk through it in a way," Wallis said.

Wallis said that with all of the cuts to museums nationwide, he appreciated just how much the Pleasanton community demonstrates its support of the nonprofit Museum on Main.

"It's just really cool to see how many people show up on a daily basis for our events and really show up for some of the fundraising," Wallis said.

From stories of ghosts walking through walls to how they would mess with people by messing with lights, the



Top left: Catherine Cyr portrays the "Lady in Blue", who supposedly haunts the Gay Nineties Pizza building, during the Oct. 17 Ghost Walk tour. Bottom left: Participants of all ages listen to Museum on Main volunteers tell stories of the ghost they are playing and how those tales fit into Pleasanton's own history. Right: Bruce Torquemada, owner of the Kottinger Barn, dresses up as John Kottinger himself.



PLEASANTON'S PAST

people on city's history in a spooky, fun way

Photos by Chuck Deckert

actors had fun with their roles as they told the stories of Pleasanton's past and practiced a little bit of their improvisation skills as tour participants asked questions about the ghosts' lives and how they died.

One volunteer who has participated in the Ghost Walk for the past four years was Bruce Torquemada, owner of the Kottinger Barn, which is Pleasanton's oldest standing building.

Dressed in old, western clothing Torquemada walked the Oct. 10 tour group through the barn, which used to be a jail and courthouse, and told them about all of his first-hand paranormal experiences and about the 22 ghosts that he said haunt the barn.

He even started off by showing them a photo of a shadowy figure that he said had to be a ghost based on where he was standing when he took the photo — he used one of the tour participants to demonstrate how the lighting in the room suggest it couldn't have been Torquemada's own shadow, which garnered audible gasps and excitement from most of the tour participants.

He even noted how one time, a lady's earring came out of her ear by itself and how it likely was a ghost who simply liked jewelry.

Torquemada told the Weekly that he believes the barn belongs to Pleasanton because of its historical significance and that he just loves showing people around the barn. He said he has been involved with the Ghost Walk since he bought the barn in 2021.

And while he said he originally did not believe in ghosts, he does now after all of the things that have happened to him at the barn.

However, after the first tour, Torquemada finished off this year's Ghost Walk tours on somewhat of a sour note after two of the coins from the 1800s that he passed around during his presentation have gone missing.

He said the coins were likely taken on Oct. 17, and he is simply asking for the return of the coins because of their historical significance.

Still, during the Oct. 10 tour his stop garnered a lot of excitement from the crowd.

One tour member who particularly liked the barn stop was Gabriel Kong, a north Oakland resident who came with other friends from the East Bay to take part in the tour. He said one of his friends who is from Pleasanton suggested the tour as a fun activity to do on a Friday night.

"We were like yeah, for sure, we would love to see Pleasanton," he said. "It's cool that there is a centralized knowledge base about the ghosts here."

Cruz noted how important the event is given the city recently cut the museum's funding during the most recent budget development process — \$25,000 for the 2025-26 fiscal year and \$35,000 for the 2026-27 fiscal years.

"With all the cuts, it's significant," Cruz said. "It's a fun event that we're known for and people are going to have a good time and support a good cause."

Cruz also said that apart from the tours being an educational and fun event for families, it is also a great way to bring more business to downtown Pleasanton solely based on how many people congregate in the area for the tours.

"Bringing in 1,000 people downtown who probably wouldn't be down here tonight is just good for the city," he said.

Cruz said the museum's mission is to enrich community life through education and making history accessible, which is why he said the Ghost Walk is so great because any age group can take part and really learn something about Pleasanton's history — while also getting a couple good scares here and there.

"It's entertaining enough to keep little kids' attention and educational enough to satisfy the history buff," Cruz said. ■



Top right: The volunteers who portray the downtown ghosts change every year and vary from longtime museum volunteers to local high school students.
Bottom right: The Ghost Walk stops in front of the Rubys and Roses Restaurant to hear about the ghost who is known to hold doors randomly.
Left: Towne Center Books store holds many ghost stories of books moving mysteriously on their own, empty chairs rocking and cold spots.

SPIN THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE IN LIVERMORE

HOST MARK L. WALBERG INVITES AUDIENCE TO PLAY ON STAGE AT BANKHEAD NEXT MONTH



REEMA SHAH / COURTESY LVA

The interactive game show “Wheel of Fortune LIVE!”, with host Mark L. Walberg, is scheduled to take place Nov. 10 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.



By JUDE STRZEMP

Modeled after the Emmy-award winning television game show, “Wheel of Fortune LIVE!” is set to make its first appearance at the Bankhead Theater during November as part of a national tour.

The interactive show offers fans the chance to play from their seats as well as on stage with a replica of the iconic prize wheel, word puzzles and prizes.

Guiding the evening event will be Mark L. Walberg, host of popular series including “Antiques Roadshow” and Netflix’s “Temptation Island.”

“Wheel of Fortune’ is one of the most beloved game shows in American history, and being able to bring that experience right into our community’s backyard is going to be an absolute hoot!” Livermore Valley Arts spokesperson Ruth Egberman told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Upon arrival at the Bankhead, attendees can register to be a potential contestant in the live game show. Potential contestants are then called onto the stage in groups of five to compete in toss-up puzzles.

During toss-up puzzles, letters of a phrase are revealed until a participant correctly guesses the phrase.

Three toss-up winners will move on to play a full-fledged game of Wheel of Fortune.

