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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

New judges

One addition to the Alameda County Superior Court and three new judges in Contra Costa County, plus a former local prosecutor assigned to the bench in San Francisco.

Those were among the 25 judicial appointments and nominations announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom up and down the state so far this year.

I scan the press releases as often as I can for Tri-Valley connections, but I don't always remember or can't make the time. Here's my best attempt at catching up.

Ernesto "Ernie" Castillo will be the newest judge in his hometown Alameda County, the California Governor's Office confirmed last Friday.

A private attorney his whole career, Castillo has operated his own criminal defense firm out of Oakland — Castillo Law Office — since 2013. Before that, he worked as an associate at the Law Office of Robert Beles from 2003 to 2013, according to state officials. He earned his Juris Doctor from Golden Gate University.

I had a brief email exchange with Castillo five years ago, following up on the aftermath of a successful appeal and new plea deal for a man he would inform me was a former client.

Castillo had been the lawyer during the first legal go-around for Brian Jones, the Livermore man originally convicted of murder for driving drunk and speeding after the wine festival and crashing into an apartment building on Murrieta Boulevard in 2015, killing 46-year-old Esperanza Morales Rodriguez and her 14-month-old daughter Yulida Perez-Morales.

Jones' conviction was overturned in 2020 by the appellate court, which deemed the trial judge improperly dismissed a juror who reported the misconduct of a fellow juror. Jones pleaded out to lesser charges of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and DUI later that year. Castillo, who was no longer Jones' attorney, declined comment when I contacted him in March 2021.

Castillo succeeds retiring Judge Morris D. Jacobson on the Alameda County Superior Court.

Newsom last Friday also confirmed two new judges to the Contra Costa County Superior Court, including Alameda County resident Amanda Karl.

A partner at Gibbs Mura in Oakland since 2022, Karl clerked with the U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals before being hired as an associate at Gibbs Mura in 2016. The University of California, Berkeley School of Law alumnae fills the vacancy created by Judge Charles B. Burch's retirement.

Replacing another retiring Charles (Judge Charles S. Treat) in his hometown Contra Costa County is Hanni Fakhoury, a partner at the Berkeley-based firm Moeel Lah Fakhoury. Educated at the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law, Fakhoury previously worked as a federal public defender and staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

And at the beginning of last week, new Judge Carole Bosch began presiding over Contra Costa County Superior Court's Department 3. Bosch, who lives in Alameda County, was appointed to the neighboring county bench by Newsom on Feb. 19 to succeed Judge Patricia Scanlon upon her retirement.

Another Golden Gate alum, Bosch had served as an administrative law judge with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board for nearly five years. She was a civil trial lawyer before that.

And in the other bench appointment with a local tie, San Francisco deputy city attorney Justine Cephus (who lives in San Mateo County and worked for the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office in 2011 and 2012) was assigned to the San Francisco County Superior Court.

All five of these new judges are registered Democrats. The annual salary for each is \$244,727.

Newsom's office also recently released demographic data for his judicial appointments statewide last year — 118 in all.

A majority of appointees were women (57%), with 53.4% of applicants female. Ethnically, 44.9% of appointees were white, 21.2% Asian, 15.3% Hispanic, 11.8% Black or African-American, and a single new judge was American Indian or Alaska Native, according to the governor's data. Ten identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (8.5%), five were military veterans and three had disabilities.

Newsom had made 695 judicial appointments from a pool of 2,303 applicants during his tenure through 2025.

Tri-Valley will have a say on bench seats in the June 2 primary election.

In Alameda County, civil rights attorney Cabral Bonner competes against consumer protection attorney Michael P. Johnson for judicial Office No. 13, and administrative law judge Patricia Miles faces trial attorney Selia Warren for Office No. 19.

In Contra Costa County, Judge Jesse J. Hsieh, who was appointed to the bench by Newsom in 2024, tries to retain his seat against Stanislaus County deputy district attorney Valery R. Polyakov, who lives in Oakley. ■

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In most situations, do you find yourself being a leader, a follower or something else entirely?



Leslie Silberman

Development and market director

I'd have to say I'm not a leader or a follower. In both my personal life and my professional life, I put other people's needs before my own. I'm a Cancer so it's in my nature to be caring and sensitive toward others.



Lloyd Felix

Realtor

I'm a listener and take stock of every situation, I read the room, and if it seems to me that things are not moving forward in a good direction, I take charge and make that happen.



Kathy Brunk

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I'm a doer and an accomplisher. And in most situations I find that I take charge in order to make sure the job gets done.



Bea Bauerly

VP / board secretary

Well, I'm a Leo, so by definition it's in my constitution to be a leader. I'm the point person for most of the goings-on in my organization.



Steve Dawson

Retired

I've been leading the way for most of my 90 years. It's the only way I know. I think I got this way because of the example my father set. He was the leader of his family and he was the boss at work. The buck stopped with him. Same with me.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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CD14 election forum

The Pleasanton Weekly and Livermore Vine are hosting a candidate forum for Congressional District 14 next weekend, moderated by publisher Gina Channell Wilcox and associate publisher-editorial director Jeremy Walsh.

All nine candidates on the primary election ballot were invited, and seven have confirmed their participation: Aisha Wahab, Melissa Hernandez, Wendy Huang, Matt Ortega, Carin Elam, Rakhi Israni and Dena Maldonado.

The Zoom-based forum will be livestreamed from 4-6 p.m. next Sunday (April 12), and a videorecording will be posted on the Weekly and Vine websites and YouTube pages afterward. Suggest questions for the candidates by filling out the Google Form online.

The top two candidates, regardless of political party, in the June primary will advance to a runoff in the general election in November to succeed U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore), who is running for governor of California.

Bunny Hop Hunt

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is hosting its annual Bunny Hop Scavenger Hunt this Saturday (April 4) at the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton.

During the family-friendly event, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon, participants will pick up a scavenger hunt map under the Pleasanton Variety store sign before heading off to find the listed goodies scattered throughout downtown.

Free photos with the downtown Easter bunny will also be available in front of the museum.

LAVTA committee

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, the organization that operates the Wheels bus system and the paratransit services in the Tri-Valley, is currently seeking applications for members to serve on its Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee.

The organization is looking for one member and one alternate to represent the cities of Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton as well as unincorporated Alameda County and Tri-Valley social and human services agencies. According to LATVA, committee members will help advise LATVA staff on "accessibility issues facing senior and disabled residents on fixed route buses and Dial-A-Ride paratransit services."

Prospective committee members must reside in the city they are looking to represent and must be able to meet during regular business hours. For more information and to request an application, visit www.wheelsbus.com. Applications will be due by April 27. ■

Analyst evaluates PUSD's areas of highest financial risk

Trustees also discuss ongoing, potential future revenue-generating efforts

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees reviewed the district's fiscal health risk analysis last week, which shows that despite the recent budget cuts the board approved, the district is still at a moderate risk of fiscal insolvency.

The analysis that was conducted by the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, a state agency that helps school districts across California identify, prevent and resolve financial

challenges, also outlined the key areas of concern that are causing those financial challenges, which district staff said they will be working on addressing over the next year.

"I've always been one to state that we, as a district and in particular as a board, have to own up to the accountability of some of the errors that have put us in this situation, and we needed to own up on that," Board President Kelly Mokashi said during the March 26 board meeting. "We need to be accountable,

we need to have that long-term strategic planning."

Back in December, the district submitted its first interim budget report to the Alameda County Office of Education as a negative certification after finding out that the district's deficit was higher than originally projected. During the first interim report, the district projected a negative ending fund balance of \$2.5 million — that number jumped up to \$3.3 million by the district's second interim report, which came out in March.

The increase in the deficit projection was largely attributed to increases in compensation costs like salary and benefits. However, the overall deficit and financial challenges stem from several factors the district has been dealing with like declining enrollment, depletion of one-time funds and other fiscal challenges.

In working to clear the negative certification, which indicates to the county that PUSD will not meet

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Pleasanton "No Kings" protest last Saturday — part of a nationwide, coordinated day of action opposing President Donald Trump's policies and actions.

Residents rally for 'No Kings'

'Coming together in joyous determination to uphold our nation's essential founding principle'

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE AND JEREMY WALSH

From San Francisco's Pacific shore to the Bay Area hills and valleys, thousands upon thousands marched and rallied to protest President Donald Trump and his policies in the third national "No Kings" Day.

Organizers said tens of thousands were drawn to the non-violent events on Saturday in San Francisco, Oakland, Mendocino, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, San Mateo, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Pleasanton and Livermore, among others.

Progressives were joined by trade unionists, civil rights and church groups, the League of Women Voters and immigrant

activists. Some called for an end to the war in Iran, mass detentions and masked immigration agents; others focused on fair elections.

"Our No Kings event represented the power of the people, with thousands of residents coming together in joyous determination to uphold our nation's essential founding principle that we don't have kings," said Marla Kirby, member of the steering committee that put on the event in Livermore.

Organized by Livermore Indivisible, the "No Kings" demonstration featured a rally, protest, live music and human services resources plaza at Portola Park and the adjacent streets from midmorning into the

afternoon, according to Kirby.

"The community organizations that tabled at our event show the way forward: by getting involved and working together, we can make our lives better and our community stronger," she added in a post-event press release. "We are grateful to everyone who participated with us in No Kings 3."

Another crowd of area residents gathered at Amador Valley Community Park in Pleasanton on Saturday for the "No Kings" demonstration organized by Indivisible Tri-Valley. The event included speeches, live music, informational booths, chalk art, banner-making and rallying along

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High court reviewing Pleasanton lawsuit

City challenges appellate ruling on police immunity

By JEANITA LYMAN

A years-long legal battle continues as the California Supreme Court has agreed to review an appellate court ruling in favor of a bystander injured in a 2017 car crash in Pleasanton, overturning an earlier decision that found the city and its police department were covered under qualified immunity.

Melanie Gilliland initially filed a lawsuit against the city of Pleasanton in 2018, months after she was injured in a three-vehicle crash after a teenager trying to evade police ran a red light in the northern part of the city.

The case ultimately went to a bench trial in 2024 in Alameda County Superior Court, with a judge ruling in favor of the city and awarding it legal fees to paid by Gilliland, concluding that the Pleasanton Police Department officer who had been following the teenage suspect in 2017 was engaged in a police pursuit that qualified the city and police for immunity against collateral damages.

That ruling was overturned late last year, when the appellate court determined that the incident did not qualify as a police pursuit as defined by city or state regulations.

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Swalwell accuses FBI director of election interference

As rumors swirl about releasing closed Fang case file, governor candidate threatens legal action

BY THOMAS HUGHES /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell blasted the FBI on Monday following media reports that the agency planned to release investigative files related to his relationship with a fundraiser who was investigated for possible links to Chinese intelligence more than a decade ago.

Swalwell (D-Livermore) who is one of the current leaders in the race for California governor, appeared at a brief news conference outside the Phillip Burton Federal Building in San Francisco to denounce the potential release of any previous investigations as politically motivated.

He cited reports over the weekend that said President Donald Trump was ordering FBI Director Kash Patel to make the investigation public, which some agents were said to object to.

“The president dreams of a servant in Sacramento,” Swalwell said. “A western White House. But unfortunately for him, our campaign is winning. So, with early voting starting in about a month, Trump and Patel are trying to interfere in the California election.”

The fundraiser, a woman named Christine Fang, who also was known as Fang Fang, was investigated for possible links to China’s Ministry of State Security for activity between 2011 and 2015 that allegedly involved attempts to cultivate relationships with politicians at multiple levels of government, according to a 2020 letter from the House Committee on Oversight and Reform asking the FBI to investigate the links to politicians.

The matter was investigated by the House Committee on Ethics in 2023 and was concluded without any action taken, according to a letter from the committee informing

Swalwell of its conclusion.

A campaign spokesperson said the congressman had not been notified directly about the existence of any investigation being reopened, started or released, and was reacting to public media reports over the weekend.

The spokesperson also said that a civil lawsuit the congressman filed against an official at the Federal Housing Finance Agency related to a potential investigation into accusations of Swalwell committing mortgage fraud was recently dropped because the case was no longer being pursued.

Responding to a reporter’s question Monday, Swalwell said he had assisted the FBI with its investigation into Fang, which he said was closed over a decade ago.

He said he was looking into possible legal action if the investigative files were released.

“I know the only language this

president and his corrupt actors like Kash Patel understand is the language of strength and being on offense,” he said.

Swalwell is one of the top polling Democrats running for governor in a crowded primary field. The latest poll from Emerson College Polling has Swalwell atop all named candidates in the field and leading among Democrats. Most voters polled were undecided.

He was endorsed by the California Teachers Association on Sunday.

The congressman has sparred in the past with both Patel and Trump and said the renewed attacks on him were motivated by his rise in the polls.

Swalwell was one of the House prosecutors who argued for Trump’s impeachment in 2021 after the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol.

In September, Patel yelled at Swalwell that the congressman was a “disgrace to the American

people” while being questioned by Swalwell during a contentious committee hearing about Patel’s failure to release the Epstein files, which Congress later passed a law to compel.

Swalwell said Monday that Patel’s time at the FBI would be short-lived, especially if, as he predicted, Democrats win the House majority in November’s elections. He praised the FBI agents that were reportedly whistleblowers and refused to participate in the alleged publication of the investigation.

“In the long history of our bureau, Kash Patel is a temporary employee,” Swalwell said. “But the quiet courage of those agents will outlast him.”

