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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Teeth wisdom

One of the Tri-Valley's most accomplished authors might not be a household name on pop culture bookshelves, but two generations of dental assistants and hygienists couldn't get through college and career the same without her work.

Pleasanton's Linda Bartolomucci Boyd just marked the ninth edition of her "Dental Instruments: A Pocket Guide", released by her longtime publisher Elsevier on April 29. The process of updating her book every three years is a passion project and a way to give back to the industry she loves.



Linda Bartolomucci Boyd

"My continued inspiration is to pass on to everyone to follow your passion and you're your dreams!" Boyd told me in an interview last week. "Before the final edits I pray over my book that it will in some way inspire others to follow their dreams even though my book is a technical book about dental instruments and equipment."

"This textbook is the book of the industry. Many instructors tell their students that this book is their dental bible. Keep it on your night stand at night," Boyd said.

"The reason for the format: Students want to learn in an easy, quick way. Students also use this format as a study guide to test themselves because of the way the book is designed," she added.

A former dental assistant and now emeritus professor at Diablo Valley College, Boyd pursued her first edition when she was helping lead the community college's dental assistant program around the turn of the century.

"There was not a book that was just dental instruments and equipment," she said. "Therefore, I developed a way to teach the instruments. I laminated 5x7 cards and Velcroed the instrument on one side with a number on the other side so the students could test themselves. I had a legend to test themselves."

After receiving recognition from the American Dental Association during an accreditation visit, and being urged by her students to write a book, Boyd took a sabbatical, researched across the county, linked up with Elsevier and the "Dental Instruments" pocket guide series was born.

The newest version follows the same familiar presentation — "spiral-bound, flashcard-style, flip-chart format".

"The book includes over 750 photographs and drawings of basic and specialty dental instruments, paired with monographs describing each instrument's characteristics, functions, order of use, and CDC sterilization guidelines," Elsevier said in its promotional packet.

"New photos include updated dental equipment to emphasize new technology in the dental field including 3D printing and AI technology," Boyd added.

The books continue to solidify Boyd's reputation in the industry locally and nationally.

"Linda is the consummate educator and professional. Students would always look up to her," said Timothy R. Farley, DDS, who practices in Dublin.

Farley has known Boyd since dental school in 1985. "She'd bring DVC students to SF to be mentored by dental students for experience," he recalled.

"Along with now being my patient of 40 years, she's shared her journey of education and publishing through all the editions of her instrument book," Farley told me. "Her connections to our profession are deep. Most DA schools use her book, and it's probably the most thorough for those students both now and before."

"We have become mutual mentors and colleagues for such a long time. I'm fortunate to be in her circle of dental practitioners," he added.

With the ninth edition now available online, Boyd will soon be advancing on book promotion activities such as speaking engagements, appearances in college classrooms and social media posts. She's also beginning work to prepare for writing the 10th edition.

"Research entails going to seminars, dental meetings locally and beyond. Well, and of course the internet and podcasts," she said, noting that colleges want textbooks updated at least every three years and it takes about two years to write and edit her books from contract to publication.

"Teaching the next generation to have a career and a profession is a passion of mine," Boyd added. "This creates a solid lifestyle for this next generation to be self-sufficient in life. There is much self satisfaction in the dental profession to help patients. It brought me such joy and satisfaction to teach students all of the great things I have learned in this profession." ■

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Dan Ashton, a 102-year-old resident at the Stoneridge Creek Senior Living Community, reminisces on the time he spent marching with the Balloon Platoon marching group. Photo by Christian Trujano. Design by Kristin Brown. Vol. XXVII, Number 16

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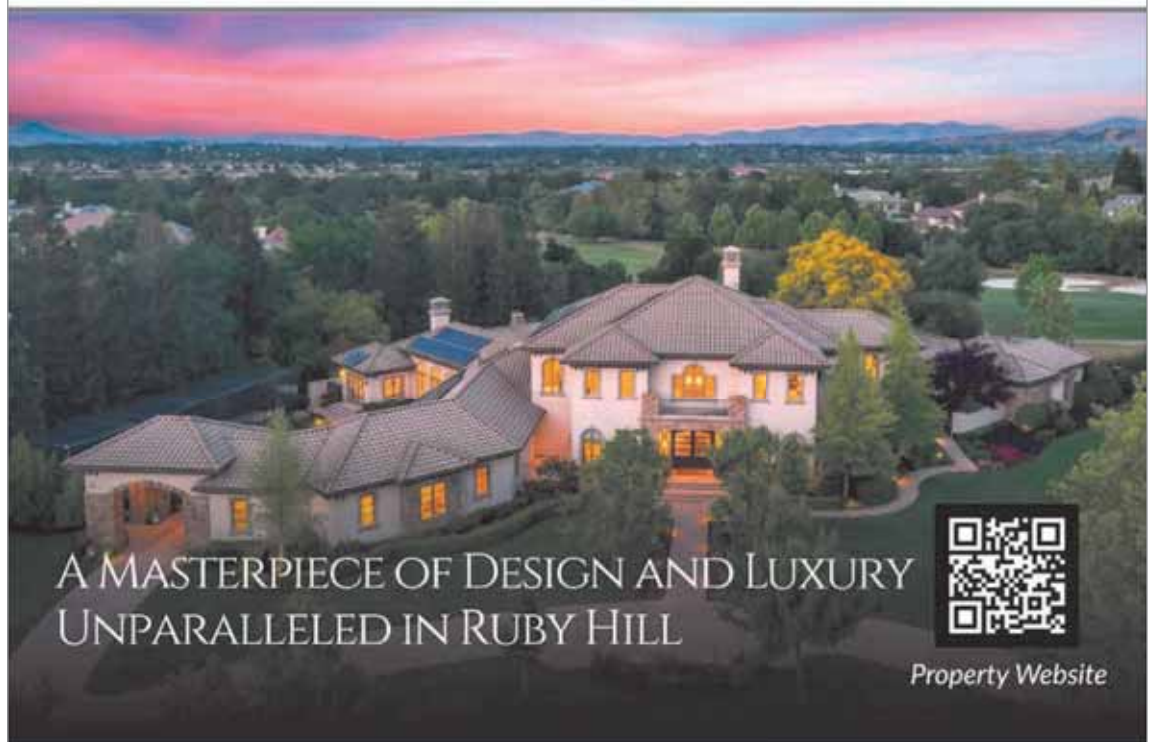
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Now that it's time to do some spring cleaning, are you planning to dispose of some belongings that you no longer use or need?



Bob Block
Retired

Oh yes. We're creating a new addition to our house, so that my wife and I can live entirely on our first floor, and the second story will be freed up for our children and grandchildren when they visit us. Of course this involves getting rid of a lot of things that have accumulated over the years, in our garage and elsewhere. We've scheduled a truck to come by Friday to haul it away.



Sue Block
Marriage and family therapist

Well, I've been encouraging my husband to get rid of a lot of stuff in our garage because it's just taking up space. I'm also trying to not notice what he's throwing away so that I'll be less likely to miss it once it's gone.



Augny Habib
Sales and leasing consultant

I'm planning to donate things and sell things I haven't used or looked at in the past year. For example, I have an endless closet of clothes I never wear anymore, and I want to empty that all out before I buy any new clothes.



Christina Rice, with Bear
Realtor

I constantly purge, all year long, but especially during the spring, and I donate as much as I can to The Discovery Shop on Santa Rita Road, which supports the American Cancer Society. I much prefer to donate to a good cause rather than to throw away perfectly good, useful items because I know that somebody out there will experience some real joy from my belongings.



Tom Ott
Retired

My wife is actually the one who does all of the purging in our house. In fact, it's for exactly that reason that I never sit around in one place for too long. If I do, I might find myself in a recycling bin or a donation pile. I need to keep moving.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

LLNL to conduct prescribed burn

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will be conducting its annual prescribed burns at its Site 300 Experimental Test Site, which is located south of Tracy, starting Monday.

Alameda County Fire Department will help carry out the burns, which are part of LLNL's "ongoing efforts to reduce wildfire risk and maintain safe conditions at the site."

"This protective activity will involve careful burning along the site fence line and in portions of the site interior under controlled conditions," according to an LLNL press release. "The burn schedule will depend on appropriate weather conditions, which are confirmed by air district meteorologists on each day of a planned burn."

According to the laboratory, the burns could also take place on weekends if conditions allow.

AVHS music fundraiser

Amador Valley High School's music booster organization, Amador Friends of Music, will be hosting its 11th annual Pancake Breakfast this Saturday (May 16) at the school.

From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., event participants will be able to enjoy live performances from students, a pancake breakfast prepared by parent volunteers, and an opportunity to support the school's various music programs by purchasing online auction items and raffle tickets. Other donation opportunities will also be available.

"Bandcake is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and a special community event celebrating the students in our music programs," Kathleen Leung, vice president of fundraising for Amador Friends of Music, told the Weekly.

Junie B. Jones musical

Junie B. Jones, the sassy and adventurous kindergartner-turned-first-grader, will be coming to life next week at Livermore's Bankhead Theater as part of the Christian Youth Theater (CYT) Tri-Valley's latest production; "Junie B. Jones The Musical Jr."

The character is based on a children's book series from the 90s written by author Barbara Park.

CYT Tri-Valley, the resident children's theater company at the Livermore venue, will be putting on three showings on Tuesday (May 19) — the first at 10 a.m., the next at 12:30 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m. — and two showings on Wednesday (May 20). The Wednesday shows are at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.livermorearts.org. ■

City Council expresses support for new police union contract

Agreement includes multi-year salary increases, longevity pay and premium incentives; formal approval vote set for May 19

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton City Council voiced its initial support last Tuesday for the city's newest labor contract with the Pleasanton Police Officers' Association, which includes salary increases and other pay incentives.

Following last week's public hearing, the council will return on May 19 to formally vote and approve the agreement, as dictated by the city's two-step process on approving labor contracts.

"Thank you for the hard work,

professionalism that you do every day, 24/7 for our community," Mayor Jack Balch told Pleasanton police officers during the May 5 council meeting.

According to Xaviera Scoggins, director of Human Resources and Labor Relations, the city engaged in five negotiation meetings with the PPOA, which represents 74 law enforcement employees including 61 officers and 13 sergeants, before reaching a tentative agreement for a successor memorandum of understanding (MOU) on April 15.

The current MOU expires May 31.

According to Scoggins, if approved at the May 19 council meeting, the new MOU will cover PPOA members from June 1 to May 31, 2029.

One of the key elements of the tentatively agreed upon contract includes salary increases for PPOA members. If approved, the salary ranges will be increased by 3% this June, 3.5% next year and 4% by June 2028.

PPOA members will also receive

a 2% longevity pay this year, if they've served eight years on the force, and a 4% longevity pay if they've served a total of 12 years. Two years from now, on July 1, 2028, officers with eight years of service will receive another 3% increase while those with 12 years of experience will receive another 6% increase.

Scoggins said the longevity pay will replace the current MOU's 2% master officer pay.

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CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Oyo Restaurant owner and chef Maurice Dissels took over the former Gilman Brewing Company brewery and converted it to a British pub called Union Jack Lounge and Kitchen.

British-style pub opens in downtown Pleasanton

New restaurant pays homage to shuttered Union Jack bar formerly located across the street

By Christian Trujano

Oyo restaurant's owner and head chef Maurice Dissels is bringing the British side of his Guyanese culture to the Tri-Valley with his newest restaurant: Union Jack Lounge and Kitchen.

Modeled after authentic British pubs, the downtown Pleasanton restaurant offers traditional British cuisine like fish and chips, pies (that he's still developing) and a sticky toffee pudding recipe inspired by Dissel's grandma — which he said could go viral.

"I was able to come up with one that I thought 'yeah, this one transports me back enough to my childhood,'" the restaurateur told the Weekly.

