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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Anybody there??

And then there were none. Around this time last year, in a column aptly titled “Anybody there?,” I lamented the future of Tri-Valley school district communications after two of the four director-level public information officers were laid off amid tough budget situations.

The ax fell on the remaining two experienced, dedicated PIOs this spring as financial woes persisted.

It’s uncomfortable saying goodbye to professionals I’ve forged relationships with over a half-decade or more. Even more unsettling: realizing just how low public communications ranks on school districts’ lists of funding priorities and essential functions.

Now I gave each district the chance to push back at my assertion, and I don’t want to unduly color your perception of their responses before you read them ... but I’ll just say I try to approach things with an “actions speak louder than words” mentality.

This month we lose Michelle Dawson from Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Chip Dehnert from Dublin Unified School District.

A longtime Livermore resident whose daughters graduated from local schools, Dawson joined the district as an employee in 2018 and rose through the ranks of the comms team to become director of community engagement.

“I am proud of the consistent growth we have experienced in communications and community engagement in our district,” she told me. “Second, we are profoundly lucky to live in such a generous community ... Our collective work has resulted in some truly amazing opportunities, experiences, and support for the students, staff, and families in our district.”

It appears deciding who should be the district’s primary point of contact for media and resident inquiries will be among the big decisions for incoming Superintendent Anthony Limoges when he starts in Livermore on July 1.

“Budget reductions result in impact and sacrifice,” Dawson said. “Our district remains committed to maintaining strong and responsive relationships with local media and community partners. The executive cabinet and district leadership team will share the responsibility of responding to requests for information related to their area of expertise.”

It appears that the PIO role in Dublin Unified will be an all-hands-on-deck situation with Dehnert’s exit.

“What I enjoyed most about my

work for DUSD was the sense of connection to my community. While working in the corporate world had its benefits, it was not nearly as personally fulfilling as my last eight years in Dublin,” he told me.

Incoming Superintendent Matt Campbell said the decision to go forward without a standalone, director-level comms person “is not ideal” but was nonetheless made “after careful consideration of our financial reality.”

“The Superintendent’s Office will coordinate outreach, while executive leadership ensures that all messaging is deeply informed by daily district operations,” Campbell told me. “District communication is most effective when it comes directly from subject-matter experts.”

Pleasanton Unified School District is maintaining its same level of comms staffing in 2026-27: with Superintendent Maurice Ghysels serving as a lead PIO with support from two staffers whose duties partially include public relations tasks.

“As with many districts navigating budget challenges tied to declining enrollment and rising operational costs, staff across departments have taken on broader responsibilities,” Ghysels said. “That said, we are proud of the level of service we maintained this year and appreciate our team’s hard work and dedication in supporting our families and community.”

San Ramon Valley Unified School District also scaled back its communications department last year, and anointed Superintendent CJ Cammack as the PIO for the district.

“When a district is forced to cut \$26 million, every department feels the stretch. Leading a district means making tough fiscal choices to keep cuts as far away from the classroom as possible,” Cammack said. “Serving as the primary point of contact for major communications isn’t a detour from my duties as Superintendent; it is an extension of my responsibility to ensure transparent, accurate leadership during challenging times.”

Don’t get me wrong, I value the access to superintendents. But, brass tax is that they have more important things to do than serve as the primary PIO or directly oversee community communications.

Public relations is an essential, complex function that deserves dedicated and experienced staffing. And not because it helps me as a journalist, but primarily because of the information, attention and responsiveness the students, families, employees and other stakeholders rightly expect. ■



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So how are you planning to spend Father's Day this year?



Tyler Reickerd
Project engineer

I'm going to my parents' house in San Jose, with my beautiful, drop-dead gorgeous girlfriend Sadie. We'll be doing the backyard barbecue thing, and probably watching the World Cup. And oh, we'll be celebrating all of the dads, including my own father and my brother, who along with his wife, just welcomed a brand-spanking-new baby into the world!



Gunner and Harley Lemoine
Elementary school students

We're planning to make breakfast in bed for our dad, Sean, with lots of help from our mom, Gabi. After that we're going to go on a big family bike ride all over town.



Ethan Rodricks
Microbiologist

I'm planning to hang out with my family, and show my dad some extra love and affection by preparing a really nice meal for him, and bringing him a beer or two, because he's just such a great guy and a wonderful father. I'm really looking forward to us all spending the day together.



Eliana Klingenberg
Elementary school student

I'll be spending the day in Monterey with my dad. I'm pretty sure my grandparents will be with us, too. We're planning to go to church, and then spend a really nice day together, and then all have dinner somewhere, at a restaurant.