He encouraged anyone in federal law enforcement pressed to take illegal or unethical action to similarly refuse to do so and report it through proper channels to congressmembers who could protect them from future oversight hearings. ■

LAWSUIT

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“This case is unusual in that the City seeks statutory immunity based on its vehicular pursuit policy even though it admits that no actual pursuit was initiated—meaning that section 17004.7’s main purpose of freeing peace officers to make decisions about initiating or continuing pursuits without worrying about their employer’s potential liability does not apply here,” appellate judge Jim Humes wrote in the reversal order published in November.

Pleasanton city attorney Dan

Sodergren told the Weekly that it is against city policy to comment on pending litigation. Lawyers for Gilliland did not respond to a request for comment as of Friday afternoon.

Humes contended that the trial court had “deprived” Gilliland of the opportunity to argue about the definition of pursuit being used in its decision, specifically ignoring evidence that the driver in the collision, Elijah Henry, did not believe he was being pursued according to relevant law.

With Henry having been shot and killed in East Oakland in 2022, debate during the civil bench trial and other ongoing proceedings rests on

what he indicated before his death about his motivation and mental state in previous court records.

Henry was convicted on a DUI charge stemming from the incident in 2018, having had marijuana in his system at the time, with reckless driving and great bodily harm charges dismissed. It was the first of several criminal charges he would go on to face before dying at the age of 23, including robbery and firearms charges.

According to Humes’ analysis, Henry had not believed he was facing any formal criminal investigatory treatment from police at the time, but that he “did not like police”

and had been trying to avoid speaking to the PPD officer who had seen him and his friends in a parking lot and gone on to follow them.

“Whether a suspect was actually pursued and whether the suspect had a perception of being pursued both turn on the definition of ‘pursuit’ in the public entity’s vehicular pursuit policy,” Humes wrote.

“Since the trial court disregarded evidence that Henry did not believe he was pursued within the meaning of the City’s pursuit policy, which requires that the suspect be ‘attempting to avoid arrest,’ Gilliland was deprived of the opportunity to establish that Section 17004.7 does not immunize the City because no pursuit of any type occurred,” he continued. “We therefore reverse and remand for the court to apply the correct legal standard.”

According to the appellate court’s findings, Henry did not believe he was being pursued for investigatory purposes by police, despite being followed, because there were no lights or sirens present. He was nonetheless seeking to evade the officer following him — ultimately resulting in running a red light and colliding with Gilliland and another driver — out of fear of racial profiling and an overall mistrust of law enforcement.

The appellate panel concluded that the trial court had given “little to no weight” to this point in Henry’s declaration during the trial.

“We hold that ‘pursued’ has one meaning as used in section 17004.7(b)(1), and the definition of ‘pursuit’ in a public entity’s policy applies not just in determining whether suspects were actually pursued but also in determining whether they believed they were being pursued,” Humes wrote.

The city filed a petition for

rehearing of the appellate court’s opinion in December, which was rejected on the grounds that it “ignores the opinion’s holding” that the trial court ruled incorrectly in favor of statutory immunity.

“We further held that the error was prejudicial because it caused the court to discount as irrelevant evidence about Henry’s mind state—which came from his deposition, not his declaration—that was relevant under the proper legal standard,” Humes wrote on Dec. 9. “Ultimately, the City’s consternation about the opinion’s discussion of Henry’s declaration and Officer Harvey’s beliefs falls far short of providing any legitimate basis for rehearing.”

While that opinion upholds the appellate court’s findings and overturns the verdict in Alameda County Superior Court, further debate could be on the horizon. The case is now pending before the California Supreme Court, following a petition for review that was filed by the city and granted by the court on March 18.

The appellate ruling had sent the matter back to county court “to use the appropriate standard to decide whether the City is entitled to immunity” in further proceedings.

“Even if a public entity is not entitled to statutory immunity because an actual or perceived pursuit did not occur, it hardly follows that the entity will be found liable for damages resulting from a collision in which a peace officer might have played a role,” Humes wrote for the court. “Here, the City may ultimately prevail on other grounds, and we hold only that section 17004.7 does not apply merely because Henry believed Officer Harvey was following him for some type of investigative purpose.” ■

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LVJUSD taps county to help find next leader

Board of Education hopes to have permanent superintendent in place by summer

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore school board voted unanimously last week to embrace support from the Alameda County Office of Education in recruiting and screening for the district's next superintendent.

The Board of Education also agreed by 5-0 tally to form an ad hoc committee composed of President Steven Drouin and Trustee Christiaan VandenHeuvel to work with ACOE ahead of the full board's consideration of candidates.

Under the county office's proposed timeline, the board is poised to select the district's next superintendent in June. All county consultant services are set to be provided in-kind with no cost to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Meanwhile, Acting Superintendent Michelle Pechette sits at the helm in the wake of Torie Gibson's sudden departure by mutual separation Feb. 6. The board initially explored the idea of hiring an interim superintendent to lead during the recruitment phase, but ultimately opted against it.

By selecting ACOE at the March 24 regular meeting, the board

turned down proposals by private search firms Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates and McPherson & Jacobson, LLC.

"They're accountable to this county," VandenHeuvel said about ACOE. "I think they know us — they know the community — in a way that I think a national vendor might not know us as well. And I think that kind of accountability, that kind of transparency, is what this process could benefit from."

The process kicks off with direction from the board on their priorities in seeking and evaluating a superintendent, according to the ACOE proposal submitted by the agency's deputy chief of strategic projects Jody Talkington and chief of human resources Cynthia Jenkins.

Talkington and Jenkins propose community input as the next step.

"The district is already in the midst of a highly engaged conversation about leadership needs and direction," they added, given the district's superintendent search two years ago followed by recent stakeholder engagement over budget prioritization.

"This allows us to move efficiently without starting from scratch. At the same time, given the outcome

of the previous hire, it is important that this process be both reflective and forward-looking," Talkington and Jenkins said.

Although the county's role in supporting a superintendent search is a new function for the organization, ACOE garnered support from all trustees.

"This is perhaps the most important decision that we have to do as a board," Drouin said of selecting a superintendent. "That being the case ... the proposal from the county office of education hit everything that I was looking for."

Three of the five trustees were on the board that hired Gibson out of Amador County to be superintendent less than two years ago.

The county has incentive in helping LVJUSD find a successful superintendent, Drouin added. Proposals from other firms were quoted at \$35,000 and not-to-exceed \$30,400 for a non-comprehensive offer.

"Even subtracting cost and looking at the package that the county office is providing us, it's a pretty darn good package. And then if you add in the cost, it is a very good package," he said.

The scope of ACOE's support was proposed to include the

co-development of recruitment materials as well as facilitation of all planning sessions and closed board sessions during the selection and interview process.

"This investment reflects ACOE's commitment to strengthening local governance and leadership capacity in districts across Alameda County," Talkington and Jenkins wrote.

Talkington is set to work as the lead facilitator for the initiative and project manager for the planning process. Jenkins will serve as the human resources lead.

"ACOE is well-equipped," Trustee Craig Bueno added. "They have oversight over every educational district in the county."

The community's trust in the selection process is paramount, VandenHeuvel said.

"I think that Alameda County Office of Education is maybe a little bit more progressive than we are, where we are a little more purple," VandenHeuvel said. "I want to make sure that the community trusts that the candidates we receive also include candidates of a range of backgrounds."

The board can give direction on the desired range of candidates, Drouin replied, but no specific

directive was expressed at the meeting for ACOE.

Upon agreeing to ACOE's help, the board decided that an ad hoc committee would be valuable for being "nimble" in collaboration, as Bueno described.

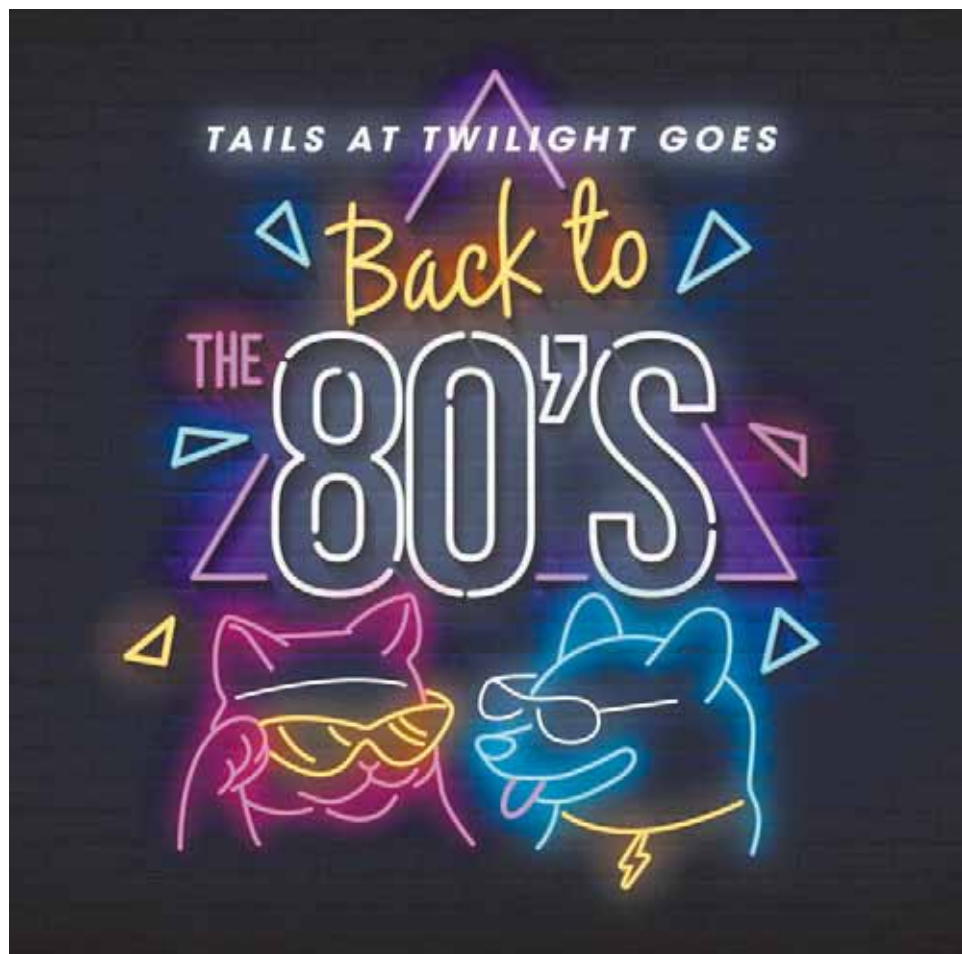
"The ad hoc committee isn't going rogue," Drouin added.

The committee is proposed to represent the full board during the planning phase, participate in community engagement planning meetings, lead and participate in a community input forum and lead the selection and interview process.

According to the proposal, the full board is set to confer during facilitated closed sessions and a board retreat as well as interview candidates and select the next superintendent.

Also proposed for involvement in the process are LVJUSD director of communications and engagement Michelle Dawson and assistant superintendent of human resources Jessica Bonduris.

"My goal is to try to build the skeleton for all five (of us) to make the best choice for the students and faculty and staff and administration in our learning community," Drouin said. ■



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Why two Zone 7 directors aren't seeking reelection

Benson, Brown explain reasons for exiting, reflect on their single terms on water board

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

As their terms on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors come to an end, two outgoing directors reflected on their accomplishments and experiences serving on the board and explained why they are not running for reelection in this year's primary.

Residents in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin will be choosing from among eight candidates for four at-large positions on the Zone 7 board. The board is made up of seven directors who oversee the agency that provides flood control for the Alameda County part of the Tri-Valley and serves as the potable water wholesaler for the area.

Director Dawn Benson is one of the three incumbents who will not be seeking reelection this June. She said the reason behind that decision was that she has a lot of projects coming her way at her job over at the East Bay Municipal Utility District and



Catherine Brown



Dawn Benson

didn't think it was wise to serve on the board during her upcoming busy schedule.

"It was probably best that I step out at this moment in time," she told the Pleasanton Weekly.

A Dublin resident who has been with the board since 2022, Benson said she has had the pleasure of working with her fellow directors to ensure Tri-Valley residents had a reliable, clean water supply.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to serve my community," Benson said.

From overseeing the agency getting the highest possible financial rating and working on the

agency's flood management plan, to addressing PFAS — otherwise known as forever chemicals — in the valley's groundwater, Benson said working with her fellow board members on these projects has been one of the highlights during her four-year term.

"Our budget could not be in better financial shape," she said. "I think what we've accomplished, since my term, in the last four years is truly remarkable."

"I believe our water supply portfolio is much better than we've ever had before," Benson added. "We have done more for the PFAS monitoring and preserving the water quality for the valley ... I'm not aware of any other agency that has even come close to what we've done."

Benson pulled papers to run this spring but ultimately did not file. However, she said she is thinking about possibly running again in 2028 because she believes her work is not done.

She said she loves the water

industry and what Zone 7 does for the community, which is why she said she will always be an advocate for the work the water agency does.

"I love serving the community," Benson said. "I believe in what we do, wholeheartedly."

The other incumbent who will not seek a second term is Catherine Brown, a Pleasanton resident who was elected in 2024 to serve a two-year term after former director Olivia Sanwong left the board prior to her four years being up.