While his other downtown restaurant Oyo offers South American cuisine, Dissels said this new business venture came mostly out of the blue as he previously had no intentions or even ambitions of opening a British pub in Pleasanton.

"It was predicated largely on the location," Dissels said.

He said he had befriended the

owners of the Gilman Brewing Company — which was the previous business that occupied the space at 706 Main St. — and over time he had worked with the brewery on creating a menu for them based on the food he served at Oyo.

But as time went on, Dissels said the brewery's owners "weren't committed to the space" and that they wanted to sell.

"When we had an opportunity to acquire the locations we

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City, Zone 7 joint groundwater wells project moves forward

Pleasanton staff to work with water agency on draft agreement to be presented for approval

By Christian Trujano

It's been almost four years since the city of Pleasanton began its search for a new groundwater supply after finding PFAS chemicals, also known as forever chemicals, in several of its groundwater wells.

Now, following the April 21 City Council meeting, the city is one step closer to restoring its long-term local water supply thanks to the council's unanimous vote to move forward with a joint groundwater supply project with the Zone 7 Water Agency.

"I do believe a diversified water supply and portfolio helps all of us in this valley," Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch said during last month's meeting. "From my perspective, we gain a partner with Zone 7's groundwater knowledge and expertise to help us provide the 3,500 acre-feet, unlocking that lower rate for potential future water rate conversations with our community and that will go a long way to improve

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Wahab doubles down on proposed discretionary spending bill during virtual town hall

State senator seeks to clarify alleged misinformation on county transparency bill amid outcry from board of supervisors

By JEANITA LYMAN

State Sen. Aisha Wahab's day-to-day work in her current post has dovetailed with an increasingly fierce campaign for the congressional seat vacated by former Rep. Eric Swalwell in recent weeks as Tri-Valley officials and nonprofits blast a proposed bill that would require additional transparency and oversight of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' discretionary spending practices.

The bill in question is SB 1193, described by Wahab as a transparency bill that Alameda County desperately needs in a recent town hall. However, in a letter by District 1 Supervisor David Haubert, the bill is deemed as "not necessary" and "political payback and retribution" to the board for not endorsing her congressional run.

The bill is specifically aimed at increasing transparency and regulation around the board of supervisors' use of discretionary funds, which is the money leftover in each district's account at the end of each fiscal year that can be carried over for spending on grants and services that benefit the public good at each supervisors' discretion in the following year, known as the Fiscal Management Reserve Program (FMRP).

Under the legislation first proposed by Wahab earlier this year, Alameda County would become subject to the same regulations currently in place for Orange County, which requires that county's board of supervisors to maintain a log of discretionary spending available online, prohibits the use of those funds by supervisors within 90 days of elections in which they're on the

ballot, and requires majority approval by the board for any use of discretionary funds.

Although the bill was first introduced in February, scrutiny from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors picked up last month, with Haubert hosting a press conference and issuing a series of statements against the measure and the board voting unanimously at its April 21 meeting to oppose the bill. But the state senate committee in which it advanced through a second hearing on April 29 felt differently with its unanimous vote.

The debate was ongoing as of last week, with Haubert issuing an additional public letter May 6 and Wahab taking to Zoom for a virtual town hall event May 7 aimed at clarifying what she described as misinformation from the board of supervisors and other opponents.

"This bill is not necessary, and that's why the Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to stand up for our community partners and oppose SB1193," Haubert wrote.

"The writing of this bill begs many more questions," he continued. "Why would Senator Wahab single out and attack Alameda County alone and not include other counties? Why would Wahab include restrictions only during an election cycle? Why would Wahab accuse the Board of Supervisors of operating 'slush funds'? Why would Wahab propose rules for county boards and not hold herself



Aisha Wahab

accountable to the same? Lastly, don't she and her colleagues in Sacramento have much better things to do than this?"

With the exception of the last two, Wahab sought to answer those questions and others that were raised by attendees at her virtual town hall discussion last week and debunk what she described as "misinformation to the public and nonprofits, with a lot of fear-mongering and scare tactics and extremist language."

On Haubert's first point, Wahab noted that her district represents portions of both Alameda County and Santa Clara County, emphasized that she is a current resident of the county and grew up in its foster care system, and pointed to what she described as unique situations and challenges it faces as the fifth wealthiest, seventh largest and most taxed county in the state.

"Alameda County is wealthy, highly educated, and has a large tax base," Wahab said. "But the outcomes are uneven...the county performs well on income, educational attainment, but it faces severe affordability and homelessness pressures, as well as documented failures in child welfare."

The latter is something Wahab said she sought to address by requesting a state controller's audit in 2024, which found that the county's department of children and family services failed to properly document and address a number of complaints alleging child abuse and neglect in the foster care system.

"The question really is whether a county with this level of tax base and public spending is delivering the level of transparency, urgency, and measurable results residents

deserve," Wahab said.

Among the findings in the audit report released this year was that the county failed to ensure that foster youth receive necessary services in a timely manner due to a lack of documentation and tracking on the services provided by contractors and inter-agency partners. Wahab said she started a task force aimed at addressing those findings last year, in which some of the concerns she is seeking to address with the proposed senate bill came to light.

"One of the things that we wanted to address is also some of the concerns through SB 1193 in multiple different conversations," Wahab said.

Without SB 1193 in place, Wahab said there are no laws requiring supervisors to prove the public good that their discretionary funding is meant to bolster, "no performance standards, no enforceable and competitive contracts."

"Some of it sidesteps competitive contracts and RFP process," Wahab said. "In our audit, we learned that there's no true whistleblower hotline, or documentation, or website or anything like that. We also have disputes about whether there is an ombudsman for youth and some of the other services."

Concerns about the county's discretionary spending practices stem back even further, Wahab noted, with a 2017 grand jury report raising alarm bells on the practice after former District 5 Supervisor Keith — made a \$300,000 grant to a nonprofit that he and his chief-of-staff, Elaine Brown had founded.

Neither — nor Brown were found guilty of any wrongdoing, and there is no record that any of that funding enriched them personally or

went to anything beyond the organization's scope of building the affordable housing Black Panther project with retail space to accommodate local businesses run by formerly incarcerated and otherwise socio-economically disadvantaged owners.

The West Oakland project debuted last year, following years of community and financial support from a range of sources.

Nonetheless, the grand jury's investigation into the eye-catching six figure grant raised concerns about the county's discretionary spending practices, and yielded two recommendations: That the board establish a policy prohibiting its members from hiring or directing staff members to form or take a management position at a nonprofit, and that it establish a \$25,000 cap for any one organization in a single fiscal year while ensuring that the county's procurement policies and procedures are strictly followed.

Although a spokesperson for Haubert's office said that the county had since "implemented all the safeguards suggested in the Grand Jury findings," he confirmed that the county had rejected the latter of the report's two recommendations.

The county's response at the time was that the spending cap was not "warranted or reasonable," and that it would instead "conduct further analysis to institute accountability measures to ensure FMR grants are used for legitimate public purposes."

But those and other measures in the nine years since the grand jury report have not been sufficient according to Wahab, who pointed

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Micro food hall proposed for downtown Livermore

Ayana Retail Inc. aspires to open The Storehouse fall 2026 at former Pennyweight Craft Brewing location

By JUDE STRZEMP

Commercial real estate agency from Pleasant Hill is aiming to open a micro food hall and retail center downtown Livermore this fall.

Proposed for the former site of Pennyweight Craft Brewing at 2455 Railroad Ave., Ayana Retail Inc. intends for its new venture dubbed, The Storehouse — New Provisions, to have indoor and outdoor vendors, pop-ups and open seating with family-friendly areas.

In addition to the site's use as a food hall, The Storehouse concept is meant to serve as a social gathering space with live music and community events, Ayana Principal Steve Mesita told Livermore Vine via email.

Project entitlements are currently under review by city staff, according to Livermore spokesperson Sonia Lee.

"More than anything, we want it to be a place people come back to often, whether it's a quick stop or something more social," Mesita said.

The team at Ayana has always considered Livermore among the top locations for a venture like The Storehouse, according to the former Las Positas College student.

"It has that great mix of a strong local community, a lively downtown, and proximity to wineries, and so much going on," Mesita added. "We wanted to create something authentic to town that's new that builds on that energy."

Ayana is currently reviewing vendor applications, Mesita said.

"The goal is to put together a lineup that feels both unique and cohesive," he explained.

Locations for lease at the proposed food hall are listed on LoopNet, an online marketplace for commercial real estate.

According to the listing, Ayana is seeking tenants for 6,600 square feet of space including restaurants, breweries and tap houses, craft cocktail establishments and boutique retailers.

Following planning approval of the project, the applicant must apply for building permits, Lee said. Draft project plans are available for viewing at Livermore City Hall. ■



JEREMY WALSH

Pleasant Hill-based Ayana Retail Inc. aims to refashion the site of now-shuttered Pennyweight Craft Brewing in Livermore into a micro-food hall dubbed The Storehouse — New Provisions.

Vintage Hills Elementary principal retiring at end of academic year

Stothers cites spending more time with family among reasons for ending 36-year career in education

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Vintage Hills Elementary School Principal Carole Stothers recently announced she will be retiring at the end of the current school year, which comes to a close in just over two weeks.

A longtime educator and Pleasanton resident, Stothers told the Vintage Hills community she appreciates being able to end her 36-year career in education in a city she has called home for so long.

"It has been a special gift to have the opportunity to finish my career in Pleasanton, where I have lived for nearly 30 years and where my children attended kindergarten through 12th grade," Stothers said in a May 1 announcement. "Serving this community has been one of the greatest honors of my career."

Stothers marks the second top school administrator to announce their plans to leave the Pleasanton Unified School District at the end of the academic year. Last month, Hart Middle School Principal Caroline Fields also shared she will be retiring.

"We are grateful for Principal Stothers' dedicated service to PUSD and public education," Susanne Frey, PUSD's safety and communications coordinator said on behalf of the district.

"As an administrator, she has made a lasting impact on students, staff, and families through her caring leadership and commitment to



Carole Stothers

fostering an inclusive and high-achieving school environment," Frey added. "We appreciate her contributions to the Pleasanton school community and wish her all the best in retirement and this exciting next chapter with her family."

Stothers first entered the education field in 1990 when she received her teaching credentials. She went on to work as a reading specialist and as an instructional coach for intervention before serving three years as assistant principal at Donlon Elementary School.

In 2022, the district selected her to become Vintage Hills' principal following the departure of former principal Michael O'Brien.

Stothers said she appreciated the connections she has made and the support she has seen from her staff and from the students and their

families over the last four years.

"I am incredibly proud of the caring, inclusive, and high-achieving school environment we have built together," she said in her announcement.

She cited being with her family among the reasons for her departure.

"While this was not an easy decision, I am excited to spend more time with my family which includes, as many of you know, seven grandchildren that seem to be growing up awfully fast and embracing this next chapter," Stothers said.

Meanwhile, the district already posted the soon-to-be open position for the 2026-27 school year on EDJOIN, which is where educational institutions typically post

their job offerings. According to the listing, the job was posted on May 5 and the deadline to apply was Monday (May 11).

"We will share an update once a new hire has been made," Frey said.

Stothers said as part of the recruitment, there will be "opportunities for staff and family input as part of that process."

"I am confident that the school will continue to grow and thrive with the strong foundation that is in place," Stothers said at the end of her statement.

"Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and for allowing me to be part of your children's educational journey," she added. "Vintage Hills will always hold a special place in my heart." ■

WAHAB

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to SB 1193 as a way of providing "basic transparency" and nothing more.

"This bill does not eliminate or prohibit any discretionary funding," Wahab said. "It does not provide a cap. It does none of the sort. It requires that awards be publicly voted on and posted online. Nonprofits currently receiving funds in good faith will continue to receive that right."

