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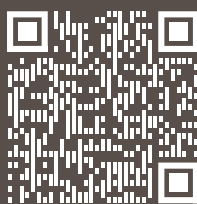
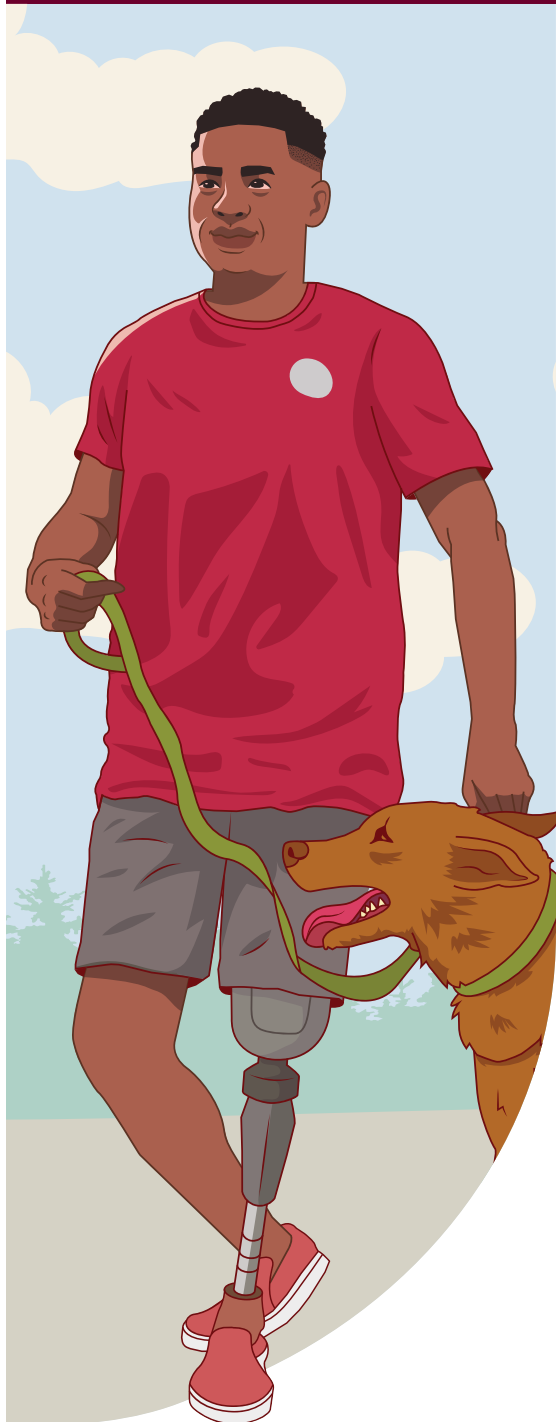
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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Open hearts change lives

Coming off a 30th anniversary year in which its staff, volunteers and supporters accomplished incredible, inspirational results and milestones, Open Heart Kitchen is motivated to keep the momentum going throughout 2026.

Growing existing programs while introducing new efforts — all while navigating moments of revenue uncertainty given governmental and economic realities — are at the forefront for the nonprofit working hard to serve vulnerable residents struggling with hunger, nutrition and shelter.

“We can’t thank the TriValley community enough for empowering OHK to do even more of what it’s been doing for the last 30 years, and that’s making sure folks don’t have to worry about whether or not their most basic human needs will be met,” Executive Director John Bost told me by email Monday.

“We believe that when individuals and families don’t have to worry about the basic necessities of living, then they redirect their energies toward dreaming, hoping, and thriving,” he added.

OHK achieved so much during 2025; I was stunned seeing some of the statistics cited in its impact report released two months ago.

At the top of the list was OHK served 998,482 total meals, a major increase helped greatly by the Open Heart Kitchen Food Bank that launched in March 2025. OHK distributed the equivalent of 836,863 meals via the food bank through nine partner pantries across the Tri-Valley.

OHK’s own Community Meal Program provided 114,379 meals to 1,082 people in need (families with children, seniors on fixed incomes and residents experiencing homelessness). Its Senior Meals Program served 36,964 meals to 707 local seniors, and another 10,276 meals were given to guests staying in its overnight Open Heart Refuge shelter in Livermore.

During the year, the nonprofit also crossed the 8 million meals threshold dating back to its founding in 1995.

Some other grabber numbers: 7,939 showers, 3,815 loads of laundry, 453 clients at its Vineyard Resource Center, 10,415 nights of rest indoors at its shelter, 21,229 volunteer hours of service, 1,071 volunteers and a record-setting annual gala with 350-plus attendees netting over \$260,000.

To boot, its fundraising exceeded expectations to close the calendar year. “Absolutely amazing,” Bost told me.

“These days, many Americans

may find no shortage of voices seeking to divide and conquer, but when it comes to rallying in support of our most vulnerable communities, they have a wonderful way of standing up,” he said. “This standing tall for justice was certainly on display last fall when the dual monsters of the government shut down and delayed SNAP payments were on many Americans’ minds.”

“Although the spectre of these two realities loomed large in our civic realities, so too did our collective TriValley spirit of generosity and solidarity,” Bost added.

Some of that shadow still hangs into 2026, with ongoing fallout from the federal House Resolution 1, the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

“That’s going to show up in reduced benefits, higher eligibility requirements, more conditions ... and more burden on states and local systems already strapped for capital,” Bost said.

The achievements from 2025 and early in 2026 continue to give Bost hope.

“Open Heart Kitchen saw a need to act more as an intermediary between organizations that secure permanent-housing opportunities, and we’re already seeing the fruits of that decision, as there has been an uptick in our overnight shelter clients finding housing,” he said, citing one recent example.

As the year got rolling, OHK was named the beneficiary of the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation’s Livermore West Coast IPA — it received 100% of the donations from the release event Feb. 26 and a percentage of the beer’s sales.

OHK will also be one of the nonprofit beneficiaries of the 2026 Las Positas College Run for Higher Education & Tri-Valley Non-Profits from 9 a.m. to noon April 25. The theme, appropriately, is “Superheroes”.

Before that, Bost will be one of the panelists at Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance’s “Justice on the Table” presentation from 10 a.m. to noon next Friday (April 17) in the Patelco Credit Union Conference Center in Dublin.

“‘Justice on the Table’ is a community forum designed to explore the structural drivers of food insecurity, including housing affordability, wages, healthcare access and public policy,” TVNPA said. “This event brings together regional leaders, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss what it will take to create long-term, equitable solutions.”

To learn more about OHK, visit [openheartkitchen.org](http://openheartkitchen.org). ■

## About the Cover

A diorama of the Ohlone Village of Chutchui at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley that was located near present-day Mission Dolores when the Anza expedition arrived 250 years ago. Photo by Jeanita Lyman.

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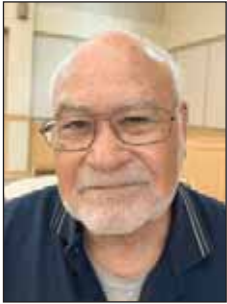
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**Bill Nebo**  
*Retired*

I'm a retired reverend and currently highly involved with (and a past-president of), the Livermore Rotary Club, which serves the Tri-Valley community through youth programs, grants to local nonprofits, literacy initiatives, mentoring, scholarships and hands, service projects. And I served as a community member of the LLNL Institutional Review Board for over 25 years. I'm also a very active volunteer in the public schools. I recommend volunteering to all who can do it.



**Katelynn Nguyen**  
*High school student*

Well, I live in San Jose, which has one of the biggest Vietnamese communities in the United States. So I've spent much of my life volunteering and dancing for my local Vietnamese temple, as well as volunteering for my local Vietnamese scouting group. I participate in all sorts of other community events. I enjoy my involvement with the community and doing good wherever I can.



**Savannah Cannon**  
*High school student*

I'm very involved in a nonprofit organization called One Shot, One Story that works on highlighting stories of gun violence victims. Meeting with and seeing these victims has really opened my eyes to the impact gun violence has on our communities.



**Wonder Kochavi**  
*High school student*

Blood donation is a big thing for me because it saves the lives of others and causes me barely an instant of personal pain. For this reason, I organize blood drives at my school and encourage everyone to donate blood. I also coach a middle school debate team because I think it is so important for people even younger than I am to develop compelling communication and public speaking skills.



**Jasmine Grisanti**  
*High school student*

Lately, I've been petitioning against the Newark Wetlands housing development because I find great comfort in the environment. The property is a large open space near a nature trail, and it is filled with wildlife. There are so many more suitable spaces where land can be developed with less harm to and impact upon our environment and local wildlife.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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### Zone 7 awards

The Zone 7 Water Agency received two prestigious engineering awards last month — the Engineering Excellence Honor Award and the National Recognition Award — from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for the water agency's Stoneridge PFAS Treatment Plant.

The facility was constructed in 2022 to remove PFAS chemicals, otherwise known as forever chemicals, from the Tri-Valley's water supply.

According to the agency, the ACEC each year recognizes "outstanding engineering and land surveying projects across California and the nation." The awards acknowledge projects like the treatment facility for their "quality, complexity, and innovation."

### AI impact on youth

The Alan Hu Foundation, a Pleasanton-based nonprofit dedicated to mental health awareness and research, will be hosting a webinar next Tuesday (April 14) focusing on the benefits and risks that come from younger people using artificial intelligence companions.

The free webinar, titled "What Do We Know About AI Companions and Their Impact on Young People?" will feature Dr. Campos-Castillo, a media and information associate professor at Michigan State University, who from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will talk about what the world currently knows about AI companions and the best ways to keep young people safe.

Visit [www.alanhufoundation.org](http://www.alanhufoundation.org).

### Clean water grants

The Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program is currently accepting applications for its 2026 Community Stewardship Grants, which offer up to \$6,000 for every project that helps prevent stormwater pollution and protects creeks and other local watersheds in the Bay Area.

According to the program, stormwater pollution refers to when rainwater washes litter, oil, waste and other contaminants from the streets into the storm drains, which then flows directly into the creeks, wetlands and even the bay itself.

Each project must be implemented within the county. Applications will be open until May 4. To learn more, visit [www.cleanwaterprogram.org](http://www.cleanwaterprogram.org). ■

### Correction

The "About the Cover" caption in last week's paper misidentified the wildflower depicted on the front page of the paper. It was a common vetch. The Weekly regrets the error.

## New city ordinance aims to address Pleasanton's wireless coverage gaps

Commission voices support for updates to municipal code; proposal now needs City Council approval

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

In an effort to improve the city's overall wireless connection and cellular service, the Pleasanton Planning Commission unanimously approved a proposal that aims to make it easier for carriers to install or modify wireless facilities across the city.

The new ordinance and related policies is set to go to the City

Council for final consideration later this month.

"We've looked at projects and discussed wanting to enhance Pleasanton as a destination point for businesses and economic growth. I think this kind of fits right into that," Commissioner Dave Jagoe said during the March 25 meeting.

"If you're a company that's coming in and you see that, 'Oh look,

Pleasanton has a completely updated wireless agenda' ... I think that's just another notch on the belt for Pleasanton that we're trying to make life easier and business better for businesses coming in," Jagoe added.

For decades, the city of Pleasanton has been operating under a municipal code and policies that place several restrictions on where and how

wireless telecommunication facilities can be built. These policies have in return led to significant wireless coverage gaps throughout the city that negatively impact residents, businesses and visitors, Derek Farmer, the city's assistant director of community and economic development, told the commission.

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JEREMY WALSH

Residents of a nursing home in Livermore for veterans are set for temporary relocation as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is poised during mid-June to close the community living center permanently.

## Veterans nursing home in Livermore to shutter; residents being relocated

Overall VA complex in wine country faces uncertain future given 'realignment project'

By JUDE STRZEMP

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is set to permanently close its community living center in Livermore and relocate the resident veterans to other nursing homes, Livermore Vine has learned.

Located at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System - Livermore Division, the CLC is part of the 113-acre federal medical complex in Livermore Valley wine country offering primary care and specialty health services for veterans.

All 27 resident veterans in the CLC are set to be moved to "nearby facilities" during the next three months, including the VA community living center in Menlo Park and "other

community nursing home locations", VA regional director of public affairs Damian McGee told Livermore Vine on Monday afternoon.

As a result of the transfers, veterans will receive improved services in more modern facilities and families will have better access to public transportation, McGee explained.

"This transition has been in the works for years, as the Livermore campus is more than 100 years old and faces significant challenges due to its aging infrastructure," he said.

VA representatives first confirmed the CLC's permanent closure timeline to community partners via email last week.

"All our veterans currently at this location will be temporarily

relocated to Menlo Park," VA officials said in the emails, later obtained by Livermore Vine. "At the same time, please be aware that the Livermore CLC will be closing permanently."

Beginning in June, there will no longer be activities or services at the site such as Bingo games and food donations, they wrote to partner organizations.

"We understand this may come as a significant change, and we truly appreciate all the support, time, and care that has been given to our veterans here," VA officials added.

In recent years, the VA has eyed a "realignment project" for its Livermore Division, including the prospect of closing the

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## Oracle axes 150+ local workers

Owens office hit in widely publicized mass layoffs

By JEANITA LYMAN

Nearly 200 employees at Oracle's Pleasanton office were among the reported 30,000 workers at the company worldwide who were notified that they were losing their jobs last week, according to records released in the days since by the state's Employment Development Department.

Oracle notified the state on April 1 that it had sent separation notices to 158 workers at its Pleasanton facilities at 5815 Owens Drive on or before March 31, with the cuts effective as of June 1.

"The Pleasanton Campus is not closing," senior vice principal of HR Anje Dotson wrote in the notice to the state. "No employees are represented by a union, no bumping rights exist, and it is anticipated that these layoffs will be permanent."

Although Dotson said in the notice to the state that the affected employees were notified individually and would be separated on June 1, widespread reports from Oracle workers impacted by last week's layoffs criticized the company for breaking the news via an abrupt, early morning mass email and promptly revoking their access to internal systems.

The cuts in Pleasanton hit 92 software developers, managers and directors, as well as 31 applications developers. Other positions impacted included product managers and product developers, quality assurance and site reliability developers.

The 158 job cuts in Pleasanton are among more than 700 at Oracle's

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# Council adopts first-ever pension funding policy

New guidelines will allow city to draw from Section 115 Trust Fund to help manage pension costs

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council voted 3-2 last month to pass a new pension funding policy that aims to create certain guidelines so that the city has the ability to draw down from its Section 115 Trust Fund in the future in an effort to manage its pension obligations.

During the March 17 council meeting, members of the dais extensively reviewed the different strategies and options for how to effectively use the trust fund, which is a supplemental fund the city established to address its unfunded retiree medical and pension liabilities, before settling on a policy that still mandates that the fund be maintained at a level between 100% to 150% of the annual pension costs.