Brown said she did not seek reelection because she feels fulfilled by her two years on the board, during which she gained a comprehensive understanding of the water agency, and wishes for others to have a similar experience. She also said it was encouraging to see how on top of things the agency and board have been regarding the valley's water supply and flood control.

"It's been extremely rewarding," Brown said. "I joined to help

be part of any problem solving that might be needed and, as I've learned, Zone 7 is very well on top of the water supply and flood control issues."

While she recognized her term was much shorter than the average director, she said she still felt like she brought a lot of meaningful experience to the table given her past work as an environmental scientist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the San Francisco office.

Still, she felt it was only fair that others get a chance to see how the agency works and to serve their community.

"I wish a lot of luck to everybody who's going to throw their hat in the ring," Brown said.

Incumbent Dennis Gambs is also not running for reelection, previously telling the Weekly he was ready to retire from the agency. Director Sarah Palmer is the only incumbent facing off against seven new challengers, with four seats open on the June 2 ballot. ■

Livermore police chief bows out of State Senate race

Young endorses fellow Central Valley Republican after officially suspending campaign

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore's chief of police Jeramy Young recently suspended his campaign to represent District 4 in the State Senate after first announcing his bid for the race in 2024.

"This was a difficult decision but it's what's best for our community," Young shared on social media Feb. 7 after issuing a statement explaining his choice earlier that week. "I will stay engaged to make sure our community has a voice in Sacramento. The best results are achieved when we work together."



Jeramy Young

As part of his statement, Young pledged his support to fellow conservative candidate Alexandra Duarte (R-Modesto) for the seat representing the northeastern portion of the Central Valley, along with the central Sierra Nevada and all of Death Valley.

"I believe that good conservative candidates should not run against each other when our shared mission is bigger than any one campaign," wrote Young, a former mayor and councilmember in Hughson in Stanislaus County. "We need to unify behind a strong candidate who can earn the trust of voters and win in November."

According to her campaign website, Duarte is a conservative Republican farmer who is

"unapologetically pro-gun, pro-family, and pro-freedom". While she has never held elected office herself, Duarte is married to former District 13 congressman John Duarte.

"I believe one of the best measures of any candidate is their actions, not their words, and a voting record

matters because it shows who can be trusted to consistently support conservative values when it counts," Young wrote. "That is why my focus will be on helping Alexandra Duarte win this election so we have a conservative voice we can trust in Sacramento."

With Young's exit, the remaining

candidates vying for the District 4 seat in the June 2 primary election are Duarte, Democrat and Tuolumne County Supervisor Jaron Brandon, and incumbent Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil — who initially won the seat as a Democrat in 2022 before switching her party affiliation to Republican in 2024. ■

Bauer-Kahan bill targets AI companion chatbots

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

State legislators from the Bay Area have introduced a bill to establish guardrails for artificial intelligence companion chatbots that are used by children.

Assemblymembers Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-San Ramon) and Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) introduced Assembly Bill 2023, while State Senator Steve Padilla (D-Chula Vista) introduced Senate Bill 1119, a similar bill in the Senate.

Among other things, the legislation prohibits AI chatbots from displaying content that is harmful to minors, requires data protection measures to secure children's personal information, and mandates in-app crisis support features.

The bill also seeks greater

accountability from companies operating the chatbots through independent audits and annual risk assessments.

'Right now, millions of children are using them with no guardrails and no guarantee of safety'

Assemblymember
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

The new legislation builds on Senate Bill 243, which currently governs AI chatbots in the state and was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in October.

A news release issued March 26

by the Bay Area legislators cites data from Common Sense Media, a nonprofit concerned with children's safety pertaining to media consumption.

This data suggests that 72% of teenagers have used an AI companion, and 50% are regular users. On average, users spend 93 minutes per day engaging with AI chatbots, and a majority of them are children and young adults.

"AI chatbots can be powerful tools for learning," Bauer-Kahan said in the news release, "but right now, millions of children are using them with no guardrails and no guarantee of safety."

"We've already seen what happens when these platforms go unchecked — and it's devastating. AB 2023/SB 1119 ensures that as this technology grows, it grows safely," she added. ■

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Restaurant up for sale months after reopening from fire damage

Zephyr remains open, but business is on market

By JUDE STRZEMP

Zephyr Grill & Bar in downtown Livermore was recently put on the market as its proprietors aim to condense their business portfolio, restaurant representatives confirmed.

The longstanding eatery on First Street — known for serving steak, seafood and pasta dishes — has operated under owners Lynn Tei and Randy Tei for 21 years, Zephyr operations manager Jose Ferreira told Livermore Vine.

Zephyr navigated a months-long closure last year and reopened during November after a small fire reportedly in the prep kitchen in July and subsequent water damage spurred the site's restoration.

Elsewhere in the Bay Area, the Teis' operate a second restaurant by the same name in Brentwood, along with Smith's Landing Seafood Grill in Antioch, according to Ferreira.

As for the Livermore site, its branding is not up for sale, but it appears that the business and its assets are available on the market, according to a listing on LoopNet, an online marketplace for commercial real estate.

"While the current concept has operated successfully for many years, the brand name will not



JEREMY WALSH

Zephyr Grill & Bar is for sale in downtown Livermore.

transfer with the sale. This creates a unique opportunity for a new owner to introduce a fresh concept or expand an already successful restaurant brand into a prime downtown location," the LoopNet listing states.

Although the listing does not identify the business by name or exact address, the photographs with the listing for the "prime Livermore restaurant opportunity" match the Zephyr building.

"They're trying to shrink it up a little," Ferreira said of the Teis' restaurants.

For an asking price of \$399,000,

the sale includes seating, decorative lighting, built-in bar and backbar shelving, wine storage, refrigeration, kitchen infrastructure, prep areas and service equipment, according to the listing. It cites gross revenue of more than \$2.8 million for the restaurant, and says rent at the unit is \$14,300 per month.

Considered a "turn-key" facility, the deal would allow "a new operator to launch quickly without the time and cost of building from scratch," according to the listing.

As of this week, it remains business as usual at Zephyr in Livermore. ■

More principal turnover at St. Michael School

Angelo stepping down in June, setting up third principal in three years for Catholic campus

By JUDE STRZEMP

St. Michael School in Livermore is poised to see new leadership as its current principal plans to bow out at the end of this school year.

Principal Brandon Angelo announced his upcoming departure in a message to families March 13, just one year after assuming the role. He took over for former principal Alison Wilkie, whose leadership at the school can be traced back to at least 2018.

The next leader, who has not been named, will mark the school's third principal in three years.

"This was an incredibly difficult decision for me, but in the end it boiled down to being in a better position to take care of my family," Angelo wrote. "I've accepted a position that enables me to do just that."

Upon welcoming Angelo to St. Michael School, its officials praised him on social media Aug. 3, 2025 for being student-centered and upholding the connection between the school and St. Michael Catholic

Church in Livermore, for which St. Michael School is a ministry of.

Angelo entered the role equipped with a master's in systematic theology from Boston College and a bachelor's in religious studies from Saint Mary's College, school officials said.

Angelo had teaching experience at Holy Names High School in Oakland and St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School in Vallejo as well as leadership experience within security forces training at Moffett Field and U.S. Army Basic Training at Fort Benning.

As the end of the school year approaches, Angelo said he has a "seemingly endless list of things" he aims to accomplish at the school. Angelo did not provide further details about his objectives in the message to families.

Ahead of his leadership, updates to three classrooms were completed at the end of the 2024-25 school year, according to a social media post by school officials during June of 2025. Additional work was on the books as of last February.

"I am grateful to Fr. Bich for his support and will do everything I can to assist him in the coming months," Angelo said.

Angelo said he was unavailable for an interview with Livermore Vine, and St. Michael School officials have declined to comment on the campus' changing leadership.

Bích N. Nguyễn took on the role of pastor July 1, 2025 at the parish, according to a social media post by St. Michael Catholic Church representatives. Given the parish's place within the Diocese of Oakland, Nguyễn was appointed by Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland.

Also on July 1, the parish's former pastor Carl Arcosa joined St. Francis of Assisi in Concord.

"Please pray for our clergy, especially during the time of transition this summer," parish representatives wrote during May of 2025 on social media.

No further information was offered in the post as to why a new pastor was introduced to St. Michael Catholic Church. ■

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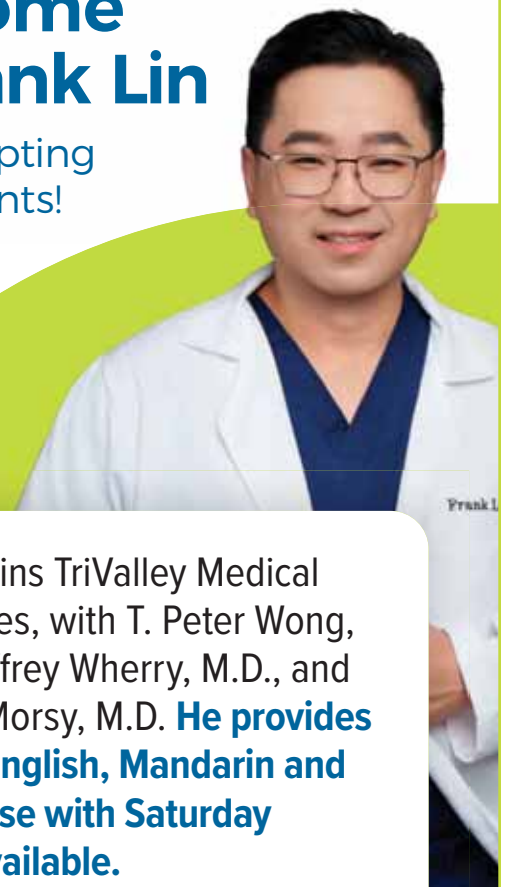


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Report shows Livermore's progress on housing mandates

Over 400 building permits issued during 2025; steady gains expected in coming years

By JUDE STRZEMP

The city of Livermore issued residential building permits for hundreds of units during 2025 as the jurisdiction aims to meet a state-mandated obligation to make way for thousands of new homes by 2031, according to an annual progress report.

As required by the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process, Livermore must plan for 4,570 housing units during the 2023-31 planning period. The goal consists of a range of income categories: 1,317 very low, 758 low, 696 moderate and 1,799 above-moderate units.

Income categories are based on the area median income. A four-person household with AMI in 2025 earns \$159,800 annually. For that family, low income is \$125,050 (80% AMI), lower income is \$95,880 (60% AMI), very low income is \$79,990 (50% AMI), extremely low income is \$47,950 (30% AMI) and moderate income is \$191,750 (120% AMI).

The city is not responsible for constructing obligated units, according to a staff report prepared by Livermore senior planner Shannon Pagan. Rather, it must show "sufficient land and zoning capacity," the report states.

Last year, the city issued building permits for 422 new units with a three-year running total of approximately 20% of the overall target, according to the report. The gains

during 2025 signaled an upward trend over the total permitted units in 2024 (364) and 2023 (67).

The data on permitting was presented to the Livermore City Council on March 23 as part of the 2025 Housing Element annual progress report, which also included information on housing production, entitlements, site capacity and implementation of Housing Element programs.

The report was accepted by the council, with individual responses varying from optimism to worry.

"We're not builders and so we can only make the conditions possible, but it stresses me out thinking about it — We're marching to 2031," Vice Mayor Kristie Wang said. "Are we going to get enough of these projects permitted? It's so largely out of our hands."

"We're actually doing quite well, relative to most of the cities that I've seen," Councilmember Evan Branning said at the meeting. "I would love to see more. I would love to see us getting to our RHNA numbers."

In Livermore, the greatest need for housing exists in the very low income (29%) and above-moderate income (39%) categories, the staff report states. Additional obligations include low income (17%) and moderate income (15%). Livermore's RHNA requirements are consistent with trends in the Bay Area.

Of the units permitted during

2025, approximately 34% (144 units) were in the extremely low, very low and low income categories, according to the staff report. Most are deed-restricted, "ensuring long-term affordability," the report states. There were 28% in moderate and 37% in above moderate categories.

The upward trend of building permits issued last year reflects improving market conditions and the city's support via streamlined permitting, updated zoning and specific plan implementation, the staff report states.

Despite the progress last year, the number of units produced in lower income categories falls "far short" of the need, consistent with statewide trends, according to the staff report.

Financial and market barriers are largely to blame for difficulties in producing units in the lower income categories, the staff report states.

As a result of the financial challenges surrounding "deeply" affordable units, most of the city's overall progress toward its RHNA obligations has been in permitting above moderate (467 units) and moderate-income categories (235 units).

While the state recognizes extremely low-income households and acutely low-income households, the city is not required to plan for units in either category during this housing element cycle.

"We are not carpenters," Councilmember Ben Barrientos said at

the meeting."We present possibilities and then we hope developers will come in and build houses at the cost we want."

To ensure that deed-restricted affordable rate units are produced, Livermore's inclusionary housing ordinance requires that a certain percent of new developments are priced for lower income households.

The city can also accept in-lieu fees from a developer or land dedication, which the city uses to help finance affordable housing developments such as Vineyard 2.0, Avance and Pacific Avenue Senior Apartments.

Despite in-lieus and land dedication, many low and very-low income units need "significant subsidy," especially in projects that feature 100% affordable units, the report states. Driving the need for subsidies are the high cost of land, construction and financing.

The city does not have enough affordable housing funds to subsidize all of the lower income units obligated in RHNA, the staff report states.