Ralph and Lisa Crimi
Retired

We're going to be hosting a giant backyard family barbecue. All of the dads will end up eating our homemade smoked meats that we'll be preparing for everyone. All of our guests will be bringing awesome side dishes, and we expect to have a wonderful time spending Father's Day together.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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City candidate prep

The city of Pleasanton's city clerk office will be hosting a "pre-nomination orientation session" next Thursday (June 25) for residents who are thinking about running for mayor or a seat on the City Council.

According to the city's website, the orientation will include "information on district-based elections, city government structure, the role of elected officials, the nomination process, Fair Political Practices Commission filings, campaign statements and disclosure obligations, and provide resources to help prospective candidates get started."

The free orientation session will take place at the City Council Chamber, located at 200 Old Bernal Ave., starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to register for the session, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LVJUSD election

Livermore residents interested in serving on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District school board will be able to learn more about the responsibilities and expectations of the position during an informational session next Tuesday (June 23).

According to a district press release, the session will be located at the LVJUSD board room at 685 E. Jack London Blvd.

"Attending the session is not a commitment to run, but rather an opportunity to understand the commitment that comes with being a board trustee and member of the governance team," Board President Steven Drouin said.

This November marks the first election since LVJUSD transitioned from at-large board election to by-trustee area elections. Residents will vote for three candidates to represent areas 2, 3 and 5 for the next four years.

'Haubert Huddle'

An in-person roundtable for local business owners to discuss current challenges and opportunities is scheduled to take place in Dublin on Monday (June 22).

Hosted by Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert, the luncheon serves as a chance for Haubert to connect with Tri-Valley business leaders.

"Supervisor Haubert is taking a hands-on approach — listening directly and helping connect you with the resources and support you need to succeed," the Dublin Chamber of Commerce website states.

The free event dubbed "Haubert Huddle: Tri-Valley & Sunol Business Round Table with Supervisor David Haubert" is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patelco Credit Union in Dublin. Registration for the event is available online. ■

PUSD sees positive updates for 2026-27 operating budget

Staff say district looking to be in much better place financially compared to earlier this year

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

After months of discussing cuts and reductions to a budget that was negatively certified since the beginning of this year, the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees received some good news last week about next year's financial outlook.

According to assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami, not only is PUSD's 2026-27 annual budget projected to be positively certified, but it is so much of a significant turnaround

compared to last fiscal year that it could set the district up for a stronger financial future.

"The district has had a structural deficit and has been eating away at its unrestricted reserves, to a point where there are no more reserves," Sheikholeslami said during the June 11 board meeting. "Now we are able to — with this budget and the future — rebuild our reserves (and) get us to a place where our finances are much more stable."

Every June, PUSD's school board votes on adopting the annual

budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff present the annual budget, like they did last week, so that the board can review and discuss the details before coming back and formally adopting the budget — that vote will come at the next board meeting June 25.

Sheikholeslami recognized that building the district's budget every year requires the hard work and dedication of every department across the district to balance their numbers. He also noted how, due to the district's past negative

certification with the county, PUSD was able to get the help from Kate Lane, a fiscal adviser on behalf of the county.

Lane worked with the county's fiscal crisis management and assistance team (FCMAT) to conduct a fiscal health risk analysis.

Through their work with Lane, Sheikholeslami said the upcoming budget shows a lot of positive aspects, one of which being how PUSD is projected to meet the

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RENDERING COURTESY TAYLOR DESIGN

An aerial rendering shows what the hospital will look like once the expansion project is complete.

Ground breaks on new east wing for Stanford Tri-Valley hospital

Expansion of emergency department expected by 2029

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley is now one month into building its new, 66,000-square-foot east wing, which aims to double the hospital's emergency department capacity.

Representatives from Stanford Health Care celebrated the expansion project's groundbreaking during a ceremony last month at the Pleasanton hospital.

"For more than six decades, Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley has been a trusted partner for the Tri-Valley community, delivering high-quality, compassionate care close to home," David Entwistle, president and CEO of

the Stanford Health Care system, said in a May 14 press release.

"This expansion reflects our commitment at Stanford Health Care to ensuring patients have access to the care they need — when and where they need it most," Entwistle continued. "With this addition, Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley is strengthening its ability to serve a growing community, while advancing our mission of exceptional patient care."

Located at 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., the Stanford Health campus in Pleasanton spans about 27.7 acres and currently houses the main hospital building, medical offices and a central utility plant.

Back in 2015, Stanford Health Care and ValleyCare merged to become what is now Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, which continues to house Pleasanton's sole emergency department — it is one of two emergency departments in the entire Tri-Valley.

And while the Tri-Valley population continues to grow, hospital leaders have said emergency departments like the one in Pleasanton have not. In fact, according to its press release, Stanford Health Care said Tri-Valley emergency department visits have increased by almost 30% between 2013 and 2023.