While the bill aims to address concerns with Alameda County in particular, Wahab noted that it is not the only county to be subject to similar safeguards and transparency requirements for its supervisors' discretionary spending, nor the only one to face the prospect of those requirements being imposed by the state.

"Other counties responsibly choose to put in on their own, and there are counties, for example like the Orange County case, where some supervisor was actually locked up, and the legislature acted when the county refused to do the right thing," Wahab said. "And so we are, again, very much going to be working on this bill continuously to ensure that we are protecting nonprofits and supporting the work that they do, as well as other organizations in the county."

If the bill is passed, Wahab said that the major change would be to shift FMDR spending items from the board of supervisors' consent calendar — which requires a 4/5 vote by the board in order to pass, but in which items are typically passed with a package of others considered routine in nature — to its regular agenda, allowing for discussion and public comments ahead of a vote on each item.

Regarding concerns that this could drastically increase the length

of board meetings, Wahab noted that "a county board of supervisor is a full-time job," in contrast with some smaller city councils and other governing bodies in which electeds are able to maintain full time jobs outside of their positions.

"In 2025, Alameda County's regular full board meeting averaged about three hours and 21 minutes," Wahab said. "So roughly by noon to 1 PM, they are done. If you have a handful of awards that are going to be voted on, it does not take that much time to just again, be very transparent, highlight what the public good is, how much the award dollars are, and which organization is getting it and why."

According to Wahab, the bill was introduced after she had failed to garner responses or engagement from the county over the findings of the state audit report released last year — and to that end, it's already had its desired effect to some extent by opening dialogue.

"They didn't engage even 30 days after the audit was released," Wahab said. "They only engaged and inquired when I said that we're going to do a press conference on the findings. That is deeply disappointing when we know that children's lives are on the line. However, when this bill was introduced ... in February of this year, that is when everyone has gotten up in arms."

Haubert had a different take on the timing of the bill amid Wahab's bid for Swalwell's former congressional seat in a crowded race.

"This bill isn't about transparency," Haubert said. "It's about political payback and retribution because most of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors refused to endorse her for Congress and, instead, endorsed her main opponent, Melissa Hernandez. Wahab is abusing her political power for personal political gain, and she is willing to risk much needed grant

funding to worthy community organizations to do it."

While Haubert alleges that the bill would impose "restrictions and barriers" to the county's ability to fund community based organizations that rely on its funding, Wahab said that other organizations have also expressed frustration with the current system.

"The fact of the matter is that nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, employees, and many other groups have concerns regarding the fairness of funding — the actual funding, and the process where some nonprofits, especially those that are not politically connected or affluent in themselves, can't actually seek a lot of this funding," Wahab said. "There's a fear of retaliation through funding or not funding."

Haubert's chief of staff Shawn Wilson said Tuesday that the office's concerns still stand following Wahab's town hall.

"We stand pretty committed to our belief that this bill is targeting Alameda County and putting the most vulnerable at risk," Wilson said. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Watching the whales off Maui: Carol Ovalle and husband Steve Cownie went on many whale watch trips from various areas around Kaanapali to Lahaina harbor during their vacation in Maui. "The whales didn't disappoint!" Carol told the Weekly.

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San Ramon couple opens boutique winery in Livermore Valley

Shanti Winery & Event Center aims to provide harmonious experience that feels like home through tastings, activities

By JUDE STRZEMP

Peace. Harmony. Joy. Rooted in this motto is Shanti Winery & Event Center, introduced to the Livermore Valley by longtime Tri-Valley residents Ray and Dimple Sharma.

The woman- and minority-owned winery offers tastings and events at its eight-acre estate located at 5443 Tesla Road.

It is here that the San Ramon couple also grows over 5.5 acres of planted vines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese and Barbera, according to a statement from the winery. They use a mixture of

the estate grapes and those from Livermore, Napa and Sonoma to create their wines.

All the while, the Sharmas aim to stay true to the winery's namesake, which is Hindi and Sanskrit for "peace."

"They don't have to feel that they're just going for a tasting and then walking out quickly, without any experience," Dimple Sharma told Livermore Vine. "We want people to feel at home when they come here and they should be able to ask a question regarding the wines."

The seeds of the Sharma's venture took root over a decade ago with day

trips to Napa — visits they scheduled as relaxation time while raising their kids in the Tri-Valley.

"We fell in love with the boutique wineries there," Ray Sharma told Livermore Vine.

The environment at the wineries was personable and family-oriented, Dimple Sharma explained.

Inspired by their experience at the boutique wineries, the couple decided to try their hand at ownership.

In 2012, the Sharmas opened their first tasting room in Napa — later let go during downsizing — and launched their inaugural vintage.

Dimple Sharma brings to

winemaking her academic background in biology and chemistry. Ray Sharma applies to Shanti his experience in business and operations, according to the statement.

At the time of opening their first tasting room, Ray and Dimple Sharma had not yet explored the Livermore Valley wine region.

But upon seeing business growth near home and exploring the Livermore area, the Sharmas purchased the current site of Shanti during 2024, according to the statement.

"We fell in love with Livermore," Dimple Sharma said.

The city stood out not just as a

location for a winery, but also as a place for the couple's eventual retirement, she explained.

The Sharmas celebrated an unofficial opening of their business with friends last October and by mid-December, with Shanti staffed up, the couple officially launched their new site in Livermore.

Shanti currently serves complimentary snacks during wine tastings with the goal of offering additional food options in the future.

"People can go have a conversation, meet their friends, have a glass of wine or do a tasting and enjoy their day," Ray Sharma said of Shanti. ■

WELLS

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the stability of the supply for the whole valley."

This decision comes after months of analysis on whether the two agencies should work together on this project or not.

"At Zone 7 we'd be looking forward to partnering with Pleasanton on this," Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor said. "We really think that a joint project is a win-win for Pleasanton and the entire community."

For decades, the city's local groundwater supplied roughly 20% to 30% of Pleasanton's annual water demand. This translated to about 3,500 acre-feet of water per year, according to the city.

However, Pleasanton was forced to shut down three of its local groundwater wells between 2019 and 2022 after staff discovered the synthetic forever chemicals in the groundwater. Since then, the city has had to purchase 100% of its wholesale water from Zone 7.

"This shift increased water supply and distribution costs, contributed to higher water rates, and raised concerns about long-term reliability and drought resilience," the city stated in an April 23 press release.

In response to the PFAS detection, the council originally approved the start of a PFAS treatment and wells rehabilitation project in 2020 but later suspended the project

in 2022 due to escalating costs. That same year, the council approved the start of a Water Supply Alternatives Study, which analyzed multiple options for the city, including the development of new groundwater wells.

The study ultimately identified the development of the new groundwater wells in Pleasanton as the most "economical and reliable long-term path forward," according to the city. Zone 7 also expressed interest in new groundwater wells in the basin to help expand its groundwater sources for drought conditions.

Eventually, in June 2024, the water agency entered into an agreement with the city to conduct a joint feasibility study to evaluate the new groundwater wells in the subbasin. That study, which was completed in December 2025, found the project is viable and identified Tennis Park and Hansen Park as feasible locations for new wells.

As the city began developing the draft terms for a joint project with Zone 7, the city also performed a cost-benefit analysis of the joint project versus a project solely led by the city. The results of that analysis showed the joint project with Zone 7 is the "most cost-effective and advantageous path forward."

"The analysis found that annualized costs for the joint project were lower than those of the alternatives and that capital costs were consistent with the assumptions in the City's 2025 Water Rate Study," an

April 23 press release states.

"At approximately \$27 million, the joint project is significantly less than the estimated \$65 million it would cost, in today's dollars, to rehabilitate the City's existing wells and construct PFAS treatment facilities," the press release further states. "In addition, the project builds on the City's longstanding partnership with Zone 7 and reflects both agencies' shared commitment to delivering reliable, high-quality water service across the region."

The next step is for staff to work with Zone 7 on drafting the agreement that will oversee how the project will be designed, constructed and operated. Last month's vote also solidified the city's position that it will solely pursue the groundwater wells project and not any of the other alternatives.

However, there were still some issues that the council wanted to address during last month's meeting.

Councilmember Julie Testa addressed concerns the city has heard about potentially pulling the PFAS plume and asked staff for reassurance that will not happen.

Utilities planning manager Todd Yamello said as part of the feasibility study, Zone 7 and the city drilled wells and did water quality and yielding testing. He said Zone 7 then took that information and utilized its groundwater model for evaluation.

"They felt that it did not impact the groundwater sustainability and

their results of their model did not show — over I think it was a 20 year span of operations — of the plume moving into the vicinity of these wells," Yamello said.

Councilmember Craig Eicher also noted how, based on past conversations, even if PFAS is detected, treatment is still an option. He confirmed the cost and implementation of that treatment would also be shared between the city and Zone 7.

Testa also raised the concern of letting go of the city's control over its water supply because, as outlined in the key draft terms of the joint project, Zone 7 would be the lead agency overseeing the design, construction and operation of the new well facilities.

"The joint project is very appealing. It is, I think, really reassuring to have the expertise of Zone 7 working with us on this," Testa said. "But to not have as much control over our water, that is something that's hard to let go of. It's something that I always heard from our predecessors; how important it was to retain the independence in that 20% to 30% of our water."

Yamello said that regarding the city's share of responsibilities city staff will have some oversight but added that Zone 7 will be the main owner and operator of these facilities.

"Where we come into play with that is more of a financial obligation," Yamello said. "So if improvements do need to be made, we will have to pay our fair share of that."

One positive note that Balch pointed out was how the new water source in the city gives Pleasanton the opportunity to have different conversations about future water rates.

"That fundamentally may allow us to have a different conversation with water rates, when we get to that again in a certain number of years," Balch said.

Vice Mayor Matt Gaidos said he also supported moving forward on the project alongside Zone 7 but noted that he wants to see and discuss the details of the agreement between the two before any final action is taken. Gaidos elaborated how he just doesn't want to end up in a situation where PFAS chemicals are discovered in those new wells and the onus to address that falls to the city.

"I will not support in the future an agreement that would put us in that position," Gaidos said. "Because Zone 7 has very many places to get their water from ... and if they wanted to simply say we don't need the water from these wells, it would be very, very easy for them to do that, but it would not be easy for us to do that after committing the capital and going all in on these things."

The forthcoming draft agreement to be developed by city staff and Zone 7 officials regarding design, construction and operation of the new facility will go before the Zone 7 Board of Directors and the Pleasanton City Council for approval at a later date. ■

PUB

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immediately set out to get a name, a concept and then everything just aligned," Dissels said.

After finalizing the purchase in January, he was able to launch Union Jack Lounge and Kitchen.

Dissels said he went with a British pub concept because he wanted to go back to his British roots being from Guyana, which was a British colony until 1966. He grew up eating a lot of British cuisine prepared

by his grandmother and he wanted to bring some of that food to the Tri-Valley.

"It came natural to me so we thought lets just put a British pub in there," he said.

He even went as far as travelling to London for 10 days in February to further immerse himself in the culture and bring some inspiration back to his new business venture.

As far as the name goes, Dissels said he wanted to give a nod to the old Union Jack pub, which was located in front of his pub on

725 Main St. before it shuttered in 2005.

Since the purchase, Dissels said he and his team have mainly been redecorating, finalizing the menu and, more importantly, slowly working out the kinks of service and building connections with new customers.

He said that's one of the main reasons why they haven't been as vocal about their opening and why they are still technically in the soft opening phase, even as more and more new customers pay them a visit.

"It gives us time to get familiar with the flow and train our staff and connect to the community and the guests who are coming in a more meaningful way as opposed to some grand opening," Dissels said.

Eventually, he said he's open to having a grand opening ceremony, ribbon cutting and full roll out of the new restaurant. But for now, Dissels said what's important is interacting with every table that comes in, getting feedback from guests and building those relationships.