"Inclusionary requirements in market rate developments are essential in helping to meeting Livermore's affordable housing targets," the report states.

During public comment, one of the three speakers proposed that building more housing in general will solve the affordability crisis.

Branning later disagreed with the

suggestion. Building at the required rate would be costly in terms of labor and supplies, leading to an increase in housing prices, he said.

In addition to approving building permits, the city has also implemented Housing Element programs such as accessory dwelling unit financial support, homebuyer down payment assistance as well as the Housing and Human Services Grant Program, the report states.

During the next several years, city staff expect that issuance of residential building permits will "continue at similar levels," in part because of the number of entitled projects.

The newly entitled developments include Cornerstone (253 for-sale and rental units, including 114 affordable), Abboud Townhomes (13 rental units, including one affordable) and the Pacific and Livermore Avenue Townhomes Project (115 for-sale units, including 17 affordable).

"These approved entitlements strengthen the housing pipeline and will support continued progress towards lower-income RHNA targets once building permits are issued for those projects," Pagan said during the meeting.

Following the hearing, the annual progress report is set for filing with the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. ■

Ex-Livermore city clerk takes same post in San Leandro

By JEREMY WALSH

Former Livermore city clerk Sarah Bunting has been appointed as the new city clerk in San Leandro, filling a vacancy tied to the leadership saga at the East Bay Regional Park District.

Bunting, who spent nearly 17 years in all working for the city of Livermore before departing in late 2019, had been San Leandro's acting city clerk in the wake of Kelly Clancy's resignation to become the new clerk of the board for EBRPD — a recruitment and appointment process that exacerbated friction between the park district's Board of Directors and then-general manager Sabrina Landreth last fall.

"Sarah has more than 15 years of experience serving in City Clerk offices in Berkeley, Livermore, and now San Leandro," City Manager Janelle Cameron said in a news release March 17. "I am especially grateful for her willingness to step into this demanding role during a period of transition for the Council and for the excellent work she has done in guiding the office."

Bunting added, "I look forward to continuing to work with the City's outstanding staff to deliver the high-quality customer service our community deserves, while fostering a culture of innovation that identifies new ways to provide services for everyone."

Starting her career in city

government in Livermore as a library aide in 2001 before moving to the city manager's office, Bunting transitioned into the city clerk's office in 2011 and rose in the ranks there until leaving in 2017 to become assistant city clerk in Berkeley, according to her LinkedIn.

Bunting returned to Livermore just over a year later, working as the head of the city clerk's office during April 2018 to November 2019, according to the city. Her tenure as city clerk included navigating two controversial ballot issues — an initiative from Friends of Livermore over downtown redevelopment and a proposed referendum initially backed by JUUL

Labs over Livermore's anti-vaping ordinance but ultimately pulled before reaching voters.

Departing again for Berkeley, Bunting was assistant clerk in that city for another 3-1/2 years before taking the deputy city clerk job in San Leandro in August 2023.

After her boss Clancy stepped down Oct. 17, Bunting was acting city clerk while San Leandro leadership and a consulting firm pursued a public recruitment process for the permanent role. Bunting eventually rose to the top, with Cameron citing her "strong commitment to public service and a deep understanding of the vital role the City Clerk plays in supporting transparent and effective

local government".

Clancy's arrival at EBRPD was a bumpy one. She was originally set to start Nov. 3 as the top finalist during Landreth's hiring process, but some directors preferred an internal candidate and the matter was pushed out from the Oct. 21 board meeting, according to emails and other records obtained by the Pleasanton Weekly.

A split EBRPD board ultimately approved Clancy's appointment as clerk of the board during the Nov. 4 meeting, which would be Landreth's last as general manager, putting in her resignation two days later with scathing criticism of the board. Landreth's claim against the park district is pending. ■

'NO KINGS'

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the streets at the park not far from downtown.

"It was a family friendly event. Yet the attendees sent strong messages on their signs of protest," an Indivisible Tri-Valley spokesperson told the Pleasanton Weekly.

More than 7,000 people were estimated in attendance between the two Tri-Valley demonstrations,

according to organizers.

Elsewhere in the Bay Area, on the sand at San Francisco's Ocean Beach, hundreds of protestors formed a human banner spelling out in letters 80 feet high, "TRUMP MUST GO NOW!"

Arrayed beneath the main message, tarps two feet wide read: "NO ICE," "NO WARS," "NO LIES" and "NO KINGS," flanking an American flag.

Along Market Street, the main

march in San Francisco drew an array of demonstrators. A skateboarder sped down the street waving a large pink, blue and white transgender pride flag.

Some of the messages were simple — "Impeach Trump" — while others required a second glance.

"They want 1939 Germany, they got 1776," said a sign carried by Bella Parks, a 17-year-old junior at Maybeck High School in Berkeley.

She came to the protest because

"young people need to actually stand up". Parks said she was cheered by seeing "everybody together, excited to make a change as a community".

Her father, Dale Rose, carried a sign that said, "With fear for our democracy, I dissent." Bella's mother, Michaela Parks, said the crowd seemed joyful and expressive. "Everybody was pretty chill," she said.

Down the street, Elizabeth Zieser, 36, a registered nurse from San

Francisco, carried a sign recalling a German minister's postwar confessional over not speaking out against the Nazis. "First they came for the immigrants, and I said, like hell you are," said the sign displayed by Zieser. ■

Editor's note: Coverage of Tri-Valley demonstrations by Jeremy Walsh, editorial director of Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Vine and DanvilleSanRamon.com. Bay Area event coverage and context by Pete Young, Bay City News Service.

PUSD

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its financial obligations in the current or subsequent fiscal years, the district was able to bring in a fiscal adviser who worked with FCMAT representatives to conduct the fiscal health risk analysis that was presented to the board March 26.

According to Tami Montero, chief analyst with FCMAT who conducted the fiscal health risk analysis, the report is meant to help evaluate PUSD's fiscal health and risk of insolvency in the current and two subsequent fiscal years.

She described it as "a processes and procedures type of audit."

Montero went over the work she and her team performed over the last two months, which included conducting dozens of interviews and reviewing over 400 documents of the district's finances.

The result of all that work showed that PUSD falls at a 25.7% risk score of fiscal insolvency. According to Montero, the goal for every district — like the rules of golf — is to get as close to or exactly at 0% as possible. She also noted two key things: 25% is the cut off point between low and moderate risk, and the analysis only took into account the first interim budget report and not the second.

In the analysis, Montero said her team analyzed over a hundred questions which took a look at the district's finances and how the district was managing them.

Based on the district's answers, FCMAT was able to determine five areas where the district needed to improve if it wanted to remain fiscally solvent: deficit spending; leadership and stability; fund balance and reserve for economic uncertainty; the general fund; and position control.

One of the questions related to deficit spending asked if PUSD is

projected to avoid deficit spending in the next two fiscal years even if the district implemented the millions of board-approved budget cuts. The answer, according to the analysis, was no.

"The district projects unrestricted general fund deficit spending of \$25,783 and \$1,642,683 in 2026-27 and 2027-28, respectively," according to the report analysis. "This projection assumes the district will implement the planned and board-approved \$11.2 million in expenditure reductions. Failure to implement these reductions will increase these deficits significantly."

'I have a sense that your situation is just temporary, and that you'll be on the road to fiscal recovery soon.'

Tami Montero,
FCMAT chief analyst

In regard to the other areas of concern, the analysis showed that for fund balance and reserve for economic uncertainty, the district is not meeting the minimum reserve requirement in any of the three years in its multiyear projection. For leadership and stability, Montero said the analysis found that the district needs to train board members on budget and governance on a more regular basis, even though certain board members said they already attend these types of training.

The analysis also showed that the district does not account for "non-positional costs in position control such as substitute, overtime and stipend costs."

"During development of its

original 2024-25 budget, an error occurred that omitted the non-positional costs," the analysis stated, referring to the substitute and temporary hire costs that the district did not account for in that year.

"Because the district does not regularly reconcile position control with budget and payroll ... the error went undetected until the 2024-25 estimated actuals were prepared and also affected the 2025-26 budget once the non-positional costs were included," the analysis continued. "The impact of these adjustments resulted in approximately \$5 million in deficit spending in both 2024-25 and 2025-26."

When asked about that \$5 million in deficit spending, Montero said that had to do with newer staff turnover in various positions and she doesn't see that happening in the future now that the district knows what happened.

The board also spent time going through some of the details in the analysis including special education and salary costs and after going through and discussing those and other line items, Montero said she has high hopes for the district's financial future.

"I have a sense that your situation is just temporary, and that you'll be on the road to fiscal recovery soon," Montero said.

Mokashi also stated toward the end of the analysis presentation that she hopes the district will consider using this type of assessment moving forward and continue to take advantage of these types of fiscal support services.

"It's our job," Mokashi said. "We need to do the long term planning so that our students aren't paying the price and our staff, for our community."

In fact, the next item the board discussed that night fully had to do with the district's long-term financial health.

During the meeting, the board received a presentation from staff regarding all of its revenue generating efforts that have either already been implemented, are being implemented currently, or are being looked at in the future.

One of the main topics that came up during the discussion was the possibility of introducing a parcel tax for voters to approve.

While progress on that is listed at 25% complete, Superintendent Maurice Ghysels continued to advocate for why the tax is one of the best ways to bring in crucial revenue to the district.

Ghysels said one of the reasons why the district wanted to go through the entire FCMAT process of reviewing its finances was to gain the trust of the Pleasanton community after hearing from people that the district can't be trusted or that it is mismanaged.

"We're working as hard as we possibly can to demonstrate integrity, credibility, process improvement," Ghysels said. "Because what

we have to do and what ... our kids deserve is a parcel tax."

Assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami also went over several slides that showed the dozens of other school districts in the Bay Area that have some sort of a parcel tax.

"Many school districts in the Bay Area recognize that state funding is not enough and they utilize property taxes to supplement it," Sheikholeslami said.

However, some members of the audience who spoke during public comment were still wary about the idea of a parcel tax and instead asked the trustees to look elsewhere for additional revenue. One said the district's recent budget cuts are forcing parents to consider placing their kids in private schools or moving to another district entirely.

Trustee Charlie Jones said he too doesn't want a parcel tax to be the solution to the district's financial problems but he also recognized the problem of declining enrollment and said in order to keep certain programs,

PUSD needs to cover its costs while they continue to lose students.

"I don't just believe that we can weather it. I believe we can find ways to be sustainable so we don't have to keep making these asks," Jones said.

In addition to the parcel tax, Sheikholeslami also reviewed the current revenue generating efforts that are projected to generate \$9.9 million in revenue for the 2025-26 fiscal year and the new efforts that are currently underway and have either been implemented or are guaranteed to bring in new money. Those efforts, including the parcel tax, could generate anywhere from \$7.1 million to \$10.6 million in ongoing funding in future years.

Staff said they are still looking into other things like decentralizing the district offices, declaring a portion of the Donlon Elementary School property as surplus in order to sell it and even looking into subsidizing water utility costs, an ask that came from Jones at the meeting. ■

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'A very strange and eerie place': Pleasanton Weekly Streetwise columnists Jeff and Nancy Lewis and her parents Steve Davis and Abbie Lovinger drove from Palm Springs out to Bombay Beach along the Salton Sea, a landlocked lake in the Colorado Desert at more than 200 feet below sea level. "It's a very strange and eerie place that appeals to people who enjoy seeing all sorts of weird and wonderful stuff," Nancy told us.

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Above and below: Ithuriel's spear is among the wildflower species' prominently on display at Sunol Regional Wilderness Park.



Pretty petals

Wildflowers in bloom
throughout Tri-Valley
and beyond

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Above and right: California Poppies, purple Chinese Houses and Arroyo Lupine

Many look forward to the wildflower superblooms that create picturesque scenes across wilderness landscapes in the Bay Area this time of year — even if the springtime and influx of pollen in the air signify the onset of pesky allergies for some.

A superbloom occurs when wildflowers grow in large numbers and variety when the conditions are just right. This doesn't happen every year, but it can typically after lots of winter rainfall, cool weather and low winds.

California is known for its superblooms that begin around mid-March through April and sometimes last until early May. In the Bay Area, there are a number of places that will have displays of this springtime phenomenon, including in the Tri-Valley.

Some of the top-listed spots to view wildflowers are Sunol Regional Wilderness Park, Mount Diablo State Park and Pigeon Point Road along the coast off of Highway 1.

The rangers at Sunol Wilderness say that the best, most accessible trails for seeing wildflowers are the Canyon View Trail and the Indian Joe Creek Trail. Both are located right next to each other.

