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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Election arrives

Like many of you, our team anxiously awaits next Tuesday and the primary election in California when more than a dozen issues with direct Tri-Valley implications will be contested.

We have been in the throes of “election mode” for nearly two months — and some of our earlier stories are actually regaining popularity as our readers return to our campaign previews with their ballots now in hand. Alameda County judges and Contra Costa County assessor are among weeks-old articles trending again among our three websites.

While it may not generate the grabber headlines regionally, the most significant election in the Tri-Valley may well be the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors.

Four seats are up for grabs on the seven-member board that oversees the agency that serves as the water wholesaler for the southern Tri-Valley and provides flood control in the Livermore and Amador valleys.

With only one eligible incumbent running for reelection, at least three seats are guaranteed to change hands — and it’s possible a whole new majority could flow into office next Tuesday. Water rates, water supply diversification, flood management projects, water treatment and PFAS mitigation are just some of the high-priority efforts the board will lead in the new term.

On the ballot are fifth-term Director Sarah Palmer, nonprofit and community service leader Seema Badar, retired Livermore Lab chemist Alan Burnham, hydrogeologist Jim Lehman, real estate appraiser Patricia Muga, business owner Rish Rao, computer engineer Sean Roberts and IT professional Heidi Turner-Zika.

Residents in the Alameda County parts of the Tri-Valley will vote to elect four of those candidates for the at-large seats. Although not on their ballots, the race is also relevant to residents in San Ramon’s Dougherty Valley, which gets its potable water supply via Zone 7.

The election that has been grabbing headlines this spring — mostly because of its former office-holder — is Congressional District 14.

Nine candidates are on the June 2 ballot: Democrats Aisha Wahab, Melissa Hernandez, Rakhi Israni, Carin Elam, Matt Ortega and Victor Aguilar Jr., Republicans Wendy Huang and Dena Maldonado, and Suzanne Chenault, listed with no party preference.

The top two finishers will advance

to a runoff in the November general election to serve District 14 from January 2027 to January 2029. For this regular election cycle, it does not matter if a candidate gets more than 50% of the vote next week; there will be a runoff regardless.

That is not the case for the special primary election for Congressional District 14 that follows two weeks later and features many (but not all) of the same candidates. That is the off-schedule race to complete the unexpired term left vacant when Eric Swalwell resigned amid scandal.

The June 16 special primary ballot has 11 candidates: Wahab, Hernandez, Israni, Huang and Maldonado, plus Dems Alisha Cordes, Sheriene Ridenour and Jot Thiara, GOP members Tom Wong and Jack Wu, and non-party Victor Zevallos.

If someone gets more than 50%, they win the seat outright and will finish the old Swalwell term through into January. If not, there will be a special runoff election Aug. 18.

Oh and remember the special election is based on the current CD14 boundaries, whereas the regular election is within the new CD14 boundaries in the wake of the Proposition 50 redistricting.

Another high-interest contest in Alameda County is district attorney. With three candidates on the ballot, a key question is can any one get more than 50% to win the seat outright or will two advance to a November runoff. The primary sees current appointed DA Ursula Jones Dickson, recalled former DA Pamela Price and private attorney Gopal Krishan.

Two separate Alameda County Superior Court judgeships will be decided by the voters: Patricia Miles against Selia Warren for office No. 19 and Cabral Bonner against Michael Johnson for office No. 13.

Former Pleasanton City Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio is running to retain her Trustee Area 7 seat on the Alameda County Board of Education against Sangeetha “Sandi” Shanbhogue, from Dublin.

Our team is also tracking the Assembly District 16 and District 20 races at the state level, Congressional District 10 at the federal level, and three ballot measures, one judicial seat, assessor, auditor-controller, clerk-recorder and superintendent of schools in Contra Costa County.

It will be a fun night for us covering the outcomes. And if you plan to vote, remember to make a plan to cast your ballot in-person or submit your vote-by-mail ballot by Tuesday. ■

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Has the high cost of gas and groceries impacted your daily lifestyle — and if it has, how so?



Alex Salazar
College student

I'd say these high costs do impact my daily lifestyle to the extent that I take shorter trips while out in my car, and I walk whenever and wherever I can. As for groceries, I search for foods that are not terribly expensive and that will sustain me for long periods of time because everything is just so expensive these days.



Ilya Piskun
Engineer

The cost of gas doesn't impact me much, but as for groceries, on the day-to-day, absolutely. I notice costs going up more and more, and with twins, it really adds up.



Moody Elmashni
Tech sales

Yes. I work in outside sales so I do a lot of driving and use a lot of gas. My employer reimburses me for some of my mileage, but not all of it, so when gas prices are so high, I have less disposable income, which means less fun, and a decreased ability to support the businesses and restaurants I like to patronize and support.



Vicki Hubbard
"Bubbe" (Grandma)

I notice that groceries are getting more and more expensive, and I worry about people who are struggling to afford them. The high price of gas though, I really don't notice, because I drive an electric car!



Eric Krall
Chemist

Absolutely. My partner just moved to Houston, and I'm having a hard time getting to see her regularly because the high cost of gas has made traveling to visit her very expensive.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Graduation events

Graduation season has arrived in the Tri-Valley as schools across the region get set to send off their graduating seniors over the next week, starting with Pleasanton Unified School District's three high schools this Friday (May 29).

The ceremonies in Pleasanton will kick off with Village High School's graduation taking place at the Firehouse Arts Center at 12:30 p.m. Friday. Then, starting at 5 p.m., Foothill High School will host its graduation ceremony, which will then be followed by Amador Valley High School's graduation at 7 p.m. — both will take place at their respective school fields.

DUI checkpoint

Dublin Police Services will be holding a driving under the influence and driver's license checkpoint this Friday (May 29) from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the city.

According to a press release from the police agency, officers will be actively monitoring the checkpoint throughout the night in order to keep an eye out for any and all impaired drivers.

"Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk," Dublin Police Capt. Miguel Campos stated. "Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improves traffic safety for all."

FuelFest

FuelFest, an immersive car show, is set to return to the Alameda County Fairgrounds this Saturday (May 30) for a day filled with live music, racing and iconic cars.

According to the FuelFest website, this year's event will also feature special guest appearances, professional drivers, cars featured in movies and interactive sponsor exhibits.

"FuelFest Bay Area features a complete fairground takeover with a massive car show, concert, live action drifting with fan thrill rides, themed car show zones, awards, special guests appearances and more!" the Eventbrite description reads.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.fuelest.com.

Whose Live?

Next month, four cast members of the Emmy-nominated television show, "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" will be performing their new improvisation stage show "Whose Live Anyway?" at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center in San Ramon.

The 90-minute improvised comedy sets take place on June 8 and June 11 at 7:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.sanramon.ca.gov. ■

Pleasanton City Council approves Hidden Canyon housing project

Next steps include working out annexation details with county for land on Dublin Canyon Road

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

The Pleasanton City Council earlier this month unanimously approved a number of documents and ordinances related to the Hidden Canyon Residences and Preserve Project, which moves the development that much closer to being annexed into the city's limits and being built.

The project — which is located near the Pleasanton Ridge just south of Dublin Canyon Road — seeks to build 28 new multi-million dollar homes and rebuild two existing homes for a total of 30 units. Roughly 70 acres of open space will be dedicated to the East Bay Regional Park District.

Part of the project plans also include making street improvements such as building a new traffic signal at Canyon Meadow Drive.

"I think this actually looks like a win-win for our community where we're getting some houses on open space ... and we're going to get safety improvements to Canyon Meadow, which have been needed for a very long time," Councilmember Craig Eicher said during the May 19 council meeting.

The Hidden Canyon project application has been under city discussion for nearly nine years after developer Ponderosa Homes first filed the paperwork in 2018, according to Pleasanton associate

planner Natalie Amos.

Mayor Jack Balch said he remembers the project being introduced when he was a planning commissioner and reflected on the full-circle moment of now being the mayor and being able to approve the application.

"I have visited the site several times (and) it is a gorgeous piece of Pleasanton," Balch said.

Over the last several years, the site has been included in the city's Housing Element, underwent design refinement and analysis, and was publicly reviewed before it went to the city's Planning Commission at the end of last year.

After some further review and

discussion, the commission eventually endorsed the project in April and recommended City Council approval.

Six of the 30 new homes the project is set to bring to the city will have an accessory-dwelling unit. All of this would be done across nearly 131 acres of land, which lies right outside of the city's limits.

According to Amos, all of the homes — which range from 3,750 square feet to just over 4,200 square feet — would be located in the northeastern portion of the project site. During the Planning Commission meeting in April, a

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JEREMY WALSH

Signs promoting Rakhi Israni for Congressional District 14 could be seen throughout Livermore for weeks ahead of the general election.

Israni outraises CD14 competitors with boost by personal loan

Race sees about \$3 million in funding overall

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

Educator and nonprofit attorney Rakhi Israni has reported running a campaign more expensive this year than all other competitors combined in the race for a full term representing Congressional District 14.

Those vying for the seat are Democrats Aisha Wahab, Melissa Hernandez, Carin Elam, Israni,

Matt Ortega and Victor Aguilar Jr.; Republicans Wendy Huang and Dena Maldonado as well as newcomer Suzanne Chenault who is listed as having no party preference.

The top two finishers in the primary election June 2 will face off in the November general election to represent areas including Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Hayward, Union City and

Fairview and parts of Fremont, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley and Mountain House.

The post was previously held by Eric Swalwell, who resigned in mid-April amid allegations of sexual misconduct. A separate special primary election will be held on June 16 with many of the same candidates competing to

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Elementary school principal switcheroo

Withers goes to Alisal, Muniz to Valley View next academic year

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

In what seems to some as sudden news right before the end of the school year, the Pleasanton Unified School District confirmed it decided to swap the principals at Valley View and Alisal elementary schools for next year.

Andrea Withers, who has been Valley View's principal for nearly four years, will be taking the Alisal post at the start of the next 2026-27 school year and current Alisal principal Elias Muniz is moving to Valley View, according to a pair of notices PUSD sent out to each school's community earlier this month.

Both communities learned of their respective principals leaving them on May 15 and were subsequently invited to meet their new leaders the following week.

As far as the reasoning behind the switch, PUSD's safety and communications coordinator Susanne Frey didn't provide much detail other than to say it was based on the needs of the district and the schools.

"As with other administrative assignments and transitions, principal placements are district staffing

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Bauer-Kahan honors Open Heart Kitchen

Tri-Valley food provider named Assembly District 16's Nonprofit of the Year

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Open Heart Kitchen is celebrating being named Assembly District 16 Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

"Now more than ever, organizations like Open Heart Kitchen are not a backup plan; they are the plan," said Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) of the Tri-Valley's largest nonprofit nutrition provider.

"Recognizing them this year isn't just about celebrating what they've built. It's about elevating their critical work and proclaiming that the state of California stands behind them. I am honored to name them the Assembly District 16 Nonprofit of the Year," she added.

The recognition was formally presented during the California Nonprofits Day celebration held May 20 in Sacramento, where OHK Executive Director John Bost and Operations Director Shawnda Bost attended on behalf of the organization, according to a statement from the nonprofit announcing the honor.

Also in attendance were representatives from Three Valleys Community Foundation which was

also recognized as Nonprofit of the Year for Sen. Jerry McNerney's State Senate District 5.

OHK was founded in 1995 as a small interfaith effort to address hunger in the Tri-Valley and has since grown into a full-scale food justice organization serving free meals daily across Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

The Livermore-based organization has distributed more than eight million meals in the last three decades — and in 2025 alone, served just shy of one million meals.

In March 2025, OHK opened the Tri-Valley's first-ever food bank: a 19,000-square-foot warehouse in Livermore capable of redistributing three million pounds of food annually to nine local partner pantries. The food bank distributed the equivalent of nearly 837,000 meals in its first year, according to OHK officials.

"We see every day how quickly families can find themselves struggling to afford food, housing, and other basic necessities," said John Bost in the statement. "Being named Nonprofit of the Year is an incredible honor, but more importantly, it shines a light on the growing level of need in our community. Behind

every meal we serve is a senior, a family, a neighbor doing their best to get through a difficult time with dignity and hope."

Spotlighting the work of OHK comes at a critical time for nonprofits overall that have been impacted by federal cuts to SNAP benefits and the reduction in Community Project Funding support.

When the federal "One Big Beautiful Bill" Act, otherwise known as HR1, was signed into law, it enacted the largest cuts to SNAP in the program's history, slashing roughly \$187 billion over a decade and reducing benefits for an estimated four million people, according to a statement from Bauer-Kahan's office.