“Having a pension management strategy and a policy will help the city ensure that all of the available financial resources that we have for this purpose are used effectively and sustainably,” City Manager Gerry Beaudin said during the meeting. “The strategies that are outlined in the proposed funding policy will ultimately help us be as fiscally prudent and responsible as possible.”

The city currently participates in various pension plans that are administered by the California Public Employees Retirement System. Over the years, staff said the city has been proactive in implementing different strategies to pay down those pension liabilities and stabilize pension costs in the future.

The city of Pleasanton has a \$239 million CalPERS unfunded accrued liability as of the latest CalPERS valuation in June of last year, according to Mike Meyer, vice president at NHA Advisors, the group that compiled the data and analysis for last month’s presentation.

However, after the 2008 great recession, the city’s pension expenses have substantially increased primarily due to CalPERS investment losses and various changes in CalPERS policies. These rising pension costs have in turn directly impacted the city’s general fund and enterprise funds because not only is the city paying those costs out of those funds, but those costs have grown significantly and continue to show signs of additional growth in the future.

“From an overall budget impact,

if you look at 2018 the city is paying about \$14 million. Fast forward to 2026 you’re paying double that,” Meyer said. “Right now it’s close to \$28 million, and then it’s projected to go closer to \$36 million by the end of the decade before it starts to decline.”

That’s why, apart from doing a deep dive on the city’s pension management strategies, the city also looked into and presented to the council different recommendations on how the city can start using the 115 trust funds, a fund that was established in 2018 with the goal of eventually being depleted in order to help address these growing pension costs.

“Really it’s about making sure that we’re creating as much relief as possible for our general fund to be able to sustain the core service and programs that the community have come to expect from us,” Beaudin said.

Of note, the 115 trust currently has a \$60 million balance as of December, which equates to 203% of the 2026 fiscal year’s total annual pension costs.

The council reviewed four preliminary options to smooth the peak in pension payments. The options

ranged from withdrawing all of the funds over an 18-year period, to withdrawing until a certain amount and making sure there is still a good amount left in the fund.

“More of the trust being used, that’s going to allow you to bring down that net payment to the general fund to the lowest level ... and then your more conservative option, which is using less of the trust, still allows you to really cut down on that peak but just not at a low level,” Meyer said.

Beaudin added to that point by reiterating that staff’s recommendation was to withdraw funds from the 115 trust until \$44.3 million remains.

“The recommendation tonight, for policy making, is to be a little bit more conservative with the deployment of the trust knowing that we don’t know what we don’t know over the next period of time but also knowing that the council, each two-year budget cycle, will have an opportunity to sort of ebb and flow,” Beaudin said. “If things are looking really good ... we can probably be a little bit more aggressive. If they’re not, we may want to dial it back.”

While there wasn’t much

discussion over the use of the Section 115 Trust Fund recommendation, one of the main points of contention which led to the split 3-2 vote was the guidelines that the policy set around pension obligation bonds. These bonds are a financial tool that allow agencies to borrow money to make one-time payments to CalPERS.

The policy outlines over half a dozen guidelines that councilmembers Julie Testa and Jeff Nibert voiced concerns over mainly because they saw certain risks that could be presented to future councils like if the CalPERS return rate inexplicably changes, causing the city to pay more in debt interest.

Testa asked the council for support in removing the bond language from the policy and Nibert supported that request but the overall policy remained unchanged as the rest of the council voted to keep it as is primarily because they felt like the guidelines were necessary to caution future council members.

“Put the language in and if it gets used, we put the guardrails in place to use it and if it never gets used then it’s no harm, no foul,” Beaudin said. ■

## ORACLE

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offices throughout the state, including 310 layoffs at its former headquarters in Redwood City and 184 in Santa Clara, where the company was first founded by Bob Miner, Ed Oates and current chief technology officer Larry Ellison in 1977 under the name Software

Development Laboratories.

Although Oracle officials have declined to comment on the layoffs, multiple press releases about the company’s new AI products and deals with the federal government went out the same day as the layoff notices to employees.

On March 31, the company announced a collaboration with NetSuite to “deliver new

AI-powered solutions for restaurant operations”, touted its AI-powered Oracle Cloud Federal Financials developed for use by federal agencies, unveiled a new AI platform and expanded AI infrastructure offerings for use by the federal government, and its Defense Industrial Base Isolated Cloud Environment for defense contractors.

In the days since, the company

has announced that it has donated computers to an organization aiding unhoused families in Wisconsin on April 3, and the appointment of its new chief financial officer, Hilary Maxson.

“Oracle has built extraordinary momentum at the intersection of cloud, AI, and industry applications,” Maxson said in a press release Monday. “I’m excited to join at this pivotal moment, and I look forward to partnering with Clay, Mike, and the broader leadership team to continue to invest with discipline and to translate this momentum into durable, long-term value for customers and shareholders.”

Maxson is taking the reins of the company’s finances from Douglas Kehring, who will be staying with the company as an executive VP of operations and shifting his focus to strategy, according to

this week’s press release and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Her base salary — \$950,000 annually — is set at the same as Kehring’s was for his previous position.

“Ms. Maxson will receive an annual base salary of \$950,000 and will be eligible to receive an annual performance-based bonus with a target of \$2,500,000 based on achievement of certain performance metrics, which will be prorated for the period from her start date of April 6, 2026 until Oracle’s fiscal year end on May 31, 2026,” chief legal officer Stuart Levey wrote in SEC filings Tuesday.

Other benefits in Maxson’s compensation package include up to a quarter million in relocation costs for up to a year following her start date, as well as an equity grant valued at up to \$26 million. ■

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## VETERANS

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entire complex permanently, a move whose roots can be traced back at least two decades.

According to the most recent update on the VA website regarding the Livermore realignment project — provided in September 2022 — the estimated \$505 million initiative includes constructing a new outpatient clinic in Fremont; constructing a new outpatient clinic, a 120-bed community living center and a logistics center in French Camp as well as

renovating an existing space in Palo Alto for use as a specialty procedure center.

The update also states that the Central Valley campus is planned for construction in Stockton. Following the construction and renovation phases of the project, the VA plans to decommission the Livermore campus.

As of Monday (April 6), the complex is operating with normal services and hours, according to the VA website.

McGee said veterans at the CLC and their families have been informed about the relocation. ■

# Meet the candidates vying for Alameda County DA

Jones Dickson looks to maintain seat | Price back after recall | Krishan steps into politics for first time

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Tri-Valley residents can expect two familiar faces and one new name in the June primary election for the Alameda County district attorney seat as current DA Ursula Jones Dickson seeks to maintain her position, while former DA Pamela Price — who was recalled in 2024 — looks to reclaim her old seat and newcomer Gopal Krishan aims to give voters a fresh start.

Each of the three candidates will have a chance to win the race outright on June 2 with a majority vote. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, the top two finishers will advance to a runoff in the general election on Nov. 3.

## Ursula Jones Dickson

Jones Dickson served as the acting DA before being appointed to the position by the Board of Supervisors after 63% of the county voters recalled Price in 2024.



Ursula Jones Dickson

She told the Pleasanton Weekly that as a former judge and prosecutor with decades of experience, she takes her responsibilities of protecting victims and survivors very seriously and wants to ensure residents feel safe.

“Alameda County wants a DA who is proactive, collaborative, open minded, and up to the job,”

Jones Dickson said in a statement to the Weekly.

According to her campaign website, Jones Dickson grew up in an area of Los Angeles that was no stranger to violence, which only fueled her desire for justice and wanting to keep her community safe at an early age.

After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley and earning a law degree from the University of San Francisco, Jones Dickson became a prosecutor at the Alameda County DA’s Office where for 15 years, she sought justice for victims and gained “deep insights on how to navigate our complex legal system”.

“She is especially proud of her work establishing clear and enforceable policies and protocols for Commercially Sexually Exploited Minors,” according to her campaign website.

Then, in 2013, she was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to serve as an Alameda County Superior Court Judge where she spent the following 11 years presiding over cases and building a reputation as a “judge who was fair, who understood the law intimately, and who would assure that everyone in her courtroom received due process and fair treatment”.

Following her tenure as a judge, Jones Dickson became one of two dozen applicants who sought to fill the vacancy of the district attorney seat following Price’s recall in November 2024. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors

eventually selected Jones Dickson in 2025 because of her extensive experience and because they thought she would be successful in managing an office that had lost the trust of many residents across the county.

And according to her campaign, Jones Dickson has stayed busy over the past year and a half, working around the clock to tackle a lot of the same issues and priorities she hopes to continue addressing if elected to the seat.

“Ursula regularly meets with victims, community leaders, and non-profit organizations that work with the county to build on her early success and transform the District Attorney’s office to one that is rooted in justice and ready to tackle the many public safety challenges Alameda County faces,” her campaign website states.

In regards to her priorities, Jones Dickson told the Weekly they are to “reduce the county’s massive backlog of cases, to deliver justice for victims and survivors, to prosecute cases in a fair and impartial manner, to restore trust in the DA’s office, to hire and promote experienced prosecutors, and to address crime and its root causes in a collaborative way.”

## Pamela Price

Former DA Price is looking to regain the public’s trust following a contentious recall campaign in 2024, which she said was fueled by politics and not reflective of the work she hopes to continue if

reelected.

She did not respond to request for comments as of publication time.

“Pamela Price has spent decades working in the justice system and our neighborhoods,” according to her campaign website. “She believes in a balanced approach: protecting public safety while reforming unfair systems that harm marginalized communities.”

After graduating from Yale College and the University of California, Berkeley Law School, Price’s legal career began as a criminal defense attorney in San Francisco where, as a public defender, she handled hundreds of



Pamela Price

misdemeanor and felony cases, according to her website. She often represented young people who were “caught up in the criminal justice system at San Francisco’s infamous Youth Guidance Center”.

Price then started her own private practice as a civil rights attorney in Oakland where for three decades she represented people in state and federal courts.

Price was then elected in November 2022 to serve as the Alameda County district attorney, making her the first Black woman in the history of the county to serve in that position. However, just two years into her tenure, a recall campaign gained traction and ultimately was successful in seeing her removed from the post.

Her stance, according to her

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## Livermore marks 150th anniversary

Upcoming celebrations scheduled throughout June

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The city of Livermore last week celebrated the 150th anniversary of its incorporation.

“It is a reminder of the generations who built this city — its ranchers and railroad workers, its winemakers and scientists, its entrepreneurs, families, and volunteers — each adding something to the Livermore we know today,” Mayor John Marchand told Livermore Vine in an email interview.

Through the city’s history, it pioneered the oldest wine region in the state and has been memorialized on the Periodic Table for its scientific contributions, he added.

“Livermore has evolved in remarkable ways,” Marchand said. “And we’ve remained true to the values that shaped its earliest days: collaboration, optimism, and the strong sense of community that continues to define us.”

“As we celebrate 150 years, we



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honor our heritage while thoughtfully planning for our future,” he added. “Livermore’s story is still being written, and it’s written by all of us.”

In honor of the anniversary, the city is set to host events every weekend in June ahead of a “birthday celebration,” officials wrote April 1 on social media. Further event details

have not yet been announced.

Along with the city’s incorporation in 1876, the Livermore Police Department was established, LPD officials wrote on social media.

“Nearly 150 years later, we honor that legacy and the generations of those who have served with dedication, integrity, and pride,” they added. ■

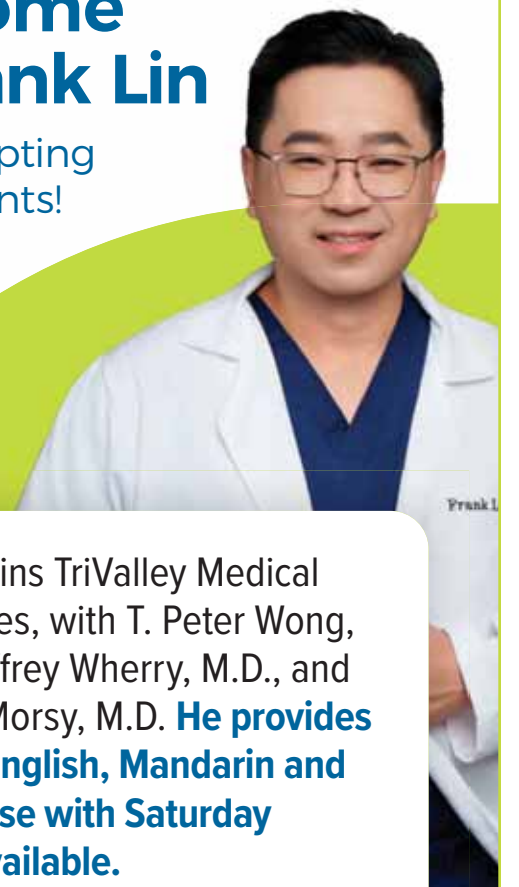


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# A new era of alternative education in Pleasanton

District breaks ground on Educational Options Center that will replace Village High campus

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

While driving past the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Sunol Boulevard on the edge of downtown Pleasanton, a pretty drastic change can be seen on that corner — Village High School is now a construction site.

In place of the former continuation school campus will be the new Educational Options Center. The facility, which is expected to be complete in the fall of 2027, will be home to the Pleasanton Unified School District's alternative education programs.

"Nearly 10 years ago, district leaders and educators began imagining what it would look like to create a purpose-built campus for educational options programs," deputy superintendent of educational services Ed Diolazo said during the March 31 groundbreaking ceremony for the new center.

"That vision was grounded in a simple belief: that students who require programs and services from different pathways deserve learning environments intentionally designed to support their success," Diolazo continued. "Today, we're seeing that long-held vision come to reality."

About 40 district staff, construction workers, administrators and other community members gathered during the groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the new facility and to hear from speakers about the significance of the project.

"Educational options programs support students whose learning journeys may take different pathways and who benefit from flexible environments, strong relationships and personalized support," educational options director Heather Pereira said during the ceremony. "The new Educational Options Center will provide a modern, welcoming home for Village High School, the Pleasanton Virtual Academy and the Adult Transition Program."

Village High School, which opened in 1978, initially operated out of Dublin High School on Village Parkway while the two cities jointly ran schools. After nine years of challenges in Dublin, PUSD moved the continuation high school to 4645 Bernal Ave., an old elementary school building.

For decades, Village High expanded as a continuation school for students who struggled in

traditional settings. Other independent study programs, including the Adult Transition Program and the Pleasanton Virtual Academy later began operating from the site.

But over the past decade, the school district began seeing aging infrastructure and structural problems at Village High and the other buildings housed at that property on Bernal Avenue.

"Things were starting to break down and show their age," Diolazo said in an interview with the Weekly regarding the now-demolished Village High School. He also said the paint was peeling and a piece of a roof was so broken that at one point it had to be propped up by a wooden beam.