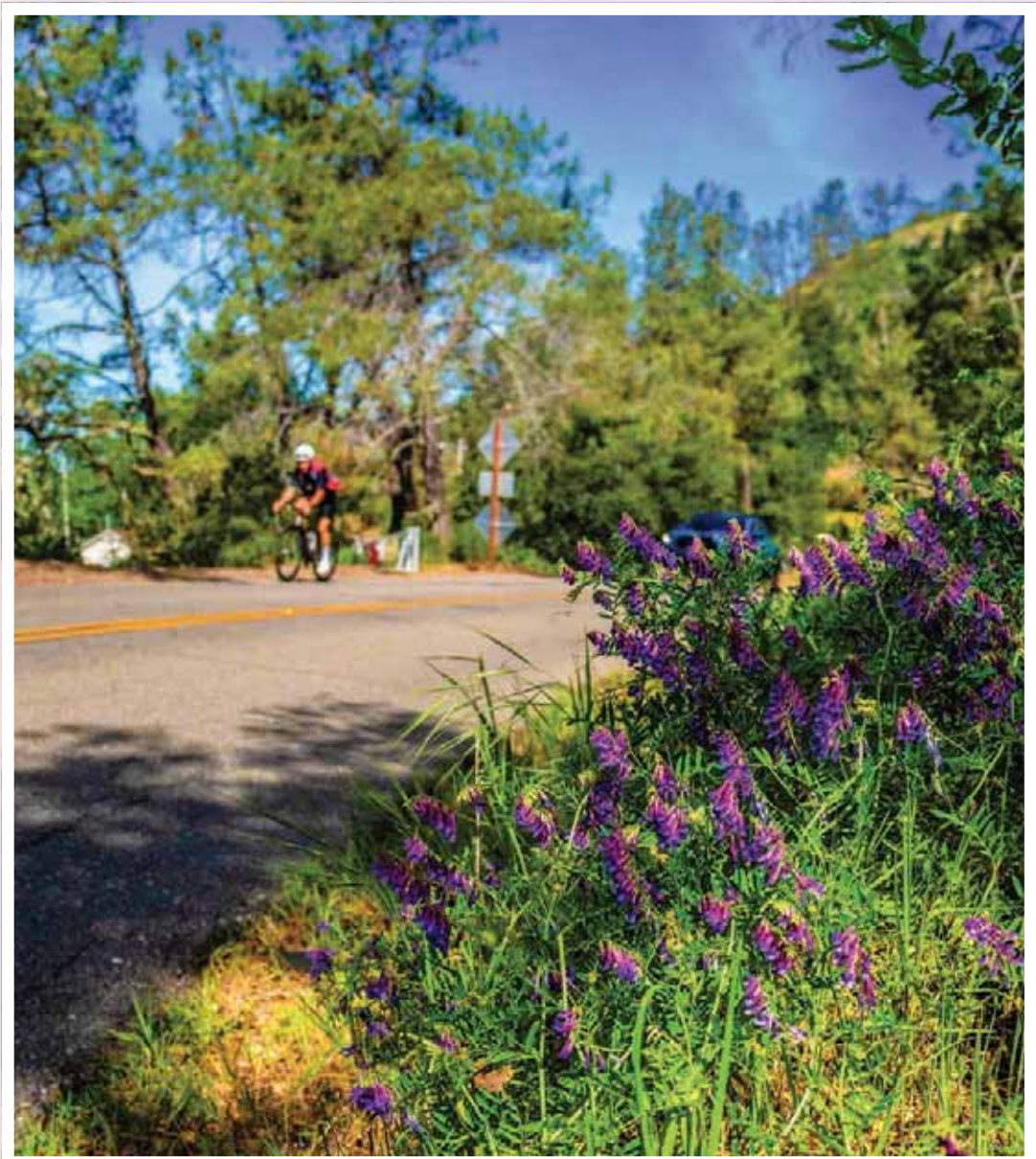
Because it's still early in the spring, the wildflowers will only get better as the season goes on. However, there are currently several patches of flowers blooming on the left side of the creek. Large hills have patches of purple and orange flowers starting to pop up.

There are also wildflower guides available at the park's welcome center that indicate the different types of flowers around and when they bloom, making the self-guided tour easy to follow.

At Mount Diablo, visitors can spot California Poppies in bloom. The Live Oak, Wildcat and Campground trails are particularly good areas for wildflower viewing. Other than poppies, Blue Dicks and purple Chinese Houses can



Wildflowers can be seen flourishing along trails at Mount Diablo State Park.



be spotted at Junction Ranger Station.

Visit Tri-Valley also recommends Las Trampas Regional Park, Del Valle Regional Park, Morgan Territory Preserve and the Dublin Hills Regional Open Space Preserve among its top locations to find wildflowers in the area.

The East Bay Regional Park District offers a broad list of wildflower viewing areas, which includes places outside the Tri-Valley region but within the greater East Bay.

While not necessarily local, the irresistible view of wild mustard along Pigeon Point Road is worth the drive for many in the East Bay. There is no specific trail or path but there are plenty sprouted along the coast from Half Moon Bay to Santa Cruz, painting the entire side of the road a bright, vibrant yellow.

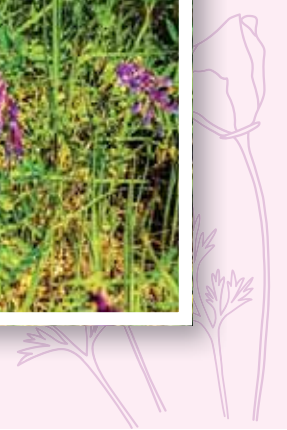
Further into spring, wildflowers of all kinds start to pop up in various areas beyond state parks. In addition to admiring the views, many parks tend to offer naturalist-led, wildflower-themed programs, like the upcoming guided hike at Lund Ranch in Pleasanton on Saturday (April 4) from 9-11a.m.

During this recreational event, visitors can learn more about different species of wildflowers and take in stunning views from across the valley. More information about the hike is available at trivalleyconservancy.org.

When venturing out to view wildflowers, park rangers recommend some dos and don'ts to keep this beloved California phenomenon alive and thriving: Never pick the flowers, always stay on the path, keep the dog on a leash and never litter.

It's also recommended to bring appropriate attire, plenty of water and of course, allergy medicine. ■

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H Mart opens to eager crowd in Dublin

Asian supermarket with food court draws hundreds of shoppers on debut morning



BY JUDE STRZEMP

HMart unveiled its first East Bay location last week in Dublin following more than four years of development.

Known for selling fresh produce, meats, seafoods and household goods, H Mart is the largest Asian supermarket chain in the country. In addition to retail, the long-anticipated location at 7884 Dublin Blvd. in the Dublin Retail Center is home to a food court that largely serves Korean-style cuisine.

Hundreds of shoppers, local officials and H Mart leadership gathered at the new store on the morning of March 26.

"For many Korean-Americans, it's not just a grocery store. It's a place that feels like home. It's where culture, food and identity come together," Board Director Jong Yoon of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

With the next closest H Mart located in San Jose, a line of eager customers began forming shortly before 7 a.m. at the retail center.

Standing second in line, Dublin resident Albert Lee expressed excitement for the supermarket's opening in town.

"There's no Korean grocery stores in the area, so it's nice to have," Lee said of H Mart.

Preceding Lee was Oakland resident Jaimie Nguyen, who said she was particularly excited for snacks offered at the supermarket.

"It offers more variety to the community," Nguyen explained.

Behind them, a line of shoppers-in-waiting trailed past neighboring businesses.

"Opening day, honestly, is my favorite time at H Mart," Executive Vice President Vince Colatriano told the Pleasanton Weekly. "Every H Mart store opening is really welcomed by the community as well as lines outside."

As for the multi-year process of opening H Mart in Dublin, Colatriano said there were no local roadblocks. The timing of the store's opening had to do with the company's internal capacity, he explained.

Shortly after 10 a.m., customers

were welcomed into the supermarket.

Shoppers found a variety of Asian cuisines and a food court with resident restaurants Oh K-Dog & Egg Toast, Kyodong Noodles, Chodang, BBQ Chicken, Daeho and Tous Les Jours.

In addition to the shoppers' excitement, Dublin Mayor Sherry Hu expressed enthusiasm for H Mart's opening.

"It's great news for our community," she said. "They provide jobs, taxes and also they bring visitors over."

Nearly an hour after H Mart opened its doors to the public, hundreds of additional customers waited for their turn to step foot in the city's newest supermarket. ■



Crowds of excited customers, along with community leaders and store reps, turned out for the grand opening of H Mart in Dublin on March 26.

JUDE STRZEMP

'Spring Awakenings' with Livermore-Amador Symphony

Concert with guest conductor to also feature video of works from LAA's 'Spring Art Show'

By JEREMY WALSH

The new season is the theme connecting both the music of the upcoming Livermore-Amador Symphony concert and the artwork accompanying the performance that night.

The "Spring Awakenings" show at the Bankhead Theater next weekend centers on three apt pieces of music, with the symphony led by guest conductor Geoffrey Gallegos of San Francisco, along with a silent video playing above the orchestra featuring the creative works of contest winners from this year's "Spring Art Show" by the Livermore Art Association.

"Music that brings the sounds of nature to life," LAS officials said of the concert that showcases "Spring" from "A Musical Tableau for Orchestra" by Alexander Glazunov and "Appalachian Spring" by Aaron Copland before intermission and "Symphony No. 1" by Robert Schumann (nicknamed the "Spring Symphony") after the break.



COURTESY LAA

"Spring's Overture" by Wei-Ting Chuang, part of the "Spring Art Show" of the Livermore Art Association.

During intermission, Livermore resident and professional violinist Jim Hurley is set to perform themed music in the Bankhead lobby.

The concert is set to start at 7:30 p.m. next Saturday (April 11).

Gallegos will lead an "Inside the Music" talk with the audience beforehand from 7-7:15 p.m. And after the show, the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild will host a complimentary reception offering Livermore Valley wines.

In addition to the artwork included in the video playing during the concert, a few of the physical pieces will be on display in the Bankhead lobby — and available for purchase — that night.



COURTESY LAS

The Livermore-Amador Symphony is set for its "Spring Awakenings" concert at the Bankhead Theater on April 11.

All artwork in LAA's "Spring Art Show" juried exhibition will be on exhibition at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore the following weekend (April 18-19) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The symphony is set to present a reception with a string quartet from 3-4 p.m. April 19 at the Bothwell, where

admission is free.

For tickets to the Bankhead concert, go to livermorearts.org or livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

The collaboration between the symphony and art association was funded through a grant from the city of Livermore, via its Commission for the Arts. ■



COURTESY ICE CREATIVE ENTERTAINMENT

"The Wizard of Oz On Ice" is being performed at the Bankhead Theater on April 12.

'Wizard of Oz On Ice' on Bankhead stage

Skaters and set are stars in show

By JEREMY WALSH

Something cool is coming to the Bankhead Theater, a first-of-its-kind performance on the indoor stage in downtown Livermore.

Ice Creative Entertainment is presenting its traveling show, "The Wizard of Oz On Ice", next weekend — a reimagining of the classic story of Dorothy, the Yellow Brick Road and the Land of Oz starring Olympic-level ice skaters with new music, colorful costumes, elaborate sets and special effects.

"My understanding is that it's a synthetic 'ice' surface they lay on the stage, but they'll really be ice skating. We have never done a show like this before, so I am excited to bring something new like this

to the Bankhead," Livermore Valley Arts CEO Chris Carter told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"I want to see how it will work just as much as anyone else," he added. "Personally, I love how versatile we are, and bringing a unique event like this really speaks to our values of creativity, along with the depth and breadth of arts experiences. And it's great for families!"

"The Wizard of Oz On Ice" has been moving west since opening in North Carolina in January. The troupe has also performed "Peter Pan", "Cinderella" and "Beauty and the Beast" on ice in the past.

The Bankhead show is scheduled for next Sunday (April 12) at 3 p.m. For tickets and more information, go to livermorearts.org. ■

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Hurt hiker airlifted out of Las Trampas after 36 hours

A multi-agency operation successfully rescued a hiker who was injured and missing for more than a day in the Las Trampas Regional Wilderness Preserve in the western San Ramon Valley last month.

The person went for a hike in the expansive open space park with trails on March 21 but fell down a ravine and sustained a broken ankle, according to authorities. The hiker, who did not have a cell phone, was considered missing and at-risk when search teams set out to locate them the next day.

“Approximately 60 searchers responded, covering steep, brushy terrain with limited communications.

Teams conducted coordinated ground searches, trail interviews, and utilized drone support and canine teams,” the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team said in a Facebook post recapping the operation. “The individual was located in the evening in a difficult-to-access area.”

The East Bay Regional Park District Fire Department noted that the hiker had been in the park for 36 hours total, and the search took approximately 12 hours. A California Highway Patrol helicopter was used to remove the hiker from the ravine.

“This call was well coordinated and was a successful outcome,” the fire department said in a separate post, adding that the hiker was recovering from their injuries. A video of the air rescue was posted on the department’s Facebook page.

— Jeremy Walsh

Mother sentenced

A woman convicted of killing her young daughter in a case that exposed alarming deficiencies in Alameda County’s child welfare system was sentenced to nearly 16 years in prison last week.

Samantha Johnson, Sophia Mason’s mother, was originally arrested on suspicion of murder but entered a plea to voluntary manslaughter, two counts of child abuse and two enhancements for causing great bodily injury in connection with the 8-year-old’s death.

Johnson was sentenced to 15 years and eight months in state prison, according to the Merced County District Attorney’s Office, which prosecuted the case.

Sophia spent much of her young life in Hayward with her grandmother, but in early 2021, Johnson “reappeared in Sophia’s life” and took custody of her, according to a civil lawsuit filed by the girl’s grandmother against Alameda County.

Within just a few weeks, Alameda County child welfare workers began receiving child abuse hotline calls saying Sophia was being abused and neglected while in her mother’s care, according to the suit.

The callers reported that Sophia’s mother hit her, choked her and covered her mouth to quiet her sobs.

County child welfare workers also soon learned Johnson “had recently changed for the worse, becoming more unstable and scary” and that Sophia was living in fear and hadn’t been going to school, the suit alleges.