A member of the audience will also get to play as co-host to reveal puzzle letters, a role made famous on TV by Vanna White.

“I love that our contestants come straight out of the audience,” Walberg told the Weekly in a recent interview. “They haven’t been particularly briefed or culled for their

expertise, so we get all ranges and levels of play, which lets me have some fun hosting.”

Similar to the television show, on-stage contestants will vie to enter a “bonus round” where they can win prizes such as trips to Paris and Hawaii or up to \$10,000 in cash. A member of the audience will win a matching prize as well.

Audience members can also win cash and other prizes between on-stage rounds by playing puzzles from their seats, according to the “Wheel of Fortune LIVE!” event website.

“There’s so many things that divide us these days in life,” Walberg said. “So for 90 minutes, everybody in the room has one thing in common with each other, that we all like to watch “Wheel of Fortune” — we like to solve the puzzles.”

About four years ago, Walberg began guiding “Wheel of Fortune LIVE!” when the touring series first kicked off.

“I’ve always loved doing game shows — I don’t do as many shows as I used to, but it’s fun to give away prizes and cash and help people enjoy the show they’ve loved for their whole life,” Walberg said.

Walberg does not host every live show,

having recently returned from filming season two of Netflix’s “Temptation Island” in Hawaii.

But to Walberg, the host is not the focus of a game show.

“The game and the contestants are the stars of the show and so I do everything I can to make it great for the contestants, make it great for the audience,” Walberg said.

In addition to winning prizes, Walberg hopes that attendees have a “great time celebrating the show that we all love — that we all have in common — that they enjoyed themselves, had some laughs and got to solve some puzzles.”

The live show is not for broadcast, nor will it air on television, the event website states. On-stage participants must be 18 years or older.

“With puzzles, prizes, and chances for audience members to join in on the fun, it’s exactly the kind of shared excitement we love to create,” Egberman said.

“Wheel of Fortune LIVE!” is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Bankhead Theater. For tickets and more information, visit the LVA website at livermorearts.org. ■

CYT presenting 'Annie' musical next two weekends

Young actors, musicians bring to life tale of 'radiance and resilience of children, and such a special one'

By JEREMY WALSH

Just thinking about, tomorrow" is more than just an apt lyric for CYT Tri-Valley — right now, it's likely the vibe of the entire youth theater troupe as the opening performance of its production of "Annie" arrives this weekend.

The catchy tunes and heartfelt story of the stage musical about red-headed (and red-dressed) orphan Annie is coming the next two weekends to the Bankhead Theater courtesy of CYT Tri-Valley, the resident children's theater company for the downtown Livermore venue.

"It's been a joy to work with our cast of talented, young actors on this exuberant and beloved musical," director Lana Ivashin-King said in a press release as rehearsals were winding down.

"I am sure our audiences will be moved by the honesty and spirit that our actors bring to their performances, and by the story's enduring message of HOPE," Ivashin-King added. "This show is a celebration of the radiance and resilience of children, and such a special one. CYT is thrilled to offer another opportunity for families to enjoy live theater together. It will delight all ages."

Not only will young actors be taking on all of the famous roles in CYT's "Annie" production, but they will be accompanied by a live student orchestra over the course of the six shows.

The award-winning musical by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin — based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip that debuted in the 1920s and later adapted

to a popular movie version in 1982 — follows Annie, a bold and optimistic orphan navigating a difficult existence in Miss Hannigan's orphanage only to have a life of possibilities opened after meeting and moving in with billionaire Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks.

The show features famous songs like "It's the Hard-Knock Life" and "Tomorrow".

"Annie" is the fall, full-length production for CYT Tri-Valley — designed to provide "a well-rounded theatrical experience for actors and families", troupe reps said.

Also with an eye on giving back, the company's High School Youth Pursuing Excellence (HYPE) leadership team has organized a twin bed sheet donation drive during the production, benefiting Bay Area Rescue Mission and helping out fellow youth who aren't as lucky as Annie.

"We aren't just collecting sheets," HYPE student Luke Scott-Gonzalez said. "We are spreading warmth and showing that if we work hand-in-hand, we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of others."

A physical donation bin will be available at the Bankhead (darker colors are preferred but not required), or attendees can scan the QR code for the Amazon wishlist page.

"Annie" opens on Saturday (Nov. 1) at 1 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. performance that night and a matinee at 1 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 2). The same schedule continues on the second weekend, Nov. 8-9. For tickets and more information, go to livermorearts.org. ■



COURTESY CYT TRI-VALLEY

The young cast in rehearsal for CYT Tri-Valley's production of "Annie", which runs on weekends Nov. 1-9 at the Bankhead Theater.

'Always a Bridesmaid' at Bothwell

Lifelong friends tromp through wedding disasters



AMANDA FARMER

Encore Players cast for "Always a Bridesmaid".

By JUDE STRZEMP

There is no such thing as a perfect wedding. At least not in the comedic play "Always a Bridesmaid", featuring four women who agreed at senior prom to attend each other's future ceremonies.

Flash forward to over 30 years later and the weddings have come to fruition along with runaway brides, fistfights and ugly bridesmaid dresses, according to representatives from the presenting theater company Encore Players.

"It's a beautiful story about friendship and about how our plans go a little wonky sometimes," Amanda Farmer, director and previous Encore Players performer, said ahead of the play's opening in Livermore next week. "The writing is very clever."