Currently, the restaurant is open from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and from 4 to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Dissels noted that he is working toward extending their hours on the weekends and opening at noon so they can implement new things on the menu, like a full English breakfast. He said they are already doing a Sunday roast, which is another traditional British breakfast, but he wants to start serving those dishes earlier and on Saturdays as well. ■

National Day of Prayer brings messages of hope

Faith leaders convene at county fairgrounds for seventh annual event

By TIM HUNT

Leaders from a variety of Tri-Valley faith groups gathered last Thursday to celebrate the National Day of Prayer at the Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheater.

The tightly organized May 7 program — developed by the staff of Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert with the help of his Interfaith Council chaired by chaplain Ken Wolters and staffer Gloria Gregory — was observed for the seventh time. Haubert, however, was not in attendance this year due to a prior commitment.

As in past years, each faith leader was invited to offer a three-minute prayer for the nation and its leaders at various levels. For some, that involved their traditional worship garments and chants or singing.

In each instance, a colleague accompanied the speaker and translated so the crowd estimated at



Sri Vidya and Rani Mukkamala of Sri Sai Hindu Temple in Livermore speak during National Day of Prayer.

300 could follow along. That was particularly true for the Tri-Valley Sikh Center where Parvinder Singh Thapar and Baani Singh spoke on stage while 20 or more orange turban-clad colleagues joined in from the audience.

In addition to the prayer messages, organizers invited the choir from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to sing patriotic hymns in honor of the United State's 250th anniversary this summer.

This Sunday, a special National

Day of Prayer commemorating the first day of prayer called by the Continental Congress in 1776, will be held on the National Mall in Washington D.C. It is free to attend and will be televised and streamed.

Cpt. Terri Sykes, the chaplain at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin, opened the prayers, reminding people, "...Let them lead as servants, more concerned for their character than their reputation. For citizens, remind them liberty is not merely a gift, it is an achievement. Lord, with their freedom encourage them that there is a difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do."

Martin Aguilar, the Cornerstone pastor to its Hispanic congregation, said, "Today we declare that our hope is not in the government or in riches, but in Jesus Christ alone, for only in Jesus is there forgiveness of sins, salvations and eternal life." He offered the same prayer in Spanish, as well.

Speaking in her native language, Hindu temple leaders prayed an ancient blessing following in the tradition of sages from many centuries, "May all the people be well and protected. May the rulers of the earth govern with justice and righteousness. May all beings and all of nature be eternally blessed."

Ustadh Feradidoon Mojadedi from the Muslim Community Center in Pleasanton, put prayer into perspective, saying, "The great poet asked: Have you ever wondered why you pray? Who inspires you to pray?" And he said, "When God wants to answer your prayer. He actually inspired you to pray so he can answer it."

After the 12 prayers were concluded with tight remarks by Rabbi Raleigh Resnick of Chabad Of The Tri Valley who lifted his hands to the sky, saying when faced with problems or battles, Jews always looked up and reached up to God. ■

Street Fest returns to downtown Livermore this weekend

Over 200 vendors, live entertainment, alcohol services planned for annual community festival

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Downtown Street Fest is scheduled to make its annual return to the city this weekend with two days of live music, hundreds of vendors, a kid zone and tasting lounges for wine and beer.

In addition to the usual lineup of activities, host organization Livermore Downtown Inc. has

introduced to this year's festival more arts and craft vendors as well as local makers, LDI executive director Kara Klotchman told Livermore Vine via email.

"Whether you're here for the live music, local flavors, unique finds, or vibrant community atmosphere, there's something for everyone at Downtown Street Fest!" LDI officials wrote last week on social media.

The festival is set to feature music and drink combos at the Bankhead Plaza and Stockmen's Park, each with its own entertainment and lounge for beer and wine.

Breweries and wineries featured at the Bankhead Plaza will include Headyworks Brewing, Rivers End Brewing Company, Arroyo Cellars, McGrail Vineyards & Winery, Sakura Winery and Omega Road Winery, according to the LDI website.

Stockmen's Park will feature Del Cielo Brewing Co., Altamont Beer Works, Charles R Vineyards, Cuda Ridge Wines, Steven Kent Winery, Wood Family Vineyards, JMC Cellars and New Vintage Beverage.

Between the two venues, attendees can listen to 14 bands throughout the weekend such as the RJAЕ HAAS Band, The Groove Doctors, Crawdad Republic, Ruff Stock, Pacific Vibration and the Country Cougars.

Across from the Bankhead Plaza, a food court is planned for McLeod Street between First Street and Second Street.

Attendees can also expect to find over 200 vendors set up along First Street from L Street to Maple Street as well as S. Livermore Avenue from Railroad Avenue to Second Street.

"LDI hosts this annual event to help drive foot traffic and tourism to the downtown and city," Klotchman said.

The festival also marks LDI's largest fundraiser of the year, she added.

"The funds raised go right back into the program and are used

to help the economic vitality of Livermore Downtown in business services and local community give-back events," Klotchman explained.

The free festival is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday (May 16) and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday (May 17). Wine and beer services are ticketed and set for reduced hours, beginning one hour after the festival's opening and ending one hour ahead of its closure.

Free parking, including ADA spaces, will be open at Stockmen's Park, the 216 Maple St. Parking Structure, I Street Garage and L Street Garage, according to the Livermore Police Department.

During the festival, Wheels Bus will offer free rides on Rapid routes 10R and 30R.

Upcoming street closures include First Street from Maple

Street to L Street; S. Livermore Avenue from Railroad Avenue to Second Street; McLeod Street from First Street to Second Street; J Street from First Street to Second Street and K Street from First Street to Second Street.

Parking is prohibited in the event areas from 1 a.m. on Saturday to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Livermore Police volunteers plan to offer free child fingerprinting for parents to obtain a USB with their children's information. Police will not store the data, according to LPD.

The weekly farmers market is scheduled to take place as usual from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sunday on Second Street between J Street and L Street.

For more information, visit the LDI website at livermore downtown.com. ■



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DSRSD onboards new leadership

Jon Wunderlich named DSRSD assistant general manager; Jayden Sangha as finance director

BY JUDE STRZEMP
Dublin San Ramon Services District recently welcomed new faces to its senior management team.

Fresh to the district are its Assistant General Manager Jon Wunderlich and Finance Director Jayden Sangha.

They are tasked with helping run a district that provides potable water and recycled water to nearly 200,000 individuals in Dublin and the Dougherty Valley area as well as

wastewater services in the Tri-Valley.

Wunderlich and Sangha join the team amid the retirements of Administrative Services Director Michelle Gallardo and Interim Finance Director Ken Spray, according to a statement last month by DSRSD officials announcing the onboarding.

"I am excited to welcome both Jon Wunderlich and Jayden Sangha to DSRSD," the district General Manager Jan Lee said in a statement. "Their collective experience and dedication will be tremendous assets to the District."

Wunderlich comes to DSRSD with over 20 years of experience in public



Jon Wunderlich

sector finance and administration, most recently serving as the Director of Finance & Administration for the Alameda County Water District.

He has a master's in public policy and a bachelor's in economics from Brigham Young University.

As assistant general manager,



Jayden Sangha

Wunderlich will support Lee and oversee the district's finance and administrative services departments.

"Jon's extensive experience overseeing financial and administrative operations, deep understanding of utilities, and forward-thinking approach will help the District navigate the many challenges and opportunities ahead for our industry," Lee said in the statement.

Sangha joins DSRSD to lead its finance, accounting and utility billing customer service divisions.

Sangha also brings with him leadership experience in public finance, having worked most recently as Controller for the Santa Clara Valley

Transportation Authority, according to DSRSD officials.

As Controller, Sangha managed an operating budget of \$640 million and helped guide a multi-billion-dollar capital investment plan. Sangha has also worked in local government and utilities, district officials added.

He is equipped with a master's in business administration from San Francisco State University and a bachelor's in analytical finance from California State University, Stanislaus.

"Jayden's leadership will strengthen the District's long-term planning and support our commitment to providing reliable, cost-effective services to the community," Lee said. ■



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Alamo man who ran illegal car wash out of home arrested for drug possession

San Ramon Valley resident nabbed during traffic stop in Livermore last month

BY JEANITA LYMAN
An Alamo man who was previously found to have been running an illegal car detailing business out of his former home was recently busted by Livermore police for drug possession during a traffic stop for expired registration.

The Livermore Police Department announced its arrest of the 33-year-old Alamo man — who they said was found to be in possession of nearly 100 Adderall pills believed to be for sale — in an April 21 social media post.

As of Tuesday evening, no charges had yet been filed following the April 19 arrest and there was no

update from the department.

He has no previous criminal history in Contra Costa or Alameda County court records, but has been the subject of a homeowners association lawsuit and a failed appeal to the county in Contra Costa Superior Court over an illegal car detailing business that he was found to have been operating from his home.

The court ruled in favor of the HOA late last year, which filed suit against the resident and his relative in 2024 for failing to comply with county code enforcement mandates the previous year, after allegedly running the business illegally since 2017. That decision came shortly after a separate ruling in September rejecting an appeal from the property owners over the county's code enforcement notices.

The rulings put the two residents on the hook for more than \$50,000

between payments awarded to the HOA and fees levied by the county that were upheld by the court's rejection of the appeal. The ruling in the HOA lawsuit further forbade operating the business at the property, which went on the market last summer for the first time in more than 15 years.

According to both rulings, what was in question was not whether the business was being operated from the home in eastern Alamo but whether it was legally allowed to.

"The operation of the commercial business at the subject property resulted in the following conditions: the washing and detailing of client vehicles at the property; clients, customers, and/or their vehicles at the property; more than one business-related vehicle at the property; client vehicles occupying the required off-street parking; and increasing

neighborhood traffic and increasing water use and runoff beyond normal residential use," a county zoning administrator wrote in a 2023 notice to the property owners.

Although the resident contended that he was operating the business lawfully under a home business permit, and that it was only halted in order to prepare the property for sale, the court determined in November that the HOA was the prevailing party in that case "as it achieved the primary objective of this litigation—namely, to compel Defendants to cease operating their mobile detailing business."

However, trouble found him yet again as last month's arrest in Livermore appeared to point to a different illegal business endeavor, with "packaging consistent with sales" allegedly found alongside the pills during the search, according to LPD's post. ■

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Regarding longevity pay, Balch said it's not just a good element to have in the new contract; it also shows how committed the city is to keeping its officers for a long time.

"I think the longevity of our officers (is) something that our community understands is an asset and value to us," Balch said. "When our community ... knows the officers that are here, sees them regularly and builds trust and connections with them, we are able to have a community dialogue and that partnership matters."

"I think that advances our public trust and appreciation," Balch added.

Bilingual officers will receive \$100 per pay period upon completing a certification process for

this pay. Officers with shift hours between midnight and 6 a.m. will also receive a 3% increase starting this June and another 5% increase in 2028.

According to Scoggins, these new premium pays help address retention and recruitment and to "keep those competitive in the current labor market."

During Tuesday's public hearing, no one on the dais or anyone from the public had questions on the proposed contract or its key elements.

Everyone on the council voiced their gratitude for the city's collaboration with the PPOA to ratify a new contract in a timely manner. This was a sharp contrast to when the police union declared an impasse in negotiations when the current MOU was on the negotiation table three years ago.

"I also express my appreciation

to the PPOA for reflecting the professionalism that we desire all members to exhibit and which they do exhibit and making Pleasanton, hopefully, an employer of choice for officers," Council member Jeff Nibert said during the meeting.

Others on the dais also added their appreciation for city staff, including outgoing City Manager Gerry Beaudin, for their work in getting this contract tentatively agreed upon.