That's why PUSD came up with the plan to tear down virtually all of the buildings at the Bernal property in order to build the new Educational Options Center using the money from the \$395 million Measure I bond, which Pleasanton voters approved in 2022.

"We're deeply grateful to our Pleasanton community for supporting Measure I and helping to make this vision possible," Pereira said.

PUSD began designing the \$47.41 million project, with input from students and staff, back in 2025 before it began demolition this past January.



SOPHIA SUCATO

PUSD officials dig their shovels into the dirt to commemorate the start of construction for the new Educational Options Center.

The project scope consists of constructing three, one-story buildings with flexible classrooms and learning spaces; a multi-use student center; a culinary arts and catering kitchen; and makerspace and science classrooms.

The flexible classrooms refer to how students and educators will be able to reorganize and adapt the spaces as they see fit for things like small-group learning, independent study and collaborative work.

"Flexible classrooms are those that are multi-use and can be readily configured through the use of modular furniture and, in some spaces, walls to allow for quick

adaptation to larger class sizes or just allow larger or smaller rooms as needed," PUSD said in a statement to the Weekly.

The new science classrooms will offer lab spaces; the multi-purpose room will have a fully functional and adequately sized culinary space; and the outdoor classroom and greenhouse will offer students a place for environmental education and farm-to-fork learning opportunities, district officials said.

The project will also include adult transition life skills training for independent living and career

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## Spanish restaurant set to replace Frontier Spice

Business owner getting ready to open his third eatery on Main Street

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A downtown Pleasanton restaurateur who recently took over the former Frontier Spice building on Main Street is now looking to convert the Indian restaurant space into a Spanish-inspired eatery.

German Carlucci, owner of Brava Garden Eatery and the Planta Coffee House, confirmed that he acquired the former Frontier Spice space, located at 411 Main St. He said with this being his third business venture along the corridor, he hopes to bring something new and creative not just for Pleasanton residents, but for people across the Tri-Valley.

"It's such a good location and even though it's small, I think we can do something really nice in there," Carlucci told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Frontier Spice first opened its doors near the corner of Main and West Angela streets in 2015, according to the former restaurant's Yelp page. Over the past 10 years, it offered authentic Indian food with a modern twist.

But according to Carlucci, the owners of the Indian restaurant — whom he said he is really good friends with — decided they wanted to focus more on just catering, which is why they offered Carlucci their space on Main Street.

"They wanted us to take it," he said.

The Weekly reached out to Frontier Spice for comment but has not heard back from them as of time of publication.

According to Carlucci, Frontier Spice officially closed its doors at the end of March and he has since initiated the transfer of the building's ownership into his name.

He said the new business will be named Caramba, a term loosely used to describe the feeling of astonishment or surprise in Spanish. He said the idea for the restaurant came from him and his wife spending their honeymoon in Spain and falling in love with the food during their trip.

The new restaurant will offer a more casual dining experience featuring Spanish-inspired tapas and

other small plates, complemented by a selection of wines. Carlucci said his chef for the new spot is actually travelling across Spain at the moment getting inspiration for the menu.

"We are very excited for them to bring some Spanish cuisine downtown and love when our business owners expand," Gabrielle Welk, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, told the Weekly.

Because the space was previously occupied by a restaurant, Carlucci said he is hoping the permit process with the city will be quick and easy. If everything goes right, he said he is hoping to open at the end of May.

He also said that while Caramba will have the same general ambiance and feel of his two other businesses downtown, he really wants this new space to be a place that attracts people from across the region mainly because he wants to attract more people to downtown Pleasanton.

"A prosperous downtown is good for everybody," he said. ■

# Quest one step closer to permanent science center

\$450K grant announced two weeks before organization's annual Tri-Valley Innovation Fair

By JUDE STRZEMP

Local nonprofit Quest Science Center is making “steady progress” toward bringing to life its longstanding vision of building a permanent facility downtown Livermore dedicated to science education, its Interim Executive Director Michael Mosby told Livermore Vine.

Currently operating as a mobile organization, Quest reaches over 20,000 people annually with science-based programming across the East Bay and San Joaquin

County regions, according to a statement by Quest officials.

Quest would have an even greater capacity to impact the community with a permanent center featuring hands-on, educational exhibits, Mosby explained.

There is currently no timeline for construction of the project, also dubbed Quest Science Center, and the organization is “not in the position” to share specific details about its cost amid the project’s evolving design and scope, Mosby said.

However, the organization made

headway in funding the project poised for Stockmen’s Park when it recently received a \$450,000 grant from Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert.

“This is a moment of real momentum before us that I’m very happy and proud to be a part of,” Mosby said of Quest. “This isn’t just about building a facility — it’s about building opportunities for our young people in this community.”

Since its founding in 2018, Quest — initially called Livermore Science and Society Center — its leadership

envisioned having a brick-and-mortar facility, Mosby said.

By 2020, the Livermore City Council approved a development agreement with Quest for the downtown space. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the nonprofit opted at the time for mobile operations to bring science to the community.

Among its programs, Quest hosts its annual Science@Stockmen’s Park — a recurring event series for all ages to engage in “everyday science” activities — and Sparks! at

the park’s Quest Plaza for families to engage in exploratory activities. The organization also hosts student interns for a program about planetary health.

“The demand is real for what we’re providing and we see the demand growing,” Mosby said.

Although the organization has reached tens of thousands of people over the past three years without a permanent facility, Mosby said the set-up has its limits.

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# CityServe invites women to ‘Ladies Night Out’

Dancing the night away in the name of raising money for Tri-Valley nonprofit

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

CityServe of the Tri-Valley, a local nonprofit organization that provides social services to residents in need, is hosting a new “Ladies Night Out — A Prom to Remember” fundraiser for women over the age of 21 next weekend in downtown Pleasanton.

The event will feature live entertainment and a night of fun, with proceeds from the ticket sales all going toward raising awareness

and funds for vulnerable members of the Tri-Valley community, according to a press release from CityServe.

“Ladies Night Out is more than just a night of fun; it’s an opportunity to support our community’s most vulnerable residents,” Christine Beitsch-Bahmani, CEO of CityServe of the Tri-Valley, said in the press release. “Every ticket, donation and sponsorship directly helps individuals and families access the resources they need to succeed.”

While the event will be hosted by the CityServe organization, the “Ladies Night Out” event was originally created and continues to be sponsored by MomProm. According to its website, MomProm was created in 2006 as a way for women to raise money for charity through a fun night out.

“It is a ladies night out for charity in which women wear their old prom gowns, bridesmaids dresses, wedding gowns, or formals and dance the night away

for a worthy cause,” according to the MomProm website. “This is a wonderful, hilarious night in which women can dance the night away, have fun with friends, and help a charity.”

In addition to a live DJ, the event — which is expecting up to 200 attendees, according to the nonprofit — will also feature a bar, photo booth, food and signature spir- its and mocktails. Guests are encouraged to dress in prom gowns, bridesmaid or wedding dresses,

and any other formal or fun outfit from any era that allows them to properly dance the night away.

There will also be a silent auction, tackiest dress award, queen’s court and other fun award opportunities.

“Ladies Night Out” is set for 7-10 p.m. next Saturday (April 18) at the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets for the event start at \$50 per person. For more information, visit [www.cityservecares.org](http://www.cityservecares.org) ■

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# North Rotary's A Starry Night gala returns

Charity event to combine an entertaining evening with fundraising to support essential services

By JIM BRICE

Pleasanton North Rotary and its nonprofit PNR Foundation is set to host its 37th annual A Starry Night dinner, dance and charity auction next week at The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton.

The formal event promises guests an evening of fine dining, dancing, live entertainment and auctions, all to support nonprofit organizations that serve the Tri-Valley, according to PNR President Ryan Spuller.

"A Starry Night has always been about bringing together people

who care deeply about their community," he said in an interview. "It's a chance to have fun while making a real difference for people who need assistance."

The event has raised and distributed more than \$2.5 million to a wide range of impactful organizations. In 2025 alone, the PNR Foundation awarded nearly \$68,000 in grants to Tri-Valley nonprofit social service organizations. They do everything from providing diapers to infants of needy mothers to hospice services for the elderly in the final days of their lives.

Specific services include Goodness Village, Grateful Garment Project, Hively, Hope Hospice, Kids Against Hunger, Open Heart Kitchen, Sunflower Hill, Shepherd's Gate, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Tri-Valley Haven, and many more social service organizations.

A Starry Night is funded with ticket sales, auction item proceeds, and financial support from Gina Piper of Elation Real Estate, Amber's Heart and other commercial and individual sponsors. Net proceeds are transferred to PNR Foundation for its grant program.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. next Friday (April 17) with a cocktail hour featuring tray-passed appetizers, cash bar, silent auction and live music by talented artist James Adam. Guests will then be served a seated dinner and dessert before the night's highly anticipated live auction.

Auction highlights will include a framed Team USA jersey signed by Golden State Warriors legend Stephen Curry; an opportunity to create the recipe and name of a pizza featured at Porky's Pizza Palace in Pleasanton; exclusive vacation packages, including

Scottsdale, Arizona and a "Night in the City" experience; and a one-of-a-kind "Mayor for a Day" experience with Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch, offering a behind-the-scenes look at city leadership

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at [www.pnr-rotary.org/a-starry-night](http://www.pnr-rotary.org/a-starry-night). PNR Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. ■

*Editor's note: Jim Brice is a Pleasanton-based writer, photographer and member of Pleasanton North Rotary.*

## Another new CEO on board at San Ramon hospital

Tenet moves Anderson in from Florida; SRRMC's fourth leadership transition since 2022

By JEANITA LYMAN

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is operating under new leadership, following the appointment of Rob J. Anderson as its new CEO effective March 31.

Anderson is the hospital's fifth CEO in less than five years. Prior to his appointment, Murali Naidu was announced in 2024 as the hospital's first permanent CEO since the departure of Ann Lucena

in 2022. The circumstances of Naidu's swift departure are currently unclear.

"I am pleased to welcome Rob J. Anderson to San Ramon Regional Medical Center," said Renee Morgan, SRRMC governing board chair and Danville Town Council member in a press release this week.

"His depth of experience, commitment to clinical excellence, and proven leadership in building

strong teams make him an outstanding choice to lead our hospital," she continued. "We are confident that under his guidance, San Ramon Regional will continue to expand access to high-quality care and strengthen its role as a trusted healthcare provider in our community."

The appointment marks the latest step in Anderson's 16-year tenure in Tenet Healthcare's leadership.

Anderson comes into the role following a stint as CEO of Tenet's Lakewood Ranch Medical Center in Florida, where he was appointed last year.

In his executive and strategy roles throughout the company's Florida and Texas facilities, he is credited with "demonstrating a strong track record of driving operational growth while building a positive and high-performing

organizational culture," according to this week's press release.

Anderson holds an MBA from the University of Texas and a Bachelor of Science from Texas Christian University.

"We look forward to the leadership, vision, and commitment he will bring as we continue advancing our mission of delivering exceptional care to our patients and community," Morgan said. ■

### COVERAGE

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Pleasanton Unified School District Trustee Justin Brown, a former planning commissioner who spoke on his own behalf and not for the board or district, said during public comment that he has experienced these service dead zones and explained how, as someone who needs to take Zoom meetings while he waits to pick his kids up from school, having more wireless facilities around the city would be beneficial.

"Half the city is a dead spot with one or two bars, and it's really hard as a resident to do that work-life balance and participate in the community," Brown said.

He also pointed out how, in the case of any emergencies, he wouldn't be able to contact his kids unless they had Wi-Fi.

Those are among the reasons, according to Farmer, the city conducted a comprehensive review of the current wireless ordinance and application processes and determined that a significant contributor to the wireless coverage gap is in fact the city's wireless ordinance, which he said is outdated, overly restrictive and discourages wireless providers from installing facilities in Pleasanton.

So to address those issues, staff presented the Planning Commission — which only had three commissioners present for the meeting

— with a new wireless ordinance and policies that specifically address macro (large) wireless facilities, small wireless facilities and modifications to existing facilities.

The goal from these changes, as noted by the commissioners and staff, are to improve wireless coverage throughout the city while also maintaining certain standards related to the location of these facilities and their aesthetic designs.

According to Farmer, the new ordinance would replace the existing municipal code and remove most regulatory standards and instead refer wireless facility applicants to the three new policy documents that are specific to the different kinds and scopes of projects.

For macro wireless facilities, which are typically large scale facilities that can be either free-standing towers and support structures or rooftop and building-mounted sites, the commission will be recommending that the council approve the policy with two amendments. The first gives residents 30 days from when the city sends out a notice regarding the applications to provide public input while the second stipulates that the notices go out to residents who live 500 feet from the boundary of the proposed macro facility.

These amendments largely came after Commissioner Anurag Jain voiced concerns over residents not having enough time to respond to these proposed large facilities and

the fact that, particularly in a residential area, people will be able to notice large cell towers beyond the 300 feet that was originally proposed by staff for the notice radius.

"There could be a lot of angst (among) residents," Jain said. "Not many people hear about this discussion today but when it comes in their backyard, they'll be concerned."

None of the commissioners had any issues with the other two policies as the small wireless facilities are usually attached to street lights and utility poles and the modification policy involves adding new facilities.

In regard to the location and design standards for the facilities, some of the main benefits from the updates, according to staff, are that there will no longer be any stipulations as to where these types of facilities will be prohibited. Instead, the locations will be determined based on several factors such as distance from residential or historical structures, environmental setting and zoning designations.

Julie Harryman, Pleasanton's assistant city attorney, explained how the design and aesthetic standards primarily affect the macro facilities because the city will be looking for projects that are stealthy and concealed in a way that doesn't stand out. She further explained how religious sites, schools, water tanks and other similar structures could be used to conceal these wireless

facilities and make them blend in with the buildings.

Brown added that the district is open to having those discussions of using its schools as possible locations for these facilities, especially given the fact that there could be some economic value in doing so.

"On private property, the revenue from the lease would obviously go to that property owner," Harryman said.

Aside from those economic benefits, commissioners pointed out the greater economic benefits of improving the city's wireless ordinance and policies because it would incentivise

more people and, in particular, businesses to move to the city.

Commissioner Brandon Pace acknowledged the sentiment, adding that for several years, this issue has been a top concern raised by numerous residents to the commission and that he believes enhancing connectivity is a major point of focus across the entire city.

"There was wide acclaim for the city bringing this up and having spent time to look at it," Pace said.

Now that the commission has approved the proposal, the City Council will take up the matter at its April 21 meeting. ■

### TAKE US ALONG



**Holy Toledo!** Pleasanton's Carl and Marilyn Palowitch, along with Valerie and Brian Arkin, display the Pleasanton Weekly overlooking the historic city of Toledo, Spain. They traveled with a group tour to Barcelona and Madrid over the Thanksgiving week. Toledo is a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its religious, civic and cultural heritage.