In 2025, OHK lost an anticipated \$850,000 in federal reimbursement when the nationwide Community Project Funding program allocated zero dollars for the fiscal year, leaving OHK to absorb the cost of its new food bank on its own. The organization enacted budget cuts, froze hiring and dipped into reserves to account for the loss.

Even in the face of these challenges, OHK has persevered — expanding services to ensure anyone facing hunger can access



COURTESY OHK

From left: Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, OHK Executive Director John Bost and Operations Director Shawnda Bost.

nutritious food with dignity.

"Our staff, board, volunteers, and supporters are profoundly grateful for Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan's recognition and support of Open Heart Kitchen's mission," Bost said.

He continued, "More than a charity, Open Heart Kitchen represents essential community infrastructure

and investment that affirms the importance of ensuring Tri-Valley neighbors can access nourishing food in ways that uphold dignity, strengthen community, and remind every person that they are valued and worthy of care. Together, we are building a community where no one is left behind and where compassion is put into action every single day." ■



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A pet-assisted therapy event at the Center for Elders' Independence PACE Tri-Valley in Livermore.

Therapy dog fetches smiles while visiting seniors

Returning event at Center for Elders' Independence for Mental Health Awareness Month

BY JUDE STRZEMP

A dog named Seamus brought some furry comfort to seniors this month at a nonprofit healthcare facility in Livermore as part of an animal-assisted therapy event.

Hosted at the Center for Elders' Independence PACE Tri-Valley, Seamus' visit May 12 coincided with Mental Health Awareness Month, a nationwide initiative to destigmatize mental illness.

The reoccurring therapy sessions are among the site's programming aimed at supporting seniors' overall wellbeing.

"A lot of times they're isolated, and they have no interaction with other people, or very little, and so pets provide that interaction with a living being," CEI Director of Behavioral Health Alicia English said of CEI seniors.

At the root of CEI is a mission to support East Bay seniors' independence at multiple locations across the region, the organization website states. CEI offers medical and social services, including those for mental wellness.

About 14% of adults ages 70 years old and above have a mental disorder, with the most common conditions being anxiety and depression, according to a fact sheet prepared by the World Health Organization in October 2025.

Social isolation and loneliness are among the top risk factors for developing a mental health condition



in older adulthood, the fact sheet states.

"A lot of people in our society are struggling with mental health and it shouldn't be a shameful thing," English said. "There's treatment for it."

As for animals' role, these companions are shown to improve people's wellbeing, according to English.

"Pets can decrease people's blood pressure and cortisol levels and create some peace," English explained.

During the pet-assisted therapy sessions, attendees have a chance to interact with or simply enjoy the company of an animal that they might not otherwise have at home, she added.

The session May 12 was possible thanks to a partnership with the Valley Humane Society, which operates the Canine Comfort Pet-Assisted Therapy program. ■

PPIE donates record-setting \$900,000 to PUSD

Executive director lauds 'largest donation in our history' that will help fund key school programs

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, more commonly known as PPIE, presented a record-breaking \$900,000 donation to the Pleasanton Unified School District during a school board meeting earlier this month.

The investment, according to PPIE Executive Director Andrea Wilson, will help expand funding in several areas for the upcoming school year, including some that would have been cut due to the recent budget reductions.

"This is the largest donation in PPIE history, and we are incredibly proud to continue investing in programs and opportunities that positively impact students across all Pleasanton schools," PPIE stated in a May 15 Facebook post. "Thank you for helping make this possible."

For decades, PPIE has been helping raise money for Pleasanton schools through fundraisers, grants and other similar efforts. Some of their most notable fundraisers



Members of the Pleasanton school board pose alongside member of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation during the May 14 school board meeting where PPIE handed over a check of \$900,000 that will go toward funding programs across the district.

include the PPIE Run for Education, which raised roughly \$85,000 this year, and its Fall Gala, which raised about \$148,000 this past year.

During its annual report to the

PUSD Board of Trustees on May 14, Wilson told the board that last year was one of PPIE's most fruitful fundraising years, so much so that they broke their own record for

most amount raised in a single year. "Combined with nearly \$40,000 in student-educator grants this year, PPIE's total investment for PUSD will reach \$900,000," Wilson

said. "It is the largest donation in our history and we are all so proud to be a part of it."

Thanks to all of the people who have donated to the nonprofit, Wilson said PPIE's \$900,000 donation will help fund so many different programs throughout PUSD.

"That's a massive amount," Trustee Charlie Jones said regarding the nearly one million dollar donation. "That's record breaking ... it really shows the dedication you have to the community and to our students."

For the 2026-27 school year, Wilson said the PPIE Board of Directors unanimously voted to fund the K-12 Librarian Program; middle school and high school mental health and wellness; outdoor education program transportation and the outdoor education program itself; and several student and educator grants.

"We value mental health, we value librarians, we value outdoor ed so we're just so grateful for all your hard work," Trustee Mary Jo Carreon said. ■

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Ponderosa Homes representative said the units would sell for millions of dollars.

The project does not offer any affordable units because the developer paid in-lieu fees that staff said would go toward other affordable housing resources in the city.

In addition to dedicating a portion of land to open space, the project plans provide numerous park upgrades including: a new public trailhead dedicated to EBRPD, a new trail connecting to the Pleasanton Ridge EBRPD trails system, new restrooms and parking and an equestrian staging area.

Roadway improvements will also include re-striping road lanes and bike lanes, improving sidewalks and ensuring access points for emergency vehicles.

Part of the council's decision last week was to approve the pre-annexation and development agreement, which would begin the process of annexing those five parcels of land to the south of Dublin Canyon Road — as well as the existing Oak Hills Congregation Church site — into the city's boundaries.

The development agreement, which has a 10-year term but doesn't mean the developer will take 10 years to build the project, also outlines the many public benefits tied to the project which include the public road improvements, the staging area and trail connection, and a \$500,000 contribution toward future Dublin

Canyon Road improvements.

One issue that was raised in the past and by some on the council was the low number of houses that would be built as part of the project. A representative of the applicant even noted that at one point, the project had proposed 34 units.

However, the developer was forced to reduce the total number of units due to Measure PP and Measure QQ, which restrict cities from developing in hillside areas like the Pleasanton Ridge.

Councilmember Julie Testa applauded both of those measures and the people who supported them because it protects the hillside while also allowing for new homes.

"I think it's going to be a really nice addition to Pleasanton," Testa said of the current version of the project with less units, adding that she would like to see it get built as soon as possible.

While Balch noted that there will be some impact to the neighbors who also live in those hills and their scenic views, he said the "warm colors on the homes, the design of the homes, where we're building" will all help mitigate those impacts.

"It'll be an interesting change for some of the residents that can see it," Balch said regarding the new homes. "But I appreciate the mitigations we've done."

One of the other issues that was raised during the May 19 council meeting had to do with fire safety mitigation, which were ultimately addressed by both the applicant

representative and Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Chief Aaron Lacey. They said the new home owners would be able to get appropriate insurance and all of the fire safety issues have been thoroughly vetted.

Staff also said LFPD evaluated the site and said that even though it is a high-risk fire area, there are ways to mitigate those concerns. Lacey added that if there are any fires reported in that area, several agencies will immediately respond.

Now that the council approved the project's environmental documentation, consideration for annexation, general plan amendments, the planned unit development plan, the vesting tentative map, and the pre-annexation and development agreement, the next steps have to do with the annexation process, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission.

According to staff, the city will

coordinate with the county on things like Regional Housing Needs Allocation crediting and tax-sharing, which could generate property tax revenue for Pleasanton.

At the same time, Ponderosa Homes will need to submit an application to LAFCo, which will make the final determination on annexation and the ability to move forward with the project. According to the developer, construction likely won't begin until at least three years. ■

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Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley approaching first anniversary serving region

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

It's been almost a full year since Jeffrey Macapinlac and his wife Deanna Thach first launched Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley, an in-home care business dedicated to helping older adults live independently with dignity.

In the short time since its inception, the business has celebrated its ribbon-cutting ceremony, a partnership with CityServe of the Tri-Valley and many other milestones that have all furthered the couple's goal of changing the narrative of what it means to provide care for seniors.

As its name suggests, Seniors Helping Seniors pairs caretakers with clients of similar ages. Macapinlac and Thach opened a franchise of the larger Pennsylvania-based Seniors Helping Seniors company, which was founded in 1998.

The local branch run by Macapinlac and Thach serves Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Fremont.

"Most people think senior care is about assistance," Macapinlac said in a statement to the Pleasanton Weekly. "We believe it's about connection."

Macapinlac said he and his wife both worked in corporate jobs before they launched this venture. He previously worked for a biotechnology company while Thach was a registered nurse.

'What I'm learning is that we're enriching the lives of seniors. We're also restoring relationships for the family and friends.'

Jeffrey Macapinlac,
owner of Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley

However, the two decided last year to leave their careers to pursue a higher calling by founding Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley.

According to a Jan. 8 press release from the business's ribbon-cutting ceremony, Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley offers a "distinctive peer-to-peer care model that matches seniors in need of assistance with active, compassionate senior caregivers — fostering trust, empathy,

and meaningful relationships."

"Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley provides non-medical in-home care services, including companionship, transportation, light household assistance, meal preparation, personal care support, and respite for family caregivers," the press release states. "As demand for in-home senior care continues to grow, the organization is proud to offer a trusted, locally rooted solution."

According to Macapinlac, Seniors Helping Seniors hires senior caregivers because their clients can relate and connect better with their peers.

"People don't just need care. They need conversation, understanding, purpose, and human connection," Macapinlac told the Weekly. "That's why we prioritize mature caregivers who can genuinely relate through shared life experiences, culture, music, memories, and stories ... Because sometimes the greatest gift you can give someone... is feeling understood."

Macapinlac said when he and Thach founded Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley, they wanted to truly build something that would have a big impact on families, caregivers and seniors throughout the region.

"For us, this is more than a business opening — it's a commitment to the community," Thach said in the press release distributed earlier this year. "We're passionate about helping seniors remain engaged, independent, and supported in the place they call home."



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Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley, an in-home care organization that pairs mature caregivers with seniors, celebrated its official ribbon cutting in January, which was hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Since its launch in July 2025, Macapinlac said the business has celebrated several milestones, including the growth of his caregiving staff to 30 employees.

"We are still actively hiring mature caregivers who are loving, caring, and compassionate who want to do meaningful work to serve our Tri-Valley seniors who want to continue living at home," Macapinlac said, noting that they are also seeking mature caregivers who can perform expanded personal care services beyond just being there as a companion.

The business has also become an official partner with CityServe of the Tri-Valley, a well-established senior support organization. During a recent speech the owners gave at CityServe, Macapinlac shared just

how much impact the business has been having on seniors.

"What I'm learning is that we're enriching the lives of seniors," he said. "We're also restoring relationships for the family and friends."

Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley currently serves 12 clients, including veterans, and the owners hope to continue growing and cementing themselves as a major service provider to seniors in the area.

"We started Seniors Helping Seniors Tri-Valley to enable older individuals the ability to continue living in their own homes with the support of mature peers," Macapinlac said. "We wanted to build something meaningful for families, caregivers, and seniors who deserve to age with dignity, companionship, and joy." ■

TAKE US ALONG



Finding peace in bamboo grove: June Wong and Steve Bonham visited Arashiyama Bamboo Grove near Kyoto during their trip to Japan in March. "The grove is notable for its serene and peaceful atmosphere, in addition to having some of the tallest bamboo in Japan, with some stalks as tall as 85 feet," Wong told the Pleasanton Weekly.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

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decisions made based on the needs of the district and individual school communities," Frey told the Pleasanton Weekly. "Principals are district employees, and leadership assignments may change from time to time in support of district and school needs."

Withers first came on as Valley View's principal in late 2022 following the sudden and unexplained departure of then-principal Julie Plaisance. Plaisance had only been on the job for about five months before she resigned, leaving Withers — who was the school's vice principal at the time — in charge.

During her time as both principal and vice principal, PUSD said Withers not only strengthened the school's dual language immersion program, but she also led major facilities projects and remained "deeply committed to students, staff, and families through many periods of change and growth."

"We also want to express appreciation for the many years of



Andrea Withers



Elias Muniz

dedicated service Andrea Withers has provided to the Valley View community," the district stated in one of its May 15 notices to the community.

Some of the more recent facility projects Withers was involved in was the school's transitional kindergarten expansion project in which a new TK playground and Kids Club portables were constructed. Construction of new classrooms at the school is also set to begin soon.