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Congress election poised for runoff

Wahab holds big lead, but short of 50%; Hernandez in 2nd

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

Democrat Aisha Wahab has collected nearly half of the votes counted so far in a crowded special election for Congressional District 14, good for a comfortable lead on Election Night but not enough to avoid a runoff for the vacant seat.

Wahab currently sits at 42.37% (45,380 votes), according to the unofficial results Tuesday night by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Behind her are Democrats Melissa Hernandez with 16.66% (17,848 votes) and Rakhi Israni Singh with 13.22% (14,160 votes). The other eight candidates in the race have each collected a maximum of single-digit percentages so far.

Each is vying for the months-long term formerly held by Rep. Eric Swalwell, who stepped down



Aisha Wahab



Melissa Hernandez

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Hyatt House Pleasanton recently sold at auction

Brokerage firm says extended-stay hotel sale shows strong demand in hospitality market

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Hyatt House in Pleasanton, an extended-stay hotel located near the Hacienda Business Park, recently changed hands as part of an auction sale.

According to Alchemy Real Estate Advisors, a national hospitality brokerage firm, the Pleasanton property was the second Hyatt House Hotel that was sold in the East Bay — the other being the Hyatt House Pleasant Hill.

The East Bay Times reported that the Pleasanton hotel was sold for \$800,000. The Weekly was unable to independently verify this information, but according to an old for-sale video from the brokerage firm, the starting bid was \$300,000.

“Both transactions required thoughtful execution given the complexities involved, including lender ownership and other deal-specific

nuances that materially shaped the process,” Josh Mehlberger, vice president of Alchemy Real Estate Advisors’ California office, said in a June 4 press release.

“Despite these complexities, the market responded well to two branded extended-stay assets in strong East Bay locations,” Mehlberger added. “The outcome reinforces that there is meaningful capital pursuing hospitality opportunities where buyers can see a clear path to value creation.”

It’s unclear what, if any, changes will come from this sale. The Weekly reached out to Mehlberger for additional information, but he said the organization was unable to share anything else.

The Hyatt House Pleasanton is a 128-room extended-stay hotel located at 4545 Chabot Drive, which puts it near a diverse base of employers and makes it a desirable location for an extended-stay hotel.

According to the Alchemy press release, the brokerage firm yielded broad interest from several qualified investors and buyers which showed the hotel’s marketability.

“The buyer pool included California-based buyers and various national groups seeking value-add hospitality opportunities,” the Alchemy press release stated.

Although the firm did not name the two “separate privately held California-based hospitality investment and operating groups” that took over the two extended-stay hotels, Alchemy states that the sales “underscore continued investor interest in branded hospitality assets with strong locations, operational upside, and long-term value creation potential.”

“They also reflect the continued appeal of extended-stay hotels in markets supported by diverse economic and corporate demand drivers,” according to the press release. ■



JEREMY WALSH

A photo shows an entrance to the Hyatt House in Pleasanton.

Cook-Kallio wins reelection to county education board

Area 7 incumbent notes high turnout, thanks voters for opportunity to serve second term

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

With the vast majority of ballots tallied as of last Friday, it’s now clear that Cheryl Cook-Kallio will remain in her seat as the Alameda County Board of Education Area 7 trustee for another four years.

“It is wonderful to be in a great position to be reelected to a second term as the Alameda County Board of Education Trustee for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol,” Cook-Kallio told the Pleasanton

Weekly last week.

Her statement came two days before the June 12 update from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters’ Office, which had her with 79.54% (43,037) of the vote. The latest total reflected just over 414,000 votes — only 1,800 uncounted ballots are left to be processed.

Cook-Kallio’s opponent, Sangeetha Shanbhogue, trailed far



Cheryl Cook-Kallio

behind the incumbent trustee almost immediately following the initial Election Day numbers. As of last week’s update, Shanbhogue — a Tri-Valley parent and homemaker — had 20.46% (11,068) of the vote.

“Turnout this primary exceeded expectations and that is good for our democracy,” Cook-Kallio said. “Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

It is wonderful to be able to apply what I have taught thousands of students here in Alameda County.”

This will now be Cook-Kallio’s second term with the Board of Education. She was first elected to the seat in 2022.

Cook-Kallio is a retired Fremont teacher who specialized in high school civics. She previously served on the Pleasanton City Council, the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation Board of Directors, the California Civic

Learning Task Force Advisory Board and the Teacher Advisory Board for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s iCivics Foundation.

Some of the priorities she ran her campaign on this year included expanding the teacher residency program and the paraeducator certification programs; improving the county’s alternative education; continue holding charter schools accountable; and improving dialogue between school districts and their respective Board of Education trustees. ■

Wine Down in the Grove for LARPD Foundation

Fundraiser at Ravenswood next week supports park and rec programs

BY EMILY WANG

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Foundation is hosting its fifth annual Wine Down in the Grove fundraiser next week, raising money for recreation programs, scholarships and park projects.