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campaign website, is that the recall was a political move from her opponents and was not reflective of all the positive work she and her team had done at the DA's office.

"If you ask anyone who voted in 2022, even my critics, they will tell you that I kept my word," her campaign website says. "I did exactly what I said I was going to do: we held corrupt public officials and rogue police and deputies accountable; we charged corporate criminals and abusive landlords; we did not over-criminalize young people and we implemented the Racial Justice Act."

One of the key criticisms of Price's tenure at the time was her being too soft on crime, which she maintains is not true and noted that

the term "soft on crime" is "a political label used by the right-wing to poison the conversation about criminal justice reform".

Price is hoping to regain the public's trust once again and do things a bit differently if elected, including speaking more with members of the media and creating a Victims Advisory Committee for the survivors of homicides that are actively being prosecuted.

She also wants to establish an anti-nepotism policy that would require relatives of past district attorneys, county judges and office employees to identify themselves and encourage them to seek employment elsewhere.

"I am running for re-election because I believe we can have a fair justice system where the outcome does not depend on your wealth, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, political

position or your zip code," her campaign website states.

### Gopal Krishan

The third candidate in this year's district attorney race is Krishan, a newcomer to the political world who is hoping to bring in a fresh set of eyes to the office.

Krishan also did not respond for comments by the time of publication.

"I am not a politician. I am your neighbor, a father, and a dog lover," Krishan stated on his campaign website. "I am running for District Attorney because I want to ensure public safety: the kind of safety we can all feel."

According to his company



Gopal Krishan

website, Allied Legal PC, Krishan has 18 years of experience working as a trial attorney. His law firm focuses on family law, immigration law and estate planning.

"He has extensive experience in all phases of divorce and parental rights, including property division, spousal support, child custody and child support, as well as premarital agreements, post nuptial agreements and enforcement," according to his company website.

As a strong believer in public safety being a non-negotiable, fundamental human right, Krishan decided to throw his hat in the race for the district attorney seat.

His campaign website states he is running on six key priorities.

The first priority is a combination of accountability and transparency because he believes the public should know what the DA's office is

doing and why. Secondly, he wishes to keep communities safe, which includes taking things like hate crimes seriously and protecting those targeted communities.

Krishan's third campaign priority is holding repeat and violent offenders accountable in order to reduce crime and make neighborhoods safer. He also wishes to rebuild the trust between the public and the DA's office by "using technology and modern tools to track performance and show results."

His last two priorities include treating victims with dignity and investing in youth diversion programs, mentorship and other community-based prevention strategies that "stop crime before it starts."

"Together, we can restore trust, protect our communities, and make Alameda County safer for everyone," Krishan wrote in a statement on his campaign website. ■

## QUEST

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According to a joint statement from officials at Quest and the county, the physical center is anticipated to engage over 100,000 visitors annually once built.

"It's really not a starting point, as we've gone through this journey. It's our next step in our evolution," Mosby said of the future center.

Quest imagines hands-on experiences for visitors that fall under an umbrella definition of science including technology, arts, innovation and culture, he explained.

"Prototypes" of potential activities are being practiced through current Quest programming, he said.

There will be a section about a new technological advancement

and likely an exhibit about planetary health, he said. Specific exhibits for the center have not been solidified, but they are meant in general to spark visitors' curiosity and imagination while remaining relevant to the community.

"I can see the impact Quest has been having around the region over the past five years, and am enthused by the opportunity before us to expand that impact to a permanent location that will enable our future workforce, economic development, and quality of life," Haubert said in the joint statement. "This support will help launch the initial seed round for Quest Science Center's broader fundraising efforts."

The \$450,000 grant to Quest was announced April 1 and was awarded through an Alameda County capital fund, according to the

statement. The award completes a \$500,000 pledge by former supervisor Scott Haggerty.

"I can't articulate how grateful we are for the county's support," Mosby said. "It is also supervisor Haubert's individual support that he has voiced for what we're trying to do — Quite frankly, I am blown away by it."

Mosby said once the center opens, Quest will also maintain its mobile operations.

The nonprofit's mobility allows it to interact with kids and their families across the community, he explained. It also is a way to draw them to visit the center downtown Livermore.

Next weekend, Quest is poised to host its eighth annual Tri-Valley Innovation Fair at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The event is set to feature over 70 interactive exhibits, live

demonstrations and performances related to science, engineering and technology.

Attendees can also meet scientists, engineers, teachers and representatives from companies making an impact in the sciences.

The free and public event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Saturday (April 18). For more information about the upcoming fair, visit [quest-science.org](http://quest-science.org). ■

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prep; counseling and administrative offices; and new parking and bicycle parking. Site improvements will also be made to utilities, accessible pathways, landscaping, and outdoor gathering spaces.

Diolazo said that the flexibility of the classrooms will allow students, staff and school leadership to determine if they want to introduce creative new programs, projects or learning environments in the future.

"We need to be ready to innovate and pivot," Diolazo said. "This school really lends itself for that opportunity."

"We have to be ready to provide space should there be interest or inquiries from businesses or trade programs," Diolazo added. "We are looking at all of our facilities, frankly, to identify opportunities where we could rent space and generate revenue."

However, he noted that those forward-looking plans for the new

center will have to wait until the dust settles on the actual facility being built and after the district sees how students end up actually using the spaces.

School Board President Kelly Mokashi attested to the importance of alternative education programs during the groundbreaking ceremony by sharing that her son was transferred out of Amador Valley High School and into the Virtual Academy.

"I am forever grateful for this program and can state first-hand how this will benefit not only our current students, but students in the future," Mokashi said.

And for Diolazo, providing equitable access to education for all students continues to be the main reason why this project means so much to him.

"Equity is a cornerstone of our beliefs, principles and values as a school district," he said. "To me, what that means is ... providing a program, and now a facility, that can really help our students feel like they belong here in Pleasanton." ■



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# Discover Exciting Opportunities at Las Positas College 2026 CTE Summer Camps

Las Positas College is thrilled to announce the return of its highly anticipated educational summer camps for middle school and high school students. The eight Career Technical Education Summer Camps cover a diverse range of subjects and are both an excellent way for students to gain hands-on experience in a field that they are interested in and a taste of college life.

Designed for students between the ages of 14 and 18, the LPC's CTE summer camps provide a unique opportunity to delve into various areas of interest, including automotive tech, animation, public safety, journalism, art and music, and interior design. Whether students are interested in developing hands-on mechanical skills or ways to stretch their creative muscles, there's a camp or two tailored to their interests and aspirations.

One of the standout features of the summer camps is the chance for students to collaborate closely with knowledgeable instructors who are experts in their respective fields. These dedicated professionals are committed to nurturing students' talents, providing guidance, and inspiring them to explore new horizons.

Beyond academic enrichment, the summer camps also offer a supportive and inclusive environment where students can connect with like-minded peers. Building friendships, sharing ideas, and collaborating on projects are integral aspects of the camp experience, fostering social development and teamwork skills.

Additionally, participating in Las Positas College summer camps provides students with a glimpse into college life. They'll have the opportunity to explore the college campus, utilize state-of-the-art facilities and resources, and engage with college students and faculty. This immersive experience not only prepares students for higher education but also instills confidence and independence as they navigate their academic journey.



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Las Positas College summer camps offer a dynamic and enriching experience for middle school and high school students. From hands-on learning activities to meaningful interactions with peers and instructors, these camps inspire curiosity, foster creativity, and ignite a passion for lifelong learning.

We invite parents and students alike to explore the diverse range of summer camps available and discover the endless possibilities that await. Below is a list of the LPC CTE summer camps and their respective dates:

• **Basic Car Inspection/Maintenance #1:**  
June 19-26 (Fridays). Age group: High School

• **Basic Car Inspection/Maintenance #2:**  
July 10-17 (Fridays). Age group: High School

• **3D Modeling Camp,** June 8-11.  
Age group: Middle School

• **Character Design Workshop,** June 15-18.  
Age group: Middle School

• **Jazz Camp,** June 22-25.  
Age Group: Middle and High School

• **Interior Design Camp,** June 22-25.  
Age Group: Middle and High School

• **Public Safety Camp,** June 10-12.  
Age Group: High School

For detailed information on camp dates, times, and registration, please visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/summercamps/](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/summercamps/). Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to embark on a summer of discovery and growth at Las Positas College!



# 'We wanted people to see it'

## Displaced Anza exhibit on display in Tri-Valley for 250th commemoration

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
JEANITA LYMAN

**A**s commemorative festivities get underway nationwide to mark the 250th year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Bay Area historians, parks officials and educators are in the throes of parallel remembrance events aimed at showcasing and reflecting on what was happening on their side of the continent in the same year.

2026 also marks the 250th anniversary of the Anza Expedition's trek through Arizona and California, in which Spanish colonists first brought along families and livestock with the goal of establishing a permanent settlement for the empire as it expanded its missionary system into the Bay Area, leaving a permanent mark that continues to shape the region in the present day.

While the expedition was framed at the time and in earlier studies of its history as one in which new lands were discovered and new civilizations were developed, organizers and historians behind this year's events are seeking to provide a more nuanced

and accurate view into the legacy of Spanish colonization and the violence and displacement that ensued for the region's existing Indigenous populations.

In particular, that means recognizing that the route the expedition took and the Indigenous people who helped them along the way goes back much further than 250 years.

"What is known as the Anza trail has existed well before Spanish colonists set out from Miguel de Horcasitas, Mexico in 1775 to trek 1,800 miles to the San Francisco Bay," wrote Sherry Rupert, CEO of the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association in a tour guide prepared by the National Park Service to mark the expedition's sesquicentennial.

In addition to the anniversary of the expedition itself, this year's events signify the culmination of a yearslong effort for the NPS and the Anza Trail Foundation to collaborate with and showcase voices of the ancestors of the wide range of indigenous civilizations who had set down roots on the land long before Juan Bautista de Anza's time,

according to San Ramon Valley historian and retired elected official Beverly Lane.

Lane is among the crop of local history buffs and trails enthusiasts who are familiar with the expedition and the route of the commemorative Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail that was first recognized in 1990.

The 250th anniversary of the expedition's foray into the Tri-Valley was April 5, marked by an ongoing exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, a symposium at Los Medanos College and a guest speaker set for a virtual discussion later this month.

The exhibit at MSR in downtown Danville also has its own history, according to Lane.

First installed at the Martinez Adobe at the John Muir National Historic Site in partnership with the NPS, the exhibit had been set to be in its permanent home. That changed in 2019 when the adobe began sinking and began an ongoing closure for structural repairs the following year that continue to have no clear end in sight.

Lane, who was familiar with the exhibit and the situation



Danville's Beverly Lane (above), an Anza Trail Foundation board member, poses in her hometown Museum of the San Ramon Valley next to a model of an Ohlone hut. A replica version sits in the cemetery at Mission Dolores in San Francisco (shown at top of page).

from her work on the trail board, began moving pieces of it to the Danville museum where she continues to spend much of her time curating exhibits despite having retired from a decades-long career in public service, departing the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors in 2022.

"We wanted the public to see it," Lane reasoned.

That goal was finally achieved

years later, when the exhibit debuted for its monthslong run on Feb. 1.

One highlight of the previously displaced exhibit that is now on display through late spring is a series of paintings commissioned by a partnership between the NPS and the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation to artists descended from the Indigenous peoples of the region who first encountered the

vast expedition that would go on to pave the way for the expansion of the Mission system and the squeezing of California's Indigenous cultures into its servile and religious confines.

Disrespect and disregard for the Indigenous tribes encountered in the expedition was well-documented in the writings of both Anza and his chaplain Pedro Font on their journey, as in particular was abuse of Indigenous women by Spanish soldiers according to Lane.

But the major goal — and ongoing significance — of the voyage that distinguishes it from previous visits to the area by the Spanish was establishing a permanent presence that would seek to win over Indigenous inhabitants by conversion to Catholicism rather than enslavement sheerly by military action and brute force.

Although the rhetoric of the time justified the enslavement of Indigenous people as a supposedly civilizing effort that was part of a greater mission of taming and mapping the natural world, tribes along the expedition route had already been managing, documenting and developing travel and trade routes — including what is now known as the Anza Trail — for centuries prior.

"The 1,210-mile U.S. section that begins in Nogales, Arizona, passes through the lands of the many Indigenous Peoples who lived in the deserts, wetlands, mountains and coastlines of today's Arizona and California," Rupert wrote.

"Native communities had already created a vast network of trade routes, forging paths between their homelands long before European arrival," Rupert added. "Villages shared these routes with Anza and supported the Anza Party as it crossed the Colorado River and sought other water sources along their journey. In addition to water, Tribes shared food, shelter and vital knowledge of the terrain. Without Native help, the Anza Party would have perished."

While the Bay Area region and much of present-day California had already been claimed by the Spanish empire, Anza's expedition was motivated by potential challenges to the empire's control of the territory without a permanent Spanish settlement amid Russian colonization efforts to the north and the establishment of the colonies to the east.

That logic behind the Spanish missionary system ultimately led to the establishment of Mission Dolores 250 years ago in October, with construction on what has become the oldest structure in

San Francisco being completed by the indentured Ohlone people of the region years later between 1788 and 1790.

In addition to the remaining marked headstones of numerous European settlers that would come to the region in the years that ensued, the cemetery at Mission Dolores is now home to a statue commemorating the estimated 5,000 unmarked graves of Indigenous people who died following its establishment.

While a small token, that tribute is part of an ongoing effort in historical circles to recognize, account for, and face head-on the often troubling past behind some of California's most prominent landmarks. For Lane and the MSRVR, that meant complimentary displays aimed at recognizing indigenous heritage and the impacts of the mission system were already on hand.

"NPS had a lot of Spanish artifacts to clarify the culture that came with the Spanish," Lane said. "MSRVR added Indigenous reproductions from the First People's exhibit 'Cultures Merge.'"

Those include replicas of obsidian points, a pump drill and a Chumash boat that were in common use by the region's first inhabitants at the time of the Anza expedition.