Now, the longtime administrator will be taking over the reins at Alisal, which is also set to see its own modernization project, which aims to renovate the campus for the first time since 1998 using roughly \$35 million of remaining

Measure I1 bond money.

Over at Valley View, the school community will be seeing a familiar face with Muniz taking over as principal. According to the district, Muniz will be returning to his former school where he previously served as both a dual immersion teacher and assistant principal.

Muniz also served as principal at Hearst Elementary School for six years before taking on the principal position at Alisal Elementary in 2021.

"He is known for building strong relationships with students, families, and staff and for fostering inclusive, student-centered school communities," according to the district.

In the May 15 notice to the Alisal community, PUSD thanked Muniz for his years of dedicated service.

"Mr. Muniz has built a strong culture of connection, care, and support for students, families, and staff, and his commitment to the Alisal community has had a lasting impact on the school," the district stated. ■

Branning running for reelection in Livermore

District 1 council incumbent wants to 'keep our city moving in the right direction'

By JUDÉ STRZEMP

Livermore City Councilmember Evan Branning recently announced his intention to run in the municipal general election this November to maintain his seat as the District 1 representative.

As the Pleasanton teacher aims for a second term, Branning maintains the platform of his previous campaign including his support of public safety, open space preservation, public transit, local businesses and community connections.

The election for Livermore City Council District 1, covering the city's northwest quadrant, will be held Nov. 3. The winner is poised to sit on City Council for the next four-year term through November 2030.

"Livermore is a beautiful, safe, fun and welcoming city and I want to continue the hard work to keep our city moving in the right direction," Branning told Livermore Vine in an email interview. "My top priority is to build on that



Evan Branning

success and support the businesses, community organizations and people who make that possible."

Prior to serving as the first District 1 councilmember, Branning served on the Alameda County Public Health Commission, Livermore Human Services Commission, LARPD Foundation and the Livermore Planning Commission.

He went on to run a successful campaign for city council and was elected with 59.12% of the vote in 2022.

During his tenure, Branning said a lot of his work has focused on supporting the city's Human Services Department as well as nonprofits and faith-based organizations that serve community members in the greatest need.

"I will keep working to uplift our most vulnerable residents while improving everyone's quality of life," he said.

"In my second term I plan to continue the work I have started," Branning added. "While it isn't a new direction I have a much better understanding of the city and region now than I did four years ago. I want to use that knowledge and those connections to bring programs and services to Livermore that are working in other cities."

Between 2022 and 2026, Branning was elected president of the Association of Pleasanton

Teachers and to the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities, East Bay Division, according to his campaign website. Branning has also been Chair of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority and has served groups such as the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency, the Association of Bay Area Governments and Livermore Downtown Inc.

Reflecting on his journey, he said the through line of his work has been service to others — beginning with a career working in kitchens, followed by teaching and serving as a union leader.

"I sought out jobs to improve others' lives, first through food then through education," he said.

While most recently teaching at Village High School in Pleasanton, Branning began his educator career at the San Jose Job Corps.

"I was inspired by the Job Corps students, and it was an emotional decision to leave, but finding a

spot at Village High School I was again able to work with students where I have the privilege of supporting our youth who have lost their way, to find a better path forward," he explained.

Upon moving to the Bay Area for work, Branning said he discovered Livermore to be his "forever home."

"I feel blessed for my neighbors, friends, and family in Livermore," he said on his campaign website. "I have been doing all I can while serving on City Council to give back to all of you for your kindness to me."

The official nomination period for hopefuls to file papers for City Council candidacy runs from July 13 to Aug. 7. If an eligible incumbent does not file by the Aug. 7 deadline, the period is extended to Aug. 12, according to the city of Livermore website.

More information about Branning's campaign is available at www.evanbranning.com. ■

Mushroom poisonings surge to worst in 10 years

Unseasonal bloom of Death Caps and Western Destroying Angels in Bay Area

By JEREMY WALSH

Wild mushroom poisonings have surged to the worst in 10 years from an unseasonal bloom of Death Caps and Western Destroying Angels including the Bay Area, health officials say.

As of May 22, 50 cases of mushroom-related poisonings — including four deaths — have been recorded since November, the California Department of Public Health said.

The worst previous outbreak, in 2016, involved 14 total cases.

In a typical year, fewer than five cases of mushroom poisoning are reported.

In the Bay Area, poisonous mushrooms have been foraged in Alameda, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Sonoma counties, the health department said.

Besides deaths, the outbreak has severe liver damage in children and adults and led to four liver transplants.

Authorities urged the public not to pick or consume wild mushrooms, saying the risk of

potentially deadly amatoxin poisoning is "extremely high."

"While Western Destroying Angels typically bloom into spring, Death Caps would normally be declining by this time of year," officials said in a press release.

"Instead, these mushrooms continue to appear abundantly in multiple regions. Recent rains are suspected to be a contributing factor of this unusual resurgence of Death Cap mushrooms beyond their typical growing season."

Death Caps and Western

Destroying Angels closely resemble several edible mushroom species in both appearance and taste. The mushrooms are still poisonous even after cooking, boiling, freezing or drying.

Initial symptoms, such as watery diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and dehydration can occur within six to 24 hours

following ingestion of these toxic mushrooms and usually go away within a day.

However, this brief improvement "can be deceptive", the health department said, as patients may still develop serious to fatal liver damage within 48 to 96 hours after eating the mushrooms. ■

FINANCES

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complete Swalwell's unexpired term through 2026.

Ahead of the regular primary election, the last pre-primary financial reports covering April 1 to May 13 were due last week to the Federal Election Commission.

Spanning Jan. 1 to May 13, Israni's campaign has received about \$2,167,000 and spent about \$1,060,000.

Meanwhile, the eight other candidates raised a combined total of about \$955,000 and spent about \$479,000.

The campaign of Hernandez, the former Dublin mayor and current BART board president, reported receiving about \$441,000 and expending about \$198,000.

Wahab, a state senator who earned the California Democratic Party's

endorsement, reported receiving about \$416,000 with \$198,000 in expenditures.

Among the others, Ortega's campaign reported receiving about \$34,000 and spending about \$28,000, Huang's campaign reported receiving about \$34,000 and spending \$26,000, and Elam's campaign reported pulling about \$31,000 and spending about \$30,000.

Bolstering Israni's fundraising was a \$1.2 million loan she took out for her campaign. Also loaning money to their campaigns were Elam (\$25,000), Wahab (\$38,500) and Huang (\$23,000).

Candidates Aguilar, Maldonado and Chenault have no reported receipts or disbursements.

Since the coverage period ending May 13, the campaigns of Israni, Hernandez and Wahab have reported additional contributions.

As for the special primary

election, repeat candidates include Hernandez, Israni, Wahab, Huang and Maldonado. Additional candidates are Democrats Alisha Cordes, Sheriene Ridenour and Jot Thiara; Republicans Tom Wong and Jack Wu; and Victor Zevallos, who has declared no party preference.

Although campaign finances for the general and special elections were combined on the pre-primary election financial report, the Pleasanton Weekly culled the data to compare solely the general election finances.

Huang experienced technical difficulties in submitting the pre-election financial report, she told the FEC in a report. She mailed the report past the mailing deadline.

Former prospective candidate Abrar Qadir reported the receipt of about \$27,000 and the expenditure of about \$26,000 from July 1, 2025 to April 15, 2026. ■

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Scott Alan Rubin

February 20, 1955 - April 1, 2026

On the evening of Wednesday, April 1, 2026, Scott Alan Rubin passed away peacefully at Stanford Hospital in Pleasanton surrounded by family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 71. He was born to Allen G. Rubin and Phyllis D. (Jennings) Rubin at the Naval Hospital in Newport, RI. After his father left the Navy, the family moved to Herrin, then La Grange, Illinois during which time his younger brother Joel and sisters Julie and Amy were born. He had a very loving family growing up and had extended family nearby. When he was eight, his father's job took the family to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada for a year. Several years after returning home to Illinois, his father's job moved the family to their final location, Walnut Creek, CA, in 1966. From a very early age, Scott displayed a real curiosity and aptitude for mechanical and electrical devices. He particularly liked figuring out how things worked by taking them apart, such as doorknobs and the family's telephone, which he completely disassembled using a table knife as a screwdriver at age 6. He loved science and electricity. As a teenager he taught himself how to fix and rebuild his minibike, motorcycle and eventually, car engines and other parts. After graduating from Ygnacio Valley High School in 1973, he studied computers and electronics at UC Davis and at Heald's Engineering College. His first job was in a small shop in Walnut Creek, designing and building computerized concrete batch plant controls. In 1976 he met his future wife, Kathy Kondor at an ECKANKAR conference in Las Vegas. Two years later they were married, and moved to Pleasanton, CA. They loved the town, and it was located between both their jobs. With Scott's electronics design experience, he landed a job at Zendex in Dublin. At Zendex, Scott designed a computer motherboard that was used in many commercial devices and applications. Around that time, Scott and Kathy started their family, welcoming daughters Laura in 1983, Sarah in 1986, and son David in 1989. Scott made his next move to an engineering job at GTE Government Systems in 1985. In 1989 Scott and his younger siblings learned that in 1952, prior to their marriage, their parents had a baby boy named William "David", who was placed for adoption. At the age of 34, Scott learned he was not the first of four siblings, but rather the second of five, and he had a big brother himself! David, his wife Cinda and their son Jonathan were welcomed into the family.

That same year, GTE offered Scott a 3-year contract in southern Bavaria, Germany. During summer, Scott and Kathy rented out their house in Pleasanton, and with their three very young children, moved to Germany, shortly before The (Berlin) Wall fell, and the Iron Curtain came down. During



this historical time, as the European Union was forming, they traveled through Europe, seeing famous cities and areas of Germany, Austria, Italy, France, and the Benelux. They were there during the first Gulf War, saw the drawdown of US troops, the closing of US bases in Germany, and met people from countries formerly behind the Iron Curtain who were free to travel for the first time. They vacationed at the newly opened Euro Disney, and lastly visited Prague, a beautiful city that was undergoing massive renovations after long-term neglect. They returned to their home in Pleasanton in 1992. In 1996, Scott went to work for Lockheed Martin, a job he greatly enjoyed where he worked until he retired in 2018. Before and after retirement, the family enjoyed travel to Mexico, Japan, Europe and around the US. In retirement Scott continued to work on pet projects in electronics, computers, and cars, and began contract work with Lockheed. The last years were spent managing his father's and mother's estates, all while battling several illnesses himself.

Scott is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Kathy; daughters Laura and Sarah, son David (Melissa), brothers David (Cinda) and Joel, sisters Julie and Amy (Dan), granddaughter Sophia, nephews Jonathan, Justin (Phoenix), and Alex, niece Alyssa (Corie), grand-niece Eliana, and step-siblings Phillip and Bobbie (Richard), nephews Cheyne and Christian and niece Grace (Mike), as well as many cousins. Scott was a long-time student of the teachings of ECKANKAR, which taught him about spiritual freedom and unconditional love. His loving spirit, sense of humor, brilliant mind, can-do attitude and creative imagination will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service on Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m. at the Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street in Pleasanton.

PAID OBITUARY

Organizers submitting signatures for transit sales tax measure

Voters would decide in November on new funding source for BART and other agencies

BY ANDRES JIMENEZ LARIOS /
BAY CITY NEWS

Organizers with the Connect Bay Area Act, a regional sales tax measure for public transit, collected 305,895 signatures across five Bay Area counties, well above the 186,000 required threshold to place it on this year's ballot.

Voters in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara will vote this November on the sales tax measure Senate Bill 63 — more commonly known as the Connect Bay Area Act — that would create a new source of funding for several public transit agencies facing budget deficits.

The State Legislature passed SB 63 in 2025 after being introduced by state senators Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Jesse Arreguin (D-Berkeley). It created a new entity, the Public Transit Revenue District, that encompasses the five counties.

The law also authorized placing a regional sales tax measure on the November ballot that, if approved by voters, would start a 14-year sales tax of half a cent in each county except San Francisco, where it would be one cent — projected to generate \$1 billion annually for public transit agencies.

In California, a voter-approved regional measure for a new sales tax would normally require a two-thirds majority approval if the Legislature directly places it on a ballot. Transit

advocates, however, chose to collect signatures to make the sales tax a citizen-initiated ballot measure that would lower the threshold to a simple majority of votes cast.

Organizers with Connect Bay Area, the campaign to pass the measure, said the number of signatures collected "proves there is broad and deep support across the region for public transit".