The event set for Friday (June 26) is scheduled from 5-8:30 p.m. at Ravenswood Historic Site in Livermore. It will bring together community members, local businesses and LARPD supporters for an evening of food, drinks, music and fundraising.

Proceeds from the event will also support senior events and projects that contribute to

LARPD’s mission of improving the quality of life in the Livermore area. In 2025, the foundation provided 274 program scholarships and 161 swim lesson sessions, according to a press release from LARPD.

The evening will include dinner catered by On the Vine Catering, wine and beer tastings from local producers, live music by Tim Gomes, a silent auction and a live auction led by Marc Roberts.

Dave Muela, president of the LARPD Foundation, said the event helps expand recreation access in a variety of ways.

“The support we receive through the Wine Down in the

Grove helps expand access to recreation opportunities for individuals and families throughout our community,” Muela said. “Whether it’s helping provide scholarships, supporting programs and events, or enhancing parks and open spaces, this event allows us to make a meaningful impact across the district.”

The LARPD Foundation works to enhance community life by helping residents stay active and connected, with a focus on improving open spaces and supporting underserved community members.

Tickets and event information are available at larpd.org/foundation. ■

HOSPITAL

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That’s why, last year, the hospital sought and received the green light from the Pleasanton Planning Commission to go through with this expansion project.

The scope of work for the project includes building a three-story, \$200 million building and constructing new utilities, roads and parking, according to the hospital. The building’s infrastructure will also be reinforced to be more resilient in the event of earthquakes.

“This expansion means more capacity and enhanced capabilities to meet the growing demand of the East Bay’s fastest-growing region while keeping strong community roots that were established over 60 years ago with ValleyCare Health System,” said Misty Jones, president and CEO of Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley.

The expansion will also bring

24 new patient treatment bays, three triage rooms, a larger patient waiting area and a dedicated fast-track area which will be “capable of caring for up to eight patients simultaneously, keeping beds available for higher-acuity needs.”

The second and third floors of the new building will be dedicated to support future inpatient growth and services such as lab, pharmacy and sterile processing, according to the project’s fact sheet.

“When this project is complete, patients will have faster access to emergency care with reduced wait times,” Brian Kaminski, medical director of Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley’s emergency department, said in the press release. “It ensures that life’s most urgent moments are met with the excellence, speed and compassion that define Stanford Medicine.”

The expansion is projected to be completed in phases beginning in 2029. ■

Group opposes increased plutonium research at LLNL

Feds seek to expand nuclear weapons production, but say Livermore not directly involved

By JUDE STRZEMP

As the National Nuclear Security Administration aims to increase its production of explosive cores for nuclear weapons, a draft environmental impact statement on the goal is available for public comment through mid-July.

The two sites being eyed for production are Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

Environmental organization Tri-Valley CAREs officials, however, question the potential roles of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the proposed pit production given the recent publication of an environmental impact report on increasing the amount of plutonium at the laboratory.

"I am opposed to the dangerous plutonium production work planned at Los Alamos and Savannah River Site, and I am opposed to the support work being done here in Livermore," Tri-Valley CAREs nuclear policy

program director Tanvi Kardile said in a statement.

The draft plutonium pit production programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) up for comment covers the potential impacts of pit production over the next 50 years at LANL and SRS and "a range of reasonable alternatives," the draft states.

The comment period closes July 16. "Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory does not directly support pit production and that would not change under what's in the PEIS," NNSA officials told the Livermore Vine in an email interview. "The lab's role is limited to plutonium research and development, testing, and stockpile certification activities."

The proposal comes as the U.S. aims to manufacture at least 80 "war-reserve" plutonium pits annually by 2030, according to the draft.

The goal was established in 2018 to "replace existing pits as they age" and to have the capacity to "meet current and planned military stockpile requirements," the draft states.

Nearly all of the pits in the nuclear stockpile were produced between 1978 and 1989, according to the draft.

"The Nation's capability to produce plutonium pits is limited and does not meet federal requirements," the draft explains.

The PEIS evaluates capacities ranging from 30 to 205 pits per year, NNSA officials said.

Pit production involves the receipt, unpacking and storage of material; feed preparation and manufacturing. Production can also involve the reuse of a pit.

The first fully qualified pit for the W87-1 nuclear warhead was verified by the NNSA October 2024, according to the NNSA website.

Just last month, the NNSA approved LLNL to have increased quantities of Plutonium as well as its increase to Security Category II (plutonium metal limited to 2 kg), up from Category III (plutonium metal limited to 400 grams).

"The two are not directly related," NNSA officials told Livermore Vine.

Tri-Valley CAREs Executive Director Scott Yundt disagreed and said increased utilization of plutonium at LLNL is related to the agency's aim to increase core production.