As a director, Farmer aims to highlight the show's comedy as well as the bond between the characters.

The women stand by each other through challenges in life such as divorce and estrangement

from other people, Farmer explained.

"They don't always get along, but they know that even through that, one little fight, one little argument, is not going to destroy their friendship. It's not going to change their minds about one another, which I think is a really lovely message," Farmer said.

If an attendee has taken part in any wedding, they are bound to understand the characters' experiences, whether it's the "bride-zillaness" of some roles or simply the pressures of the day, according to Farmer.

Among the female friends, Monette Gentry is flashy and flirty, performer Lea Blevins said of the character she portrays.

"I was excited to be cast in this show because it's a solid script with a lot of great lines, fun characters and over-the-top scenarios," Blevins told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"I love going to rehearsal and forgetting about everything else for a couple hours while taking on the characteristics of another person, especially one as entertaining as Monette," Blevins added. "It's freeing to let go and to not be afraid to look silly."

Written by Jones Hope Wooten, the cast also features Alex Lobao, Amanda Pepper, Donna Blevins, Maren Haws and Meredith Sarboraria. The production team includes Desty Olson, Martie Muldoon, Bill Leach and Nancy Grover.

Most of the cast and crew are from Livermore, but there are participants from Pleasanton, Castro Valley, Brentwood and Pleasant Hill, Lea Blevins said.

Encore Players is set to present "Always a Bridesmaid" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8 as well as 2 p.m. Nov. 2 and Nov. 9 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. For more information, visit livermorearts.org. ■

Camera Club opening 'Click 25' exhibition

'Celebrates creativity and vision of amateur photographers'



COURTESY LVCC

"Hummingbird Playing in the Water" by Anna Rouse will be on display in "Click 25".

By JEREMY WALSH

The Livermore Civic Center Library is displaying some of the best pictures by local photographers this year throughout the month of November.

Featuring winning entries from the Livermore Valley Camera Club's annual photography contest, the "Click 25" juried exhibition "celebrates the creativity and vision of amateur photographers from across the Tri-Valley region", according to club member Guy Cummins.

"From dramatic landscapes to intimate portraits, the selected prints reflect a wide range of styles, subjects and techniques. The contest drew submissions from emerging artists and seasoned hobbyists alike, all united by a passion

for visual storytelling," Cummins said in a press release.

"Click 25" marks the club's commitment to fostering local talent and providing a platform for photographers to share their work with the community," Cummins added.

The exhibition is scheduled to open inside the library at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. this Saturday (Nov. 1) and run through Nov. 30. Many of the winning prints will be available for purchase.

Founded in 1958 to support more community and collaboration among local photographers, LVCC typically meets on the first and third Mondays (except December) from 7-9 p.m. at 5690 Sonoma Drive in Pleasanton. For more information, go to lvcc.photoclubservices.com. ■

Our yearlong fight for public records finally pays off

The story is finally starting to come out.

More than 13 months after first filing our public records request with the Pleasanton Unified School District, the Pleasanton Weekly this week received the key reports and associated materials (including screenshots) from the district's investigation into allegations against Jonathan Fey, now-former principal of Amador Valley High School.

The records came following, in quick succession, the resolution of a lawsuit filed to prevent PUSD from releasing the documents to us and the settlement of Fey's administrative challenge against the district in exchange for \$254,000 and the ability to resign, among other terms.

Our reporter Christian Trujano is busy scouring some 350 pages PUSD's lawyer shared with us late Monday afternoon, but his investigative story is not quite ready for primetime. Look for that in next week's paper.

In the meantime, we felt compelled to shine more light on what we know and how we got here as a precursor to the upcoming exposé. Amador families and the entire Pleasanton community deserve, as soon as possible, to learn what the district says happened and to learn Fey's side of the story.

The investigative reports confirm

the rumors we've been hearing for months but have been unable to corroborate on the record: Fey was placed on indefinite administrative leave Aug. 12, 2024, following allegations that he engaged with one recent-former student and one then-senior student on the dating/hookup app Grindr and that he attempted to groom multiple young men at Amador. The matter was also referred to the Pleasanton Police Department.

Fey, a married father who lives in Pleasanton, "completely and unequivocally" denies the complaints against him. He has stood firm from the beginning, fighting for his professional career and personal reputation.

All the while, the district's largest high school was left in leadership limbo with multiple temporary administrators cycling through the early weeks of last academic year until Jr Yee was appointed acting principal for the rest of 2024-25.

As the public records show, PUSD had contracted with an outside firm during this period to probe the complaints against Fey. The third-party investigator ultimately sustained key allegations in February, and the district moved to remove Fey as an administrator after the school year.

Fey, who was still on leave at the time, formally challenged the

district's determination. As we would learn, his consistent denials include assertions that PUSD has a culture of students impersonating other people on social media and that district leadership doesn't stand up for its administrators.

He initiated proceedings with the state's Office of Administrative Hearings in April. The case advanced along through the summer, with key hearing dates looming in autumn.

That's when the Pleasanton Weekly entered the chat — unbeknownst to us.

We had submitted a comprehensive request to PUSD under the California Public Records Act on Sept. 9, 2024, seeking documents related to Fey's abrupt and unexplained leave of absence.

The district's response to us has been ongoing ever since. We've received thousands of pages worth of records on a monthly basis, largely innocuous emails and certainly nothing to even hint at the real reason for Fey's ouster.