Campaign spokesperson Jeff Cretan said in a press release that the group used a mixture of grassroots volunteers and paid personnel who would station themselves outside places of business, transit stops, and major events across the region.

Connect Bay Area co-leader Lian Chang said over 1,000 people contributed to getting the necessary signatures for the ballot measure.

"We're blown away," Chang said in a press release. "This is the largest grassroots signature-gathering effort in the history of the Bay Area, and represents thousands of hours of time from people from all backgrounds and all corners of our five-county region to protect this thing — transit — that matters so much to us, and to millions of Bay Area voters, even if they don't know it yet."

U.S. Rep. Kevin Mullin (D-San Mateo) said the measure would help keep the Bay Area moving and affordable for residents.

"Public transit is a cornerstone of our economy and an essential public good that keeps our region affordable for residents," Mullin said. "Connect Bay Area will protect the public transportation service we all rely on while ensuring strong accountability so every dollar delivers reliable, safe transit."

The announcement comes after the Metropolitan Transportation Commission approved the first phase of the Financial Review Process, an audit by independent firm Nelson/Nygaard that found Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, BART, Caltrain, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency implemented over \$1 billion in cost saving measures since 2019.

The report made recommendations for further savings and cost-cutting measures. Now with the measure set to be on the ballot, the second phase of the review will go further into depth into each agency receiving funding to ensure responsible spending and places where improvements can be made — as required by SB 63.

The Connect Bay Area campaign said it will take up to a month to verify the signatures in each respective county's department of elections. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Former Livermore bishop charged with child sex abuse

A former leader in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Tri-Valley who was arrested earlier this month on child sex abuse charges returned to Alameda County Superior Court last Friday to discuss bail conditions after posting the nearly \$1 million required for his release.

Michael D. Morris, 76, is facing 18 counts of child sexual abuse driven by either violence or the threat of violence against four alleged victims when Morris was acting as an LDS bishop and youth group leader in Livermore.

Morris was arraigned May 20, with Alameda County District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson announcing the arrest and charges the next day.

Now a Utah resident, Morris was arrested on May 15 while he was back in California to visit his daughter in Chowchilla, according to his attorney Austin Thompson at a subsequent hearing Friday, in which Morris appeared out of custody.

Deputy district attorney Colleen Clark said that the prosecution was satisfied with the amount of Morris' bail set at \$920,000 but would be continuing to seek additional conditions of his release, including surrendering his passport, requiring in-person court appearances and forbidding him to be in the presence of minors without parental supervision — including his grandchildren.

Thompson said he had disapproved of “unfounded” concerns about Morris' flight risk during previous bail discussions, including his capacity to afford travel with “certain means, given his long career”, but agreed to have Morris surrender his passport and to prevent unsupervised contact with minors.

However, the two sides continued to disagree on whether Morris should be allowed to return to his home in Utah. Clark said that the prosecution was considering requiring him to live in California as the case makes its way through court, and objected to a suggestion from Thompson that Morris be allowed to return home with an ankle monitor.

The criminal complaint filed against Morris last week describes him as engaging in “violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society”, with enhancements for violence or the threat of violence against the four anonymous “John Doe” victims, as well as for abusing a position of trust, targeting vulnerable victims, and planning and sophistication behind the alleged crimes.

Of the 18 charges filed, 11 are regarding the first “John Doe” to come forward in the case, alleging numerous instances of sexual abuse and assault between 1996 and 2000 when the victim was 14 to 17 years old. Those crimes happened at multiple locations, according to the complaint, primarily at the LDS church at 1501 Hillcrest Ave. in Livermore, but also at Morris' home, in his vehicle and at the victim's childhood homes.

The earliest allegations in the complaint are from John Doe 2, who was 14 at the time between 1991 and 1992. John Doe 3 alleges abuse between 1997 and 1998 and John Doe 4's allegations are from between 1997 and 1999, when both were 14 and 15 years old.

— Jeanita Lyman

Memorial Day fatal crash

A chain-reaction crash on Dublin Boulevard killed one person and injured three others on the afternoon of Memorial Day, according to Dublin Police Services.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the motorist who died as Michael David Bertalan, 45, of San Ramon. The cause of the five-vehicle collision remains under DPS investigation.

The situation unfolded just before 1:45 p.m. Monday (May 25) when Dublin police responded to a car crash reported on westbound Dublin Boulevard just east of the Regional Street intersection in the city's downtown commercial district, according to Capt. Miguel Campos.

The preliminary investigation indicates the driver of a red Lexus ES 350 was traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Dublin Boulevard and struck the back of a gray Volkswagen Jetta in the right-hand turn lane, apparently without applying the brakes before the impact, according to Campos.

The force caused a chain reaction crash that involved three other vehicles, leaving all five broken down, Campos said. The Alameda County Fire Department had to use the Jaws of Life to remove multiple motorists from their vehicles.

The driver of the Jetta — later identified as Bertalan — succumbed to his injuries. Two other motorists were hospitalized in critical condition, according to Campos.

— Jeremy Walsh

Coroner IDs woman killed in Vasco Road crash

Authorities have confirmed the identity of a woman who died at an area hospital after being involved in a two-vehicle crash along Vasco Road in unincorporated Livermore earlier this month.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the decedent

as Virginia Lynn Driscoll, 58, of Walnut Creek.

The collision occurred at approximately 11:20 p.m. May 7 at the intersection of northbound Vasco Road and Old Vasco Road in unincorporated Alameda County, California Highway Patrol Officer Tyler Hahn told the Pleasanton Weekly last week.

“The preliminary investigation indicates a Chevrolet Cobalt traveling north on Vasco Road collided with a GMC Canyon pick-up making a left from Old Vasco Road onto southbound Vasco Road,” Hahn said.

The sole occupant of the Cobalt — later identified as Driscoll — sustained serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital, according to authorities. The coroner confirmed she was pronounced dead just after midnight on May 8.

The occupants of the Canyon were taken to a local hospital that night with injuries that were not considered to be life-threatening, according to Hahn.

The circumstances of the collision remain under CHP investigation, Hahn said.

— Jeremy Walsh

Financial adviser guilty

A longtime Contra Costa County financial adviser was convicted of running a decades-long Ponzi scheme and pocketing over \$9 million for almost a decade, federal prosecutors said.

Edwin Lickiss, 78, pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of wire fraud and one count of money laundering in connection with the scheme, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California said in a statement May 20.

Between 1998 and 2024, Lickiss worked as a financial adviser in Danville and Alamo and owned and operated Foundation Financial Group. Prosecutors said that even though Lickiss' broker's license was suspended in 2014 and revoked in 2016, he continued to solicit and obtain investments until September 2024, never telling investors he had been suspended and then lost his license.

Lickiss told investors that he would invest their money in government bonds and other bonds, according to the indictment. He also told investors that he had exclusive access to fictitious bonds that paid very high rates of return, including rates exceeding 20%. Lickiss said these fake bonds were safe, secure and tax-free and that they could be redeemed at any time.

Instead, Lickiss gave fake promissory notes that included fictitious information. He would occasionally give payments to some investors by using funds fraudulently obtained from other investors, prosecutors said.

Lickiss ran a Ponzi scheme and used the money he took in for things like home renovations and travel, as well as car, mortgage and credit card payments. In total, he received at least \$9.5 million from 93 investors.

Lickiss has a sentencing hearing scheduled for Aug. 28. He is facing up to 30 years in federal prison.

— Katy St. Clair, Bay City News

Parents cited after boy tries to flee on e-moto

A 12-year-old who allegedly ran a stop sign while speeding around a Danville neighborhood on an electric motorcycle was pulled over by police for reckless driving, police said last week.

The boy was spotted by police after he allegedly ran a stop sign in a residential area. The officer tried to pull him over but the boy didn't stop and continued driving

at speeds up to 45 mph, police said in a May 21 news release.

The pursuit lasted about a mile until the rider stopped in a cul-de-sac and was detained.

That's when the officer discovered the rider was 12 years old. The motorcycle was a Talaria electric motorcycle, capable of speeds up to 60 mph, and required a driver's license.

The officer contacted the boy's parents and issued citations to the youth on suspicion of evading a police officer, reckless driving, and driving without a license. The parents were also issued citations, for allegedly allowing a juvenile to ride illegally.

The juvenile was released to his parents, and the case is being referred to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for criminal review. The e-motorcycle was towed on a 30-day hold.

— Bay City News Service

Joyce Catherine Mohatt

February 3, 1937 - April 4, 2026

Joyce Catherine Mohatt passed away peacefully on April 4, 2026, at the age of 89. Born and raised in La Grange, California, Joyce Ingalls carried with her the warmth, resilience, and strong sense of family that would define her entire life. She later made her home in Pleasanton, where she and her husband, Everett James



“Skip” Mohatt, built a life together centered around family, friendship, and community. During those years, Joyce worked at Amador Valley High School alongside Skip and became known for her kindness, steady presence, and caring nature. In 1999, she moved to Auburn, where she continued to enjoy being surrounded by family and dear friends. Joyce had a special gift for making people feel welcome. Whether through a family gathering, a conversation at the kitchen table, or simply her quiet support, she made people feel cared for and loved. Her greatest joy came from her family, and she took immense pride in watching it grow through the generations. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 52 years, Everett James “Skip” Mohatt, and her son-in-law, Dennis Hart. Joyce will be lovingly remembered by her children: Kim Usry; Steve Mohatt (Yvonne); Leslee Hart; Mary Reyna (George); Kent Mohatt; and Kaycie Burtchett (Brian). She was a proud grandmother to 21 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way. She is also survived by her sister, Judi Ingalls, and her brother, George Ingalls (Marcia), who remain in La Grange, California, along with many extended family members and lifelong friends. Joyce's love, strength, and gentle spirit will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 25, 2026, at St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Skip Mohatt Scholarship through Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc.

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Pleasanton couple setting



One car. Seven continents. Countless new memories.

That's what's in store for John Perez and Kristi Reed over the next three to five years as the couple get set to road-trip around the world in their 2008 Toyota 4Runner.

The pair is gearing up to kick off their adventure this weekend as they head up the coast to Alaska for the first leg of their journey.

"We depart from Pleasanton, Calif. with a dream of exploring the world, slowly and intentionally for the next three to five years," Reed told the Pleasanton Weekly. "Our hope is to experience all seven continents while immersing ourselves in different cultures, meeting amazing people, tasting incredible foods and visiting some of the most breathtaking places on earth."

Perez and Reed are longtime Pleasanton residents who've owned their business, Body Balance, for over 30 years. Located next to the Kottinger Barn, their business specializes in personal fitness, massage therapy and nutritional coaching.

When they decided it was time to retire, Perez and Reed chose to spend their newfound free time doing the two things they love to do the most: traveling and road-tripping.

"Every journey has deepened our love for adventure, culture and connection with people around the world," Reed said.

The pair intends to keep their business running while they're away by shifting to a less-hands-on role, delegating more responsibility to their managers and staff. Additionally, they plan to rent out their Pleasanton home during their trip.

Reed said the idea of going on their extensive excursion stemmed from a road trip they took in Iceland just before the COVID-19

pandemic. She said they had rented a van there and traveled all around the country in it, which prompted them to think: "Why not do the same thing but across the world?"

That's when they discovered the overlanding community.

According to various magazines, community forums and blog sites, overlanding is a form of adventure travel where the journey becomes the primary goal — not necessarily making it to a certain destination. Instead of simply camping in your car, you convert your car to a self-sufficient mode of transportation and living.

Through their research and time diving deep into the overlanding world, the couple decided to purchase their 4Runner that they nicknamed YOLA, which stands for "You Only Live Adventure". Perez said they mainly bought that particular car because they can find parts for it almost anywhere around the world.

After buying their vehicle, they spent about a year and a half getting the oversized, all-terrain wheels, making exterior improvements and overall modifying the inside and outside of the car to meet their needs during the trip.

The car is equipped with a working refrigerator, Starlink, cooking top, hand-held shower and a tent installed on top of the roof. During colder weather, the couple said they can take out the equipment inside their trunk to make room for a mattress.

With their car ready to go, the couple then spent time developing their route. Their plan is to start along the coast of California and travel up the Pacific Northwest into Alaska, where their 4Runner will be pushed to its limit.

They said those first seven months in the cold and vast



wilderness will really test them mentally and physically, as well as give them a chance to see where they can make improvements to their vehicle.

After that, the two said they plan on making their way across Canada, back into the U.S., head along the East Coast and across the south into Texas where they will begin the second leg of their journey down to Mexico and Latin America. Once in South America, they will travel along the western coast until they hit Argentina.