Meanwhile, more calls were pouring in alleging that Sophia was being exposed to prostitution and that she



COURTESY EBRPD FD

A CHP helicopter helped rescue an injured hiker from a ravine in Las Trampas Regional Wilderness Preserve on March 22.

was being hit by her mother and her mother’s friends, among other things.

Family members repeatedly asked the Alameda County Department of Children and Family Services to remove the girl from that environment.

“Despite these pleas, and the numerous and increasingly alarming allegations of abuse Alameda DCFS received, defendants did nothing to protect Sophia,” the lawsuit stated.

After not seeing or hearing from Sophia for about a month, family members reported her missing to police in Merced, where her mom was living with her boyfriend.

On March 11, 2022, officers found the girl’s body in an advanced state of decomposition in a bathtub in Johnson’s home.

Her exact cause of death was never determined but the case was investigated as a homicide.

“We recognize the deep anger and grief this case has generated. Our office shares in that sorrow,” Merced County District Attorney Nicole Silveira said March 26. “Throughout this process, our responsibility has been to pursue justice guided by the evidence, the law, and our ethical obligations.”

In addition to the civil case against Alameda County, which is still pending, the California State Auditor and the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury investigated and found a multitude of systemic failures within the county’s child welfare system.

Currently State Senator Aisha Wahab (D-Fremont) is leading a multi-agency task force with the goal of ensuring the county implements meaningful reforms.

“The audit’s findings were shocking yet undeniable,” Wahab said in February prior to a task force meeting about the audit. “Along with a Civil Grand Jury report, the State Auditor makes clear that Alameda County is failing, resulting in death and sexual exploitation of children.”

— Kiley Russell, Bay City News Service

corporation for allegedly selling expired items and charging customers more than listed prices.

The counties of Contra Costa, Santa Cruz, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo were among nine counties in the state that brought the lawsuit.

Without admitting wrongdoing, Walgreens agreed to pay \$6 million that will be divided among the counties.

The suit accused Walgreens of charging customers more than the lowest advertised prices of items. The corporation also allegedly sold expired items such as infant formula, baby food, aspirin, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, and other over-the-counter products.

“Customers should have confidence that companies that sell food and formula to infants and children are doing so by being scrupulous about the safety of the products in their stores,” Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton said in a statement. “The same goes for medications that are sold beyond their expiration dates.”

— Alise Maripuu, Bay City News

COVID test fraud

A group of Newark-based medical providers has been slapped with \$3.8 million in civil penalties for allegedly charging patients for COVID-19 tests that were advertised as free, the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office announced last Friday.

Trovato Medical Group, Inc., American Expert Doctors, Inc., Saloojas Inc., and Parmjit M. Singh were also issued a permanent injunction by an Alameda County Superior Court judge prohibiting them from engaging in false or misleading advertising or unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business practices, according to prosecutors.

“During a public health crisis, residents should not be misled or pressured into paying for services that were represented as free,” District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson said. “This judgment holds the defendants accountable and protects consumers from unlawful billing practices.”

— Kiley Russell, Bay City News Service

Michael John O’Rourke

December 13, 1949 - March 23, 2026

It is with heavy hearts we share that Michael O’Rourke has passed away on March 23rd at the age of 76.

Michael lived a full and vibrant life. He loved recounting his college pranks at Santa Clara University. He had a passion for scuba diving around the world and even taught lessons in Monterey Bay. A true aviation enthusiast, Michael often identified aircraft flying overhead to his family’s delight (and eyerolls). He earned his helicopter pilot’s license and proudly flew his first passenger flight in 1987.

Professionally, Michael began his career in marketing and went on to hold various roles in sales and business development, earning titles such as Director and Senior Vice President. Over the decades, he became a respected figure in Silicon Valley, known for his expertise in supply chain management, international relations, negotiation, and deep knowledge of electronic contract manufacturing.

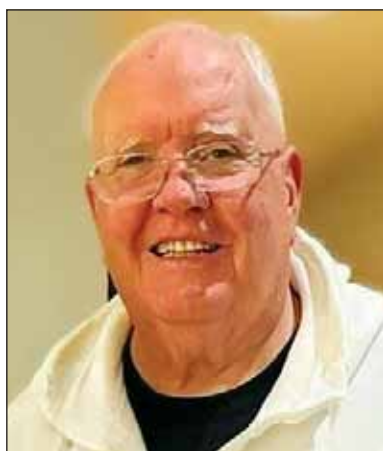
In his later years, Michael cherished time spent traveling with his family. Maui held a special place in his heart, though he also enjoyed trips to Key West, Pinecrest, and Spokane. Once retired, he developed a strong commitment to volunteer work, contributing his time to PGA Tour events in Monterey and Carmel Valley, where he especially enjoyed driving professional and celebrity golfers. He also volunteered with the California Highway Patrol, wearing his badge with great pride.

Michael will be remembered for his kindness, quick wit, sharp instincts, and natural leadership—along with a wonderfully unexpected whimsical side. He was a man who could command a boardroom, yet just as easily be found cruising with the top down, blasting “Girls Just Want to Have Fun.”

He is survived by his wife, Janis; his daughters, Erin and Colleen; and his siblings, Kevin and Kathy.

A memorial service will be held on April 25 at 11:00 AM at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton, California.

In honor of his passion for volunteering with the California Highway Patrol, the family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory.





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Opening the door to Doolan Canyon

Access to open space is not a luxury; it is essential to healthy people and communities. Doolan Canyon represents one of the most significant opportunities in our region to meet this need.

For years, public agencies and community partners have worked thoughtfully to preserve this landscape: protecting habitat, safeguarding ridgelines, and ensuring that this land remains open for future generations. That work deserves recognition, but preservation alone is not the end of the story.

Without public access, Doolan Canyon remains out of reach for the very communities that have invested in its protection.

Today, we have a clear and practical path forward: the acquisition

and development of the Gosselin easement.

Property owner Larry Gosselin, whose land sits just east of Doolan Canyon, has long sought to partner with the East Bay Regional Park District to provide safe parking and access into the preserve. “Nearly 20 years ago, I met with the Schmitz family, open space advocates, and supportive officials to imagine a loop trail,” Gosselin recalls.

This modest but critical investment would establish a staging area and create the first viable public access point into the canyon. In doing so, it would unlock a broader vision, one where residents from across the Tri-Valley can connect with nature, recreate and experience the landscape that defines our region.



This is not a new idea. Funding has been proposed, partnerships explored and plans discussed for decades. In fact, the use of Altamont Open Space Funds for this project was approved in 2017, though those funds were ultimately not used and later returned. What is needed now is follow-through. The pieces are in place, and the opportunity is clear.

This moment calls for partnership. EBRPD has long been a steward of open space throughout our region, and Doolan Canyon is a natural extension of that legacy. By moving forward with the Gosselin easement, the district can deliver a project that is regionally significant, locally supported, and long overdue.

As Gosselin puts it, “I remain ready to work with regional partners to finally provide safe, responsible access to Doolan Canyon from Collier Canyon.”

Recent progress underscores this momentum. The transfer of

approximately 5 acres of the Olsen property from the City of Livermore to EBRPD, located just south of the Doolan Canyon Road entrance, marks another important step toward making public access a reality.

In many ways, the Gosselin easement is the missing piece that transforms Doolan Canyon from a land bank into a living, accessible resource. The benefits are clear: expanded recreational access, stronger regional connectivity and a visible example of collaboration between agencies working toward a shared goal.

Opportunities like this do not come often. The groundwork has been laid. The need is evident. The community is ready.

Now is the time to act.

I urge the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors to move forward with the acquisition and development of the Gosselin easement and to partner with

local jurisdictions to bring Doolan Canyon to life as a regional asset we can all share.

The EBRPD board will discuss Doolan Canyon access and next steps at its meeting next Tuesday (April 7). This is a meaningful opportunity for the public to engage and help shape the future of this landscape. Community members can attend in person, join via Zoom, or submit written comments in advance at ebparks.org/calendar/public-meetings

Together, we can ensure that the open spaces we have worked so hard to protect are also places where people can gather, explore, and connect with nature and with one another. ■

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LETTERS

When saying ‘I’m sorry’ isn’t enough

Last week, I experienced blatant antisemitism in my hometown of Pleasanton. I patronized a popular establishment, waited 30 minutes and was told “my co-worker doesn’t want me to help you because you’re Jewish and probably pro-Israel.”

Then, employee No. 2 said “I want you to know that I don’t have a problem with ALL you Jews ... just the Zionists.” I was shocked, angered and hurt by his comments. I wondered why I was met with such venom?

I didn’t say anything about my faith or engage him in politics. Apparently, wearing a small star of David around my neck caused this employee to verbally accost me.

I told my rabbi and filed a hate incident with the Anti-Defamation League. The manager said, “I’m sorry that happened and I’ll talk to the employee and get back to you.” A few days later, he said, “my employee told me he was sorry and we hope you’ll continue to be our customer.”

I forgive the employee, but still take umbrage at his actions. I believe he was only “sorry” his manager called him out. The saddest takeaway from this experience is that this young man felt so entitled by his hateful beliefs that he went out of his way to let me know that he didn’t like or want

to serve people like me.

This incident is particularly relevant as we enter into Passover (the holiday of liberation). The current political climate and propaganda have fueled antisemitism and hatred towards Israel. My synagogue has to have security and a police presence at every holiday.

His words wounded me deeply, but my Jewish faith and identity remain strong. It’s a shame that bigotry exists in our town. Please call bigots out to hold them accountable for their words and actions.

My father would always say it is better to light a candle rather than curse the darkness. By shining a light on intolerance and reporting it, we can stand together to help eradicate hate. When people are really truly sorry, they change and make amends. Actions will always speak louder than mere words.

For safety, I’m signing with only my first name.

— Lisa B.

Opposing SB 1193

In February, Senate Bill 1193 (2026) was introduced to the legislature. This bill, introduced by State Senator Aisha Wahab, threatens to significantly disrupt critical funding streams that support essential services across Alameda County.

If enacted, SB1193 (2026) would impose new restrictions on how Alameda County Supervisors are able to allocate district discretionary funds. These are resources that have long provided flexible and timely support to nonprofits

serving vulnerable populations. These funds are typically used to provide support for food distribution, youth programming, senior services and emergency response efforts.

The bill also includes a prohibition on allocating funds within 90 days of an election if a supervisor is facing opposition. In California, every even year, we have both a primary election in June and a general election in November. This would mean that for 180 days, nonprofits could face the possibility of not receiving any discretionary funding from the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of Alameda County already requires a majority 4/5th approval for discretionary funds.

These changes could lead to delays, uncertainty, and reduced access to funding, particularly for smaller, community-based organizations that rely on timely support to sustain their operations and provide essential services to the community. Discretionary funds are positioned to address urgent and emerging needs — from disaster relief to unexpected funding gaps that traditional funding streams may not cover as quickly.

Nonprofits and community advocates are strongly encouraged to contact the Senate Local Government Committee Chair, Senator Maria Elena Durazo at Senator.Durazo@senate.ca.gov, and slcl.committee@senate.ca.gov to share how SB 1193 could negatively impact critical services and

the local communities they serve.

My office is always available to connect further on this issue, or answer any questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out to bosdist1@acgov.org with any questions you may have.

— David Haubert,
president, Alameda County
Board of Supervisors

Valley Ave. sound wall

As an east-sider, I travel Valley Avenue frequently to access points west. I saw the steel beams going up, thought they looked out of place, but assumed that would be remedied before the costly repair was completed.

Last week, I traveled that road again and was mildly horrified at the degree of ugliness this repair has created! Instead of placing the steel beams where the old columnar ones were, they are set between, leaving a bright and shiny additional vertical element to overcomplicate the overall appearance.

The contrast of materials feels out of place with the warm buff brick structure of what was one of the most attractive thoroughfares in our city.

There is still one stretch to be completed, and I’m holding out hope the consultants will have considered that “form follows function” must also be aesthetically pleasing. So far, that isn’t the case. Painting the steel support members may help, but will create a maintenance issue for the life of the wall.

— Linda Kelly



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill boys' volleyball sweeps De La Salle, Amador

Help with weekly results for spring sports — softball, baseball, track, badminton and more

Last week I wrote about how the Foothill High volleyball team seemed to be hitting its stride at the right time.

This time, the Falcons kicked it into yet another gear, sweeping De La Salle and Amador Valley.

The win was huge in that the Spartans were previously unbeaten in East Bay Athletic League play. The Falcons ended that with a 25-16, 25-23, 25-13 win.

Highlights came from Josh Salonga (24 assists, 8 service points, 3 kills), Jeremy Sun (10 kills, 7 digs) and Trey Elson (8 kills, 1 block).

The run continued with a 25-9, 25-21, 25-17 win over rival Amador. Great games were turned in by

Sun (14 kills at a .410 clip, 10 digs), Salonga (31 assists, 7 kills), Thomas Paduraru (6 kills, 2 blocks) and Rushil Vadada (15 service points, 9 digs, 5 kills).

Foothill ended the week by going 2-2 in the top division of the Stockton tournament, beating Vanden and Clovis West, but losing to Valley Christian (San Jose) and Dublin.

Back to league, there's no rest as Foothill faces unbeaten San Ramon Valley and Dublin.

Amador JV tennis

The Dons had another great week, beating Dougherty Valley and Foothill by the same 6-3 margins.