Lo and behold, on Sept. 4 of this year, PUSD's attorneys with Lozano Smith informed Fey and his lawyer that they planned to release to us (and EdSource, which also submitted a CPRA request on Fey) records related to the complaints and investigation, unless he sued to stop them.

Fey did so two weeks later. He filed a "reverse-PRA" confidentially to prevent the district from giving us the documents. He received initial court clearance to proceed as

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Buddy boy

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an unnamed "John Doe", but as the CPRA requester and based on details in the lawsuit, we knew the plaintiff was Fey. The records we obtained this week leave no doubt.

Lozano Smith alerted us to the "John Doe" lawsuit on Oct. 3. To their credit, the district leaders stuck to their position that as guardians of public records, the redacted documents in their possession should be disclosed.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Michael Markman granted Fey a temporary restraining order, but as the case moved toward an Oct. 16 hearing on the ex-principal's request for a preliminary injunction, we successfully scrambled to secure a seat at the table.

Thanks to a lawyer who worked quickly on short notice to represent us on contingency, we initiated conversations with both sides. At the very real threat of being responsible for covering our attorney's fees when we inevitably prevailed, the lawsuit settled within days — dismissed without prejudice and the records to be released by Oct. 27.

And that's exactly what transpired Monday. Then, on Tuesday, we obtained a copy of the sudden settlement between Fey and PUSD — approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees during closed session last week — to end the OAH proceedings

before the big open hearings began.

Now the real work continues for our reporter and editor, closely reviewing the investigative records and supporting materials, pursuing comments from district leadership and Fey himself, interviewing other sources and conducting supplemental research — all with the aim of telling the full scope of this pivotal story in the days ahead.

This outcome would not have occurred in this efficient timeframe had we not intervened in the reverse-PRA lawsuit. It also would not have happened at all if not for our original records request 13 months ago, and our persistence in tracking the monthly output from the district.

It's not over either. PUSD tells us another batch of responsive records will be delivered by Nov. 24... ■

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LETTERS

Rebuttal to opinion on political philosophers

John Williams' argument in last week's paper suffers from the fallacy of false equivalence. Even a cursory look at Machiavelli tells us that he supports a ruler who comes to power by eliminating other would-be leaders (even through murder) — he makes the claim in his work "The Prince" and also in his less brutal work on the Roman Republic, "Discourses on Livy".

While, in Plato's "Republic", he speaks of a reluctant "Philosopher King" who takes on the role out of moral duty. Perhaps the Emperor Marcus Aurelius is a strong example of this type of leader.

Regardless, neither work speaks of an elected top leader, which for the purposes of a democracy seems to make them incomparable and even

inferior to our own Constitution. This is borne out in the fact that the United States is the longest standing democracy.

We should not compare our situation with the ones Machiavelli and Plato propose because they are apples and oranges (false equivalents), unless you are suggesting that we forgo our superior democratic model for the Roman model that Machiavelli understood as a blending of a monarchy, aristocracy and democracy, wherein only about 10% plebeians in the late Republic had a say in determining leaders.

I for one would rather look to our own United States Constitution and former presidents, like Washington, Teddy and F.D. Roosevelt and Lincoln, for guidance in these precarious times.

—Jeanmarie Dollard

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BY DENNIS MILLER

Looking over NCS flag football, volleyball brackets

The North Coast Section came out with its playoffs for girls' volleyball and flag football with the East Bay Athletic League well-represented in both.

And as is usually the case, there are some head-scratchers.

In flag football, the following teams qualified for the tournament from the EBAL (seed in parenthesis): California (2), Granada (5), San Ramon Valley (6), Amador Valley (8), Foothill (11) and Dublin (14).

California was set to be at home and open play Tuesday night against College Park (15) in a 6 p.m. game. Granada opened at Heritage High against Alameda (12). San Ramon Valley faced Foothill in a 7:30 p.m. game at Cal High. Finally, Dublin was playing at Liberty, against Liberty (3) at 6 p.m.

Results were pending as of press time. The quarterfinals were set to follow on Thursday at sites to be determined. The semifinals will be

Nov. 4 with the championship game set for Nov. 6.

In volleyball, the NCS policy that a league champion gets to host a first-round game despite the seed is rearing its ugly head once again.

In the Open Division tournament, it worked in San Ramon Valley's favor as the Wolves (5) was set to play host to Branson (4) in the first-round of the tournament on Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

The Open semifinals are set for Nov. 5, with the finals taking place Nov. 8.

In Division I play, it is nonsensical. Play was opening Tuesday night with the games set for 7 p.m.

Monte Vista earned the top-seed, but for its efforts the Mustangs were sent on the road to Petaluma, the No. 16 seed. Carondelet is the No. 3 seed, but the Cougars were also North Bay-bound to play at No. 14 Rancho Cotate.

The lone EBAL team to be home in the first round is No. 6 Foothill

that was playing host to No. 11 Northgate.

The quarterfinals are set for Saturday, with the semifinals on Nov. 5, and the title game taking place Nov. 8.

The D-II tournament returned some sense of normalcy, with No. 16 Granada traveling to top-seeded University on Wednesday. Amador is the No. 8 seed and was set to host No. 9 Terra Linda.

Foothill girls' volleyball

The Falcons ended the regular season with a 25-11, 25-9, 26-28, 25-22 win over Amador Valley.