For the oceanic crossings, the pair noted that they intend to utilize cargo ships, securing their vehicle within a shipping container for the duration of the voyage.

Once at the tip of Argentina, they will briefly make their way to the very top of Antarctica before

going across the southern Atlantic Ocean and into South Africa. They will then spend some time driving up east Africa before going across the Indian Ocean to hit Australia.

Finally, they will trek from Australia to southeast and northeast Asia, across India and the Himalayas and finish their journey in Europe.

While there is no specific timeline for any of their stops, Perez said one of the main goals is to stay ahead of the winters and chase the summers in each of the continents.

Reed noted that the journey is much more than simply "checking destinations off a map".

"It's about embracing the unknown, stepping outside of our comfort zones and creating meaningful experiences along the way," she said. "We believe adventure

is found not only in the grand landscapes, but also in the small moments."

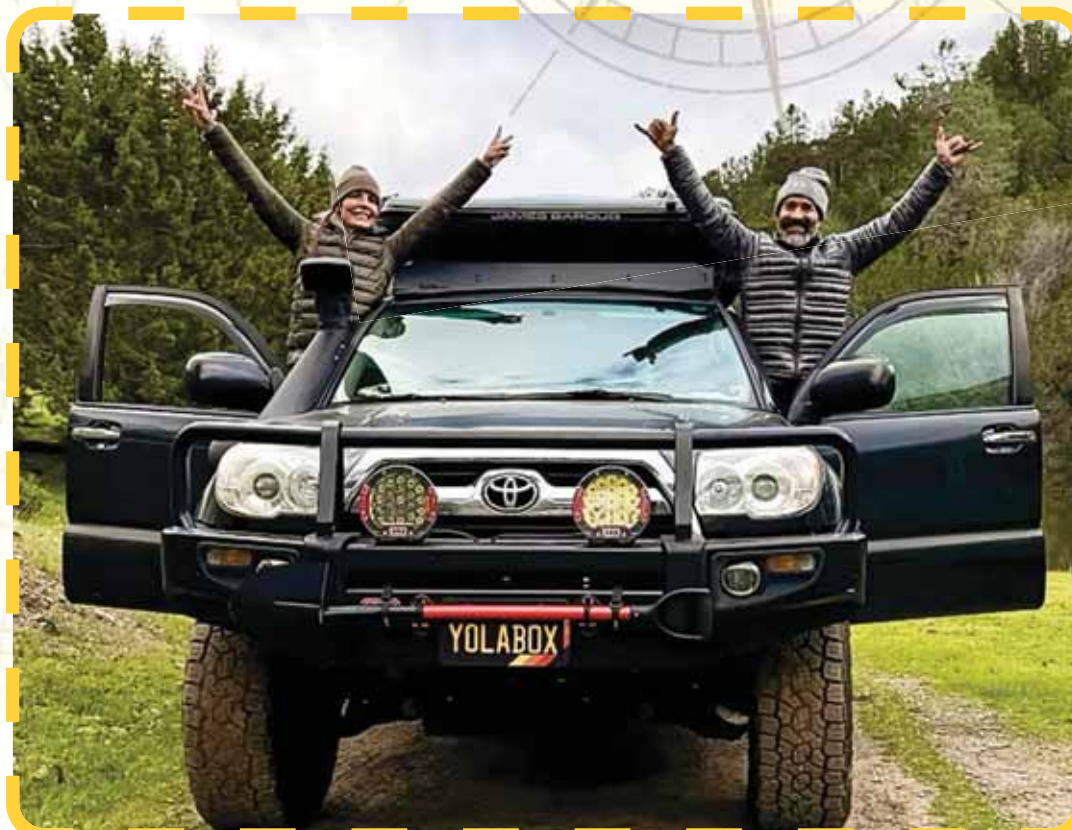
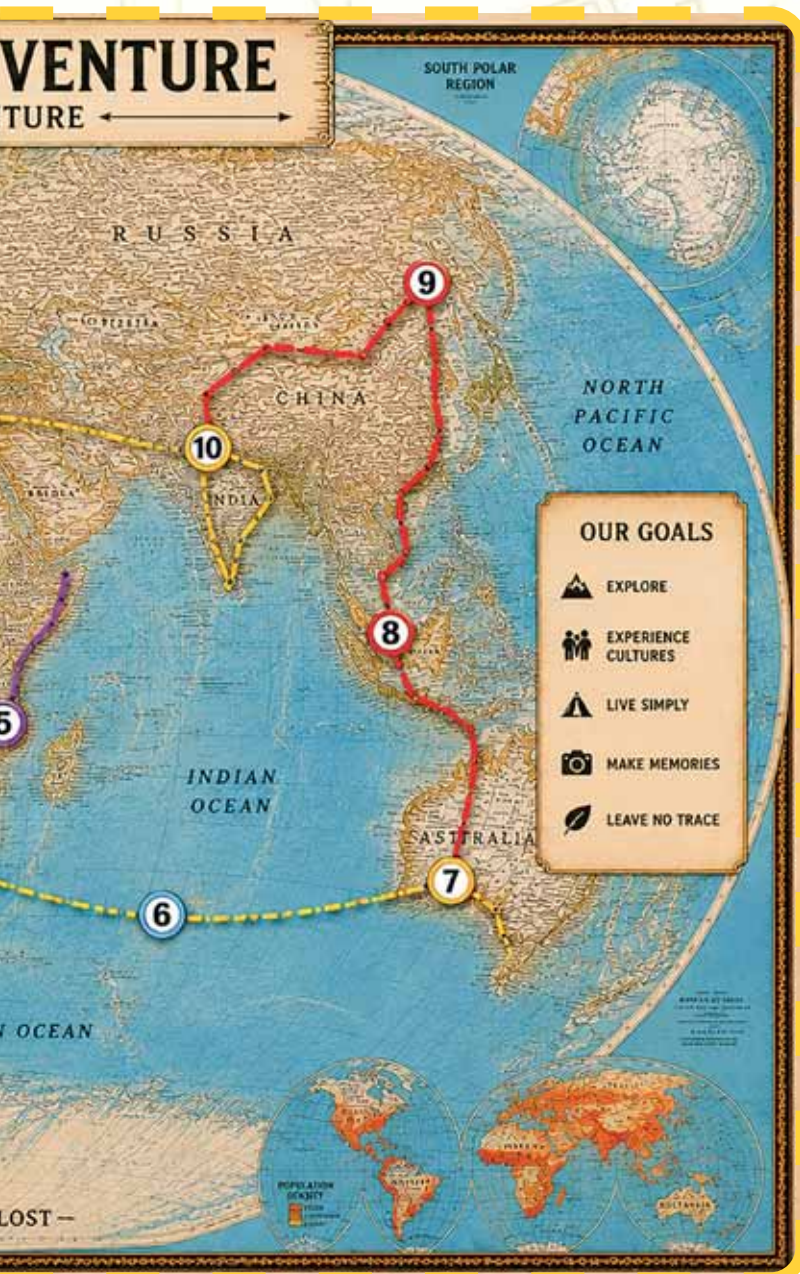
She and her husband are not treating this as a race against time. They plan on moving through each city, each state, each country and each continent as slowly as possible so they can fully immerse themselves in all of the various cultures and landscapes.

They also seek to make new friends along the way, share with locals and spend as much time in nature as possible.

Their love for nature is so strong, in fact, that Reed said they are more excited to visit Alaska than anywhere else on their route — mostly because of the vast landscapes and untouched nature. They even plan on diving into the Arctic Ocean for fun.

'LIVE ADVENTURE'

out on drive around the world ✦ By Christian Trujano



Although they recognize there might be some dangers along the way — corrupt officers looking for bribes, dangerous terrain and areas experiencing gang violence, to name a few — they said they've made sure to research as much as they could so that they know what to do in those situations.

Perez added that while there might be a preconceived understanding of the dangers around the world, they also believe in human kindness and said, based on previous trips, they think the world is a much nicer place than what many might believe.

"It's not as dangerous, but we also are going to be extremely mindful," Perez said.

As far as what they hope to achieve from this trip, apart from all of the new memories they're

going to make, Perez and Reed said they also hope to inspire others to chase their dreams, take chances like the two of them did and realize it's not too late to travel the world.

"If you dream it, do it, because you only have this one life," Reed said.

Perez also added that you don't necessarily need extravagant or expensive equipment to do something like them, all you need is meticulous research, dependable equipment and ambition.

"You don't need these big, expensive (car) builds. You don't need to spend \$50,000 or \$100,000 like a lot of people do for show," Perez said, referencing a fellow off-roader the two follow. "All you need is four wheels — that are capable — and this incredible desire."

People can follow the couple's journey via their YouTube and social media pages, both titled "You Only Live Adventure", where they will post their locations, routes and what it's like to be on the road. ■

Top right: John Perez and Kristi Reed spent about a year and a half modifying and building out their 4Runner, which will be their home on the road for the next few years. Top left: Map shows the Pleasanton couple's planned route across the globe. (Contributed images). Above: Nicknamed YOLA, which stands for "You Only Live Adventure", their SUV is equipped with a fully working refrigerator, cooktop, makeshift shower and a tent on top. (Photo by Christian Trujano).



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Accepting 2026 #GameChangers Awards were (clockwise, from bottom left): Susan Virgilio of Blossom and Root Kitchen, Mike Dunne of Inertia, JB Orecchia of SavvyMoney and the team at the Pac-12 Studios.

TRI-VALLEY INNOVATION

#GameChangers

Pleasanton's Calyxo, Pac-12 in San Ramon, Livermore's Inertia among 2026 award winners

BY TIM HUNT

Businesses ranging from a vegan restaurant in Danville to a firm manufacturing an innovative medical device to remove kidney stones were honored in San Ramon last week when the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group celebrated its ninth annual #GameChangers Awards.

Danville honoree Susan Virgilio described how she had to change her approach to meals when her daughter in high school declared she was vegan.

As Virgilio dug into ensuring her daughter received the necessary balanced nutrition, the family became vegan. She said she has no background in food. Her degree was in math.

After the diet change, she said the whole family was healthier, with less inflammation, and she had plenty of good recipes. Thinking about how she could share them, led to the Blossom and Root Kitchen with the team around her to execute on the restaurant business.

Pleasanton recognized Calyxo, which designs and manufactures CVAC, which removes the kidney stones non-surgically using vacuum technology. Patient outcomes are better because the entire stone is removed instead of being broken into pieces in traditional treatments. Founded in 2017 by Joseph Catanese and located in Hacienda Business Park, Calyxo's device already has been used in 20,000 procedures.

The company has just closed its "F" funding round and has 350 employees growing to 400 by year-end.

The GameChanger from Dublin was SavvyMoney that relocated there from its founding offices in Pleasanton. JB Orecchia, the CEO, has lived in Pleasanton for many years and founded Free Credit as a subscription service in San Francisco. When Credit Karma came along, that changed and he started pondering a different approach.

He embedded credit checks so it could be inside financial institutions' web offerings so they could maintain the contact instead of sending a client to an outside vendor and potential competitor. At a friend's suggestion, he based it a few minutes from his office, a welcome change after riding afternoon BART trains.

SavvyMoney has found a sweet spot with its software used in more than 16,000 institutions and 43 million inquiries a day.

The San Ramon honoree was the Pac-12, an organization that has ridden a tough roller coaster over the past few years. The once showcase West Coast college athletic conference imploded in 2023 when USC and UCLA announced they were headed for the Big Ten and shortly were followed by Oregon and Washington. Four other schools departed for the Big 12 and Cal and Stanford scrambled to find a new home in the ACC.

That left just Washington State and Oregon State. The conference was based in Walnut Creek for decades before moving to San Francisco in 2012. The production studio was established in Bishop Ranch in 2023 and, after the implosion, the remaining schools decided they had an asset worth preserving although doing so cost more than 120 people their jobs.

It's now turned around with eight universities joining in the fall for

football plus national basketball powerhouse Gonzaga will field all other sports. Michael Molinari, senior vice president of business development and studio operations, said they will broadcast more than 1,000 events in the upcoming school year. The live football show will be produced in Pleasanton at Goal Line Studios.

Mike Dunne, the chief technology officer of Inertia, related how he's lived in Livermore for 11 years and endured the ugly commute "with millions of people" to the Stanford University campus where he worked as a professor. He's also been a leader at the linear accelerator there.

Dunne recalled he was walking his dog one day when it accosted some neighbors he hadn't met. Making his apologies developed into a conversation about what each of them did and it turned out that the neighbor had a hi-tech

glass company that could potentially make parts of the commercial fusion prototype that Inertia is developing with a license from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and its National Ignition Facility.