"Livermore lab is integral to the plan," Yundt said in an interview with Livermore Vine.

LLNL is the lead laboratory designing the W87-1 warhead, which requires new plutonium pits, Yundt explained.

The pits are made from plutonium, which has a half-life of 24,000 years, Yundt said. "Plutonium isn't exactly rotting on the shelf," he added.

"This newly designed nuclear weapon is the driver for new production, and Livermore Lab is receiving significant funding to do what's called plutonium pit support work," he said.

"There's no analysis of why some of this plutonium work that's going back to Livermore or coming to Livermore, couldn't be done elsewhere, where it might be more

secure," Yundt said.

The PEIS was spurred by a settlement agreement reached January 2025 between environmental groups including Tri-Valley CAREs and the U.S. Department of Energy and NNSA.

The agencies were found to have violated the National Environmental Policy Act in previous environmental reporting for "failing to sufficiently evaluate the programmatic (as opposed to site-specific) environmental impacts of producing pits at a second location (Savannah River) and by failing to consider reasonable alternatives for pit production locations," the ruling states.

The settlement was reached through the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina.

One of the five public hearings on the draft PEIS was held May 12 at Garré Vineyard & Winery in Livermore.

According to Yundt, all of the approximately 35 commenters expressed opposition to proposed increase in pit production. ■

Nonprofit Hively celebrates 50 years of service

'This next era will be about growing our reach and deepening our impact'

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Hively, a Pleasanton-based child and family support nonprofit, recently marked its 50th anniversary during a spring community celebration event at the city's Amador Recreation Park.

According to the nonprofit, almost 200 families and childcare providers attended the May 16 event, which recognized the work that the nonprofit has done to serve thousands of children and families throughout the Tri-Valley and greater Alameda County.

"Community is and always will be at the heart of Hively's work," Hively CEO Mary Hekl said in a statement following the event.

Hively's history dates back to 1976 when Resources for Family Development was founded in a garage in Livermore. The private nonprofit eventually changed its name to Child Care Links before partnering up with Family Service Counseling

and Community Resource Center in San Leandro in 2019 to become Hively.

Hively's key purpose is to ensure "that every child and family in Alameda County has access to the resources they need to thrive," according to the organization's 50th anniversary event press release.

"From affordable child care and family navigation to mental health services and community outreach, Hively offers a comprehensive range of support for families at every stage," the organization stated in its press release.

The nonprofit has offices in Pleasanton, Oakland and San Leandro, and a team of over 50% bilingual staff to serve its diverse community with dignity, care, and compassion, Hively officials said.

Hekl also noted that it's those same parents, children, childcare providers and clients who make

Hively run successfully.

Lili Lowe is one of those parents who, during last month's anniversary celebration, explained how the nonprofit's childcare stipends positively impacted her family's life.

"Without it, I would not have been able to put my son into a daycare and I would not have been able to be working full-time," Lowe said in the organization's press release.

"I am a single parent," Lowe added. "I do have people who support me but they can not always watch him. I would not be able to afford the daycare that we have — which is an amazing daycare, too — without Hively's help."

And as the nonprofit continues its work — which includes hosting a fundraising event at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin on

Oct. 9 — Hekl said she hopes to continue growing and helping more people in need.

"Looking ahead to the next fifty years, we're focused on how we can continue to expand and invest in the next generation and the community we serve," Hekl told the Weekly. "This next era will be about growing our reach and deepening our impact." ■



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LVJUSD approves new superintendent's contract

'This is a great place and it has an incredible foundation,' Limoges says

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore school board on Tuesday approved an employment contract for the district's next superintendent.

Poised to assume the role July 1 is education leader Anthony Limoges, who worked most recently as the associate superintendent of human resources for the past eight years at Rocklin Unified School District.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education voted unanimously at its regular meeting Tuesday night in support of Limoges' contract, making him the district's fourth permanent superintendent since 2022.

Limoges is set to replace Acting Superintendent Michelle Pechette, who took on the role in early February following Torie Gibson's abrupt departure by mutual separation. Pechette is poised to return to her original role as assistant superintendent of educational services for the 2026-27 school year.

"This is a great place and it has an incredible foundation," Limoges said at the meeting. "I'm so proud to have been given this opportunity and I'm ultimately honored to be your next superintendent."

Prior to Tuesday's meeting, LVJUSD publicly named Limoges as the finalist for the post of district helm.

"There were so many parts of him as a person and his experience,

natural talents or gifts that fit so well with what we're asking for in a superintendent that it was such a sigh of relief to — all five of us — come together and say, 'we don't have to settle for nothing,'" Trustee Christiaan VandenHeuvel said during the meeting.