Highlights came from Paige Nelson (23 kills, 18 digs), Dani Yeh (41 assists, 5 kills), Olivia So (15 digs, 2 aces) and Addison Monnastes (5 kills, 2 blocks).

In a 27-29, 25-16, 25-17, 22-25, 13-15 loss to San Ramon Valley in the EBAL playoffs, highlights came from Nelson (21 digs, 20 kills), So (25 digs, 11 service pts),

Ilayda Caglar (12 kills) and Brooke Stedman (18 digs, 11 service pts).

Amador girls' water polo

The Dons ran into perennial powerhouse San Ramon Valley, dropping an 18-3 final to the Wolves.

Zahra Alami scored twice for Amador, with Susan Swyers adding the other goal.

'The Playbook Jinx?'

It has been an interesting couple of weeks for my Big Picture column in our online Tri-Valley Preps Playbook. It seems like the Playbook is taking the place of the Sports Illustrated cover jinx.

A couple weeks back I wrote about how the young San Ramon Valley football team had come together and appeared to be hitting their stride following the Wolves' 41-14 win over Amador Valley.

The next game SRV went out and were handled to the tune of a 33-14 loss to California.



AMADOR FLAG FOOTBALL
Riley Harrington leads Amador Valley flag football into NCS playoffs.

The next week I wrote about the 7-0 Cal team and how they were getting it done this year. This past Friday, the Grizzlies saw their undefeated run ended with a 34-13 loss to Monte Vista.

It would seem natural that this week I would be writing about the Mustangs winning their EBAL opener and their dynamic offense.

My decision? Not a chance — although there is probably a good chance anyone associated with the Monte Vista program would answer a call from me, and justifiably so! ■

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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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STRADA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617945
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) STRADA , located at 6743 Dublin Blvd. Suite 32, DUBLIN, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): KKW ENTERPRISE, LLC 6743 DUBLIN BLVD. SUITE 32 DUBLIN, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 3rd, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

MLD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618366
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) MLD , located at 855 Northvale Rd, Oakland, CA 94610, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MILAD DAVALOO 855 Northvale Rd Oakland, CA 94610
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 October 20 2025. (PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

DESILVA GATES AGGREGATES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618352
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) DeSilva Gates Aggregates , located at 11555 Dublin Blvd. Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DESILVA GATES CONSTRUCTION LLC 11555 Dublin Blvd. Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 26, 2015
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 17 2025. (PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

MR. TECH DEPOT WATCHDOG IT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618196
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Mr. Tech Depot , 2.) Watchdog IT , located at 3431 Brookdale Blvd., Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MICHAEL RAYMOND 3431 Brookdale Blvd. 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 October 09 2025. (PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

JOX MEDIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618079
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) JOX Media , located at 3938 Stoneridge Dr, Apt 1, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JOX CONSULTING INC 3938 Stoneridge Dr, Apt 1 Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 1, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

K. J. HERZOG INSURANCE AGENCY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618040
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) K. J. Herzog Insurance Agency , located at 235 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): HERZOG INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. 235 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 02 2025. (PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

MPOWER CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617931
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Mpower Consulting , located at 5112 Genovesio Dr. Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): STEVE MCCOY-THOMPSON 5112 GENOVESIO DR PLEASANTON CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on AUGUST 25 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

ACCELA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618377
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AccelAI , located at 1901 Buckeye Ct Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): NIKHIL NADKARNI 1901 Buckeye Ct Pleasanton, CA 94588
MADHURA NADKARNI 1901 Buckeye Ct Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 20 2025. (PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

SHARON LOUISE COACHING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618224
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Sharon Louise Coaching , located at 1 Kelton Ct, Unit 1J, Oakland, CA 94611, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): SHARON LOUISE TAGHAVI 1 Kelton Ct, Unit 1J Oakland, CA 94611
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 10 2025. (PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

YAMAHA ROAD SIDE ASSISTANCE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617746
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) YAMAHA ROAD SIDE ASSISTANCE , located at 2345 Kennedy Ave #4 Union City, CA 94587, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): YAMA BADR 2345 Kennedy Ave #4 Union City, CA 94587
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/17/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 17 2025. (PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

JOIE STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617802
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Joie Studio , located at 4024 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 , Alameda County.
Mailing Address: 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): STANLEY DOUGLAS 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588
SIBYLLE DOUGLAS 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s)

listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

UNION JACK LOUNGE AND KITCHEN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617381
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Union Jack Lounge And Kitchen , located at 706 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3533 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DEMERARA DINING GROUP LLC 3533 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

ADD FROSTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617796
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Add Frosting , located at 525 Selby Ln Unit 1 Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MARIA DINA MAE OJEDA 525 Selby Ln Unit 1 Livermore, CA 94551
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 September 16 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

JST PEOPLE STRATEGY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617948
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) JST People Strategy , located at 2648 International Blvd, STE 301 #299, Oakland, CA 94601, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JST PEOPLE STRATEGY, L.L.C. 2648 International Blvd, STE 301 #299 Oakland, CA 94601
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/26/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

RH FINE CABINETRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617940
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) RH FINE CABINETRY , located at 5107 Norma Way APT#24 Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): RAUL HERNANDEZ EQUIHUA 5107 Norma Way APT#24 Livermore, CA 94550
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 September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

CAKE DELIGHT BITE OF JOY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618081
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Cake Delight , 2.) Bite Of Joy , located at 147B North Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4374 Fitzwilliam Street Dublin, CA 94568
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CAKE DELIGHT LLC 4374 Fitzwilliam Street Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/15/2014