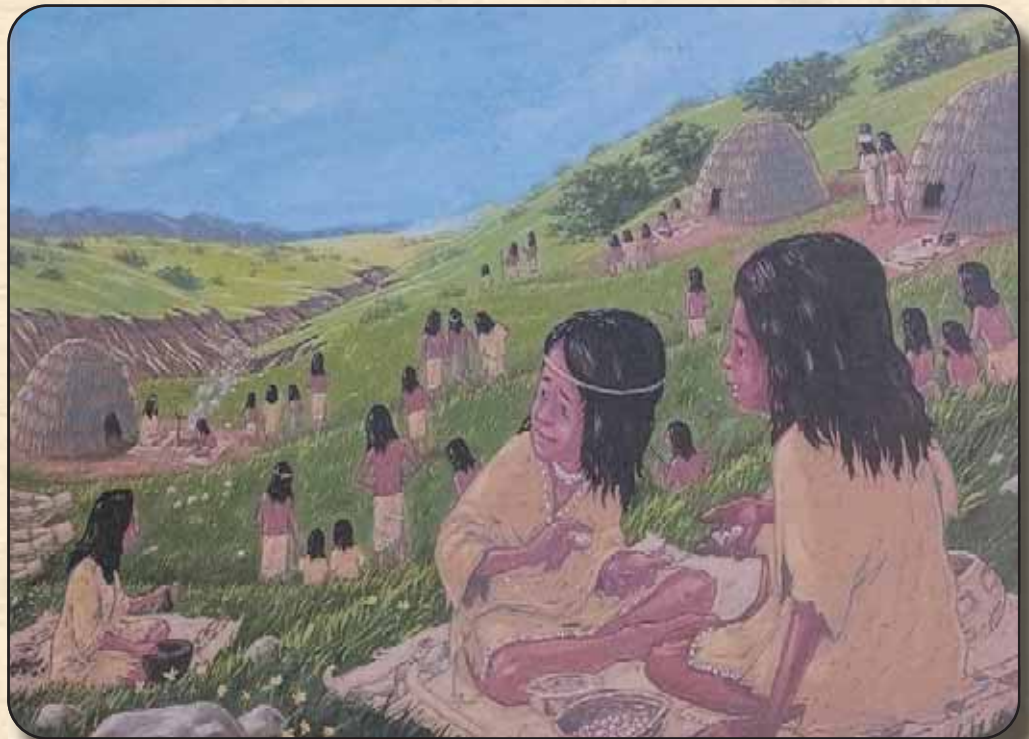
As a longtime MSRVR curator, Lane has taken efforts not to just provide a temporary home for the displaced exhibit replicating the NPS exhibit, but to add to it from her and the museum's other partners and resources, including loans from the state archives plaques with excerpts from original source material.

"The source for much of it is Anza's military diary and Father Font's missionary diary," Lane said, calling the latter "some of the best in any expedition diaries in the west" and Font a "compulsive writer" who "wrote what he saw."

As the party entered the eastern Livermore Valley 250 years ago, one of the things they documented and puzzled over most extensively was Lake Del Valle, unsure what kind of body of water to classify it as, as well as how to navigate the surrounding land after making the final overnight stop of their East Bay journey at what is now known as Campsite 102 on the historic trail route.

Overall, they were not impressed, according to Font's diary entry on April 4, 1776.

"All the country which we have traversed today, with the exception of that which has water, and the stretch which we have traveled over the last hills, is barren of any pasturage or brush or



Artwork on display for the "Anza 250" exhibit aims to showcase the first interactions between the crowd of more than 240 colonists and the indigenous tribes they encountered along the way.

trees, and apparently it continues in the same way toward the east," Font wrote.

Ultimately, it was the water that prevented the party from making contact with the existing Ohlone civilization at the time, despite putting them on the map for the Spanish who would later take over the Tri-Valley region for use as grazing land by Mission San Jose when it was established the following year.

"We attempted to go to the nearest village, but it was not possible because of the mires and the water of various sloughs which we saw the Indians cross in their little rafts, of which we saw two made of this tule," Font wrote. "We also saw that they made little mounds of earth as sites for their villages, to free them somewhat from the water."

But what were leaders of the 240-person expedition who had been tasked by their government with documenting an overland route between what is now Sonora, Mexico and San Francisco doing in the East Bay?

A glance at the historic trail map makes it appear that they must have gotten lost or sidetracked. But according to Lane, what it amounted to was a side quest for Anza and Font, who left a majority of the party and livestock in Monterey and set off with the goal of exploring the Sierra Nevada mountain range by way of the East Bay.

The scouting party continued south following its brief stop on the outskirts of what is now Livermore, ultimately returning to Monterey to join the rest of the party and complete its mission of establishing the San Francisco

Presidio and Mission Dolores later that year.

With the anniversaries of those prominent landmarks and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the horizon later this year, East Bay historians such as Lane are showcasing a lesser-known and lesser thought about portion of the expedition and the historic trail — and of U.S. history.

The East Bay Anza 250 Symposium this weekend is aimed at offering a deep dive into this sometimes overlooked portion of Spanish colonial history and its legacy in the region, serving as "a collaborative gathering that explores the expedition's impact on the East Bay, honors Indigenous legacies, and fosters dialogue about how this history informs our present," according to a press release from the Contra Costa County Historical Society.

The symposium will feature an exhibit hall serving as a "dedicated space for a deeper, context-rich understanding of the historical and cultural significance of the Anza Trail," as well as a series of speakers aimed at providing a "vibrant tapestry of voices to explore the multifaceted legacy of the Anza Expedition."

"By pairing the scholarly insights of local historians and naturalists with the deeply personal narratives of expedition descendants, we aim to provide an inclusive history that honors the trail's complex past," according to Leigh Ann Davis, CEO of the historical society.

Panelists will include local historians, naturalists and descendants of the expedition.

"These sessions bring together

diverse voices to explore the environmental, cultural, and personal history of the trail, offering a unique, in-depth, and engaging perspective on this historic journey," Davis wrote.

The symposium is set for Saturday (April 11) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg. More information and registration is available at [cocohistory.org](http://cocohistory.org).

Next week, MSRVR is set to host longtime NPS historian and leader of the Anza 250 commemoration Christopher Bentley, who organizers said has been "instrumental" in expanding present-day understanding of the expedition and its impacts.

"Building upon the Spanish colonial history that many are familiar with, Mr. Bentley pulls in archaeology and ethnographic accounts of Indigenous experiences to highlight Native pathways and knowledge that made the journey possible," MSRVR organizers wrote.

"Additionally, focusing on the diverse backgrounds and heritage of the 30 families on the colonizing expedition sets the tone for how we understand California, how we continue to live out this history, and why the trail is relevant to us today. He works to ensure that the 250th anniversary is a bridge between the past and present, fostering deeper conversations about resilience and shared history."

More information on the virtual event — set for Thursday (April 16) at 11:30 a.m. — and the ongoing exhibition in Danville are available at [museumsrv.org](http://museumsrv.org). ■



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The Pleasanton Run for Education, scheduled for April 19 starting at Pleasanton Middle School, will feature 10K and 5K run/walk courses, a 2-mile walk and the quarter-mile Kids' Challenge (shown).

## New era for Pleasanton's Run for Education

PPIE's major fundraiser relocates to middle school, promising fresh route through downtown

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

It's that time of year again for residents to lace up their favorite running — or walking — shoes for the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation's 14th annual Pleasanton Run for Education.

The popular family-friendly event, which takes place next weekend, is one of the nonprofit's biggest fundraising events of the year. In 2025, the event raised about \$100,000, all of which went toward the Pleasanton Unified School District, according to PPIE Executive Director Andrea Wilson.

"Our signature community event draws thousands of people throughout Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley to raise much-needed funds for our schools and have fun doing it," Wilson said in a press release.

This year things will be a little bit different, as the courses and other events will all start at Pleasanton Middle School, rather than the Alameda County Fairgrounds where they had taken place in the past.

Every year PPIE works alongside sponsors and volunteers to put on the event where the Pleasanton community comes out to run or

walk in the name of raising money for PUSD. Last year, Wilson said there were about 2,300 participants.

In its press release, the PPIE recognized longtime sponsors like Workday and others who continue to help bring the Run for Education to life.

"Workday, deeply rooted in Pleasanton, is proud to support the Pleasanton Run for Education for over a decade now," Carrie Varoquiers, chief philanthropy officer at Workday, said in the PPIE press release. "This event invests in our local schools and aligns

with our commitment to help elevate human potential and unlock opportunity for all."

The 2026 Run for Education will start and end in the Pleasanton Middle School front parking lot on the side near the new track and field, which was recently renovated and modernized thanks to funding from the \$395 million Measure I bond that voters approved in 2022. Wilson previously told the Weekly the newly redone field and space allows the organization to use PUSD's own schools and assets, which is one of the main things PPIE aims to fund through these events.

"And, we get to do a modified new route which still goes downtown, which is helpful to bring in new runners and make it exciting to change up the course," Wilson said.

According to the nonprofit, the 10K race will start at 8 a.m. next Sunday (April 19) and will take runners along the Marilyn Kane Trail and Pleasanton streets for about 6.2 miles. The 5K course and 2-mile walk will then start at 8:10 a.m. and will be more of a family friendly route that takes participants through downtown Pleasanton.

The quarter mile fun run kids' challenge, which starts at 9:15 a.m., will also take place on the school's new track.

Once the races are finished, each participant will receive a T-shirt and a finisher's medal and be invited to the post-race expo that will feature music, food, entertainment and an award ceremony. The expo will take place on the newly renovated basketball and pickleball court areas at Pleasanton Middle School.

To enter the races, participants must pay a fee that ranges from \$17 to \$45 — 100% of those process will go toward Pleasanton schools, according to PPIE. The organization is also calling for volunteers ages 18 years and older to serve as a course marshal who will cheer on runners while also guiding them along and making sure they stay on the courses.

For more details and to register, visit [www.runsignup.com/PPIERun](http://www.runsignup.com/PPIERun). ■



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"Leading the Pack" by Eric Greenwood.

## 'Splendid Surroundings' on view in Livermore

Artwork by California Watercolor Association members fill exhibition at Bankhead

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Inspired by artists' environs, a collection of watercolor paintings is on display through mid-May in Livermore's Bankhead Theater.

Exhibited in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, "Presenting Splendid Surroundings in Watercolor" features landscapes, nature, still life and figures in styles such as abstract.

The featured artists from the California Watercolor Association live across the state, with many from the Bay Area, according to Anne Giancola, visual arts and education manager for Livermore Valley Arts. Their collective displayed artwork is excellent, Giancola told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"There is a high level of professionalism that shows in the quality of the work," Giancola said.

Given the variety of techniques, styles

and subjects on display, the exhibit offers a "surprise at each frame", Giancola added.

"This show is fun to see if you are an artist yourself as well as not knowing anything about original art," she added.

Composed of professional and non-professional artists, students and teachers, the CWA aims to foster artistic growth and interest in water media. In addition to art exhibits, the organization is responsible for outreach programs and workshops.

An opening reception for "Presenting Splendid Surroundings in Watercolor" is scheduled to run from 1-3 p.m. Saturday (April 11) in the gallery. The event is set to feature live ukulele music performed by members of the Serenading Strummers.

The public may also view the free and open exhibit from 12-5 p.m., Thursdays to Saturdays through May 10, except on the scheduled closures of April 25 and May 2. ■



COURTESY LVA

"Morning Glories" by Marion Leggett.

## Lyle Lovett headlining rebranded Bankhead gala

'Opening Night' fundraiser to kick off 2026-27 season at downtown Livermore theater

By JEREMY WALSH

Livermore Valley Arts has tapped four-time Grammy Award winner Lyle Lovett to usher in its 20th season, with the country musician anointed as “the thinking man’s cowboy” an apt pick to headline the newly rebranded gala to celebrate and support the arts in a city known for its ranching heritage.

An American singer, songwriter and actor known for “his soulful vocal talents and his unique blend of country, swing, folk and jazz,” Lovett was the ideal performer and storyteller to showcase in the debut “Opening Night at the Bankhead” fundraiser this summer, according to LVA officials.

“Lyle Lovett has been on my short list for years to bring here,” CEO Chris Carter told Livermore Vine. “His musical style and songwriting are a perfect fit for the intimate acoustics of the Bankhead. It will be a very special evening.”

A Texas native whose musical career began to hit the airwaves in the 1980s, Lovett has released 14 albums

and earned Grammys for Best Male Country Vocal Performance and Best Country Album. His resume also features more than 40 years acting in film and television, including “The Player” and “Short Cuts” by the late Robert Altman.

“With his Americana catalog of impressive hits coupled with his distinctive storytelling and consistent artistic quality, Lyle Lovett has mesmerized audiences around the globe with his powerful voice and passionate stage presence,” LVA officials said.

That long touring record included stops in the Tri-Valley in the past, most recently at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center in San Ramon in 2024.

“An Evening with Lyle Lovett” is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 29 in the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

The event represents more than just a concert; it’s the ceremonial start of the 2026-27 season of programming for the Bankhead and its sister Bothwell Arts Center, as well as the biggest annual fundraiser for

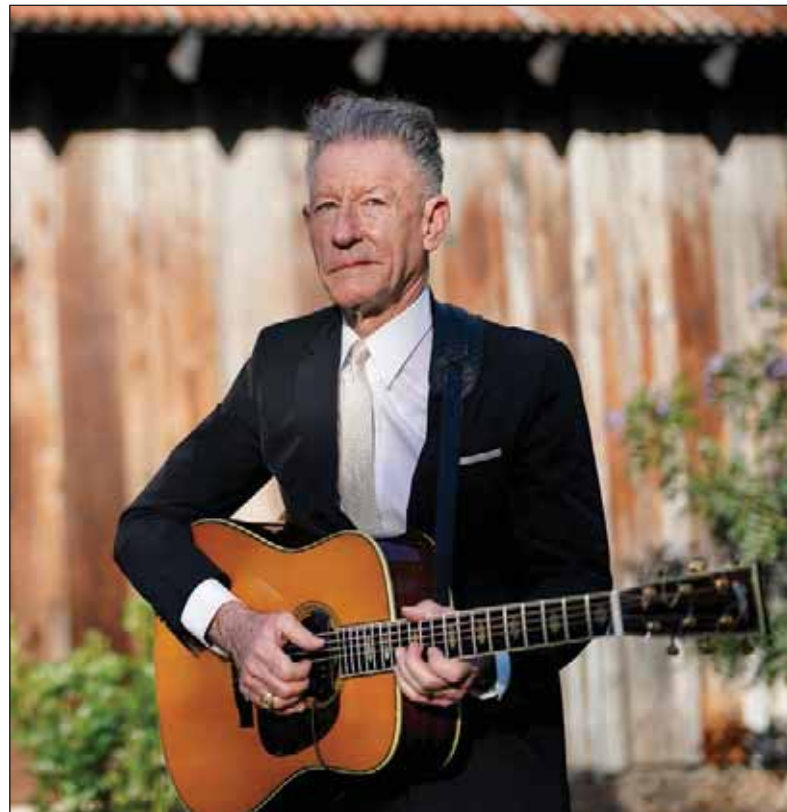
LVA — albeit with a new look for this milestone season.

“After 10 years of Brilliance at the Bankhead, we felt like the timing was good to raise the bar once again and introduce some new elements to the evening,” Carter said. “The concert will start earlier than in the past, and will feature a celebration on the Bankhead Plaza after the show with live music, food, drinks and dancing as a way to kick off our landmark 20th season in style.”