The search process was conducted in partnership with the Alameda County Office of Education and stakeholders, according to Board President Steven Drouin.

"There's a leap of faith on both sides, but I think it's gonna be a positive one," Trustee Craig Bueno said.

Limoges is set to earn a starting annual base salary of \$329,000 for 220 working days.

Given three additional steps on the salary schedule, he has the potential to receive a cumulative raise of 12% by July 2028, pending positive performance reviews at six-month intervals.

At six months of employment, Limoges is eligible to receive a 5% raise in his base salary, effective Jan. 1, 2027 with a positive performance evaluation. The raise equates to a base salary of \$345,450 annually, considered Step 2 on the schedule.

A positive review for the



Anthony Limoges

2026-27 school year would merit another step increase. The associated 3.5% raise would bring his annual salary to \$357,541 beginning July 1, 2027.

Limoges is eligible for another 3.5% raise upon a positive evaluation at his 18-month performance review. At Step 4, the highest level, he would earn \$370,052, effective July 1, 2028.

Also at Step 4, the district will contribute 3% of the superintendent's base salary annually into a "tax sheltered annuity," the contract states.

Additional benefits of his employment include an annual stipend for earned master's and/or doctorate degrees, equal to that earned by members of employee group Livermore Management Association.

Premiums for health, dental and vision insurance will be covered to the same extent as those granted to LMA members, the contract states. He is also entitled to a \$250,000 life and long-term disability insurance policy at the district's expense.

Limoges' three-year contract runs until June 30, 2029, however, extensions are possible with satisfactory evaluations.

"You basically made an offer that I couldn't refuse and it's not something that's written in my contract," Limoges said during the meeting.

Limoges said the board extended the job offer in front of his children,

who were invited to the meeting. "You have no idea how that spoke volumes to me about the kind of place that this is," Limoges added, noting the importance he places on family.

"I approach my job and the people I work with as family," he said. "One thing that's important about family is that we always keep our eyes on the prize, which is ultimately, in this case, the students of the community of Livermore."

'There's a leap of faith on both sides, but I think it's gonna be a positive one.'

Craig Bueno,
LVJUSD trustee

Among the three speakers during the public comment period June 16 was Livermore Education Association President Aimee Thompson.

Thompson praised the proposed contract on points such as having just four steps, excluding a "me too" raise clause and predicating step increases on employee performance and board action.

But Thompson also pointed to inequalities in benefits offered to

LEA members and those proposed for Limoges.

Unlike the incoming superintendent, LEA members are not offered life and disability insurance, she explained.

"Why are such benefits provided to the highest paid managers, but not the rank-and-file employees?" Thompson asked the board.

She also questioned why LEA members must pay for membership dues, while the superintendent receives coverage from the district.

Also during the public comment period, LVJUSD parent Tara Boyce challenged the proposed salary growth as it outpaces compensation increases for other employee groups and step increases for superintendents in neighboring districts.

"I would encourage the board to think through that and see what kind of message that ascends both to the community and the others employed by the district," Boyce said.

Bueno later acknowledged the pace of the step increases, but noted that Limoges is poised to begin at a lower starting salary than Gibson. By comparison, Gibson's base starting salary was \$350,000 annually.

The earning potential of the LVJUSD helm is also less than the same post at Dublin Unified School District. ■

Ex-PUSD official named to Dublin Unified cabinet

Nichols succeeds retiring Hobbs as assistant superintendent of business services

By JEREMY WALSH

Public school operations professional Amy Nichols is returning to the Tri-Valley after being hired as the new assistant superintendent of business services for the Dublin Unified School District.

Nichols, who spent five years with the Pleasanton Unified School District earlier in her career, is succeeding Chris Hobbs upon his retirement from Dublin. Her first day on the job is scheduled for July 1, under a contract approved by the Board of Trustees last month.

"Every budget decision ultimately reflects a district's priorities for students," Nichols said in a DUSD news release. "Fiscal leadership is about building trust through transparency, creating clarity around difficult decisions, and ensuring resources are aligned to support high-quality learning environments where students and staff can thrive."

DUSD officials lauded Nichols for her leadership experience with

"school finance, facilities, technology, operations, payroll, benefits, child nutrition, and long-range fiscal planning in California public school systems" — including in her current role at the Hayward Unified School District, where she oversees a \$390 million operating budget and \$600 million facilities bond program.

"Strong schools require strong stewardship of public resources, especially at a time when districts across California are navigating growing financial pressures," said Matt Campbell, DUSD's incoming superintendent.

"Amy brings a rare combination of fiscal expertise, operational leadership, and a student-centered mindset that will help ensure Dublin Unified continues to make thoughtful decisions that protect opportunities for students while



Amy Nichols

maintaining long-term financial stability," he added.