In the win over Dougherty Valley singles wins came from Arnav Mehta, Suvir Rao, Sameer Datta and Thomas Chen. The doubles teams of Henry Bull-Avij Asarwala and Akshaj Shandilya-Srikar Chidipotu took their matches.

In the win over Foothill, the singles wins were from Bull, Samarth Mahapatra and Rao.

The Dons swept the doubles with wins from the teams of Mehta-Asarawala, Udi Singhall-Chidipotu and Aryan Chawla-Erik Van Slyke.

Results needed

If you are reading this column and wondering where the results for your child's team are, then we could use your help each week.

So far, we are getting results from Foothill boys' volleyball and Amador Valley junior varsity tennis.

The results we get each week are the result of a coach or a volunteer for a specific team turning in the results.

It is a little sad that in a day and age where so many parents are quick to complain so very few are willing to take 15 minutes a week to help. But these will be the people that complain when their son or daughter doesn't appear in the paper.

It takes no more than 15-20 minutes a week to get the results into us by our noon deadline each



COURTESY FOOTHILL VOLLEYBALL

The Foothill varsity boys' volleyball team.

Sunday. Of course, you can send in the results before Sunday, but that is the deadline.

It can be as simple as letting us know the sport, who you played, the result and the highlights for the game or match. This works great for baseball, softball and volleyball.

For baseball or softball just give the final score and any highlights like multiple hits or home runs, runs scored, RBIs, pitching highlights like hits allowed, strikeouts or any other information.

For sports like tennis and badminton, just take a picture of the score sheet and send it to me. Also include a roster of the team so I can make sure to get the names right.

Sports with many athletes, like swimming and track-and-field, give me the final score of the meet,

as well as highlights like multiple event winners, record or personal best marks, and any other highlights like winning performance late in the meet that gave the team the victory.

We are always looking for pictures to run with a story as well. Our requirements are that a photo can't be taken by another news agency, we need the identification of your athletes, as well as who took the picture.

If you have any questions regarding turning in results for your athlete's team, please contact me at acesmag@aol.com. Let's get the kids the coverage they deserve. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.

We're looking for a few interns

We are seeking local high school or college students with an appetite for news and an interest in learning about print and digital media for internship opportunities. The interns will research stories, do interviews and help with fact checking and rewrites for the award-winning Pleasanton Weekly, LivermoreVine.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com. They will also be introduced to the other aspects of publishing, including advertising and production.

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What a season for Cal State East Bay

Reflecting on remarkable run that ended in Elite Eight

BY DENNIS MILLER

Lost in the beginning of the spring sports season, and of course the craziness of March Madness of the NCAA Division I tournament, California State University East Bay ended its historic men's basketball season last week.

The Pioneers advanced to the NCAA D-II Elite Eight with a 33-0 record, only to fall 78-55 to Oklahoma Baptist in the quarter-finals of the tournament March 25.

I was tracking the team's accomplishments throughout the season as I have a lot of ties to East Bay.

My father was on the football staff back in the 1960s when it was still Cal State Hayward. As a child, I grew up around college football and loved it.

When I was 18, I blew my knee out and went through rehabilitation with iconic former Cal State Hayward trainer/coach Don Chu.

My sister would graduate from the school, as did one of my daughters. I have always had an interest in the school's athletic departments.



COURTESY CSUEB

Bryan Rooney, head coach of Cal State East Bay.

Thus, this season was a joy.

The wins kept coming as the Pioneers captured the California Collegiate Athletic Association regular season title, followed by taking the CCAA playoffs with an 80-63 win over Cal Poly Humboldt.

Next up was the NCAA D-II Western Regionals that the Pioneers hosted. The first round was a rematch with Humboldt and East Bay prevailed 83-64,

followed by a 76-67 win over Cal State Dominguez Hills. In the title match, they beat Point Lomas 73-58 and got their spot in the Elite Eight.

The postseason awards rolled in as well.

Pioneers coach Bryan Rooney was named NCAA D-II Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. It was the first from the West Regional since 2012.

Tyree Campbell was honored first with all district honors, then was named the D-II National Player of the Year. The two awards followed by Campbell being honored as the CCAA Player of the Year.

The 6-foot-5 guard averaged 14.5 points per game, 4.3 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.6 steals per game. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. This column originally appeared in Tri-Valley Preps Playbook, a weekly sports e-newsletter published by Embarcadero Media Foundation. To sign up for free, visit PleasantonWeekly.com.

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

RAMANA VIEIRA Experience the soulful sound of internationally acclaimed fadista Ramana Vieira blending the timeless beauty of traditional Fado with Brazilian rhythms, Latin grooves and contemporary jazz. 7 p.m., April 3. Tickets \$23. Visit firehousearts.org.

RAVI SHANKAR ENSEMBLE The Ravi Shankar Ensemble led by virtuoso musicians creates a mesmerizing fusion of sitar, tabla and other instruments, offering a transcendent musical experience. 8 p.m., April 3. Tickets \$60-\$90. Visit livmorearts.org.

LONG TIME - A TRIBUTE TO THE BAND BOSTON Enjoy the soaring vocals, iconic guitar riffs and unmistakable sound of Boston as Long Time brings the band's legendary hits to life onstage. 7:30 p.m., April 4. Tickets \$33-\$38. Visit firehousearts.org.

AIDA CUEVAS PRESENTS MEXICAN SYMPHONIC SERENADE Designed to engage and enthrall audiences of all backgrounds Mexicana Symphonic Serenade promises an inclusive and immersive experience that transcends cultural boundaries. 8 p.m., April 10. Tickets \$70-\$100. Visit livmorearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY SPRING AWAKENINGS Guest Conductor Geoffrey Gallegos leads the orchestra in a vibrant program featuring Copland's Appalachian Spring and music of Delius, Glazunov and Schumann that brings the sounds of nature to life. 7:30 p.m., April 11. Tickets \$31-\$46. Visit livmorearts.org.

THE WIZARD OF OZ ON ICE This reimagined production pays homage to the beloved original story by L. Frank Baum featuring original compositions by renowned Disney music producers and performances by world-champion ice skaters. 3 p.m., April 12. Tickets \$60-\$90. Visit livmorearts.org.

PYTC CABARET AND ALL THAT JAZZ From the razzle-dazzle of Chicago to the heart and humor of Cabaret, New York, New York and beyond, teen performers bring these timeless songs to life with bold choices, strong storytelling, and plenty of style. 7 p.m., April 17. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

FRANC D'AMBROSIO AT THE FIREHOUSE Franc D'Ambrosio's new show blends iconic musical-theater hits with timeless jazz standards reimagining beloved songs with unmistakable style. 7:30 p.m., April 18. Tickets \$33-\$43. Visit firehousearts.org.

OVER THE RAINBOW BENEFIT CONCERT The Alan Hu Foundation presents a benefit concert to raise mental health awareness and funds for the Alan Hu Scholarship Fund. 7:30 p.m., April 26. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. For more information, visit alanhufoundation.org/benefit-concert.

Exhibits

LAA SPRING ART SHOW The Spring Art Show exhibition showcases work by local and regional artists. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 18-19. The Reception and Awards Ceremony offers attendees the opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments. 2-4 p.m., April 19. Bothwell Arts Center.

THE INDEPENDENT GALLERY In this exhibit by Susanna Harris, paper becomes more than a surface it becomes the medium itself where the artist's process emphasizes touch, pressure and the physical relationship between material and maker. Through April 25. Visit livmorearts.org.

LIVERMORE ART ASSOCIATION The Livermore Art Association presents, A Changing World, a solo showcase by Livermore-based artist Susanna Harris. Through April 30. Robert Livermore Community Center, Gallery Wall.

FIREHOUSE LOBBY EXHIBIT The Firehouse Arts Center presents the solo exhibition of Jenna Hobbs, Geometry in the Landscape, featuring 15 works of oil. Through May 2. Firehouse Lobby Exhibit.

FIREHOUSE MEMORIAL WALL EXHIBITION Firehouse Arts Center features the work of Zelda K on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall featuring approximately 20 works by the artist, a visual symphony of oil, watercolor, and acrylic. Through May 9.

UNCLE CREDIT UNION ART GALLERY Presenting Splendid Surroundings in Watercolor, where California Watercolor Association Artists showcase paintings of splendid places they have visited, people they have seen, abstracts or still lifes that are inspired by a person or place. Through May 10. Bankhead Theater.

FRESH WORKS JR. EXHIBITION This Harrington Gallery Exhibit, Fresh Works Jr., is an exhibition for youth and teens K-12 grades from all over the Bay Area celebrating the vast talent of young artists throughout the greater Bay Area. Through May 23. Firehouse Arts Center.

Talks

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES In this free webinar, Gerald Nestadt, professor of anxiety and OCD research, Johns Hopkins University, will discuss OCD: A Broad Overview, as part of the Alan Hu Foundation Mental Health Lecture Series. 5-6 p.m., April 22. Register by April 21 at alanhufoundation.org.

QUILTED TREASURES XIX: QUILTING WITH FRIENDS Amador Valley Quilters hosts this exhibit of over 200 quilts which includes a quilt raffle, raffle baskets and vendors with quilting supplies and products. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 25; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 26. General admission \$10; children under 12 free. Trinity Church Gymnasium, Livermore.

Gardening

GARDENING FOR GOOD BUGS Encouraging beneficial insects is one of the best ways to effectively reduce the number of pests in a garden. Learn about the most important beneficial insects and how to attract them. 1:30 p.m., April 11. Dublin Library.

PLANT AND CUTTING SWAP Bring house plant cuttings, extra plants or seed starts, succulents, bulbs or tubers to share and swap with other gardeners in the community. Label each plant and be ready to share basic care information. 2 p.m., April 11. Dublin Library Community Room.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT & YARD SALE At the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club Plant & Yard Sale get great prices on plants from members' gardens along with gently used pots and garden treasures. They pay the taxes. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 18. 2450 Merlot Lane, Livermore.

Outdoor Rec

WONDERFUL WILDFLOWERS Check out the latest spring wildflowers with LARPD on a short, easy stroll through a small section of the park to identify some of the more common wildflowers found at Sycamore Grove. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., April 4. Free registration at larpd.org.

SPRING JOURNALING WILDFLOWER HIKE Learn techniques to start and improve skills while strolling along the trail. Bring a sketchpad or journal otherwise, paper, pencils and clipboards will be provided. 9-11:30 a.m., April 11. Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve Visitor Center.

SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE Explore the wonders of springtime at Del Valle Regional Park through activities and a campfire with s'mores then take an evening stroll with a Naturalist and experience Del Valle at dusk. 5-8 p.m., April 11. Meet at Del Valle Visitor Center.

RANGER PROGRAM The Need to Feed-Parasitoids is the topic of this Ranger Program. Gall wasps, spider wasps, tarantula Hawks and more need hosts to stay alive. Learn what they do to survive and why. 2-3 p.m., April 12. Free registration at larpd.org.

Fairgrounds

PLUMBING TRADE SHOW This event is open to the public and a great opportunity for homeowners, students, contractors and anyone interested in the trade to connect with local professionals and industry experts. 3-7 p.m., April 14. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

TRI-VALLEY INNOVATION FAIR Bring the family out for an exciting day filled with hands-on science, engineering and technology adventures and explore over 70 exhibits showcasing amazing discoveries and innovations from local companies, schools and community groups. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 18. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Dandy Lion

A joyful, 2-year-old French bulldog with a big personality and an even bigger love for treats, Dandy Lion is a charming tripod who hasn't missed a beat. He zips through life with confidence, tail wags and endless enthusiasm. Dandy Lion, who would thrive in a mellow home, promises nonstop smiles, snuggles and fun. Meet him at East Bay SPCA's Dublin campus or visit eastbayspca.org.



EAST BAY SPCA

Fundraisers

PAWS IN NEED TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER Gather friends & family for Paws In Need's first-ever Trivia Night Fundraiser. Enjoy trivia, food, wine and fun prizes, while supporting a great cause. 5-8 p.m., April 16. 3 Steves Winery. Visit paws-in-need.org/tickets.

WINGS OF HOPE GALA Join Tri-Valley Haven's Wings of Hope: Light the Way Gala, an evening of connection, dining and entertainment to celebrate and raise support for the rebuilding of the domestic violence shelter. 5:30 p.m., April 17. Shannon Community Center. Visit trivalleyhaven.org.

CITYSERVE LADIES NIGHT OUT Get dressed up and dance the night away to support an organization that makes a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families in the communities. Featuring a live DJ, photo booth fun, wine, tasty bites, signature cocktails and more. 7-10 p.m., April 18. Visit cityservecares.org.

PLEASANTON RUN FOR EDUCATION Hosted by PPIE (Pleasanton Partnerships in Education), the event includes a 10K, 5K, 2-Mile Run/Walk and a 1/4-Mile Kids' Challenge where proceeds support Pleasanton public schools. Begins at 8 a.m., April 19. For more information and to register visit ppie.org/runford.

HIKE FOR HOPE Hike for Hope is an annual memorial hike and fundraiser to raise crucial funding for patient care and to keep grief support services, dementia education and family caregiver resources at no charge. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 9. For more information visit p2p.onecause.com/hikeforhope.

Scholarships

PLEASANTON MASONIC LODGE SCHOLARSHIP The Pleasanton Masonic Lodge is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school in Pleasanton with a record of volunteerism, a minimum 2.5 GPA, attending a trade/technical school, two-year community college or four-year university/college in the fall term following graduation. Deadline April 7. Visit bit.ly/4jFLPNS.