"I do want to express my gratitude for both (human resources) and for the PPOA for engaging in constructive negotiations and coming to a quick resolution on their contract ... and taking into consideration our financial objectives and some of the challenges that we have as we move forward," Council member Craig Eicher said during the meeting. ■

Seniors Living Well

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American ancestors

Pleasanton centenarian traces family roots back to the colonies

By Christian Trujano

As America approaches its 250th anniversary milestone, one Pleasanton senior has dedicated himself to more than just reflecting on his own century of life — he has meticulously traced his lineage back to before the Revolution, documenting a bloodline that has been interwoven with the United States since its very inception.

Dan Ashton is a World War II Navy veteran and retired chemical engineer who spent his life traveling across the U.S. and the world working in the paper manufacturing industry, doing charity work and, now, spending his days mostly writing funny columns for his fellow Stoneridge Creek retirement community neighbors.

But, not too long ago, he and his daughter took on the task of tracing their family history as far back to the beginning of America's history, building a family tree that he said goes as far back as the 1600s.

In an interview with the Pleasanton Weekly, 102-year-old Ashton said he wanted to do this not just to see the impact his family had on America's history, but to also preserve his own family history so that "we don't lose it".

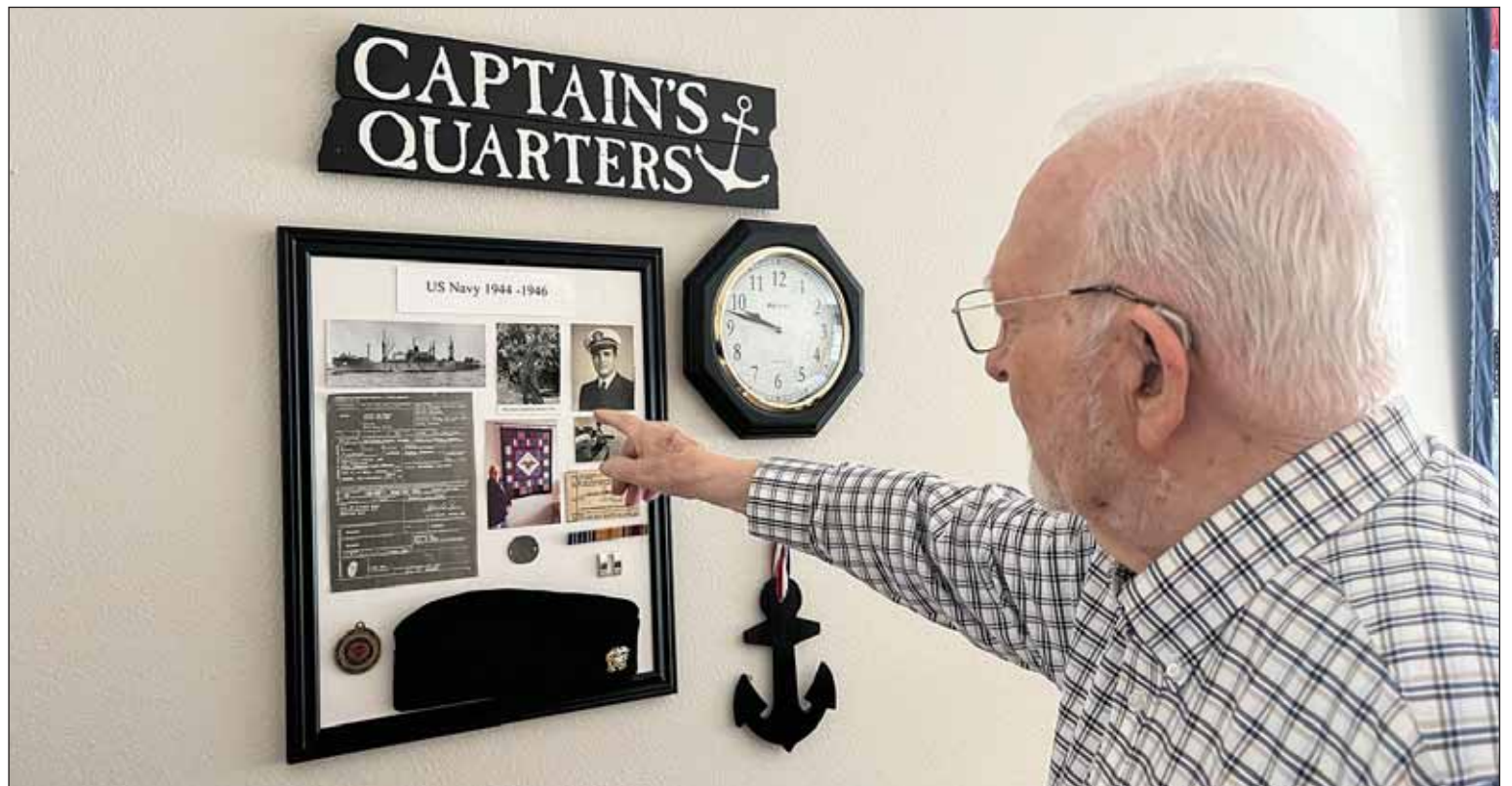
"So we can keep the family history alive," Ashton said.

Ashton grew up in a small town in Oregon. After high school, he said he got accepted into Oregon State University, which happened to be the same year the U.S. entered WWII.

Left without much choice, Ashton enlisted in the Navy and joined the Navy's V-12 Officer Training Program which, according to the Naval History and Heritage Command website, placed young service members like Ashton on active duty as apprentices while also allowing them to continue their college education.

As part of the program, he and some other V-12 students were transferred to the University of Oklahoma, marking Ashton's first of many moves across the country.

After completing the program and school, Ashton spent six months aboard a ship before finishing up his service. He said one of his main jobs



PHOTOS BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Stoneridge Creek resident Dan Ashton, 102, reflects back on his time serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II as well as his time at the University of Oklahoma and the many historical moments he's lived through.

in the Navy was bringing people back to the U.S. once they were discharged. "There were lots of them," Ashton said.

After his service, Ashton finished his education and immediately went into the workforce.

From working in the paper

manufacturing industry to doing some design and architecture work, Ashton's life took him from places like Louisiana, where he still remembers seeing the hardships of segregation, to the state of Washington

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LPD battles scams with community education

Awareness presentations intend to inform the public about how to avoid falling victim to fraud

By JUDE STRZEMP

A total of 770 fraud scams were reported to Livermore police from 2023 to 2025, with nearly half of them coming from people 58 years old and above, according to the department.

But the occurrence of scams, and their impact on seniors, is not unique to Livermore.

Over the past five years, the annual fraud-related loss reported by seniors nationwide has increased, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Most recently in 2025, self-reported losses by adults 60 years and above totaled about \$3.0 billion, up from about \$1.0 billion in 2021.

Amid the nationwide rise in reported losses, the Livermore Police Department created an ongoing series of presentations to inform the community on how to identify scams and prevent their victimization.

LPD hosted its first “large-scale” Scam Awareness presentation April 15 at the Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore, as introduced by Officer Tracy Meredith.

“There’s nothing more heart-breaking than to see a victim of

a scam, where they really thought they were doing something good, and it turns out that they’ve lost a lot of money,” LPD Chief Jeramy Young said as part of the event’s opening welcome. “And a lot of times, it’s the senior community that is targeted.”

“If we can prevent a victim, that’s a huge win,” Young added.

There are hundreds, if not thousands of types of scams, Officer Don Swanson explained during the presentation.

Before a crowd of over 100 attendees, Swanson displayed the names of many scams by category.

Email spoofing, fake wi-fi networks, bank investigator impersonations, kidnapping hoax calls, romance scams, ATM skimming — the names went on and on, fitting into the category of direct targeting or technology, government, business, finance and relationships.

Methods for verifying something’s authenticity, such as caller ID, can’t be trusted anymore because all that can be spoofed and changed, he explained.

“This is one of those crimes where we just can’t put a bunch of extra cops on the street to prevent this,”

Swanson said. “So it’s really all about education.”

Livermore Mayor John Marchand, a presentation attendee, agreed with Swanson on the importance of scam-related education.

“Information is power,” Marchand told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Among the event attendees hoping to learn about scam prevention was 71-year-old Livermore resident Lorrie Guerrios.

Guerrios said her identity has been stolen multiple times since 2001, including the theft of her money, Social Security number and driver’s license.

“I was hoping to get some information on how I can prevent this from happening again,” Guerrios said.

While having experienced a different type of scam, Susan O’Neill, 81, of Livermore, said she was attending the event out of fatigue for being swindled online.

“I get tired of changing my card,” O’Neill explained.

During the presentation, Swanson suggested that attendees watch out

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Officer Don Swanson presents at Livermore Police Department’s Scam Awareness presentation April 15 at Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore.

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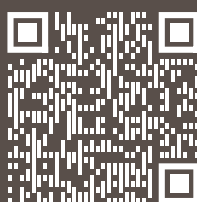
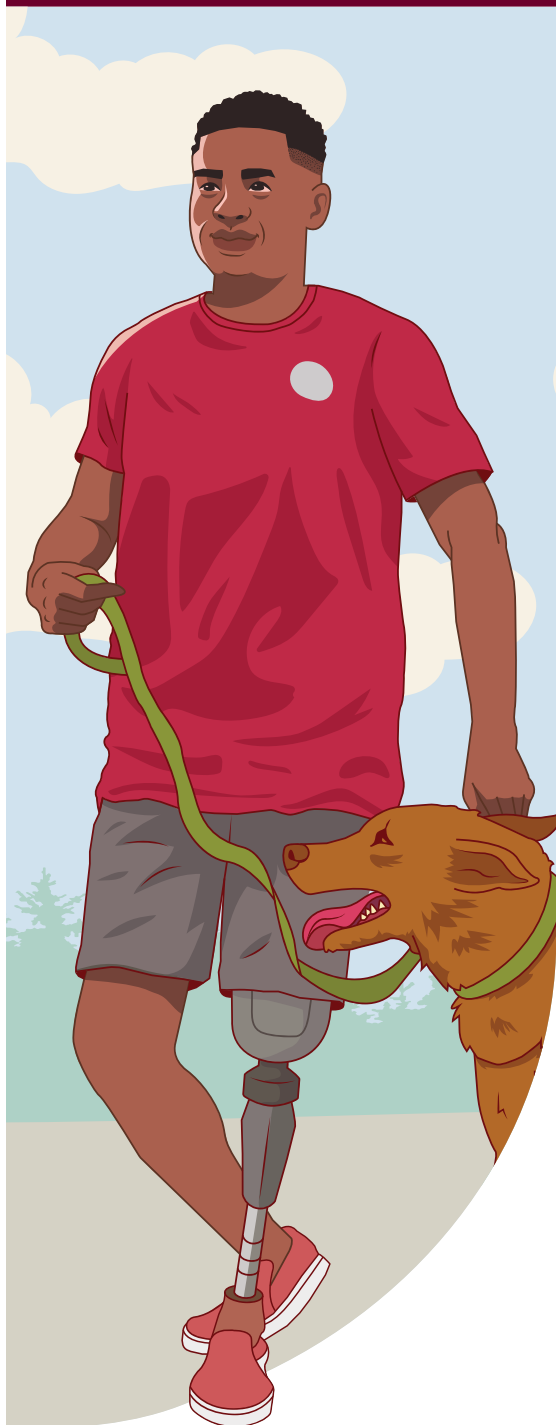
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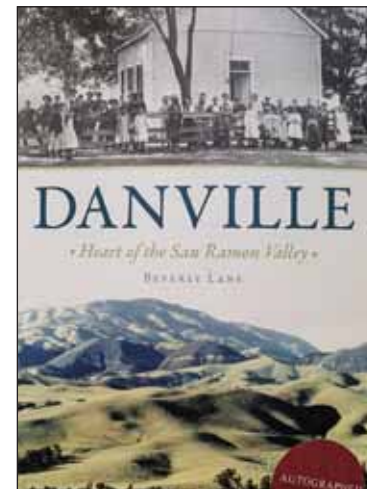
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A trip down Danville's memory lane

Latest book by Beverly Lane sheds light on town's evolution over the years



Above: The cover for Beverly Lane's latest book "Danville: Heart of the San Ramon Valley". (Contributed photo). Left: John May, Beverly Lane, Dick McNeely, Susanna Schlendorf and Doug Offenhartz are sworn in as the first members of the new Danville Town Council in 1982. (Image courtesy of Museum of the San Ramon Valley).