The NIF team proved that fusion could take place in a lab after 60 years of research that began when a young John Nuckolls (who went on to serve as lab director) saw the potential of using lasers to implode the atoms. The giant NIF facility has 192 laser beams focused on the BB-sized target.

Dunne went on to relate how they've discovered a cluster of businesses that can support Intertia's effort already located in Livermore when they've opened a 50,000-square-foot facility.

The Stanford connection played out with the Founder's Award that capped the evening and went to Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, one of the long-time supporters of the group. CEO Misty Jones accepted the award and paid tribute to the broader team. Her predecessor, Rick Shumway, chaired the leadership group for two years before he was promoted and moved to the Palo Alto site.

Stanford has invested tens of millions of dollars in the Tri-Valley, buying a three-building complex in Hacienda Business Park and just broke ground last week on a three-story expansion of the main Pleasanton hospital that includes a much larger emergency room.

Andrew Watterson, chief operating officer of Southwest Airlines, returned to the event and gave the keynote address. He received the Founder's Award on behalf of Southwest in 2025. It just celebrated its 37th anniversary of Oakland operations.

He highlighted operational and financial changes that have paid off as it climbed from No. 4 to No. 1 on the Wall Street Journal's annual ranking of airlines.

Watterson was introduced by Craig Simon, director of aviation at the Port of Oakland, and Port Commissioner Stephanie Dominguez Walton. Simon noted that the name issue has been settled with San Francisco International and there was a huge East Bay client base flying.

He encouraged businesses to make it policy for their travel groups to check Oakland first and let them know if their people have to fly out of a different Bay Area airport. Simon said they want to communicate that to the airlines. ■



‘Rising Together’

Display at county fairgrounds in honor of 9/11 anniversary

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Law enforcement, first responders and local luminaries in the Tri-Valley gathered at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on May 21 to greet the processional transporting fragments from the Twin Towers, including a large steel beam, that will be on display during this summer’s county fair. The exhibition, “Rising Together: In Remembrance of 9/11”, acknowledges the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the 250th birthday of the United States. ■

Museum ready for summer

Family Days, Walking Tours start in June

By JEREMY WALSH

The Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton is poised to begin its free summer programming next month, with the 2026 Family Days and Charles Huff Walking Tour Series both running through September.

“Family Days are our favorite way to teach about Pleasanton’s history while providing fun for the whole community,” said Elizabeth Parker, the museum’s new education director.

The Family Days offer hands-on demonstrations, crafts and activities for kids, parents and grandparents around a central theme on three Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum at 603 Main St.

The program kicks off next Saturday (June 6) by transporting participants back to the 1950s with “Rollin’ Through the Years”, coinciding with the Hot Rod Row downtown as part of the Pleasanton Downtown Associations First Weekends on Main. “Race’ hot rods in the grass, visit the Main Street Diner, and ‘detail’ your own classic car. Poodle skirts and bobby socks are welcome!” museum officials said.

The Family Day on July 25 will be “Horsing Around Pleasanton” and the city’s equine history. The final installment will be Sept. 12 with “It’s Fall Coming Back” highlighting Pleasanton’s deep agricultural ties.

The Charles Huff Walking Tour Series — named for the late former architect and museum supporter — offers guided strolls around downtown with anecdotes about the architecture and histories of some of Pleasanton’s most notable buildings.

The 2026 schedule features “A Storied Past: Exploring the Buildings in Downtown Pleasanton” on June 16 and 20 and Sept. 18 and 26, “If These Walls Could Talk: Exploring Downtown’s Historic St. Mary Neighborhood” on July 9 and 11, and “If These Walls Could Talk: Exploring Downtown’s Historic Second Street Neighborhood” Aug. 19 and 29.

The walking tours, which require registration in advance, start at 9 a.m. and last about two hours. Comfortable shoes, a hat and sunscreen are recommended.

For more information on either program, go to museumonmain.org or call 925-462-2766. ■

Symphony to showcase ‘Dramatic Voices’

Clarinetist Sanchez, harpist Trinh to perform too

By JEREMY WALSH

Bold, emotional and creative compositions are the thread connecting the music throughout Livermore-Amador Symphony’s “Dramatic Voices” concert next weekend at the Bankhead Theater.

The show will open with 14-year-old harpist Charlotte Trinh performing lead on the piece “Introduction and Allegro” by Maurice Ravel, followed by virtuoso clarinetist Steve Sanchez presenting Oscar Navarro’s “Clarinet Concerto No. 2” and finally the symphony showcasing Amy Beach’s “Symphony No. 2, Gaelic” to close the concert.

LAS conductor Lara Webber lauded the 1890s “Gaelic Symphony” as “loaded with memorable melodies that Beach continually develops with inventive use of counter themes and counter melodies that are shared across sections of the orchestra in brilliant and unexpected ways.”

“The music is deeply romantic and expressive, perfectly paced with just the right combination of energetic momentum; power; drama; intimate, nuanced emotions; and heart melting sentimentality, and features prolific use of familiar Gaelic melodies,” Webber said in a press release.

For the concert opener, the

symphony will be joined by Trinh, who won the organization’s annual Competition for Young Musicians with her talent on the harp.

“Although the music is written for small forces, it sounds orchestral because of the way Ravel has used the different sounds of the instruments with flute and clarinet playing sparkling short notes, pizzicato and fast arpeggios in the strings, alternating with lyrical melodies, and the unique effect of playing harmonics,” Webber said of the piece Trinh will play.

“In fact, it’s hard to think of a piece that is like this one anywhere in the literature,” Webber added. “It is a joy to bring this music to life with Charlotte and our Livermore musician soloists in this chamber piece. A unique way to open a concert!”

Between the bookends will be Sanchez on the clarinet, accompanying LAS for the Navarro concerto.

“It’s a great big work that sounds cinematic,” Webber said. “One can hear the influence of the great film score composers with whom Navarro studied at the University of Southern California, and also his unique voice rooted in his Spanish heritage with flamenco rhythms and dance traditions woven through throughout the music.”



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Charlotte Trinh will perform alongside the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

“Musicians clapping while also playing their instruments is a unique feature of this piece. It is incredibly exciting, thrilling to play and listen to and deeply moving,” she added.

Livermore-Amador Symphony’s “Dramatic Voices” concert is set for 7:30 p.m. next Saturday (June 6) at the Bankhead. Webber will host an “Inside the Music” talk from 7-7:15 p.m. Local Irish band Sixpenny will perform in the lobby during intermission and a complimentary wine reception will follow after the show. For tickets and more information, go to livermoreamadorsymphony.org. ■

Opinion

LETTERS

SB 1193 is about transparency, accountability and public trust

Over the last decade, Alameda County has faced 10 Civil Grand Jury reports, 30-plus county-related Grand Jury chapters, a major State Auditor report, a DOJ investigation, multiple lawsuits, media investigations and now a \$36 million settlement.

Alameda County residents deserve to know how all of their tax dollars are being spent, and that's exactly what SB 1193 does: it brings the Supervisors' discretionary funds into the light for public viewing.

Let's be clear about what the bill does NOT DO...

SB 1193 does not CUT nonprofit funding.

It does not BLOCK community organizations from receiving support.

It does not STOP Alameda County from investing in programs that serve residents.

The bill still allows Alameda County supervisors to push out funding within 72 hours. SB 1193 guardrails are consistent with statewide practices and shouldn't be controversial.

Alameda County cannot keep asking the public to trust a system that refuses basic transparency. We must step off the merry-go-round of excuses and begin this reform that residents know has been a long time coming.

The attacks on SB 1193 are a distraction. If people believe the current system is working, they should have no problem showing the public where the money goes.

Sunshine is not a threat. It is a safeguard.

— State Sen. Aisha Wahab

Palmer, Burnham, Badar for Zone 7 board

As a resident of the Tri-Valley, I'm endorsing Sarah Palmer, Alan Burnham and Seema Badar for the Zone 7 Water Agency Board. Being a director on the board, I know our most pressing challenges are water quality, flood management, reliable water supply and financial stewardship.

We have three members retiring with close to a century of professional experience; these three candidates are the best choices to continue their good work in these areas.

Sarah Palmer, the only incumbent candidate, is a skilled biochemist. She is a very engaged and active member in our meetings, workshops, committees and events. A previous board president, Sarah is often a spokesperson in Sacramento and D.C. She is a member of many regional committees and interests benefiting Zone 7. She was also the first to watchdog

PFAS and support efforts to eliminate it. Sarah is a valuable member we need to keep.

Alan Burnham brings a new face with many decades of scientific experience. This includes hydrogeology and water contamination. A chemist, Alan has worked at all levels: technical, financial, managerial and as a business owner. He is also an engaged community member, e.g., director and a founding member of the Quest Science Center. Alan will be an important experienced addition.

Seema Badar will bring a combination of interest in water utilities and organizational skills to the board. She is a successful community leader and organizer. Seema has chaired several committees and boards with financial oversight responsibilities. She offers important skills like leadership, financial experience, demonstrated civic engagement and a work ethic to keep pace with the many facets of Zone 7. Seema will be a complimentary new voice.

— Laurene Green

Vote for Jim Lehrman

I am writing to express my strong support for Jim Lehrman in his candidacy for the Zone 7 Board of Directors.

Water policy in the Tri-Valley is too important to be left to passive oversight. It requires informed, technically grounded and locally committed leadership. Jim brings exactly that combination.

As a geologist and hydrogeologist, he has a deep, professional understanding of water systems, groundwater sustainability, and the long-term risks facing our regional supply. Just as importantly, he is a longtime Tri-Valley resident who has consistently demonstrated his commitment to this community.

Jim has not been a passive observer. He has actively engaged — writing letters, speaking at Pleasanton City Council and Zone 7 meetings, and organizing efforts like the Protect Tri-Valley Water petition. These actions show both initiative and persistence. They also highlight an important truth: meaningful change often requires a seat at the table.

Electing Jim Lehrman to the Zone 7 board would bring a knowledgeable and independent voice into decision-making — someone who understands both the science and the local stakes. At a time when water management is becoming increasingly complex, that perspective is not just valuable; it is necessary.

I encourage voters to support Jim Lehrman for Zone 7 Board of Directors.

— Deepti Pradhan

Cook-Kallio for county Board of Education

Cheryl Cook-Kallio deserves reelection to the Alameda County

Board of Education. She has earned our trust with her high standards, deep knowledge of the school system, and active involvement in student learning.

Cheryl's decades of classroom experience have taught her that all students can master a challenging curriculum. She still speaks with pride of the service projects her students initiated at Irvington High School, and she is delighted when a second language learner or a shy student develops the confidence to challenge assumptions in a discussion.

Cheryl is effective because she knows the institutions and people that run our schools. When explaining an issue, Cheryl often mentions people by name and even gives the back-story of those involved. She calls multiple times to advocate for schools, students, or programs that need attention. When a school district faces a conflict, she offers resources to remedy the problem.

Cheryl still supports the programs she loved as a teacher. She is a tireless advocate for civic education, organizing We the People competitions and recruiting teachers for Project Citizen training. Cheryl visits classrooms, judges for National History Day and responds when teachers need support.

Cheryl once told my students, "Why don't you ask your (State Assembly) representative to come to your school? They work for you, the citizen."

Students, teachers and leaders deserve a hard-working representative who understands and believes in our schools. Join me in supporting Cheryl Cook-Kallio for the Alameda County Board of Education.

— Robbie See

Burnham for Zone 7 board

As a Ph.D. chemist and longtime employee at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Alan Burnham has the technical expertise to assess the water reliability projects being considered by the Zone 7 Water Agency.

Alan has been involved with several community organizations, including Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group and Tri-Valley Conservancy, and has served on Livermore's General Plan Committee. He has also founded nonprofit organizations including Quest Science Center.

Alan's technical expertise and commitment to the community make him well qualified to serve on the Zone 7 board. Please join me in voting for Alan.

— Dennis Gambis

Vote for change. Vote for Steve Hilton.

California is being run as a one-party state with Democrats doing whatever they please without care

for the residents of California for many years.

They have run down the state with homelessness, high taxes everywhere like the gas tax, high state taxes, and highest sales tax in the country.

When you look at roads, they are beaten. Where is the money going?

Houses being unaffordable, companies leaving California and there is no end to it unless we bring change.

We have a Democratic governor who is more into his image than running the state.

Steve Hilton brings a lot of experience and a fresh approach to running the state being more attuned to the residents needs, than currently residents are being told how to live their lives by the Democrats.