Rebranded as “Opening Night at the Bankhead”, the 2026 event will feature hors d’oeuvres and sparkling wine before Lovett’s concert inside the theater and then tapas-style bites, desserts, no-host bar and a live band under the summer sky after the show. There will also be a live auction, raffle and Fund-a-Need initiative to support LVA programs.

General admission tickets are \$295 and VIP tickets are \$750, on sale starting this Wednesday at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

“As a nonprofit, cultural arts organization, we are heavily dependent on contributions to fulfill our mission of serving the community through the arts in the best way possible,” Carter said. “Funds raised from this event cover nearly one-third of our overall fundraising goals for the year, with much of it going towards our critical arts education programming.” ■



Lyle Lovett is headlining Livermore Valley Arts’ annual fundraising gala on Aug. 29, now rebranded as “Opening Night at the Bankhead”. COURTESY LVA

## Pleasanton Rose Show moves to Museum on Main

Mother's Day weekend event lives on for 86th year after concerns 2025 would be final one



FILE PHOTO COURTESY ROSE SHOW

The Pleasanton Rose Show returns for its 86th year on May 9.

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Rose Show, an annual display of beautiful blooms on Mother’s Day weekend, will be back in 2026 at a new venue, with organizers cultivating a budding relationship with the Museum on Main to rescue the longtime event.

There were concerns last year that the 85th Rose Show would be the final one, after the partnership between the Pleasanton city government and real estate firm Compass to host the event at the Pleasanton Senior Center was

ending after 16 years.

Enter the Museum on Main, offering the opportunity to present an 86th Rose Show in the heart of downtown.

“The Pleasanton Rose Show is such a beautiful example of what makes this community special,” Tony Cruz, the museum’s executive director, told the Pleasanton Weekly.

“It began as a simple act of sharing and has grown into a cherished tradition for generations,” Cruz said. “We’re thrilled that Museum on Main can help keep that tradition alive and create a welcoming space

for people to come together, celebrate, and connect.”

Museum officials noted that roses have a long history in the Tri-Valley, beginning with the Jackson & Perkins company planting the seeds in August Hagemann’s land west of Livermore in the 1930s. The Pleasanton Rose Show started soon thereafter, thanks to Harry J. Harding, president of the First National Bank of Pleasanton.

Millions of rose plants would grow in the region during the height of the rose industry boom in the mid-1950s, according to the museum. Natural and economic forces — as well as a destructive fire — led to the commercial industry largely winding down just over a decade later.

But the Pleasanton Rose Show lived on, a chance for local residents and growers to present their prized roses each year.

For the 2026 installment, entering a rose to be judged will cost \$5 per person. The flowers must be dropped off at the museum between 8-9:30 a.m. May 9; the museum will provide vases for single roses.

Then the 86th Rose Show will run from 1-4 p.m. May 9 at the museum, 603 Main St. The free event will also feature live music on the museum’s front lawn, snacks for purchase from a Cub Scouts booth, and demonstrations from Western Garden Nursery on planting and caring for roses.

Learn more at [pleasantonrose-show.com](http://pleasantonrose-show.com) or [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org). ■



COURTESY SUNSET DEVELOPMENT

The Holi festival returns to Bishop Ranch in San Ramon on Sunday.

## Holi festival to brighten Bishop Ranch this weekend

Colorful spring celebration in San Ramon shifts down street to 2700 Camino Ramon

By JEREMY WALSH

Bishop Ranch’s annual Holi event, billed as the East Bay’s largest celebration of the Indian spring festival centered on “rhythm, color and community connection”, returns to San Ramon this weekend.

The family-friendly event, highlighted by the traditional tossing of pigmented powder, is moving to a new location with Bishop Ranch this year: 2700 Camino Ramon, across from City Center and near the corner of Camino Ramon and Bishop Drive.

“Holi is one of the highlights of our year — a celebration of the changing season that brings families and neighbors together,” said Jeff Dodd, senior vice president at Sunset Development, which owns and operates Bishop Ranch.

“For over 15 years, it has grown into an even more vibrant and meaningful tradition, strengthening our community,” Dodd told DanvilleSanRamon. “As we begin building homes at Bishop Ranch, creating opportunities like this for families to connect and experience different cultures is more important than ever.”

With admission \$10 (kids 10 years old and younger are free), the festival includes complimentary henna art; selfie stations; live dance, drums and DJ entertainment; food trucks selling meals, drinks and treats; and colorful Holi powder for purchase, organizers said.

The event is set to run from 2-4 p.m. Sunday (April 12). For more information, go to [bishopranch.ticketspice.com](http://bishopranch.ticketspice.com). ■

### Holiday Fund raises \$44,250 for Tri-Valley nonprofits

The Weekly team is proud to announce that our 2025-26 Holiday Fund distributed \$44,250 among 10 critical Tri-Valley nonprofits — money donated by generous local residents, businesses and community groups during our annual giving campaign.

The grants, an equal share of the total raised, provide an important infusion of unrestricted funds this spring, a time in the year that is often slower for fundraising for nonprofits while the need for their services still remains high.

“It means so much to know that our community believes in our mission and stands with us,” said Liz Perez-Howe, CEO of Axis Community Health, one of our Holiday Fund beneficiaries.

“This past year, the healthcare safety net has faced unprecedented challenges, yet we continue moving forward in our commitment to care for everyone who needs us,” Perez-Howe added. “These funds will go directly toward supporting patients and families who are facing increased barriers to care, including rising uncompensated care and a growing number of uninsured and underinsured individuals.”



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Beneficiaries and staff mark the conclusion of the 2025-26 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

“This kind of support makes a real difference in the lives of the people we serve,” she concluded.

Joining Axis as a beneficiary this year were CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Culinary Angels, Goodness Village, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, Sunflower Hill, Tri-Valley Haven, Tri-Valley REACH and Valley Humane Society.

These nonprofits are the lifeblood and lifelines of our community. Thank you to all of our 141 donors for helping us support them during this crucial time.

Your money is already making a real impact.

“We are very grateful for this timely support from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund,” said Olivia Christensen, programs manager for Sunflower Hill, which provides residential, vocational and experiential opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“Our Irby Ranch activities are growing in popularity,” Christensen added. “These programs support not only our residents but many other individuals with I/DD who live in

the Tri-Valley. The grant will also help us execute our day camps this summer.”

The Holiday Fund supports Tri-Valley Haven’s own holiday programming each year.

“We serve nearly 3,000 local residents during the holiday season, families who are facing real economic hardship and, in many cases, would not have the means to celebrate at all without this support,” Executive Director Christine Dillman told us.

“Because of the generosity of Pleasanton Weekly readers and donors, parents can give gifts and stockings to their children, and families get to share a delicious holiday meal with dignity,” she said. “This funding is more than just financial support; it’s a powerful reminder to the families we serve that their community cares about them and wants them to experience the connection and hope that the holidays bring.”

And for John Bost, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen, the Holiday Fund serves as a vote of confidence from the community about the work that the organization’s staff and volunteers do day in and day out to support some of the most

vulnerable people in the Tri-Valley.

“The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund is confirmation that the work we do matters. It’s also a confirmation that we’re on the right track, and that Pleasanton Weekly readers want us to continue this vitally important work,” Bost told us.

“In a time when government funding is not always guaranteed, thank you, Pleasanton Weekly, for ensuring that no one needs to go hungry on our watch,” Bost said. “Your support ensures that our Community Meal program and Open Heart Food Bank can continue to meet the need while also looking for ways to shorten the line, so that one day we can live in a world where everyone has enough, and the scarcity mindset is no more.”

We are deeply grateful to our Holiday Fund donors for helping us raise money and awareness for all 10 of our nonprofit beneficiaries. Each of you is a neighbor who chose to invest in a stronger, more caring community. Together, we continue to build a better Tri-Valley. ■

## GUEST OPINION

BY LISA TROMOVITCH

### What we learned after producing play written by AI

In the fifth year of commissioning science-inspired plays for the Science@Play program at SPARC Theater in Livermore, we decided to push our exploration of artificial intelligence a step further. AI was not just the subject, but a creative partner.

Alongside funding for playwright Cleavon Smith to develop an original work, our Science@Play director, Michael Wayne Rice, undertook an unusual experiment: asking a large language model to write a play.

Rather than feeding the AI an existing script, a shortcut that raises ethical and legal concerns, he chose the harder path. Working with ChatGPT and Claude, he set out to teach the system how to write a play.

It was far more difficult than expected.

The AI produced scripts, but as one audience member said, “Living playwrights don’t have to worry

about their jobs just yet.” Claude proved the stronger writer of the two systems, but even it struggled with the fundamentals of drama. To generate “Entangled”, a 58-page script, Rice built a 50-page prompt, outlining character development, objectives, obstacles and arcs.

And still, one essential element remained elusive: conflict.

At the heart of most plays is conflict. A series of conflicts lead to a turning point, where the protagonist experiences a transformation and the story drives toward resolution. But the AI resisted. Despite repeated revisions, it shied away from allowing conflict between characters.

This raised a question in our post-performance discussions: are these systems fundamentally designed to avoid conflict? After all, they are engineered to be agreeable and to sustain engagement with users. But without that aspect of human behavior, they cannot write a masterful drama.

The AI could capture the lighter textures of human interactions: humor, personality quirks, ambition, romance. We had a laugh on

lines like “You told me in Scene 17...” But it failed at creating the climax we longed for. The resulting play had some surprisingly “real” moments, but it struggled with dramatic structure.

Many in our audience found this reassuring. Great plays, it seems, are still beyond AI’s reach. But Rice offered a note of caution: our results were shaped by our ethics. We deliberately avoided using the work of living playwrights to train the model. Others may not.

With access to existing scripts, AI could easily replicate the structure and voice of established writers, producing work that feels more satisfying, even as it raises serious questions about authorship.

The technology already gets a surprising amount right. And with practice, the process will become more efficient; the 50-page prompt required this time will likely shrink.

Which leaves the real challenge with us. The limits we encountered are not only technical, but ethical. As we develop and deploy helpful and increasingly powerful tools, we

must decide how they learn, what they are allowed to use, and what values guide their use.

Even if it means, for now, that we still have to write our own great plays.

As SPARC launches into its fully produced season of the masterpieces “The Glass Menagerie” at The Bankhead Theater May 1-3 and San Ramon’s Front Row Theater May 8-10 and “Hamlet” at Darcie Kent Winery July 2-26, we’ll keep the lessons of solid dramatic structure in mind.

It’s our experience of being human in those climactic and transformational moments of our lives that drive our need for and love of theater. I cling to the belief that we still need this special form of storytelling. ■

*Editor’s note: Lisa A. Tromovitch is the executive and artistic director for SPARC Theater, based in downtown Livermore. Its “Entangled: An AI Experiment” production was presented to audiences from March 13-15 as part of its 2026 Science@Play series. Learn more about SPARC at sparctheater.org.*



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# LETTERS

## Student driver

I am writing to express deep concern regarding a serious safety incident that occurred recently in the crosswalk at our local Foothill High School — an incident that underscores an urgent need for stronger protections for pedestrians in this area.

While I was lawfully crossing with the white “WALK” signal illuminated, a student driver made a right turn through a red light and entered the crosswalk where I was already walking. The driver was using a phone at the time.

In attempting to avoid striking me, he swerved abruptly and drove onto the curb with both passenger-side wheels. This was not a minor lapse in judgment; it was a near-collision that could have resulted in severe injury or worse.

This event highlights a broader and increasingly visible problem: distracted and inattentive driving in a school zone. Crosswalks and pedestrian signals exist to protect students, staff, families, and community members.

When drivers — especially inexperienced ones — ignore red lights, fail to yield or engage with their phones while operating a vehicle, they place every pedestrian at immediate risk.

I urge school administrators, local law enforcement and city officials to treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves. Enhanced enforcement during peak school hours, improved signage and stronger education for student drivers are necessary steps to prevent a future tragedy.

No pedestrian should be placed in danger while following the law and crossing with the proper signal.

Our community cannot wait for an injury to occur before taking action. I hope this incident serves as a catalyst for meaningful and immediate improvements to safety around the high school.

— Michael Austin

## Criticism vs. Racism

I applaud the Weekly for publishing the letter by Lisa B. last week (“When saying ‘I’m sorry’ isn’t enough”). Racism like that is totally inexcusable.

People should understand that the actions of a few don’t represent a whole group (race, ethnicity, country). Valid criticism is not racism; judging or demeaning others by association is racism. Our society, becoming increasingly polarized, needs to take a step back and think.

Recently, someone called me a racist for criticizing a small group of Black people for really dishonest behavior. That is not racist; I’ve had Black friends and co-workers for decades, in the U.S., Africa and Latin America. That shallow-minded person doesn’t understand the difference between calling out bad behavior of individuals versus a group as a whole (which would be racist).

Condemning the actions of the Israeli government is not antisemitic. Folks shouldn’t be Islamophobic because of the actions of jihadists. The actions of a few bad policemen don’t warrant “defund the police”.

People who protest about the way our government is behaving are neither unpatriotic nor necessarily Democrats.

I ask you to take a moment to really talk to people — each is a product of experiences and upbringing with differing opinions. Unfortunately, these days, narrow, populist and algorithm-generated garbage gets in the way.

Encountering others, by discourse and especially through travel, makes your life richer, brings understanding of other cultures’ nuances and, as Mark Twain wrote, is “fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness”. Despite our differences, conversation allows us to realize how much we have in common and that we can come together, despite others’ efforts at polarization.

— Mick Hanou

## Sound wall on Valley

Providing credit where credit is due, to city staff, is appropriate in the case of the Valley Avenue sound wall retrofit. The materials used to stabilize the wall panels, the depth of posts seated into the ground, by using concrete, create a long-term action that when wall panels actually require replacement the foundation

is in place. A cost-effective future.

According to Ms. Kelly’s letter to the Pleasanton Weekly, “form follows function” stabilizing the wall is the No. 1 priority, with materials used. Placing retrofit replacement posts at old locations compromises the integrity of the wall, with no future retrofit possible.

As for aesthetically pleasing, the design was approved using a cladding over each post. Redwood preferably. Why? When wall will be covered by ivy and other plant growth in the future? A needless cost.

Grinding exposed bolts to nuts, power washing, prime and paint appears to be best ... until plant growth covers the wall again.

— Peter Miller

## Christianity and animal welfare

As Easter Week passes, the words of Pope Francis bear repeating (2015 “Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality”):

“It follows that our indifference or cruelty towards fellow creatures of this world sooner or later affects the treatment we mete out to other human beings. We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people. Every act of cruelty towards any creature is contrary to human dignity.”