BAY EAST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP The Bay East Foundation Scholarship is to support and finance the higher education of Bay Area students and enrich their academic and professional careers. Open to those with a primary residence in Alameda or Contra Costa County with a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Apply by April 26. Visit bayeast.org/bay-east-scholarship.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS The Local Scholarship Foundation of the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women awards up to four scholarships of \$2,500 to women entering one of their final two years of college. Apply by May 1. Visit lpc-aauw.net/activities/scholarships.

Farmers Market

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers Market is year-round, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays. 46 W. Angela St.

LIVERMORE FARMERS MARKET The Livermore Farmers Market is Sundays, year-round. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 206 South J St.

Employment

Groceryworks.com Operating Company, LLC hiring eCommerce Project Manager in Pleasanton, CA. Formulate & implement key initiatives for eCommerce fulfillment strategy. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$92k - \$138,200/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com, Attn: B. Verona. Ref# 0209AR.

Safeway Inc. hiring Data Scientist in Pleasanton, CA. Build ML models to drive growth in Digital, Merchandising, Marketing, Loyalty & Experimentation. Deliver insights, power experiments & scale data-driven decisions. Hybrid worksite/may telecommute part of week. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$133,952-180,950/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com, Attn: B. Verona. Ref# 0218BP.

Safeway Inc. hiring Staff Engineer Data in Pleasanton, CA. Research, design, test, & evaluate new technologies, platforms & third-party products. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$160,165-180,950/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com, ATTN: N. Sarinas. Ref# 03125B

Public Notices

Summons

Cross-Claimant

Case Name: Consolidated Electrical v. Soleeva, et al.

SUMMONS **Case No.** 25CV113630 (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): ANIL KUMAR and ROES 1-25 inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): SOLEEVA ENERGY, INC.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond Within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more Information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): **Alameda County Superior Court – Hayward Hall of Justice**

24405 Amador Street
Hayward, CA 94544

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is

(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **Kimberly G. Flores, Esq./Lindsay I. Walczak, Esq.**
Berliner Cohen, LLP
548 W. 21 st Street
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209-385-0700

(PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

J. MICHAEL DOI, ALSO KNOWN AS JEFFREY MICHAEL DOI AND MIKE DOI
Case No.: 26PR177636

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of J. MICHAEL DOI, ALSO KNOWN AS JEFFREY MICHAEL DOI AND MIKE DOI. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Angelo Giusti in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Angelo Giusti 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 May 06 2026 at 9:45 AM in Dept. 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Yvonne A. Ascher, Esq.
Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss
584 Munras Avenue
Monterey, California 93940
831-373-3622

(PLW Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

SUMMONS

CASE No. CV427856

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(A VISO AL DEMANDADO):

KEVIN SCOTT WEIGAND, JEFFREY M MOORE, MICHAEL A EVANS SR, HILDEGARD M EVANS, JAVIER CASTRO and ANTHONY ABADALLAH, and Does 1 through 100 , YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION
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que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presents su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sue/do, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que /llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no canoce a un abogado, puede llama, a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con las requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un

programs de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org). en el Centro de Ayuda de /as Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el calegio de abogados locales. AV/

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Lake County Court
255 North Forbes Street, 4th Floor
Lakeport, CA 95453

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de telefono de/ abogado de/ demandante, o de/ demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Jacqueline S. Vinaccia, Vanst Law, LLP 8880 Rio San Diego Dr. Ste. 800, San Diego, CA 92108 858 243 4299

DATE (Fecha): 10/23/2025
Krista D. LeVier, Clerk (Secritario)
Monica Ivceovich, Deputy (Adjunto)
(SEAL)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual defendant. (PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

NOTICE! CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 24CV103125 SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE! TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ANGELINA GONZALEZ and DOES 1 through 20. YOU

ARE BEING SUMMONS BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): LOYA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY.

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SUMMONS Case No. 24CV-02877 (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): JESSE L. WOODRUFF, an individual

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): **WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a South Carolina corporation**

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Merced Superior Court, 627 West 21 st Street, Merced, CA 95340

(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, Lori Hershoin, Hershoin & Henry, LLP; 26475 Rancho Parkway South, Lake Forest, CA 92630, 949.859.5600**

DATE (Fecha): **DATE May 22, 2024**
CLERK NAME , Clerk, Kathy Cox **BY /s/ DEPUTY CLERK NAME , Deputy Clerk** (Secretario) (Adjunto)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 26CV175826

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: MICHAEL JAY AASEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MICHAEL JAY AASEN to MICHAEL DALE AASEN 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: 05/08/2026, 9A.M., HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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

Date: 03/12/2026

JUDGE TO BE ASSIGNED

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 26CV173276

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: BRITA MAGDALENA SCHORMANN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

BRITA MAGDALENA SCHORMANN to BRITA MAGDALENA JOHANSSON

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: APRIL 24, 2026, 9:00 A.M., HAYWARD BRANCH 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: 02/26/2026

HON. MICHAEL RISHER

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 26CV175353

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: ASHLEY BROWN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ASHLEY MAY BROWN to ASH MAILEEN BRIGHT 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: 5/15/2026, 9:00 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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Date: 03/13/2026

MICHAEL MARKMAN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

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Case No.: 26CV173766

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Andy Lin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: AMELIA HWA LIN to AMELIA HWA TSAI-LIN 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: May 8, 2026, 9am, 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: March 5, 2026

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 596776

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):

YCD STUDIO

1323 61st St.

Emeryville, CA 94608

FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 03/31/2023

UNDER FILE NO. 596776

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):

TASKIN EYENER

1323 61st St.

Emeryville, CA 94608

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on March 02 2026.

(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

VIA HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621572

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

1.) Via Home And Community Services , located at 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 250, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

BEHAVIA THERAPY

6701 Koll Center Parkway Suite 250

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 March 17 2026.

(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

ABREW REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION

ABREW CONSTRUCTION

ABREW REPAIRS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620921

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

1.) ABREW REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION , 2.) Abrew Construction , 3.) Abrew Repairs , located at 1228 Quarry Lane Unit D Pleasanton, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

KEVIN ABREW

1228 Quarry Lane Unit D

Pleasanton, CA 94568

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/31/2006

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 18 2026.

(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

GOLDEN HORIZONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621751

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) GOLDEN HORIZONS , located at 1665 WYLYMA WAY MODESTO, CA 95350, STANISLAUS County. Mailing Address: 6005 TILLMAN COURT PLEASANTON, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

BROOKSIDE HAVEN LLC

6005 TILLMAN COURT

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA

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

listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 23 2026.

(PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

PHOENIX SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621524

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

1.) PHOENIX SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING , located at 420 CENTRAL AVE APT 211 ALAMEDA CA 94501, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

SWATI B NAPHADE

420 CENTRAL AVE APT 211

ALAMEDA, CA, 94501

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 March 13 2026.

(PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

YCD STUDIO

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621214

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

1.) YCD STUDIO , located at 1323 61ST ST, EMERYVILLE, CA 94608, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

YCD DESIGN GROUP INC.

1323 61ST ST

EMERYVILLE, CA 94608

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/07/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 02 2026.

(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

EAST WEST CONSULTANT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621842

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

1.) East West Consultant , located at 11324 Bay Laurel St Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

SHAINA SAEED

11324 Bay Laurel St

Dublin, CA 94568

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/15/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 25 2026.

(PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

HELLO CONSULTING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621537

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

1.) Hello Consulting , located at 19600 Stanton Avenue Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

HELEN COLE

19600 Stanton Avenue

Castro Valley, CA. 94546

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 9, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 16 2026.

(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

MATTHEW A SCHULTZ CONSULTING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621389

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

1.) Matthew A Schultz Consulting , located at 4653 DEL VALLE PKWY PLEASANTON CA 94566, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MATTHEW A SCHULTZ

4653 Del Valle Pkwy

Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 09 2026.

(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

SONKKE

SONKKE, USA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621052

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

1.) SONKKE , 2.) SONKKE, USA , located at 2 BENMORE DRIVE, HAYWARD, CA 94542, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 4847 Hopyard Road STE #4-446 Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ETHEL MATSHIYA-LAW

4847 Hopyard Road STE #4-446

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 February 24 2026.

(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

NUOC MAMI

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621433

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

1.) Nuoc Mami , located at 690 Fargo ave #12 San Leandro, CA, 94579 , Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

RED RIVER MARKETING LLC

690 Fargo ave #12

San Leandro, CA, 94579

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 March 10 2026.

(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

CALIBRATE CHIROPRACTIC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621303

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

1.) Calibrate Chiropractic , located at 533 Peters Ave Suite 100 Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

BRADLEY FRANCIS

533 Peters Ave Suite 100

Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 05 2026.

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ARISTA EXTERIORS

ARISTA EXTERIOR SYSTEMS

ARISTA SIDING SYSTEMS

ARISTA DECKING SYSTEMS

ARISTA ROOFING SYSTEMS

ARISTA SIDING & DECKS

ARISTA SIDING & ROOFS

ARISTA SIDING & EXTERIORS

ARISTA EXTERIORS CORP

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621396

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

1.) Arista Exteriors , 2.) Arista Exterior Systems , 3.) Arista Siding Systems , 4.) Arista Decking Systems , 5.) Arista Roofing Systems , 6.) Arista Siding & Decks , 7.) Arista Siding & Roofs , 8.) Arista Siding & Exteriors , 9.) Arista Exteriors Corp , located at 5118 Monaco Dr Apt D, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

ARISTA EXTERIORS CORP

5118 Monaco Dr Apt D

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 March 09 2026.

(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

VARA BY KASH

VARA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621354

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

1.) VARA BY KASH , 2.) VARA , located at 4133 Stanley Blvd Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

JANICE JADWANI

4133 Stanley Blvd

Trumark acquires Washington-based homebuilder

San Ramon developer also debuts latest homes in Livermore's Arroyo Crossings

By JEANITA LYMAN

San Ramon Valley development company Trumark Homes has announced two of its latest steps as the company continues to expand its footprint regionally and nationally.

The company's acquisition of Washington homebuilder JK Monarch marks a new, permanent presence for Trumark in the state with the establishment of a Washington division. The move serves as the latest expansion following those in southern parts of California and in Colorado.

"We have targeted expansion into the Pacific Northwest for years, and with this acquisition of JK Monarch we can capitalize on the strength of this market," said Gregg Nelson, Trumark co-founder and co-CEO in a March 20 press release.

JK Monarch has gained recognition throughout its home region, including with regional homebuilder of the year awards and new projects continuing to be underway in Washington's

northwestern area surrounding the Puget Sound.

"This is a very exciting time for our company and our team as we join the Trumark Homes family," JK Monarch founder Jonathan Bartels said. "What attracted me to Trumark Homes was the leadership, company values and culture, commitment to excellence and dedication to customer satisfaction. I am excited about the opportunity this provides our team members and trade partners."

Officials for Trumark said in the announcement that the company expects to bring the current team at JK Monarch aboard as it transitions into the acquisition, with Bartels serving in an advisory role and current leadership at JK Monarch set to be "integral" to establishing Trumark's new presence in Washington.

Bartels established JK Monarch in 2011, shortly after Trumark's co-CEOs — and Danville residents — Nelson and Michael Maples — made their foray into the homebuilding realm with

Trumark Homes in 2008.

"There is great symmetry between our companies, from our culture, shared values and people-first approach to the foundational commitment to building high quality homes and ensuring our homebuyers have an unparalleled experience," said John Willis, the chief administrative officer leading Trumark's mergers and acquisitions.

Since 2011, Trumark has gone on to expand into the urban and planned community development realms, with the new acquisition serving as a landmark in realizing its ongoing goals for growth.

"Our strategic growth into the Washington market is an important milestone for Trumark Homes, both historically and as a nod to where our company is headed," Maples said. "By combining our operational infrastructure and resources with JK Monarch's deep market knowledge and regional relationships, we aim to become one of the top homebuilders in the region."

Expanding to markets outside of California has been on the company's horizon since 2020, when Trumark merged with Japan-based Daiwa House with that goal in mind, announcing its expansion to Colorado in 2021.

JK Monarch is the latest acquisition in a series from Trumark, including a Fresno-based loan company last year and a central California developer in 2023 that marked its move into that region.

Meanwhile back home in the Tri-Valley, Trumark announced the debut of its latest planned community in Livermore earlier in the month, with the company reporting that hundreds were in attendance for the grand opening of the 435-unit Arroyo Crossings on March 2.

"Our team has taken great care in collaborating with the city and community leaders to create Arroyo Crossings, an exceptional living environment that is the culmination of our shared vision for modern housing in Livermore," said Trumark Homes' Northern

California Division president Tony Bosowski.

"There is intentionality in the four distinct neighborhoods and housing types, ranging from flats and townhomes to detached single-family homes. Our goal is to meet a range of lifestyles and housing needs for residents at any stage of life," he added.

The planned community consists of two- and three-story apartment and townhomes and single-family homes ranging from two to four bedrooms across four different neighborhoods along with "resort-style amenities" such as a private clubhouse, two pools, lounges and other gathering spaces.

Model homes for all four neighborhoods are available for tours seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Homes are also on the market for a number of other new Trumark properties, including Parkton and Francis Ranch in Dublin. New projects on the horizon consist of Deerwood Heights in San Ramon and The Orchard in Danville. ■

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