Before becoming assistant superintendent of business services in Hayward, Nichols held leadership positions in Pleasanton Unified, Burlingame School District, Roseland Public Schools (Santa Rosa) and Acalanes Union High School District (Lafayette).

In Pleasanton, she was director of technology from 2016 to 2019 and then senior director of procurement and technology from 2019 to 2021. Nichols also made a headline in 2023 when she was named as a finalist for associate vice chancellor/chief financial officer in the Contra Costa Community College District — a job she ultimately didn't get.

Nichols holds a bachelor's degree from Penn State University and separate master's degrees from University of Wisconsin at Platteville and Sacramento State University. She is certified through the California Association of School Business Officials. ■

Tri-Valley Haven launches annual backpack drive

Donation effort aims to support students in need

By RIYA UPADHYAYA

As part of an initiative to support local students in need, Tri-Valley Haven recently began its 2026 backpack drive ahead of next school year.

Running through July 24, the drive seeks donations of pre-filled backpacks customized to specific grade levels.

"Each year, our community's generosity allows us to provide more than 700 backpacks to students in need. These supplies do more than prepare students for school — they help build confidence and support excitement for learning," said Carla Rosas, Tri-Valley Haven's director of homeless services.

Tri-Valley Haven distributes pre-filled backpacks to elementary, middle and high school

students annually. In addition, the drive supports the nonprofit's larger mission to offer shelter, counseling and support services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness in the Tri-Valley area.

While the organization prefers pre-filled backpack donations, donors can also contribute standalone backpacks or supplies. Donations are accepted at Tri-Valley Haven's Community Building at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. The office is open Mondays through Fridays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Prospective volunteers can contribute to the cause by assembling backpacks and supporting distribution efforts. Volunteer applications and supply lists are available at trivalleyhaven.org/back-to-school/. ■

Livermore poised to resist ICE facility in Dublin

‘Make sure we are doing all we can to really push back against this’

By JUDE STRZEMP

The city of Livermore is seeking ways to oppose the potential opening of an immigration detention center at the shuttered federal prison in Dublin in conjunction with the neighboring city and wider region.

The low-security women’s prison — dubbed Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin — closed during 2024 due to prison guards sexually abusing incarcerated women and other issues such as improper oversight and infrastructure problems. But rumors broke last year that FCI Dublin was being eyed for reuse as an immigration detention center under the Trump administration.

While FCI Dublin’s potential conversion was not on the Livermore City Council agenda June 8, about 15 people spoke out against the facility’s reuse during the public forum portion of the meeting. They asked the council to introduce a resolution at a future meeting to oppose the potential use of FCI Dublin as an ICE facility.

The council responded by directing city staff to confer with representatives from the city of Dublin and Alameda County for guidance

on how Livermore can best support the jurisdictions in rejecting the facility’s reopening. The council also directed staff to determine what actions the city itself can take to ensure its residents feel safe.

“Make sure we are doing all we can to really push back against this in conjunction with our partners,” Councilmember Evan Branning told staff during the meeting.

Dublin city officials have written multiple letters opposing the reuse of FCI Dublin to the Department of Homeland Security and federal Bureau of Prisons.

Additionally, the Dublin City Council and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have each passed a resolution against the reuse of FCI Dublin for any purpose including its use as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility. When residents made a similar request of the Pleasanton City Council last month, a 3-2 council majority opted against bringing back a potential opposition resolution for consideration, reasoning such a debate wasn’t a Pleasanton city priority. The council this Tuesday again refused to agendize a discussion on a resolution opposing an ICE facility in

Dublin, but the members did direct staff to reach out to the city of Dublin and Alameda County to see what Pleasanton can do to help the cause.

Bureau of Prisons Director William K. Marshall III told Dublin City Manager Colleen Tribby last November that the bureau does not intend to reopen the facility and ICE has not indicated that it would utilize the facility.

Fast-forward to May and the Bureau of Prisons published a 2,731-page draft environmental assessment detailing issues at the facility including asbestos, lead-based paint, mold, roof deterioration and radioactive concerns.

The report was geared toward studying the permanent closure of FCI Dublin, but it was deemed by many as being the first step in repurposing the facility.

Earlier this month, over a dozen members of Congress urged the Bureau of Prisons in a letter to permanently close and demolish the facility amid environmental hazards, unresolved contamination concerns and the “long history of staff sexual misconduct at the facility.”

Signatories included U.S. Sens. Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff, and U.S. Rep.

Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord), who represents FCI Dublin’s hometown.

Members of Congress also called for additional environmental review and mitigation planning, such as the analysis of “reasonably foreseeable post-closure outcomes, including prolonged vacancy, transfer, redevelopment, demolition, or repurposing of the facility.”

However, FCI Dublin is not “currently included” in the agreement between ICE and Bureau of Prisons that allows the detainment of immigrants at bureau institutions throughout the country, ICE senior official and acting director Todd M. Lyons said in a letter March 27 to Tribby.