— all while exploring and educating the public about the lesser-known facets of San Ramon Valley History.

The latest book tells the story of Danville starting from long before its establishment as a farming, ranching, and railroad outpost in the late 20th century, characterized by a "history of change and growth in an ideal setting", Lane wrote.

The region's natural beauty and weather have always been a key in drawing human civilization to the area, according to Lane, offering an "enviable quality of life" for thousands of years prior to Spanish colonization of the Bay Miwok Tactan tribe that inhabited what is now known as Danville.

Spanish colonization and other prominent events in national and international history have also been central forces that impacted the region in unique ways, according to Lane's book, including the rush of new faces immigrating to the area during the Gold Rush, the emergence of the railroad and the automobile, impacts of the Great Depression, and the town's development as a post-World War II suburb in the decades leading up to its incorporation.

Despite the influence of broader cultural and historical events, Danville was an outlier in some regard over key social and political changes, including serving as a stronghold for Southern sympathizers during the Civil War and one of the only parts of California to vote against President Abraham Lincoln, and to vote against women's suffrage in 1911 — despite prominent displays from dissenting voices on both topics documented in Lane's book.

There are also distinct local characters and events with national impacts whose stories Lane seeks to

capture, such as Eugene O'Neill's later career and rise to ongoing international fame, and Danville pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and his "Miracle on the Hudson" landing.

The book's final chapters, centered on the town's evolution over the past 50 years, tell the tale of its incorporation and of its earliest elected officials — including Lane herself — and the ways in which it continues to be distinct yet influenced by the world at large.

"Danville: Heart of the San Ramon Valley" is available online and in bookstores, with signed copies available at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley — as well as potential meetings with its author, who spends hours per week volunteering at the museum. ■

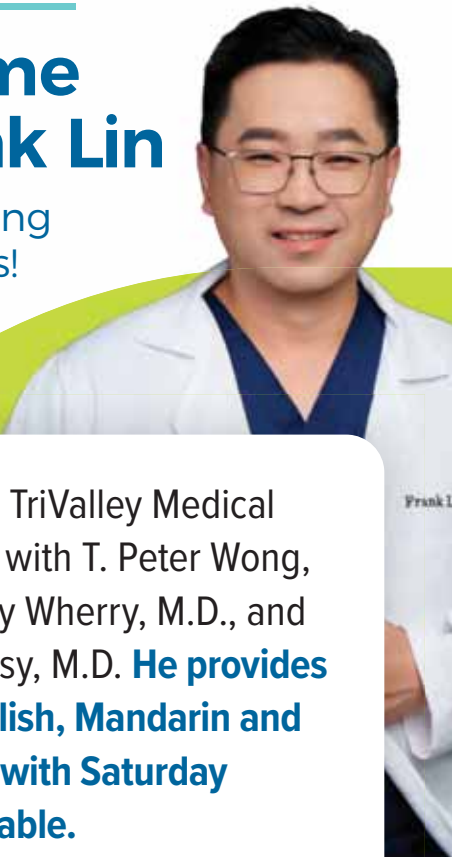


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BY JEANITA LYMAN

Years after retiring from a decades-long career in public office representing the San Ramon Valley, Beverly Lane continues to be a prominent figure in the region and an authoritative voice on its history, marked by her latest book "Danville: Heart of the San Ramon Valley".

Released earlier this year, the title is the first widely distributed public history book dedicated specifically to the town as well as a culmination of Lane's dedication to the region and to local history.

Lane has been both documenting that history and serving as part of it for going on 50 years. The former Danville councilmember and mayor was among the town's first elected officials when it was incorporated in 1982, going on to serve on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors for more than 25 years

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where he worked on research for the paper mills he was working for at the time.

But work wasn't the only important thing in Ashton's life. He was also heavily involved in charity work.

He spent some time working with Habitat for Humanity, a widely recognized nonprofit organization, down in Louisiana following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and he also did some work in Guatemala to distribute wheelchairs to those in need.

He said a lot of his desire to do charity work came from his values that he got from his family growing up.

After retiring, Ashton said he and his wife, who died nearly nine years ago, eventually settled in Pleasanton.

Ashton said he later moved to Stoneridge Creek when the community first opened in 2013. He was about 90 years old at the time, making him the oldest person there at the time — he said he is still the oldest person currently living at the retirement community.

From singing in his church choir and the Stoneridge Creek choir, to putting on lecture series at the retirement community, to sending out humorous columns to his fellow neighbors, Ashton said he tries to stay busy despite his physical limitations that come with his old age.

One thing he is most proud of recently was when he and his daughter were able to trace his genealogy far back to the beginning of America's history.

He was able to find out how his family first settled in Salem, Mass., between 1648 and 1675, and later

lived in Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary era. While he wasn't able to 100% confirm it, he said it was also likely that some of his relatives even fought in America's Revolutionary War.

Through his research, Ashton was also able to find a connection to famous pilot Amelia Earhart — he said she was a third cousin to his father — and other connections to relatives who contributed many things to the U.S. like the water wheel.

Now, Ashton's home is filled with folders upon folders of preserved family letters that date back to the 1920s, including firsthand accounts of farm life, the Great Depression, WWII and everyday life that defined what it meant to be an American.

"I'm the patriarch of the family," Ashton said. "I have the family records ... I try to take care of them, I try to share them." ■

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Meet the Owners
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Been there, bought that: Baby boomers are helping shape real estate

‘Well-prepared, financially strong and very intentional about their next move’

By Devin Davis

When writing this article, I realized that some readers may be uncomfortable with this observation: Some members of the “baby boomer” generation now also meet the definition of “senior.”

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines a senior as an individual who is 62 years of age or older.

Here in the Tri-Valley, and across the country, older boomers are an active and influential force in real estate and one that often gets lost in the headlines.

According to the National Association of Realtors’ “2025 Home Buyers and Sellers Generational Trends” report, baby boomers now make up the largest generational group of home buyers, with younger and older boomers combined accounting for 42% of all home purchases in the past year.

By comparison, millennials accounted for 29% of buyers, down from the year prior, while Generation X held steady at 24%.

“We talk a lot about younger buyers in today’s market, and rightfully so, but baby boomers are an equally important part of the conversation. In the Tri-Valley, we see older buyers and sellers who are well-prepared, financially strong, and very intentional about their next move. That’s a segment of the market that deserves attention,” said Bill Espinola, 2026 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

A key driver of boomer activity is financial position. According to the NAR study, half of older boomers and roughly two in five younger boomers are purchasing homes entirely with cash. Younger buyers, by contrast, rely much more heavily on financing.

Both paths reflect the realities of each generation’s stage of life, and both matter to understanding the full scope of today’s market.

On the selling side, boomers are equally prominent. They account for 53% of all home sellers nationally, and older boomers typically hold their homes for about 16 years before selling compared to five

years for younger millennials.

That long tenure connects to a broader trend worth watching. Recent reports show that empty-nest boomers own 28% of the nation’s homes with three or more bedrooms, while millennials with children own 16% of those same homes.

“One of the quieter stories in our local market is how the decisions some seniors make about their homes ripple out to everyone else. When an empty-nester in a city like Pleasanton decides it’s time to downsize, that opens the door for a buyer who may have been waiting for exactly that kind of home. Every generation in this market really is connected,” Espinola said.

The reasons boomers stay put are varied and understandable. NAR says nearly three in five boomer homeowners have a home that’s fully paid off, giving them little financial pressure to sell. Many also have deep ties to their neighborhoods and communities. And even those who want to downsize often struggle to find reasonably priced,

move-in ready smaller homes that fit their needs.

At the same time, there are signs of gradual movement. Affordability is slowly improving, and some older homeowners are beginning to make their move, creating opportunities for buyers across generations when they do.

“Whether you’re a boomer or senior thinking about your next chapter or a younger buyer trying to get into the market for the first time, the simple first steps are the same. Know your goals, understand your options, and work with a local Realtor who knows this market. There’s opportunity here for buyers and sellers at every stage of life,” Espinola added.

The local housing market, like the broader national one, is shaped by buyers and sellers of all ages. Younger generations are working hard to get in, and older ones are making thoughtful decisions about what comes next.

Understanding both sides of that equation is essential for consumers, and for anyone trying to



Devin Davis

make sense of where the market is heading. ■

Editor’s note: Devin Davis is a public affairs specialist for the Bay East Association of Realtors, which is based in Pleasanton.

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Youth-led nonprofit spreads joy across Tri-Valley

Cards for a Cause delivers handmade notes, gift boxes to seniors and veterans

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Roughly one year ago, Amador Valley High School sophomore Udayan Singhal was in the midst of finalizing paperwork for his nonprofit, Cards for a Cause, which delivers handmade cards and gift boxes to seniors and veterans all over Pleasanton and the greater Tri-Valley.

It was a long road of filling out documents and getting to know how things work in the nonprofit world.

But little did he know that almost a year later, not only would his nonprofit now be successfully bringing joy to seniors and veterans across the Tri-Valley, but there would be Cards for a Cause chapters forming in other parts of the Bay Area and across the U.S.

“It is pretty exciting,” Singhal told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Originally founded in June 2025 by Singhal and his friend, Niranjan Swaminathan, Cards for a Cause collects cards from hundreds of volunteers across the Tri-Valley and packages them, along with other items, into gift bags they then deliver to seniors and veterans in Pleasanton and across the region.

Singhal said he and Swaminathan created the nonprofit because they wanted to do something that was unique and beneficial to the community — particularly for veterans and seniors.

“We wanted to brighten the lives of seniors and veterans in our community,” Singhal said.

“We saw that seniors and veterans weren’t getting as much attention as we wanted them to so we thought it would be great to do something for them,” he added. “After volunteering and seeing how much small acts of kindness mean to them, I realized a nonprofit dedicated to spreading joy through thoughtful gift boxes and cards could make a real difference.”

According to Singhal, some of the



COURTESY CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Members of the Cards for a Cause nonprofit work on curating gift boxes and packages for seniors, veterans and other community members who are in need of a smile.

items in the gift bags — apart from the handmade cards — include motivational journals, coloring books for adults and toys, if they are making packages for kids in hospitals.

“It’s usually items which are focused to a specific group,” he said.

Since last June, Singhal said his organization has carried out about four to five different packaging events and has delivered over 200 gift boxes and over 2,000 cards.

His organization recently worked with local organizations like City-Serve of the Tri-Valley, a senior support organization in Pleasanton, and Open Heart Kitchen, a food

nonprofit that provides meals to seniors and unhoused folks.

And while Singhal noted that his nonprofit has expanded to serving hospitalized children and unhoused people, they want to keep prioritizing seniors and veterans as their main recipients as it continues to grow.

He said they are currently working on 50 gift bags that they plan to present to the American Legion Post 237, a Pleasanton-based organization that caters to service members and veterans in the Tri-Valley.

But getting Cards for a Cause up and running wasn’t an easy task. Singhal noted how they had a different name originally and had to navigate the early processes of forming a nonprofit.

He also said they have had to adapt, make changes and learn as they go, especially as they continue to execute these packaging events.

Yet, despite these challenges, Singhal said he wants to keep this organization going and continue the work they are currently doing, especially as he plans to immerse himself more in the nonprofit world.

Singhal also pointed out how other Cards for a Cause chapters have begun popping up locally, like the one in San Mateo County, and around the country like in Texas, which only motivates him even more to keep this organization alive.