Hilton has said that he will bring down the gas prices when he is elected and take care of other residents' needs.

Vote for change. Vote for Steve Hilton.

— Rajinder Ghatoaura

Freedom: 250 years and on

Cities gear up to celebrate America's 250th birthday on July 4. Events and holidays, like Memorial Day, prepare us. For instance, the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton from June 19 to July 12.

When 16 in 1992, my life changed when a drunken driver hit me. Freedom and driving laws are linked to ensure public safety.

In 2024, California made 1,336 DUI arrests during their Fourth of July law enforcement period. They made 1,311 DUI arrests during the same period in 2025.

Sober driving protects everyone's freedom. There is no legal "freedom" to drive drunk. Don't enjoy America's 250th birthday behind bars, in the hospital or dead.

If you see someone driving erratic on any road, like I-580, notify the law enforcement immediately. They will stop that driver.

Follow laws to stay true to the country we call home.

— Lori Martin

Why I'm voting for Tom Steyer

Tom Steyer has a long list of issues he plans to tackle if we are fortunate enough to have him as our next governor. Among them are housing affordability and the rapidly rising cost of living.

As governor, Tom will close a "Trump Tax Loophole" that lets the wealthiest commercial property owners avoid paying taxes based on what their properties are actually worth.

He will make it easier for the working class to participate in the housing market, but harder for institutions that own thousands of homes that crowd out families and buy up units only to rent. This will also help fix California's rapidly growing homelessness crisis.

Tom will close out corporate loopholes, raising \$20 billion a year of new revenue to fund education, health and childcare, which will lower the costs for the rest of us.

California private utilities (PG&E, SCE and SDG&E) have been raking in record profits because the rates they charge are tied to what they spend instead of performance. Tom will institute regulation that incentivizes innovation and efficiency that is built upon performance based technology powered by clean energy that will cut electricity rates by 25%.

At this unprecedented time in our country's history, he will lead the way back to a government that is for the people and by the people. That is why I am voting for Tom Steyer for our next governor of the great state of California.

— Ron Sadler

Attention seniors: Ask your kids!

Since the results of the upcoming election might have more impact on your kids, do the following if they are of voting age:

1. Tell them you plan to vote along with them this June.
2. Ask them to research the candidates and the issues.
3. Make suggestions to you as to their choices.
4. Tell them, "If they want to change the world, it starts with them."
5. Then tell them if they vote you will match them, either in person or with a mailed-in ballot.

— Terrence J. McGrath

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Public Notices

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.: 26CV186343

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Kaela Maureen Rivera filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

KAELA MAUREEN RIVERA to KAELA LOVY

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: 07/24/2026, 9:00am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 05/08/2026

Michael Markman

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW May 29, Jun 5, 12 and 19, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 26CV187283

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Zehra Ahsan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SYED ARMAAN-ASKARI RIZVI to ARMAAN ASKARI RIZVI

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: 7/17/26, 9:00 AM, 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: 5/13/26

Michael Markman

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW May 22, 29, Jun 5 and 12, 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.

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: April 30, 2026

Honorable Julie Wilensky

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MARLOW MEALS

Case No.: 26PR178223

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

TEMPESTT MEALS in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that:

TEMPESTT MEALS 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 15 2026 at 9:45 AM in 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

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

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

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner in Pro Per:

Tempestt Meals

2060 Independence Ave N

Perrysburg OH 43551

248-939-1244

(PLW May 29, Jun 5 and 12, 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 podrá 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)

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)

LAURA'S SAY CHEESE PHOTOBOOTH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 623313

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

1.) Laura's Say Cheese Photobooth , located at 7300 Emerald Ave, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

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

LAURA J SCHOVILLE

7300 Emerald Ave

Dublin, CA 94568

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 May 14 2026.

(PLW May 29, Jun 5, 12 and 19, 2026)

ALIKE APP STUDIO

ARBIGY

APTON WORKS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 623491

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

1.) ALIKE APP STUDIO , 2.) ARBIGY , 3.) APTON WORKS , located at 47000 Warm Springs Boulevard, #1 260, 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):

VARIYAR FAMILY OFFICE LLC

47000 Warm Springs Boulevard, #1 260

Fremont, CA 94539

State of Incorporation/Organization:

Delaware

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 May 20 2026.

(PLW May 29, Jun 5, 12 and 19, 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)

EASTWIND BOOKS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 623411

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

1.) Eastwind Books , located at 2045 Sandcreek Way Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2022 UNIVERSITY AVE, STE 46 BERKELEY, CA 94704

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

ACCESS DEVELOPMENT INC

2022 UNIVERSITY AVE, STE 46

BERKELEY, CA 94704

State of Incorporation/Organization:

CALIFORNIA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/1/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 15 2026.

(PLW May 22, 29, Jun 5 and 12, 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)

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

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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)

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)

MY CORE DEVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622874
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) MY CORE DEVICES, located at 4200 BAY STREET APT 127 FREMONT CA 94538, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
AMEEN MANGO LLC
4200 bay street apt 127 fremont ca 94538
State of Incorporation/Organization: california
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on APRIL 29 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 29 2026. (PLW May 29, Jun 5, 12 and 19, 2026)

NEW HARBOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622965
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) NEW HARBOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, located at 4695 CHABOT DR. STE#200, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PREMIUM PSYCHIATRIC CARE NURSING-PC
4695 CHABOT DR. STE#200 PLEASANTON, CA 94588
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 May 01 2026. (PLW May 29, Jun 5, 12 and 19, 2026)

PHYSICAL THERAPY SPECIALTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622964
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Physical Therapy Specialties, located at 3908 Valley Ave., Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

IDA L. CORYELL HIRST
3908 Valley Ave., Suite B Pleasanton, CA 94566
LAUREN HIRST
1852 Tanglewood Way Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 1989
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 01 2026. (PLW May 22, 29, Jun 5 and 12, 2026)

A BAR CRY EATERY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623350
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) A BAR CRY EATERY, located at 920 C Street, Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2274 Catalpa Way Hayward, CA 94545
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
KTMTZ LLC
2274 Catalpa Way Hayward, CA 94545
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 May 14 2026. (PLW May 29, Jun 5, 12 and 19, 2026)

ASAP SHIPPING HUB & MORE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623203
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ASAP SHIPPING HUB & MORE, located at 6280 W Las Positas Blvd #B, 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):
AASP NILOSE LLC
6280 W Las Positas Blvd #B 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 May 11 2026. (PLW May 22, 29, Jun 5 and 12, 2026)

BENNETT GRAPHIC SIGNS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623166
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Bennett Graphic Signs, located at 1056 Serpentine Lane, Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BENNETT SIGNWORKS, INC.
1056 Serpentine Lane, Suite B Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/1/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 08 2026. (PLW May 29, Jun 5, 12 and 19, 2026)

VALLEY AUTO PARTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622697
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) VALLEY AUTO PARTS, located at 452 W. TENNYSON RD HAYWARD CA 94544, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BRANDON ROY
452 W. Tennyson Rd Hayward CA 94544
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08-2008
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 22 2026. (PLW May 22, 29, Jun 5 and 12, 2026)

U NU CAKES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623261

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) U Nu Cakes, located at 2200 San Pablo Ave Berkeley, CA 94702, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3230 Liese Ave Oakland, CA 94619
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
UNU CAKES LLC
3230 Liese Ave Oakland, CA 94619
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/23/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 13 2026. (PLW May 22, 29, Jun 5 and 12, 2026)

TRI-VALLEY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 622722
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) TRI-VALLEY, located at 1047 Serpentine Ln #200 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
INVICTUS MARKETING SOLUTIONS INC.
1047 Serpentine Ln #200 Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/22/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 22 2026. (PLW May 22, 29, Jun 5 and 12, 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)

The Pleasanton Weekly is adjudicated to publish in Alameda County.

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

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/
For assistance email LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com.

LETTERS

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Lehrman for Zone 7

I strongly urge you to support Jim Lehrman for the Zone 7 Board of Directors. Jim has worked tirelessly for the past many years to keep the Valley's Drinking Water safe. His concern for the new groundwater wells has been ongoing, he has written and spoken about this often.

Jim's background in hydrogeology will be invaluable on the Board of Directors of Zone 7. Please join me in voting for Jim Lehrman.

— Judith Scavone

Wear orange!

First, the bad news:

- The No. 1 cause of death of American children is gun violence. Not drowning, not car accidents, not cancer. Gun violence.

Now, the good news:

- This is totally preventable.
- The solution is no mystery. All peer countries of the world have found the answers.
- Parents and all caring adults are not having this.
- Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is spearheading actions to save the lives of children and adults.

To that end, the Livermore Valley chapter of Moms Demand Action is holding its fourth annual Wear Orange event on Saturday, June 6 at Lions Wayside Park in Pleasanton from 10 a.m. to noon.

This family-friendly community gathering will honor victims and survivors of gun violence and promote gun violence prevention actions. Bring the whole family to hear inspirational speakers, meet community partners and participate in fun arts and crafts activities. As always, attendees will enjoy the traditional array of tasty ORANGE SNACKS!
Everybody looks good in orange! Don't have anything orange to wear? No problem. Free orange bracelets will be available. Join us!

— Laurie Herbert

Police response times and recent smash-and-grab

In a recent Pleasanton City Council meeting, our police chief publicly discussed police response times within city limits. Only a few days later, a smash-and-grab robbery occurred at the Zales jewelry store in Stoneridge Mall.

As a Pleasanton resident, I am wondering whether these two events should raise concern. Specifically: Did the individuals who carried out the smash-and-grab use the publicly discussed response-time information to plan or time their crime?

I am not suggesting a conclusion, but I believe the community deserves clarity. When operational details about law enforcement capabilities are shared publicly, it is reasonable to ask whether such information could unintentionally benefit criminal

groups — especially given the rise in organized retail theft across the Bay Area.

I hope Pleasanton officials and the Police Department can address whether there is any indication of a connection, or whether the timing was simply coincidental. Transparency on this point would help reassure residents and strengthen trust in our public-safety communication practices.

— Michael Austin

Trump hates Rakhi Israni?

The mailman just delivered one of the most disgusting political flyers ever.

Rakhi introduces herself as being “EVERYTHING TRUMP HATES” with a smug look of superiority on her face. On the reverse side, she boasts “RAKHI SCARES TRUMP”.

If you think our President is an overconfident BSer, you might think twice about having the same personality disorder representing our district.

Does boasting to be hated and feared by Trump suggest anything in the way of actual qualifications? Should we reward such an evasive, purely emotional pitch? Do you want to be embarrassed again over who we send to D.C.? Another showboater who'll do anything and say anything to gain publicity?

I'm still deciding. But Rakhi's “vote-because-he-hates me” message smacks of unhinged bravado. Stylistically, it doesn't fit our district. I'm looking for someone less boastful than Trump ... someone less emotionally manipulative ... someone more authentic.

We need a break from pyrotechnics.

— Pierre Bierre

Rodeo cruelty

Last weekend's Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley suffered yet another animal fatality. California Penal Code 596.7 requires that rodeo injuries be reported to the State Veterinary Medical Board (reports free upon request, email enforcement.VMB@dca.ca.gov).

Dr. Tina Faulkner's report states: “After the rider completed the 8-second ride in the arena, the horse fractured its distal right hind leg. He was humanely euthanized.”

And all in the name of “entertainment”. God forgive us. Nearly every animal welfare organization on Earth condemns rodeo for its inherent cruelty. As did Cesar Chavez, Dr. Jane Goodall and Pope Francis.

Rodeo is not a true “sport” — that term denotes willing, evenly-matched participants; rodeo does not qualify. Rather, it's mostly hype, a macho exercise in DOMINATION. It needs to end.

The United Kingdom (England/Scotland/Wales) outlawed all of rodeo back in 1934. Can the U.S. and the rest of the world be far behind? Legislation is in order: local/state/federal. Let your reps hear from you! ■

— Eric Mills, coordinator, Action for Animals



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Inside Foothill's run in NCS softball tournament

'I told the girls this was the best softball game I had seen ... The girls deserved it'

It's been an up-and-down season for the Foothill High girls' softball team — and a 13-11 overall record shows exactly that.

But it's a young team and it can take a while to find a rhythm. The next-to-last game of the regular season, the Falcons turned in their worst game of the season, making 11 errors in a 13-1 loss to Carondelet.

"It's been a rough year figuring things out," Foothill coach Greg Chandler said.

By going 11-11 during the regular season in arguably the toughest league in the section, the Falcons got a North Coast Section berth in the D-II playoffs.