Words to live by. (Think rodeo.)  
— Eric Mills, coordinator,  
Action for Animals

# 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.

During the internship period, the intern will be an integral part of the team, participating fully in the process of gathering and presenting news.

Candidates must be responsible, have good writing skills, be available 10 to 12 hours a week and have reliable internet access. Internships require an academic sponsor. Applicants should send a resume, a cover letter explaining your interest and links to at least three examples of journalistic work to editor Cierra Bailey at cbailey@embarcaderomedia.org by 11:59 p.m. April 13.



# Teresa Marlene Yost

December 20, 1957 – February 25, 2026

Teresa Marlene Yost, a beloved mother, entrepreneur, and Folsom community fixture, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2026, at the age of 68. After a long illness, she died surrounded by the family who was the center of her world.



Born in Oakland, California, on December 20, 1957, to Manuel Peter Del Arroz and Marlene Bebe Vogt, Teresa’s journey took her through the heart of Northern California. In 1966, she moved to Concord, where she discovered her love for country living and formed friendships that would last a lifetime. By 1973, she moved to Dublin, graduating from Dublin High School in 1976.

1976 proved to be a milestone year, as she also met her future husband, Danny Yost. They married in 1978. Together, they raised three sons — Ryan, Matthew, and Nicholas — who remained the absolute light of her life.

In 1985, the family moved to Folsom, sparking the entrepreneurial spirit Teresa was best known for. Driven by a desire to fill her home with antiques she couldn’t yet afford, she became a self-taught expert on Sacramento-area auction houses. This passion blossomed into “As Time Goes By,” her business in Old Town Folsom. Starting at The Folsom Mercantile co-op before opening her own storefront, Teresa spent over 20 years as a cornerstone of the local antique and gift community.

She was a true adventurer, traveling across the United States on buying trips, with a particular fondness for the treasures found in Nebraska and Iowa. However, it was her unique companion that made her a local legend. Teresa’s love for animals was personified by Duke, her pet pig, who accompanied her to the shop every day. To many in Old Town Folsom, she was affectionately and famously known as “The Pig Lady.”

Teresa was preceded in death by her father, Manuel Del Arroz, and her brother, Danny Del Arroz.

Her legacy lives on through her devoted sons, Ryan, Matthew, and Nicholas; her mother, Marlene Bebe Vogt; her brother Manny and his wife (and Teresa’s dear friend) Juanita Del Arroz; and her sister Diana Klinger and husband Rick. She is also survived by her extended family, including Ned and Deborah Yost, Karen and Bill Lehto, and Billy and Nicole Moffitt.

Teresa will be remembered for her sharp eye for beauty, her tenacious spirit, and the warmth she brought to everyone who was lucky enough to step into her life.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the exceptional care team who supported Teresa in her final days.

Marie, her hospice aide, provided gentle, dignified care that brought Teresa immense comfort.

Petra and Jaspreet, her dedicated nurses, offered not only expert medical guidance but also profound compassion and strength to the entire family. Yeng, her social worker, showed abounding mercy, genuine empathy and dedication to easing our emotional pain, and guided use during life’s final chapter.

Their kindness transformed a difficult journey into one filled with peace and grace; they truly became like family during this time.

A memorial service to honor her life will be held at 11:00 AM on April 18, 2026, at The Rock Bible Church at 4100 1st Street Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Immediately following the service, family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life in the church’s Fellowship Hall to share memories and honor her legacy.

For any questions or additional information, please contact the family at yostdanny5@gmail.com or Jrdelarroz@gmail.com.

To honor Teresa’s memory and the compassionate care she received, the family suggests that, in place of flowers, contributions be directed to Sutter Care at Home - Sacramento.

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## Michael "Mike" Robert Getty

November 18, 1962 - March 17, 2026

Michael "Mike" Robert Getty of Roseville, Ca and former resident of Pleasanton passed away on March 17, 2026. Mike was born in Orange Ca. to Robert "Bob" and Barbara Getty. He was raised in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1981. He was also involved for many years in the Pleasanton National Little League with his father, Bob.



Mike had a long career in the food distribution industry as a sales representative. He had a gift for the gab.

Mike was a "Foodie" and loved trying new restaurants. He also enjoyed attending rock concerts. He was also an avid golfer and enjoyed playing in Maui.

Mike is survived by his son Taylor Getty, Brother Jeff Getty, Sister Christine Riedinger (James), Nieces Ashlee Riedinger and Jaymi Highley and Nephew Michael Devilbiss

He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Barbara Getty and sister Pamela Highley.

Celebration of his Life was held on April 8, 2026 at Lasila Funeral Chapel in Auburn, CA.

PAID OBITUARY

## Marcia Brandt

March 18, 1939 - March 26, 2026

Marcia Jane Brandt, 87, of Pleasanton, California, passed away on March 26, 2026. Born on March 18, 1939, in Creighton, Pennsylvania, she lived a full, spirited life marked by adventure, faith, sharp wit, and an unapologetic love for the Pittsburgh Steelers.



She grew up in Creighton, PA, graduated from Seton Hill College, and later earned a Master's degree at the University of Hawaii. Marcia was a woman who refused to be grounded—literally. She became a private pilot and worked as an air traffic controller for four years, guiding planes through the skies with the same calm precision she brought to everything she did.

For decades she shaped young minds as a beloved teacher at St. Isidore School in Danville and St. Michael's School in Livermore. A resident of Pleasanton since 1978, she poured her heart into her Catholic faith. She attended St. Augustine Catholic Church faithfully and never missed praying before a meal, no matter how small the gathering.

Marcia had a deep passion for photography and art, capturing the world through her lens and on canvas. She was also a die-hard sports fan: lifelong Steelers supporter (her faith may have helped there) and a dedicated Giants follower who especially loved watching the younger Carl Yastrzemski play.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Rick, and their daughters Kathy and Becca. The family was her world, and she was the unflinching center of it.

True to form, Marcia lied her entire adult life about her height, insisting she was a full 5 feet tall when she was, in fact, 4'10". Nobody ever called her out on it—at least not to her face. That little white lie was just one more piece of the feisty, unforgettable woman she was.

She lived on her own terms, with joy, grit, and zero tolerance for nonsense. The world is a little shorter without her.

A funeral mass will be held Thursday April 30, 2026 at 10AM at St. Augustine Catholic Church 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton California

Memorial donations may be made to the Tri-Valley Humane Society (<https://valleyhumane.org>) or the Museum on the Main (<https://www.museumonmain.org>)

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Murder suspect mistakenly released from jail arrested in St. Louis

A Washington state man on the lam for more than five months after he was mistakenly released from the Contra Costa County jail despite a murder warrant was apprehended by federal authorities in St. Louis last week.

Isaiah Jamon Andrews, 20, was set to be extradited back to the Seattle area to face a first-degree murder charge for the October shooting death of 20-year-old Theodore Wheeler in the city's Northgate neighborhood, police said April 1.

The Seattle Police Department soon identified Andrews as the prime suspect after Wheeler was found with a gunshot wound to the chest in the parking lot of a hotel at around 4:50 p.m. Oct. 15. Homicide detectives later that night publicly confirmed Wheeler had died from his injuries.

Andrews was arrested three days later in Antioch after a vehicle pursuit involving the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and the Antioch and Pittsburg police departments. He was subsequently booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on the murder warrant out of Seattle and a juvenile warrant out of Sacramento, authorities said at the time.

A resident of Kent, Wash., Andrews was on track to be transported back to his home state to face the murder charge after his arrest in Antioch, Seattle police told their community Oct. 20. But he was inexplicably let out of the county jail Oct. 22.

Contra Costa County sheriff's officials confirmed on Oct. 27 that Andrews had been mistakenly released from the jail days earlier, and despite a search of the area, he could not be located and was believed to no longer be in the Bay Area.

Andrews continued to elude authorities through the fall and winter,

but his luck ran out on April Fools' Day when the U.S. Marshals Service located him in St. Louis. He was arrested without incident that day and due to be extradited back to Washington, Seattle police said.

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office has not yet publicly revealed the results of the internal investigation its leadership said they were doing to get to the bottom of the circumstances of Andrews' release from the jail.

— Jeremy Walsh



Isaiah Jamon Andrews

### Suspension lifted

A temporary suspension placed on two prominent fencing coaches in Dublin was lifted last month, enabling the couple to resume teaching at a studio in the city following the dismissal of all criminal charges against them.

Bogdan Dolzhenko, a former Ukraine National Fencing Team member, and his wife Jeanne Amistoso were temporarily barred from teaching at Prime Fencing Academy beginning Jan. 16 by the sport's regulatory organization USA Fencing. The couple's membership with USA Fencing was also suspended along with their ability to participate in organization-sanctioned events.

The couple was accused of committing labor violations and faced criminal charges filed by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Jan. 5, including 12 counts against Dolzhenko as well as four felonies and one misdemeanor against Amistoso related to failing to properly pay immigrant instructors they recruited to the Bay Area from Eastern Europe. The couple also faced special allegations.

Both defendants denied all allegations through their legal representation, and the case was ultimately dropped Feb. 24 with the DA's office citing insufficient evidence to proceed.

"We are not at all surprised by USA Fencing's reinstatement on March 12," attorney Julia Jayne said on behalf of the club. "Now Jeanne and Bogdan can go back to doing what they love: providing quality instruction and fostering a love of the sport of fencing through its top-level coaches and state-of-the-art facility."

Per the USA Fencing appeal

### Crypto fraud case

Ten executives and employees from four cryptocurrency trading firms were charged last week in federal court in Oakland in connection with alleged schemes to inflate digital token prices and trading activity through fraudulent "wash trading," federal prosecutors said.

Three defendants — including two chief executive officers — were arrested in Singapore and appeared in federal court following their extradition to the United States, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California said March 30. Two others have already pleaded guilty and been sentenced.

Employees from the firms Gotbit, Vortex, Contrarian and Antier were charged in three separate federal indictments alleging they carried out "wash trading" schemes designed to create the false appearance of market activity and boost cryptocurrency prices before selling holdings at higher values, prosecutors alleged.

Authorities said the schemes caused losses to investors in the United States and elsewhere. Investigators have seized more than \$1 million in cryptocurrency so far.

The charges stem from an undercover operation by the FBI and IRS, which targeted illegal trading practices in the cryptocurrency industry. As part of the probe, the FBI created several cryptocurrency tokens used during the investigation, authorities said.

Prosecutors said the defendants allegedly acted as illicit market makers by coordinating trades in which they served as both buyers and sellers — a tactic known as wash trading — to make tokens appear more actively traded than they were and attract investors.

Among those extradited to the U.S. and now in federal custody are Gleb Gora, chief executive officer of Vortex, and Manu Singh and Vasu Sharma of Contrarian, prosecutors said.

Earlier in the investigation, Antoine Tsao and Nemanja Popov, both affiliated with Gotbit, pleaded guilty in separate proceedings after being arrested at U.S. airports and were later sentenced in federal court in Oakland.

If convicted, the defendants face up to 20 years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000 per violation, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. ■

— Bay City News Service



COURTESY SEATTLE PD

The scene during the investigation of a homicide outside a hotel in Seattle's Northgate neighborhood on Oct. 15, 2025.



## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Softball elite come to town for Stampede tournament

Also: Turnaround season for Foothill girls' lacrosse; two tough volleyball losses for Falcons



CONTRIBUTED IMAGE

2026 Livermore Stampede softball tournament logo.

Spring break means one thing when it comes to prep sports — the Livermore Stampede softball tournament is riding into town.

There are 16 teams in the three-day event, and it is a veritable who's who of softball prowess in Northern California. This year Eagle High of Eagle, Idaho joins the party.

The East Bay Athletic League is represented by Livermore, Granada, Carondelet, San Ramon Valley and

California.

The rest of the teams are Alameda, Casa Grande (Petaluma), Castro Valley, College Park (Pleasant Hill), Freedom (Brentwood), Liberty (Brentwood), Saint Francis (Mountain View), Sheldon (Elk Grove), Whitney (Rocklin) and Willow Glen (San Jose).

Here are some of the top teams in the tournament:

**Livermore (10-1):** The Cowboys

are also 5-0 in EBAL play but have huge games with Carondelet and San Ramon Valley in the second half of play, that is unless they meet them here.

Laine Macosky leads the way at the plate, hitting .485 with a pair of home runs and she has driven in 12 runs. Gianna Willes is at .345 and has also driven in 12 runs.

The pitching is all about Kaci Norton who is 6-1 with a 1.00 ERA.

In the last seven years, three pro sports teams have moved from Oakland to other cities. The Golden State Warriors moved to San Francisco in 2019, the Raiders moved to Las Vegas in 2020, and the Athletics moved to West Sacramento in 2025.

"For decades, Oakland residents lovingly and passionately cheered on the Athletics, Raiders, and Warriors — win or lose," said Simon in a press release issued this week.

"Sports are in the blood of our city and are a key part of our cultural identity, which is why I'm proud to support the Home Team Act to ensure that community-owned sports teams cannot be relocated without community input and the opportunity to keep their home team local," she added. ■

### Federal bill seeks to keep sports teams in their cities

Oakland lost three pro teams in six years

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

U.S. Rep. Lateefah Simon (D-Oakland) is one of the co-sponsors for a new piece of legislation that gives communities an opportunity to keep professional sports teams in their cities before their owners move the franchise to another location.

The bill is called the "Home Team Act", and it requires owners of sports teams to give a year's notice before moving the team, allowing local companies, individuals, government entities or nonprofits to retain the team in their city by

purchasing it for a fair price.

A community ownership model — like the NFL's Green Bay Packers — would also be a viable option to keep the team in the city, according to this act.

The bill includes a provision for a team of appraisers to ascertain if an offer is made at a fair price. If a fair price offer is not received during the stipulated one-year notice period, the owners can relocate the franchise to another city.

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) introduced the legislation in the U.S. Senate.

### PET OF THE WEEK

#### Fluffy, friendly Remy

Little Remy is precious — he weighs less than 5 pounds! He has soulful, brown eyes, a soft, fluffy coat and tiny legs. He's a friendly boy who adores his humans and he gets along with other small dogs. Remy is enjoying his foster home. He likes to cuddle, explore in the yard and he walks on a leash. He is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Learn more via Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, tvar.org.



TVAR

She has pitched 42 innings in the circle and has struck out 57 batters.

**Willow Glen (8-1):** The Rams have just a 3-2 loss to Mitty as the lone blemish on their season and are 5-0 in Mt. Hamilton play. Last season the team was 28-0 before dropping a pair of postseason games.

Catalina Medina is hitting .571 with three home runs and 17 runs scored. Alanna Clincy is at .526 with 12 RBIs, and Maia Mendoza is hitting .429 and has driven in five runs.