“I don’t want it to be something just for high school and it just goes



COURTESY CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Gift bags, like the ones pictured here, include the handmade cards as well as other recreational and personal necessities.

away once I graduate,” Singhal said.

“It’s something that I want to continue because I nurtured it for so long,” he added. “I don’t want all that

hard work to go to waste and I want the seniors and veterans who we care for ... to have the benefits that we’re giving them.” ■



COURTESY CARDS FOR A CAUSE

An example of the handmade cards that the nonprofit collects from its volunteers and distributes to seniors, veterans and other underserved populations.

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 608359

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): OXFORD ROYALE
2601 Warring Street
Berkeley, CA 94720
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 08/01/2024
UNDER FILE NO. 608359
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
OR EDUCATION, INC.

c/o Reynolds & Rowella, LLP, 38 C Grove Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on April 22 2026.
(PLW May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026)

DOODYCALLS TRI-VALLEY
DOODYCALLS TRACY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622445

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

1.) DOODYCALLS TRI-VALLEY , 2.) DOODYCALLS TRACY , located at 2883 Hopyard Rd #11 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HMC BUSINESS VENTURES LLC
2883 Hopyard Rd #11
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 April 15 2026.
(PLW May 15, 22, 29 and Jun 5, 2026)

AL FALAH HALAL MARKET
EXCEL PETROLEUM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622845

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AL FALAH HALAL MARKET , 2.) EXCEL PETROLEUM , located at 16684 E 14TH ST SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EXCEL GAS FOOD AND MARKET INC.
16684 E 14TH ST
SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 28 2026.
(PLW May 15, 22, 29 and Jun 5, 2026)

EMAIL UX
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622933

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

1.) Email UX , located at 41546 Joyce Ave, Fremont CA 94539, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ICLASSER LLC
41546 Joyce Ave
Fremont, CA 94539

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 April 30 2026.
(PLW May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026)

BAY AREA STELLAR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622347

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:
1.) Bay Area Stellar , located at 5116 Golden Rd, Apt 13, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

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

NISAR SHAIKH
5116 Golden Rd, Apt 13
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/01/2020

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 10 2026.
(PLW May 15, 22, 29 and Jun 5, 2026)

FAT MARGINS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622913

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

1.) Fat Margins , located at 662 Heligan Lane #4 Livermore, CA 94551 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

CHARLES MOYER
662 Heligan Lane #4
Livermore, CA 94551
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 30 2026.
(PLW May 15, 22, 29 and Jun 5, 2026)

PETITAMOUR FLOWER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622183

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

1.) Petitamour Flower , located at 2545 Corte Rivera, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

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

HYUNJU YOUN
2545 Corte Rivera
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/11/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 06 2026.
(PLW May 15, 22, 29 and Jun 5, 2026)

INFINITE LOOP COFFEE ROASTERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622676

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

1.) Infinite Loop Coffee Roasters , located at 5650 San Juan Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

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

INFINITE LOOP COFFEE ROASTERS LLC
5650 San Juan Way
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 April 22 2026.
(PLW May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2026)

HARMONY FAMILY CONCIERGE LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622795

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

1.) HARMONY FAMILY CONCIERGE LLC , located at 3294 Vermont Place, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address:

2108 N Street STE N Sacramento, CA 95816
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HARMONY FAMILY CONCIERGE LLC
2108 N Street STE N
Sacramento, CA 95816

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 April 24 2026.
(PLW May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026)

TRIVEDI CARE
TRIVEDI CARE PHYSICAL THERAPY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622673

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

1.) TRIVEDI CARE , 2.) TRIVEDI CARE PHYSICAL THERAPY , located at 1049 Madsen Court Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

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

NEETU TRIVEDI
3020 Bernal Ave. Suite 110 #2114
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 April 22 2026.
(PLW May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2026)

4BAY CLEANING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622215

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

1.) 4Bay Cleaning Services , located at 4808 Bernal Ave Apt F, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

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

SEVGI DURAK
4808 Bernal Ave Apt F
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 April 07 2026.
(PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

THE LEADERSHIP LAB CO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622626

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

1.) The Leadership Lab Co , located at 2231 Segundo Ct. Apt. 4 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

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

DANICA APPLEBY
2231 Segundo Ct. Apt. 4
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/20/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 20 2026.
(PLW May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2026)

MISS BASIA KNITTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622118

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

1.) Miss Basia Knitting , located at 202 Stratus Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.

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

KATARZYNA SZARECKI
202 Stratus Cmn
Livermore, CA 94550

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 03 2026.
(PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

16 WAVES
16 WAVES CONSULTING
16 WAVES BIOTECHNOLOGY CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622478

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

1.) 16 Waves , 2.) 16 Waves Consulting , 3.) 16 Waves Biotechnology Consulting , located at 3663 Swallow Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
16 WAVES BIOTECHNOLOGY CONSULTING LLC
3663 Swallow Court
Castro Valley, CA 94546

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 April 15 2026.
(PLW May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2026)

JUST NICOLE CO.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622907

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

1.) Just Nicole Co. , located at 5776 Stoneridge Mall Rd, #136, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address:

1721 Mimosa Street Hollister, CA 95023
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
A LA MODE BRANDING LLC
5776 Stoneridge Mall Rd, #136
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 30 2026.
(PLW May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026)

WEST GRAND BOULEVARD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622516

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

1.) West Grand Boulevard , located at 5535 Johnson Rd Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ROBERT GORDY
5535 Johnson Rd
Pleasanton, CA 94588

KINDRA GORDY
5535 Johnson Rd
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 April 16 2026.
(PLW May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 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.: 622576

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 5424 Sunol Blvd 10-178 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.
5424 Sunol Blvd 10-178
Pleasanton CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/17/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 17 2026.
(PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV184909

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Julie Allison Johnson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
BENJAMIN KODA SIMS to BENJAMIN KODA SIMS-JOHNSON

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: July 17, 2026, 9:00 AM, Hayward of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: April 30, 2026
Honorable Julie Wilensky
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV185614

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Rita Marie Morrish filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
RITA MARIE MORRISH to SOLEDAD AARU

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: July 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m., Civil Division of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: May 5, 2026
Michael Markman
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 15, 22, 29 and Jun 5, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV177123

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: DAVID MAURCELLUS THOMAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
DAVID MAURCELLUS THOMAS to JUDAHDAVID OLUWATOBILOBA AYODEJI OLUUMIDE

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: May 22, 2026, 9AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 03/23/2026
MICHAEL M. MARKMAN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

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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.: 26CV182752

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: William Evan Miller Dixon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: WILLIAM EVAN MILLER DIXON to WILLIAM EVAN DIXON

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: June 26, 2026, 9:00 AM, Civil Branch of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at Hayward Hall Of Justice, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: April 15, 2026

Danielle Harbour, Deputy Clerk
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2026)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

DEBORAH CAGWIN FRENCHICK

Case No.: 26PR183946

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DEBORAH CAGWIN FRENCHICK. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Dustin S. Frenchick in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Dustin S. Frenchick be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 05 2026 at 9:45 AM in Dept 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and

legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:

Raquel Lazar-Paley, Esq.

Paley & Prehn, PLC

819 Eddy Street

San Francisco, CA 94109

415-338-8226

(PLW May 8, 15 and 22, 2026)

SUMMONS **Case No. CV24919**

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): **MBS ENGINEERING, INC., a California corporation; PROGEN INDUSTRIES, LLC,** a Delaware limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): **MORNING STAR PACKING CO., L.P., a California limited partnership**

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

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

requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF COLUSA 532 Oak Street Colusa 95932

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **Kurt F. Vote #160496** Wanger Jones Helsley PC 265 E. River Park Circle, Suite 310, Fresno CA 93720 (559) 233-4800, Fax: (559) 233-9330

DATE (Fecha): **02/13/2026**

Erika F. Valencia , Clerk, by /s/ Z Itlali Carrillo , Deputy Clerk (Secretario) (Adjunto)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served (PLW May 15, 22, 29 and Jun 5, 2026)

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 25CV133618

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Ginger Wolf, an individual; Unknown Successor Trustee of the Alice G. Strecker Revocable Trust; All Persons Unknown, Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Right, Title, Estate, Lien, or Interest in the Property Described in the Complaint Adverse to Plaintiff's Title, or Any cloud Upon Plaintiffs Title Thereto; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust, U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Collateral Trust Trustee

LOT 927, MAP OF "FORESTLAND EXTENSION", FILED SEPTEMBER 25, 1925, MAP BOOK 4, PAGES 90 TO 93, ALAMEDA COUNTY RECORDS.

WITH THE APPURTENANCES THERETO. Assessor's Parcel Number: 048E-7330-049-00.

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for red flags of potential scams including being contacted about a prize or problem and requests for money, private information or non-traditional payment such as crypto currency or gift cards. Also flagging possible scams are contacts who express urgency, evoke fear or encourage lying or privacy.

He encouraged attendees to secure their emails with a unique password, not shared with other accounts, and to use multi-factor authentication.

“Scams oftentimes are hard to recognize,” Swanson told the Pleasanton Weekly. “The scammers are really, really good.”

During the presentation, he highlighted specific examples of scams such as the direct targeting of grandparents.

“These can be very sophisticated,” Swanson said of grandparent scams. “They can even use AI to replicate someone’s voice.”

Someone posing as a police officer may claim that the receiver’s grandchild needs help, he explained.

“What if you even heard the voice of your grandchild where you’re 100% sure it’s them?” Swanson asked the crowd. “That’d be difficult to not help them out.”

In the case of romance scams, the farce can drag on for years, while trust is built, Swanson said.

The scammer may not ask for anything early on in the relationship. Their initial asks may be a small quantity of money that they later return to bolster trust.

“They’ve got lists and lists of people that they’re doing the same thing with,” Swanson said of relationship scammers. “They know that if they can groom this relationship, at some point in the future, they’ll get a payout.”

He warned the audience to be especially vigilant of relationship scams if dating online and someone refuses to meet in-person.

Following the presentation, Livermore resident Pam Coelho reflected on her ongoing struggle with scamming.

Coelho said her and her husband’s electronic devices were hacked about a week before the event. Losses of \$5 and \$10 ballooned to a \$3,000 airline credit charge from an unknown buyer and multiple other fraudulent transactions.

“I’m a mess. I was so angry at first, and now I just sat here with tears in my eyes, because all the stuff he’s talking about — I’m going through,” Coelho said. “I don’t know where the end is.”

Swanson recommends that anyone who becomes a victim of fraud report the incident to the police.

For more information about LPD’s scam awareness initiative, visit the department website at police.livermoreca.gov. ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton police investigating smash-and-grab at Zales in Stoneridge mall

Police are currently investigating a smash-and-grab robbery that took place the morning of May 4 at the Zales jewelry store located inside Pleasanton's Stoneridge Shopping Center.

According to the Pleasanton Police Department, four masked suspects — who appeared to be males in their late teens or early 20s — entered the store with pick axes, hammers and bags before proceeding to break into the jewelry display cases and stealing numerous pieces.

"The suspects were in the store for less than two minutes," PPD Lt. Brandon Stocking told the Weekly.

Stocking said police responded to the incident at around 11:37 a.m. but the suspects "fled in a vehicle prior to

police arriving." He said PPD will not be releasing any details on what was stolen or its value.

In addition to breaking the display cases and stealing several pieces of jewelry, Stocking said one of the suspects "discharged what appears to be pepper spray in the direction of store employees and customers" during the robbery. However, no injuries were reported.

"The Pleasanton Police Department is actively investigating the robbery," Stocking said. "If anyone has information, including video, related to the crime they are encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 925-931-5100."

— Christian Trujano

Police activity on I-580 in Livermore

Police conducted successful negotiations with an individual on an overpass in Livermore who was experiencing a mental health crisis last Friday evening. All lanes of Interstate-580 near Isabel Avenue were

reopened after being shut down while authorities handled the situation.