But because of the .500 record, the best they could get was a No. 9 seed, which meant it was time to go on the road. It wasn't anything new for the program, as last year they were on the road for three straight NCS games.

This year's journey started with a game against three-time NCS defending champions Cardinal



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Foothill girls' softball upset top-seeded Marin Catholic to advance to the 2026 NCS D-II semifinals.

Newman, as they won D-IV three years ago, D-III two years ago, then D-II last year.

The Cardinals may have been a little full of themselves.

"Their coach made a point of

telling me they had won three in a row," Chandler said. "I said, OK, then went and told the girls what he had said."

By the end of the day, Foothill made sure it would not be four in

a row and dumped the Cardinals 11-3.

That set up a second-round game with Marin Catholic, the top-seed in D-II and for the second time in three days, a trip up to the North Bay.

This time the two teams battled through 11 innings with the score tied 5-5 — and since NCS insists on starting the games later in the day, darkness put a halt to the game.

Chandler was staring at Foothill's Senior Ball on Saturday so he had no choice but to ask for an early start time.

"I asked for the 9 a.m. start because something like 12 and we wouldn't be getting home at 4 p.m. and we didn't want the (senior) girls feeling rushed," Chandler said.

Since it was after 8 p.m. on Friday, Marin Catholic happily agreed to the 9 a.m. start as it meant a quick turnaround for Foothill.

"We didn't get out of there until 8:30 p.m., so that put us home around 10 p.m.," Chandler said. "We left (Saturday) at 6:45 a.m., but the girls showed up ready to play."

Chandler and assistant Derek Perez had one little bit of information they saved to tell the girls Saturday morning. Since the other quarterfinal was a Casa Grande (No. 12) against Rancho Cotate (No. 13) game, if the Falcons could pull off the upset, they would host the semifinals.

"We didn't say anything Friday,"

Chandler said. "But before the game Saturday we told the girls what was out there."

Foothill scored a run in the top of the 12th, but Marin matched the run and had the bases loaded in the bottom half of the inning. The Falcons got a big break when a Marin bunt appeared like it would score the game winner, but the ball hit the batter out of the box, which was an automatic out and a dead ball.

In the 13th, winning pitcher Myra Galzie did damage at the plate, ripping a shot over the centerfielder's head, scoring two runners.

In the bottom half of the inning, Galzie struck out the first batter, then got a flyout to left, followed by a fly ball to right that freshman Genevieve Duncalf ran down to end the game.

"I told the girls this was the best softball game I had seen," Chandler said. "The girls deserved it."

Next up was a semifinal at home against Casa Grande on Wednesday, with results pending as of press time. It was to be their first NCS home game since 2019. And the Falcons were playing on house money.

"I think so," said Chandler, about playing on the house. "But (the girls) have earned it." ■

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Pilot program to offer sports equipment at park

'We wanted to create a way to encourage more kids and families to be active outdoors'

By JEREMY WALSH

Want to give tennis, Frisbee or other recreational sports a try, but don't have any equipment? A new pilot project at one Livermore park this summer seeks to break down that barrier.

The brainchild of six students from Pleasanton's Foothill High School, the "Sports Stack" program will start its first extended trial in Livermore at Jack Williams Neighborhood Park next week through August — with the support of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

The plan seems simple enough: Stock a box with community sports equipment at the park, encourage visitors to borrow and enjoy (and return) the items, track the results and assess the program's performance. The concept was inspired by similar programs focused on free access to recreation elsewhere in the country and the world,

according to the district.

"We wanted to create a way to encourage more kids and families to be active outdoors," Foothill student Neti Vyas, a member of the "Sports Stack" team, said in an LARPD press release last week. "By making sports equipment freely available at parks, Sports Stack helps park visitors experience a variety of sports whenever they want and build a stronger community within our parks."

After introducing their idea at an LARPD board meeting, the students received the green light from the district's Facilities Committee and Board of Directors this spring. The team also conducted a small-scale test with a prototype to refine its concept before pilot launch, according to the district.

"Our parks are designed to bring people together, and this pilot program is a creative way to encourage kids and families to get outside and connect with one another,"

LARPD Board Director Jan Palajac said.

"What makes this project especially exciting is that these students identified an opportunity to enhance local parks, and they worked through the public process to help bring their idea to life," she added. "We're looking forward to supporting the pilot program and seeing how the community responds."

The wooden crate-style box opening on Monday (June 1) at Jack Williams Park — on Neptune Lane, between Concannon Boulevard and Orion Way — will include tennis rackets, balls, Frisbees and other rec sports equipment. LARPD staff are coordinating the equipment and supporting the launch.

The "Sports Stack" box is scheduled to remain in place until Aug. 31.

"During that time, the student team plans to regularly monitor the equipment box, collect community feedback, and evaluate



COURTESY LARPD

"Sports Stack" box offers free recreational sports equipment like tennis rackets, balls and Frisbees in Jack Williams Park in Livermore as part of a summer pilot program.

usage to help determine the program's effectiveness," LARPD officials stated. "Future expansion opportunities could include

partnerships with community organizations and volunteer groups to help construct additional equipment boxes." ■

Entertainment

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Join for an evening of blues with Tom Rose, John Whitney, Kelly Fasman and Matt Finders. 6-7:30 p.m., May 29. Reserve at meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society.

COME TOGETHER: THE BEATLES CONCERT EXPERIENCE Over 35 Beatles hits are included in this exciting touring stage show, performed in historic detail by the world's most celebrated and authentic Beatles tribute artists in a new show that has dazzled audiences worldwide. 7:30 p.m., May 30. Tickets \$59-\$79. Visit livermorearts.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join for Concerts in the Park, 7-8:30 p.m., June 5. Other People's Money, Rock. Lions Wayside Park.

DEJA VU Deja Vu delivers an unforgettable tribute to the legendary sounds of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, recreating the group's iconic harmonies and timeless hits with remarkable authenticity. 7:30 p.m., June 6. Tickets \$43-\$53. Visit firehousearts.org.

JAZZ AT NONNI'S BISTRO The Chris Bradley Jazz Band plays traditional jazz, 6-9 p.m., June 6. Nonni's Bistro, 425 Main St., Pleasanton.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY Livermore-Amador Symphony presents Dramatic Voices. 7:30 p.m., June 6. After the concert, a complimentary reception hosted by the Symphony Guild will feature Livermore wines and sparkling cider. Tickets \$31-\$46. Visit livermorearts.org.

WALLEN & WILSON TRIBUTE In this Wente Concert Series, get ready for a high-octane country experience, the ultimate tribute show that

brings together the electrifying music of two of country music's hottest superstars, Morgan Wallen and Lainey Wilson. 6 p.m., June 6. Tickets \$55. Visit wentevineyards.com/events.

DUBLIN CONCERT SERIES This annual Summer Concert Series is held during the Dublin Farmers' Market 6-8 p.m., Thursdays. June 11, Tyler Gene Music. Emerald Glen Park.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND The Pleasanton Community Band will perform at the Livermore Thursday Farmers Market, 6-8 p.m., June 11. 4th Street, between J and K streets.

Talks

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH JFK With the shadow of nuclear war overhead, the dream of reaching the moon on the horizon and deep unrest stirring in the fight for civil rights, John F. Kennedy stood at a crossroads in the summer of 1963. Jeremy Meier portrays JFK in the final and defining year of his presidency. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., June 4. Visit museumonmain.org.

THE ART OF BONSAI TREES Charles Harder, president of the Valley Bonsai Society, presents the history and art of bonsai trees and demonstrates an initial styling of a bonsai tree. 3 p.m., June 7. Livermore Civic Center Library.

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT RELIGION CHAT Join Interfaith Interconnect's Religion Chat where Rev. Steve Wilde of First Presbyterian and Rev. Amelia Petersen of Unitarian Universalist Church discuss: "What does your religion teach about the presence of evil in the world?" 7-8 p.m., June 10. First Presbyterian Church, Livermore.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: A TRIP TO CHAD In 2018, Dr. Gary Richter spent several weeks exploring the remote regions of Chad, located in the Sahara Desert and one of the least-visited nations in the world as measured by visitors per capita. 1:30 p.m., June 11. Livermore Civic Center Library.

AUTHOR LISA SEE AT FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER Beloved New York Times bestselling author Lisa See draws on the vibrancy and turmoil of post-Civil War Los Angeles to tell the story of three Chinese women who managed to survive and, eventually, thrive, despite all odds. 7 p.m., June 11. For tickets visit towncenterbooks.com/events.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Join this Zoom meeting with Becky Goldsmith discussing *The Secret Lives of Threads and Needles*. 1:30-4 p.m., June 13. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress.

Outdoor Rec

LUNCH WITH THE LIFEGUARDS Join LARPD's Lifeguards and participate on-land and in-water activities and games where participants will learn some basics of water rescue/safety, as well as enjoy some swim time in the pool. Food provided. Ages 6-10. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 5. \$10. Register at larpd.org.

PARK AFTER DARK A nature interpreter will set up light traps to draw in nocturnal insects before walking Dry Creek to learn about nighttime blooming. This will be a slow 1-mile hike. 8:30-10 p.m., June 5. Sycamore Grove Park Nature Area Entrance. Free registration at 925-373-5505.

BOB WALKER: HIKE WITH PRIDE Celebrate by honoring an East Bay legend, Bob Walker, a man who accomplished great things with his meaningful photography and ambitious attitude. Hike 3 miles of uneven terrain, with a slight incline, at Morgan Territory Regional Preserve. 8:30-11:30 a.m., June 7. Register at ebparks.org/calendar.

RANGER PROGRAM: SKULLS & BONES In this Ranger Program: Skulls & Bones, an LARPD Ranger will bring out animal skulls and bones to see, touch and examine. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., June 7. Free registration at larpd.org.

PAST TIME OF THE PAST What was Del Valle like before the lake? Discover the valley's history through hands-on activities and stories during this family campfire every Friday through Labor Day weekend. 7-8:30 p.m., Del Valle Campground Amphitheater.

Festivals

FUELFEST BAY AREA FuelFest blends the enthusiast's passion for the automotive world with appearances by Fast & Furious franchise stars, live action drifting featuring professional drivers, live concert, a record-setting car show, custom exhibits, car reveals and more. 2-9 p.m., May 30 at the Alameda

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DENIM & DIAMONDS Saddle up, it's time to celebrate Livermore's western roots in true hometown style with Denim & Diamonds, a high-spirited evening of shopping, sipping and dining in historic downtown. 5-9 p.m., June 3. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

HOT ROD ROW Weekends on Main presents this Classic Car Show with over 200 cars lining Main Street with DJ for entertainment. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 6. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

BUBBLES & BOOTS Come to Downtown Pleasanton for Weekends on Main: Bubbles & Boots Crawl with Country themed, mimosa inspired, tasting experiences throughout different downtown locations. Wear denim and Western flair and enjoy Country Fest. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 7. Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL Pleasanton City Council meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., June 2. City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., June 11. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION The next Livermore Planning Commission meeting is 7 p.m., June 2. City Hall. Visit livermoreca.gov.

Farmers Markets

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

LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS MARKET Featuring over 50 vendors, join to explore, taste and shop fresh produce. 4-8 p.m., Thursdays. Carnegie Park.

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

Exhibits

THE INDEPENDENT GALLERY EXHIBIT Leonardo Cuervo is a realism painter interested in exploring the human figure and bringing out its unsettling side. His work is infused with all things fantastical and esoteric. 6-8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Through June 27. 2250 First St., Livermore.

AMERICA IN ART: 250 YEARS OF SHARED CREATIVITY This celebratory new exhibit is on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater, inviting artists to explore and interpret the people, landscapes, traditions, history and cultural moments that shape the American experience. 12-5 p.m., Thursdays to Sundays, through July 25.

HARRINGTON LOBBY EXHIBIT Yi Ding's solo exhibition, *Memory of Beijing - The Forbidden City*, is a presentation of 16 oil paintings. Through July 2. Visit firehousearts.org.

MEMORIAL WALL EXHIBITION The Firehouse Arts Center is featuring the work of Kristin Kuipers on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall, a collection of acrylic and mixed media works. Through July 11. Visit firehousearts.org.

Business

PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MIXER Pleasanton Young Professionals Mixer is 5-7 p.m., June 4. Free for Chamber members, \$10 for guests. Visit pleasanton.org.

Seniors

HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO Includes specialized health care connections, older adult housing options, free caregiver support groups and more. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 3. CityServe of the Tri-Valley, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

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