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

PMS (PROFESIONAL MOVING SERVICE) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617988
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PMS (PROFESIONAL MOVING SERVICE) , located at 25341 Cypress Ave Apt. 35 Hayward, CA 94544, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4217 Orinda Way Bakersfield, CA 93306
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JUAN PEREZ 4217 Orinda Way Bakersfield, CA 93306
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 September 30 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

PESHA DEVELOPMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618105
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Pesh Development , located at 2930 Domingo Ave 1571 Berkeley, CA 94705, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): HANNAPESHA WOLMAN-CLAPSADLE 2930 Domingo Ave 1571 Berkeley, CA 94705
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/06/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 06 2025. (PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

PRIYA FOOD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618490
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PRIYA FOOD , located at 1331 Valley Avenue Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PRIYA SHARMA 1331 Valley Avenue Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/24/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 24 2025. (PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

CAREERCOACH SERVICES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618403
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) CareerCoach Services Of The San Francisco Peninsula , located at 24 N Hill Court Oakland, CA 94618 , Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2930 Domingo Ave #128 Berkeley, CA 94705
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PAULA MEI LLC 2930 Domingo Ave #128 Berkeley, CA 94705
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/18/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 21 2025. (PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

COLOR TANTRA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618469
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Color Tantra , located at 4850 Tassajara Rd, Apt 2104 Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): BHAVITHRA PRIYADHARSHINI KARTHNIK 4850 Tassajara Rd, Apt 2104 Dublin, CA 94568
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 24 2025. (PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

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KARMA FINANCIAL COUNSELING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618207

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

1.) KARMA FINANCIAL COUNSELING , located at 777 PALOMINO DRIVE, UNIT B, PLEASANTON, CA 94566 , ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

777 PALOMINO DRIVE, UNIT B
PLEASANTON, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:
CALIFORNIA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/03/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 10 2025. (PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

GOLDEN SKY GRAPHICS & SIGNS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618029

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

1.) Golden Sky Graphics & Signs , located at 350 Main Street Suite H2 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1514 Calle Santiago Pleasanton, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

GOLDEN SKY ENTERPRISES INC
1514 Calle Santiago
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 01 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

BEYOND BOOKKEEPING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618067

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

1.) Beyond Bookkeeping , located at 2550 Skyark Way Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1807 Santa Rita Road H-229 Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

INTEGRITY PROCESS MANAGEMENT LLC
1807 Santa Rita Road H-229
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV150257

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Sonia Carolina Aguilar Rivas filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SONIA CAROLINA AGUILAR RIVAS to SONIA YANET CASTRO RIVAS

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: December 26th, 2025, 9:00 AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, California, 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for

four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: October 23, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 25CV150233

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: SUZANNE REBECCA LOUISE RUSSELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SUZANNE REBECCA LOUISE RUSSELL to REBECCA LOUISE RUSSELL

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: 1/9/26, 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: 10/23/25

Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
Case No.: 25CV147267

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: PACHIYANG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
PACHIYANG to PACHI YANG

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: 12/12/2025, 9:00 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA COUNTY located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 10/08/2025

THOMAS J. NIXON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
Case No.: 25CV149825

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Chardinay Alluzah Andrea Jackson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CHARDINAY ALLUZAH ANDREA JACKSON to ANDREA JUANITA RODRIGUEZ

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: 12/26/2025, 9am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 24405 Amador Street Civil Division Rm 108, 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: October 22, 2025

Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 5CV145948

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Marina Kakaulina filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

OLIVIA MICHELLE BEKHMETIEVA to OLIVIA MICHELLE PELIN

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: 12/26/2025, 9:00am,, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St., Hayward, California, 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 10/02/2025

Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
Case No.: 25CV146836

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Emily Leah Arshonsky filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
EMILY LEAH ARSHONSKY to EMERSON LEAH ARSHONSKY

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: 12/12/2025, 9:00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 10/2/2025

Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
Case No.: 25CV125136

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Nailea Posada filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ALEJANDRO GAEL POSADA to ALEJANDRO

GAEL BERMUDEZ POSADA

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: 10/17/2025, 9:30am, Civil of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, Ca, 9454.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 06-05-2025

Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

THERESA BROWN, AKA THERESA RUBY BROWN

Case No.: 25PR148503

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of THERESA BROWN, AKA THERESA RUBY BROWN.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: WILLIAM DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: WILLIAM DAVIS 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 December 01 2025 at 9:45 a.m. in Berkeley Courthouse, Department 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

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

Petitioner in Pro Per:
William Davis
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(PLW Oct 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

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CALENDAR

ROCKY HORROR MUSICAL Las Positas College Theatre Arts presents Richard O'Brien's cult classic, The Rocky Horror Show. This outrageous, high-energy revival invites audiences to celebrate one of the most iconic and unconventional musicals of all time. Age 16+. 7 p.m., Oct. 31 to Nov.1. Visit lpc.ludus.com/.

HULA COMPETITION & FESTIVAL This vibrant event features solo and group hula performances, unique arts and crafts and authentic Hawaiian and Polynesian flavors from food vendors. At Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID This Encore Players production is the rollicking tale of four loyal and determined women who definitively answer the question, Just how far are you willing to go to keep a promise to a friend? 7:30 p.m., Nov. 1 and 2 p.m., Nov. 2. Tickets \$25. Bothwell Arts Center. Visit livermorearts.org.