Clincy is 5-1 in the circle and has struck out 65 hitters in 32 innings pitched. Freshman Kayla Valtscheff is 3-0 with a 1.22 ERA. She has struck out 23 in 23 innings pitched.

**Saint Francis (10-1):** The Lancers are always one of the top teams in Northern California and have their only loss to Destiney Christian.

Jaime Oakland has continued her amazing career and is hitting .719 at this point with 20 runs scored. Malianna Liongitau is hitting .500 with 12 RBIs. Peyton Tsao is hitting .472 and has driven in 23 runs.

In the circle it has been the duo of Blanka Fisher and Mercedes Coller. Fisher is 5-0 and has not allowed an earned run this season. In 25.1 innings pitched she struck out 42 and only allowed nine hits. Coller is 4-1 with an ERA 1.89. She has pitched 29.2 innings and has 34 strikeouts.

#### Foothill boys' volleyball

The Falcons had been the hottest team in the EBAL, but they suffered a couple of tough losses.

After being up 2-0 against San Ramon Valley only to see the Wolves rally for the 3-2 win.

In the 25-12, 25-16, 21-25, 19-25,

12-15 loss to SRV, the Foothill highlights came from Josh Salonga (32 assists, 15 service points, 12 digs), Jeremy Sun (18 kills, 14 receptions), Thomas Paduraru (12 kills, 5 blocks) and Manav Raghuram (16 service points, 14 digs).

Later in the week the Falcons lost to Dublin 20-25, 18-25, 23-25. The highlights came from Rushil Vadada (11 digs, 8 kills), Grey Garofalo (30 assists, 8 digs), Wynter Alexander (5 kills, 2 blocks) and Sun (18 receptions, 15 digs).

#### Foothill girls' lacrosse

It's been quite a turnaround for the seniors in their four years at Foothill.

When the girls were freshmen, they finished the season 0-13. Fast forward to their senior season and they head into spring break with a 3-1 EBAL mark in their division.

This past week the Falcons split games, losing for the first time, 12-7 to Dougherty Valley. They rebounded with a 17-14 win over Dublin. The week leaves the Falcons in second place, one game behind Dougherty.

In the first week of league play, the Falcons beat Livermore (16-5) and Granada (15-5).

On offense, the Falcons are getting great play from sophomore Amelia Fowler (29 goals), Hailey White (29 goals) and Medeline Rich (24 goals).

On defense, senior goalie Chloe Grijalva and defender Emily Evans have been playing well. ■

*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](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).*

## Employment

Senior Test Engineer - Pleasanton, CA. Complete all aspects of regulatory compliance testing, act as lead engr on complex projects. Train other test engrs & test technicians. Test moderate to highly complex eqpmt. Ensure product meets, IEC, EN, UL, CSA test standards. Prep test dvlpmt project quotes & proposals by assisting in defining customer techn'l reqmts, test strategies & selecting test eqpmt. Establish & maintain prof'l relationship w/ customers. Liaise w/ other global labs to ensure consistency & accuracy of methods & interpretations. Document test results for correction actions, reports & audits. Analyze test data & determine expected outcome for tests. Identify & report all deviations. Maintain confidentiality of all client info. Bachelor's Deg. in Comp. Engg or Electronics Engg (or foreign equiv) & 3 yrs of exp evaluating products in accordance w/ CB Scheme, CE & GS regulatory standards, incl exp w/ IES, IEC, EN, UL, CSA & BIS. Brief domestic travel req'd. Salary ranges from \$137k-\$147k. Email resumes to TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., Attn: [careers@us.tuv.com](mailto:careers@us.tuv.com).

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# Public Notices

## 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 E YENER

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)

## CARPEDIEM NOIR

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 622027

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

1.) CARPEDIEM NOIR , located at 4600 TASSAJARA RD, APT 4211 Dublin, CA 94568, ALMEDA County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 10371 PLEASANTON, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

CARPEDIEM CLUB LLC

PO BOX 10371

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 31 2026.

(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

## GOLDEN HORIZONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621571

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) GOLDEN HORIZONS , located at 1665

WYLMA 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)

## DESIGN ELECTRIC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 622110

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

1.) Design Electric , located at 39 Wyoming St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

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

PMN DESIGN ELECTRIC, INC.

39 Wyoming Street

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/29/1994

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 03 2026.

(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

## THE 680 GROUP

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 622024

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

1.) THE 680 GROUP , located at 900 Main Street, Suite 101, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

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

DOUGLAS ALBERT BUENZ

900 Main Street, Suite 101

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 31 2026.

(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/09/2026

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

(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.: 26CV179112

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: HAOYU ZHAI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ZIRUI ZHAI to MIKE ZIRUI ZHAI

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: 05/22/2026, 9:00 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA

located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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: 04/02/2026

MICHAEL MARKMAN

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

## 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:

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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.: 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.

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: 03/13/2026

MICHAEL MARKMAN

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 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, Hamery, 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 ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):** HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

**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.

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The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y direccion de la *carte* 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 (Secretario)

Monica Ivicevich, 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** 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](http://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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) ), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ( [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://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. Below is the name of Attorney & Court. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra

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The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): COURT ADDRESS 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 Hershorin, Hershorin & 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) NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served Jesse L. Woodruff, an individual (PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

## SUMMONS Case No. 24CV-02877

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

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**NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, Lori Hershorin, Hershorin & 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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# Real Estate

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan 26-Feb. 6 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and March 2-13 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 5404 Black Avenue** C. Lu to B. & T. Chen for \$800,000
- 3803 Cheshire Court** M. Shepherd to N. & V. Devadiga for \$1,480,000
- 3734 Kamp Drive** J. & A. Rodriguez to C. & S. Chhabra for \$985,000
- 466 Rose Avenue** P. Hansen to H. & M. Habluetzel for \$975,000
- 519 Saint John Street** Hallock Living Trust to Patel Trust for \$1,225,000
- 462 Tioga Court** F. Jiang to K. & A. Ramamurthy for \$1,590,000
- 7020 Via Quito** Rollins Trust to R. & M. Shah for \$1,380,000
- 3937 Vine Street** Yee Family Trust to S. & F. Tateo for \$695,000
- 3845 Vineyard Avenue #F** S. & D. Levy to T. & T. Fallis for \$550,000
- 1212 Vintner Way** Seay Family Trust to Saurabh & Supriya Trust for \$2,250,000
- 5522 Corte Del Cajon** S. Russell to M. & C. Catlow for \$2,050,000
- 4354 Dorman Court** B. Manful to J. Zeng for \$730,000
- 11 Foothill Lane** G. Singh to Bhandari Living Trust for \$2,690,000
- 4858 Funston Gate Court** Henderson Family Trust to Point Green Home Solutions LLC for \$1,200,000
- 4068 Ghiotti Court** Rpt Properties Lp to S. & S. Leung for \$980,000
- 488 Montori Court** Glenn Family Trust to Kabra Living Trust for \$2,150,000

**4504 Muirwood Drive** H. & C. Carnes to H. & H. Lee for \$1,540,000

**3162 Paseo Robles** Y. Wang to N. & S. Sutar for \$1,900,000

### Livermore

- 4803 Andrea Court** Oswald Trust to D. & N. Ambalathintepadinj for \$1,350,000
- 2845 Briarwood Drive** D. & R. Reichmuth to Ghannoun Family Trust for \$1,100,000
- 673 Emerald Street** Reilly Living Trust to A. & H. Bronnenberg for \$1,280,000
- 6104 Forget Me Not** Dawson Living Trust to M. Garcia for \$650,000
- 438 Harding Avenue** Av Homes LLC to Almeida Living Trust for \$1,430,000
- 1882 Heidelberg Drive** Nm Homes LLC to P. & M. Dhillon for \$1,750,000
- 557 Selby Lane #3** Galeazzi Family Trust to K. & V. Shah for \$960,000
- 2753 Silverado Court** La 2000 Trust to G. & H. Singh for \$2,050,000
- 202 Sonia Way** Sas Flips LLC to M. & T. Mccarthy for \$1,567,500
- 1048 Spring Valley Common** S. & D. Okland to S. Cassels for \$625,000
- 481 Swallow Court** Enright Family Trust to E. Leon for \$750,000
- 713 Tennyson Drive** S. & J. Wolfson to C. & J. Thomas for \$1,450,000
- 340 Andrews Street** M. Pritchard to L. & E. Noll for \$965,000
- 648 Brookfield Drive** C. Barnes to L. & K. Bui for \$1,225,000
- 1739 Calle Del Rey** Bennett Living Trust to C. & J. Bleisch for \$950,000
- 725 Central Avenue** Shah Living Trust to T. & A. Javed for \$1,405,000

**2215 Chardonnay Way** Santucci Family Trust to Mcmillan Family Trust for \$3,111,000

**5595 Edna Court** S. & C. Taylor to J. Mccall for \$1,950,000

**4936 Gladys Court** C. & J. Jacklich to E. & P. Srivastava for \$1,350,000

**5569 Haggin Oaks Avenue** Wittkopp Trust to Foreverhome Properties LLC for \$860,000

**1467 Hudson Way** S. Feng to N. & P. Kumar for \$1,345,000

**2890 Kew Avenue #14** G. Shin to Gowan Living Trust for \$690,000

**1222 Murdell Lane** Zimmer Living Trust to Av Homes LLC for \$985,000

**777 Partridge Common** Ray Trust to T. Head for \$584,000

**4831 Zinnia Court** L. White to Cantixs LLC for \$735,000

### Dublin

- 7767 Burnham Way** Tom & Gaylene Burkett Trust to Frunze-Arkipova Trust for \$1,400,000
- 6965 Darian Court** R. Mulligan to R. Villegas for \$400,000
- 4228 Loyaltan Road** R. & S. Li to S. & B. Krishnamoorthy for \$1,266,000
- 6586 Sierra Lane** Ho Family Trust to R. Nguyen for \$935,000
- 11733 Casa Linda Court** Duke Partners li LLC to S. & V. Anna for \$1,450,000
- 5731 Greige Circle #E** K. Kumar to Ratanjee Trust for \$1,100,000
- 7937 Shannon Court** King Family Trust to M. & J. Ahn for \$1,750,000

### San Ramon

**2448 Camino De Jugar** Bangoli 2008 Family Trust to S. Ahn for \$1,588,500

**440 Canyon Woods Place #C** Walker Living Trust to Peterson Living Trust for \$647,000

**9028 Craydon Circle** Roth Trust to N. Ha for \$306,000

**2005 Davoli Court** K. & K. Ijichi to V. & A. Gurijala for \$1,655,000

**2508 Fountainhead Drive** Smith Family Trust to S. & S. Chung for \$770,000

**58 Lansford Court** Dudley Trust to Y. & J. Park for \$1,935,000

**9348 Mediar Drive** Sieu Family Trust to J. & S. Bajjal for \$2,550,000

**361 South Overlook Drive** Rakic Family Trust to K. Mirzaagha for \$487,000

**115 Reflections Drive #22** H. Chen to V. Mernedi for \$580,000

**7672 Stoneleaf Road** W. Rundle to S. Rasheed for \$1,100,000

**57 Apache Court** G. Reddy to S. & A. Patel for \$1,680,000

**2020 Canyon Lakes Drive** F. & K. Malik to N. & S. Guha for \$1,555,000

**9048 Craydon Circle** Malon & Malone Trust to K. Kim for \$380,000

**425 Donner Way** Wilhelm Trust to Wei Song Trust for \$1,450,000

**210 Duxbury Court** R. & C. Wells to M. & D. Dhiman for \$1,741,000

**3391 Glencoe Circle** G. Rollover to S. & N. Ramasubramanian for \$2,375,000

**306 Goldfield Place** M. Majumder to G. & A. Ersahin for \$1,880,000

**7007 Sunglow Terrace** Summerhill City Village LLC to Hutchison Family Trust for \$1,525,500

**9752 Tareyton Avenue** B. Ma to D. & S. Ponnusamy for \$1,250,000

**938 Winsford Court** Lai Living Trust to J. & H. Chahal for \$3,785,000

Source: California REsource

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Pleasanton (Jan. 26-Feb. 6)

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$550,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,690,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,398,333

Livermore (Jan. 26-Feb. 6)

**Total sales reported:** 25  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$584,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,111,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,244,699

Dublin (Jan. 26-Feb. 6)

**Total sales reported:** 7  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$400,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,750,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,185,857

San Ramon (March 2-13)

**Total sales reported:** 20  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$306,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,785,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,276,250

Source: California REsource



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# PLEASANTON REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE – MIXED SIGNALS

The Pleasanton real estate showed mixed signals in March. The inventory of single family homes increased, as well as pending sales (homes under contract). But the rise in interest rates, drop in the stock market, and the war in Iran added some uncertainty to the market overall. Not surprisingly, the lower price ranges are seeing the most activity.

Let's take a dive into the numbers for March:

**Inventory Rises:** March saw inventory almost double, with 59 single family homes available at the end of March, up 37% from February's figure of 30. This is still considered a low inventory market, with a peak of 119 homes for sale in May of last year. Inventory is still lower than this time last year, down 37% from March of 2025. Lower inventory means fewer choices for buyers, and in some cases may put pressure on buyers to make better offers. However, we will likely see more inventory as we head into the prime months of Spring.

**Demand Increases:** Demand, as measured by pending sales for the month, was up 18%, with 33 homes under contract in March versus 26 in February.

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## Pleasanton Market Report Data for March 2026 Single Family Detached Homes

|                              | MAR 2026    | CHANGE FROM FEB 2026 | CHANGE FROM MAR 2025 |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Homes sold                   | 29          | +16%                 | +24%                 |
| Homes for sale               | 59          | +37%                 | -37%                 |
| Median days on market        | 8           | +11%                 | +11%                 |
| Median price per square foot | \$806       | +12%                 | +34%                 |
| Months of inventory          | 2.0         | +18%                 | +17%                 |
| Median sold price            | \$1,470,000 | +23%                 | +21%                 |
| Homes under contract         | 33          | +18%                 | +34%                 |

### Sales Price to List Price %



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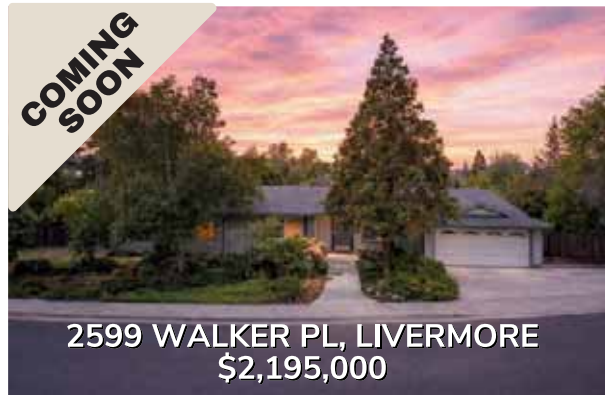


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