"The individual was brought to safety with the help of Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's ladder truck," Livermore Police Department officials said of the May 8 incident. "Traffic will remain impacted until it naturally returns to normal levels."

Livermore police noted success in negotiations at around 3:30 p.m., about two and a half hours after they arrived to the Isabel Avenue overpass above the eastbound lanes of I-580 for an individual who climbed over the fence.

By 4:05 p.m., the California Highway Patrol announced the full reopening of the freeway near Isabel Avenue.

— Jude Strzemp

New report could mark first step toward reopening FCI Dublin as immigrant detention center

An environmental impact report released last week for a shuttered

prison in Dublin has brought the facility one step closer to being repurposed as a federal immigration detention center.

Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin was a low-security women's prison that was closed in 2024 due to rampant sexual abuse of incarcerated women at the hands of prison guards, inadequate oversight, and infrastructure issues.

In 2025, reports emerged that President Donald Trump's administration was considering reopening the facility to detain immigrants, prompting local leaders to issue statements against the plan.

At a news conference held last Tuesday, activists drew attention to a new Federal Bureau of Prisons environmental impact report that marks the first step in the process to repurpose this facility.

The news conference was organized by the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice, an immigrant rights nonprofit, and the ICE Out of Dublin Coalition, comprising local groups opposed

to immigration enforcement in the city.

"The report confirms what we already know," said Susan Beaty, attorney at the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice, "which is that the facility is unsafe, uninhabitable, and has serious infrastructure issues that will cost tens of millions of dollars to repair."

Beaty said that the 2,731-page report reveals that the facility is an active cleanup site that has a leaking sewage system and contamination from diesel fuel, asbestos, lead paint, and mold, posing serious health hazards to any detainees housed there in the future.

Aimee Chavira, who was incarcerated at FCI Dublin when it was operational, said that she was instructed to paint over the mold in the cells before health inspections, and that incarcerated women often had to use towels with rust stains.

"The water would come out brown, and girls started getting sick. I got sick," said Chavira. "This prison is not livable for anyone."

The environmental impact report recommends that the Federal Bureau of Prisons permanently deactivate and close the prison. But Beaty explained that this would actually clear the path for the agency to hand over the facility to the U.S. General Services Administration, a federal agency that transfers assets from one agency to another.

In this case, the GSA could take over management of the FCI Dublin site from the Bureau of Prisons and transfer it to the Department of Homeland Security to repurpose it as an immigration detention facility.

The Bureau of Prisons is required to receive public comment on the issue until June 1, after which it will publish the feedback and disclose its decision. What happens after that, and its timeline, is unclear at the moment, said Beaty.

Meanwhile, the ICE Out of Dublin coalition is asking Dublin and Bay Area residents to submit public feedback to the Bureau of Prisons, asking the agency to demolish FCI Dublin.

"Do we want these horrible things happening in our backyard?" said Chavira. "The Dublin community needs parks for your kids, warehouses — build a Costco, but not another detention facility."

Last month, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors passed a unanimous resolution opposing the reopening of FCI Dublin as a detention facility for immigrants or U.S. citizens.

At the time, Supervisor David Haubert said, "This [resolution] is symbolic because the federal government can do whatever it wants to do. But this is an expression of our community that we do not want this." ■

— Tanay Gokhale, Bay City News



Ronnie Lewis Collier, Jr.

It is with great sadness that the family of Ronnie Lewis Collier, Jr. announces his passing on May 6, 2026.

Ronnie answered the call of duty and proudly served his country in the United States Army retiring after 23 years of honorable service. During his military career, he completed seven deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. He returned home safely to a grateful family who deeply respected his dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to serving others.

Following his military service, Ronnie continued to lead and serve in the civilian sector.

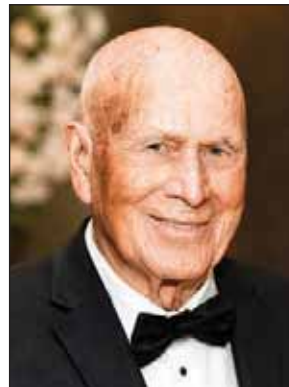
He worked as the Director of Tech-Ops for Hosanna Christian Academy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and more recently served with Cisco in a similar capacity.

Beyond his career, Ronnie's great passion was playing the guitar. He began playing at a young age and continued throughout his life, whether performing with friends, playing at clubs, or simply enjoying music on his own. One guitar was never enough - he owned several over the years. Music was a constant part of his life and those who knew him often said he should have been on stage.

Ronnie will be lovingly remembered by his six children: Ethan, Adam, Morgan, Madison, Makensy and Sadie; his mother, Rebecca and his sister Suzanne. Ronnie was predeceased by his father, Ronnie Collier, Sr.

Funeral Services will be held on May 20 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton at 2:00 PM. Friends and family are invited to a celebration of life following the service at McKay's Taphouse & Beer Garden, 252 Main Street, Pleasanton.

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Donald Wayne Jones

October 12, 1931 - April 17, 2026

Donald Wayne Jones passed away peacefully on April 17, 2026.

He was born on October 12, 1931, in Marshfield, Oregon, and later moved to Oakland, California, where he graduated from Castlemont High School. He was the son of Donald Jones, an Oakland police officer, and Bertha Jones, a homemaker, and carried their strong work ethic throughout his life. Shortly after graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy, beginning a lifetime marked by discipline and dedication. Don later retired in 1992 from St. Mary's College High School, where he served as Maintenance Supervisor.

He married the love of his life, Geraldine Jones, in 1961. Together, they shared 65 years of marriage, building a life centered on family and enduring partnership. They made their home in Pleasanton, California, for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Jones; his son, Dave Jones (Sylvia); his daughter, Julie Walker; and his grandchildren, Taylor Jones (Logan Wolf) and Megan Jones, along with many other extended family members and friends.

Known for his exceptional handyman skills and meticulous attention to detail, he could repair nearly anything—from small household appliances to complex mechanical issues—often taking on projects simply for the enjoyment of it. He remained active well into his later years, regularly chopping wood into his late 80s.

He was known for his positive attitude, sense of humor, and easygoing nature. He had a particular fondness for dessert and brought joy to those around him with his lighthearted spirit. In his neighborhood, he was recognized for his friendly greetings and daily walks with his dogs, always offering a kind word to those he encountered.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend—someone who found purpose in his work, joy in simple pleasures, and connection in everyday interactions. He will be deeply missed.

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BY DENNIS MILLER

Wrestling returns to middle schools

Falcons and Dons shine in volleyball playoffs

I have always been a big fan of wrestling, although never having participated in wrestling. I covered the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State High School championships several times and it was one of the best events I covered.

It's one-on-one on the mat with everyone watching — no place to hide and no excuses. You win or lose based on your performance.

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When the sport went away from the local middle schools, it was a disappointment as a whole group of impressionable young athletes were without a tremendous chance to grow.

But thanks in large part to the efforts of Amador Valley High wrestling coach Travis Chubb, the sport is

back and the recently held Tri Valley Athletic League (TVAL) championship meet was held.

Following is how the Pleasanton middle schools of Harvest Park (HP), Hart (H), and Pleasanton Middle School (PMS) fared in the tournament:

Girls68-81 pounds: 1) Leilani Ashton (PMS), 2) Briella Bantuagn (HP), 3) Ayurya Tiwari (PMS), 4) Ava Phillips (HP).**102-108:** 1) Cara Callhan (PMS), 3) Ava Gallagher (HP), 4) Pemela Rodriguez (PMS).**107-113:** 1) Olivia Torres (HP), 3) Emma Vileneuve (PMS), 5) Sanika Katkar (PMS).**121-131:** 3) Aadhya Avinash (PMS).**148-160:** 1) Caoda Calupad (H).

Boys6th grade85-92 pounds: 4) Dante Garcia (H).**92-101:** 1)

Alex Mercado (HP), 2) Grant Ford (PMS).**102-103:** 2) Leo Pacheco (HP).**109-112:** 1) Ian Ford (PMS), 2) Christian Choi (PMS), 3) Jack Filmore (PMS).**126-135:** 2) Volodymyr Ihnatiev (HP), 3) Lucas Cheng (HP), 4) Arjun Kolipaka (PMS).**134-147:** 1) Cruz Caloupad (H), 3) Hanming Lu (PMS).**155-169:** 1) Liam Angeles (H).

7th grade85-91: 1) Caleb Reta (H).**94-100:** 1) Pedro Pinheiro (H).**102-108:** 1) Ibrahim Alenuly (HP), 2) Takeo Simmons (H).**106-113:** 1) Kennedy Realiza (HP), 2) Azaiiah Alfinda (PMS), 4) Seth Atkinson (H).**122-130:** 4) Johnny Gonderman (PMS).**147-156:** 3) Fritz Otts (HP), 4) Dhruv Vamalapalli (H).

8th grade108-115: 1) Revell Gallagher (HP), 4) Andrew Manjarrez (HP), 5) Mateo Reta (PMS).**129-134:** 1) Alex Santos (HP), 2) Nathan Simpson (PMS), 3) Abdul Latif (H).**137-147:** 1) Demitri Kuzmichev (H), 2) Mataio Bodily (PMS), 4) Dario Giraudbit (PMS).**149-151:** 1) Matt Ian Mendoza (H), 2, Gavin Woodcock (PMS).**154-168:** 2) Ford Lampert (H).**160-170:** 3) Juvante Winters (PMS), 4) Zack Durbala (H).**184-210:** 1, Kade Gregory (HP), 2) Keiyan Zaki (H), 3) Michael Jung (H).

Foothill volleyball

The Falcons came into the NCS D-I playoffs the No. 15 seed and at 15-15, an admittedly down season for the Foothill program.

But in the span of one match, the Falcons reached down and pulled off a shocker, sending No. 2 seeded Livermore and the Cowboys 34-4 record in a 25-18, 25-19, 19-25, 25-19 win.

Highlights came from Josh Salonga (25 assists, 17 kills, 13 digs), Trey Elson (11 kills, 5 blocks), Thomas Paduraru (10 kills, 4 blocks), and Rushil Vadada (20 digs, 4 kills).

That sent the Falcons to No. 7 Irvington and despite turning in a big effort, Foothill fell 25-17, 16-25, 22-25, 25-22, 10-15.

This time highlights were from Salonga (26 assists, 14 kills), Jeremy Sun (15 kills, 7 digs), Grey Garofalo (23 assists, 9 digs), Paduraru (12 kills (.800), 3 blocks), Elson (11 kills, 6 blocks).

Amador Valley swimming

The Dons had another strong day at the NCS Swimming Championships.

The boys were second out of 42 teams, with the girls finishing fourth out of 39 teams.

Here are the highlights for the Dons: * Junior Cade Vieler won the 100 free, 100 back and broke four Amador Team Individual Records (50 and 100 Relay Split, 100 Free, 100 Back). * Amador boys (Vieler, Ryan Wong, Toby Huang, Kealan Tupper) broke school record in the 200 Medley Relay. * Amador Boys won



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Revell Gallagher of Harvest Park Middle School won his weight class for the Tri-Valley Athletic League wrestling championships.

400 Free Relay (Vieler, Wong, Huang, and Tupper) broke school record by three seconds! * Amador Girls (Rylee Hutchinson, Lillyana Caples, Alexis Thompson, and Francesca Lin) broke Amador record in the 200 Medley Relay, that was set in set in 2010

CIF State girls' swimmers: Hutchinson (500 Free, 200IM, Relay), Caples (500 Free, Relay), Thompson (200 IM, 100 Breast, Relay).

Boys: Vieler (100 Back, 100 Free, Relays), (200 free, relays), Huang (100 fly, relays), Tupper (500 free, 200 free, relays), Nathan Ly (500 free), Christopher Wang (500 free), Jake Loftus (500 free) ■

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