ANNIE AT THE BANKHEAD This CYT Tri-Valley performance based on the comic strip features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written. 1 p.m., Nov. 1-2; 8-9 and 6:30 p.m., Nov. 1, 8. Tickets \$20-\$30. Visit livermorearts.org.

PIRATES OF EMERSON Pirates of Emerson is an extremely frightening, walk-thru Haunted House. Enjoy four Haunted Houses, a virtual reality ride, games, bands and a gift shop. This highly detailed haunt will immerse you in your fears and is not geared for children. 7:05-10 p.m., Now through Nov. 2. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

JILL VELLINGER EXHIBIT The Firehouse Arts Center features the work of Jill Vellinger on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall featuring approximately 10 of the artist's representative still lifes and landscapes. Through Nov. 1. Visit firehousearts.org.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EXHIBIT This exhibit, a traditional Meso-American holiday dedicated to honoring ancestors, will be on display at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 12-3 p.m., Nov. 1.

TRI-VALLEY PHOTO SHOWCASE Livermore Valley Camera Club presents the winning entries from its annual Click 25 photography contest at the Livermore Civic Center Library. This juried exhibition celebrates the creativity and vision of amateur photographers from across the Tri-Valley region. Through November.

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers Market is Saturday year-round featuring vendors with seasonal fruits and vegetables, plus artisan goods. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. West Angela Street.

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 Street and L Street.

San Ramon approves 200 affordable housing units

Poised to be city's first-ever '100% affordable' complex amid expansive redevelopment in Bishop Ranch

BY JEANITA LYMAN

The city of San Ramon recently granted approval to yet another housing project in Bishop Ranch — but unlike others, this one has the distinction of being the first of its kind aimed solely at providing affordable housing.

The project is being developed in partnership with Sunset Development — which owns a majority of the Bishop Ranch neighborhood — and Eden Housing, the same Hayward-based nonprofit organization behind the 130-unit development proposed for Livermore that has been stalled for several years due to being embroiled in litigation.

While still in its early stages, the 200-unit project in San Ramon has not been met with the same kind of controversy as Livermore's. The project has been the subject of long discussions in study sessions and public meetings at the Planning Commission and City Council — which have offered extensive feedback. However, the tone of those discussions has been supportive overall.

“Eden Housing is grateful to Sunset Development Company, the City of San Ramon, Contra Costa County and our many partners for their leadership in making this milestone possible,” said Linda Mandolini, president and CEO of Eden Housing in a press release Oct. 13.

“This project is especially critical for families and seniors in a region that is growing rapidly

and urgently needs more affordable homes,” she continued. “By creating housing with easy access to jobs, transit, parks and services, we are proud to be helping low-income community members put down roots, build stability, and truly thrive.”

The two-building project at 2453 Camino Ramon is set to consist of 80 units for seniors in one building and 120 units for families in a separate building for those earning within 30% and 80% of the area median income.

“This is more than an affordable housing development — it's an investment in San Ramon's future as an inclusive, sustainable community,” Sunset President and CEO Alex Mehran Jr. said. “We're proud to work alongside a leader like Eden Housing to deliver meaningful solutions to our region's housing needs.”

In addition to the housing units, the project is set to feature amenities such as a fitness center in the building for seniors, play areas for children, picnic areas, a technology center, bike parking, and work-from-home offices.

The project has another benefit for some developers of other luxury housing projects in Bishop Ranch — the potential to shift below-market-rate units agreed to in their original applications to the Eden Housing project.

That was the subject of two amendments that were sought from developers for projects at Bishop Ranch 11 and Bishop Ranch 3 at the Oct. 21 Planning Commission meeting,



COURTESY SUNSET DEVELOPMENT

Rendering of the Eden Housing project slated for 2453 Camino Ramon.

both of which were approved unanimously by commissioners.

A primary focus of feedback and questions from city officials and the public as the project has made its way through city meetings have been its architecture and design, and how it will fit into the surrounding neighborhood amid the development of more expensive housing projects.

“We believe that affordable housing must embody design excellence and foster belonging, just as any community deserves,” said Katia McClain, a partner at the architecture firm

behind the project, Steinberg-Hart. “Our role is to create homes that not only meet essential needs but also enrich the public realm and strengthen the character of the neighborhood. We are honored to be part of this important milestone for San Ramon and proud to help shape a new community where families and seniors can live with dignity and connection.”

Construction is set to kick off late next year. More details about the project, including design plans and its official name, are set to be revealed before then, according to a press release from Sunset Development. ■

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 11-15 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

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- 3181 Boardwalk Street** Lawrence Trust to A. & Y. Aratal for \$1,532,500
- 1140 Concord Street** Libert Family Trust to C. & L. Madriz for \$1,720,000
- 4686 Herrin Way** Ismail Family Trust to I. & R. Rokani for \$1,300,000
- 3650 Locke Court** A. Rawat to J. & S. Kim for \$2,910,000
- 868 Madeira Drive** Copeman Family Trust to S. & A. Keyes for \$1,665,000
- 7467 Sundrop Court** Mclane Living Trust to H. & A. Panchakshari for \$1,680,000
- 1565 Trimmingham Drive** Devine Trust to L. Li for \$1,025,000

Livermore

- 6424 Altamar Circle** S. & C. Jackson to M. & N. Gharibyan for \$1,140,000
- 131 Apricot Street** G. Stahl to E. Sandford for \$943,000
- 1170 Aster Lane** D. Chahal to N. & T. Rowlands for \$1,139,000
- 2193 Autinori Court** Small Family Trust to V. & N. Venkata for \$2,030,000
- 5640 Carnegie Way** C. & R. Zamora to Shekar Family Trust for \$1,800,000
- 5241 Felicia Avenue** Anderson Living Trust to A. & M. Rethinasamy for \$1,100,000
- 937 Florence Road** P. Badeti to S. & K. Avala for \$1,380,000
- 280 Garden Common** T. & J. Alfaro to M. & J. Thomas for \$710,000
- 4482 Guilford Place** Jars Ca LLC to Cantu Trust for \$1,925,000
- 849 Hanover Street** Steinbach Trust to B. & J. Specht for \$1,298,000
- 2765 Impruneta Court** L. & R. Chance to S. & J. Astik for \$2,560,000
- 5149 Irene Way** Dietrich Trust to S. & A. Koch for \$1,050,000
- 1330 Juliet Court** Maya Holdings LLC to Lee Living Trust for \$1,325,000

- 148 Medina Street** A. Mustakim to L. Brunettin for \$1,275,000
- 3891 Mills Way** J. Contreras to J. & S. Chandrasekaran for \$962,000
- 1825 Monterey Drive** T. & V. Feeser to R. Abdelmalek for \$580,000
- 1733 Pedrozzi Common** H. Ngo to M. & M. Kaddoura for \$870,000
- 454 Persimmon Common #12** M. Avila to J. Nartker for \$835,000
- 2572 Pienza Street** Gutke 2004 Trust to G. & S. Akula for \$2,100,000
- 2242 Pleasant View Lane** Vanraden Family Trust to C. & K. Pranschke for \$2,175,000
- 3077 Rodeo Lane** Borrero Family Trust to S. Kang for \$2,050,000
- 250 Selby Lane** Wu Family Trust to C. & A. Liang for \$1,250,000
- 672 Sonoma Court** S. & J. Rawlins to Q. & J. Song for \$983,000
- 631 Splitrail Court** Rosario Family Trust to K. & J. Hoh for \$1,078,000
- 168 Tamalpais Avenue** Russ Family Trust to L. Mcelley for \$960,000
- 2344 Treadwell Street** Castillo Trust to B. & S. Rybak for \$1,750,000
- 1256 Village Green Drive** R. Kent to J. & J. Lee for \$1,125,000
- 1205 Winding Stream Court** J. & B. Poole to Castillo Trust for \$1,090,000

Dublin

- 3607 Central Parkway** Syliangco Family Trust to S. & S. Guilbert for \$1,278,000
- 6220 Dove Avenue** Lennar Homes Of California LLC to B. & K. Panchal for \$880,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #418** K. Chan to Liao Trust for \$760,000
- 5516 El Dorado Lane** R. Kondraguntla to T. & A. Ashtiyani for \$1,160,000
- 5592 Holly Bay Avenue #A** Lennar Homes Of California LLC to J. & H. Mehta for \$1,050,000
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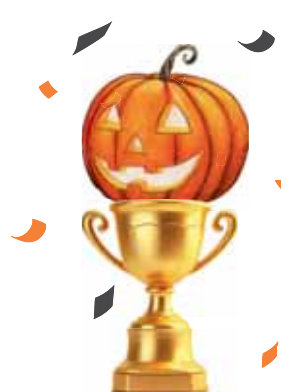
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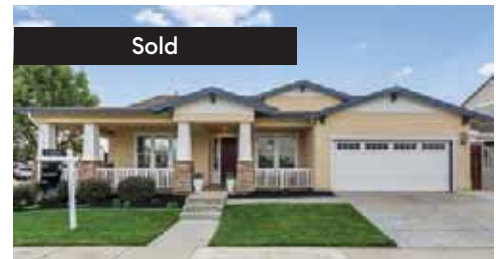
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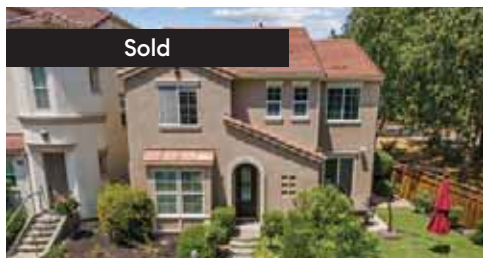
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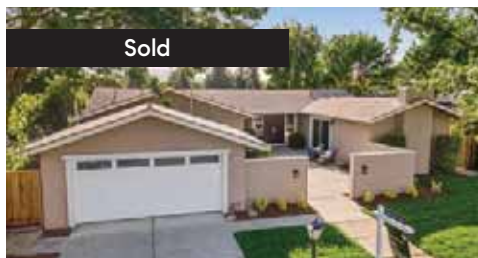
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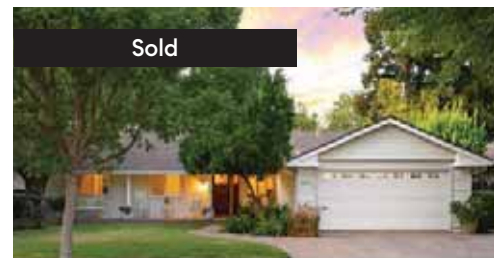
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