During the public forum in Livermore on June 8, about a dozen people urged the council to take action against the potential reopening of FCI Dublin as an ICE detention center.

Among the speakers was emergency physician Douglas Yoshida, who said his father was incarcerated in a Japanese-American internment camp as a teenager as a result of executive order under then-President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Yoshida likened the World War II-era interments to the round-ups and deportations occurring

without due process under the Trump administration.

After being released, his father was drafted into the military and proved his loyalty to the country that “stripped him of his rights,” he said.

“As his son, I’m honoring his memory by refusing to remain silent while history repeats itself,” Yoshida said. “I ask each of you to demonstrate that same patriotism by standing against policies that repeat the worst chapters of our past.”

Yoshida also said he was one of the medical professionals to care for women who were raped at FCI Dublin.

“This legacy cannot continue,” he said.

Also in the lineup of those opposing the reuse of FCI Dublin was Livermore school board Trustee Christiaan VandenHeuvel.

Students fear for their families and may stay home because a parent is afraid to drive them, he explained.

VandenHeuvel pointed to the city’s statement of inclusion and respect as well as the police department’s stance that everyone should be able to ask for help.

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state’s minimum reserve requirement for the 2026-27 fiscal year and the following two fiscal years.

“So much has changed in this budget,” Lane said. “I feel that the budget before you ... is a far more resilient budget.”

He said thanks to the over \$11 million budget cuts and reductions that the board approved earlier this year as well as new revenue from the state, the district’s unappropriated ending fund balance went from negative \$2.46 million in 2025-26 to a positive \$489,000 in 2026-27.

He said the new budget also projects a growing reserve balance with about \$2 million of new ongoing funding, which he said could be used for a variety of things including restoring positions that were cut during the recent budget reduction cycle, or setting funds aside to support increased compensation.

In addition, Sheikholeslami said the district’s unrestricted net deficit/surplus is projected to go from a negative almost \$4.78 million to a positive \$44,200. That unrestricted net deficit is also projected to go up to over \$2.5 million the next fiscal year and just under \$2 million in the 2028-29 fiscal year.

These increases show PUSD reserves going up to over \$7.5 million in total this coming fiscal year

and over \$10 million the next two fiscal years.

“It is great to see that we are going to be back in positive,” Trustee Charlie Jones said. “I cannot stress that enough.”

Jones noted how, just a few months ago, there was a real fear of the district possibly having to make further reductions, but now the conversations shifted to potentially restoring positions of putting new money into other areas.

“This is a much better place to be than where we were just six months ago,” Jones said.

Sheikholeslami added that the district has been able to strengthen the budget by removing a lot of one-time revenue sources that were part of the prior budget and replacing them with ongoing revenues, which he said was huge for the development of the 2026-27 budget.

“The adjustments that we made are significant,” Sheikholeslami said. “It builds both this structural resilience and improvement in the budget and it addresses a lot of the concerns and items that were raised by the FCMAT study.”

With almost \$11.7 million in new one-time money on the horizon from a Student Support and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant on the restricted revenue side, PUSD is also considering backfilling its negative ending fund balance from the 2025-26 budget and setting

some of that money aside for other restricted expenditures — that money is still dependent on the state budget being adopted.

However, Sheikholeslami said that rising costs including salaries, health benefits and operational overhead have “neutralized some of the gains that we’ve seen and it limits our ability and our capacity to restore and/or provide increased compensation.”

Sheikholeslami said because PUSD is experiencing declining enrollment, its revenues are also decreasing, which means that even though the district is getting a 4% increase in funding from the state’s funding formula, it doesn’t translate into an equivalent

amount for PUSD. According to Sheikholeslami, this will pretty much guarantee further staffing reductions over the next two fiscal years in order to match the appropriate number of staff to students.

When Board President Kelly Mokashi asked what the amount of reductions would look like the next fiscal year, Sheikholeslami said PUSD is projecting to reduce staff by 8 FTE in 2027-28 and 5 FTE in 2028-29. FTE refers to the number of hours for each staff positions — 1 FTE reflects a full-time position while 0.5 FTE refers to a part-time position.

“When you’re declining enrollment, you have to make

adjustments to your staffing,” Sheikholeslami said. “You’re getting less money, because you have less students ... We’ve been doing this almost every year.”

Mokashi ended the discussion by reminding her fellow trustees about the fiscal responsibility they have to the community to think about PUSD’s long-term fiscal health and how it will address some of its recent budgetary challenges.

“I do think we need to continue to demonstrate to our constituents, our students and our families that we are fiscally solvent so that we can get, potentially, a parcel tax down the road or some other additional funding,” Mokashi said. ■



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Pleasanton students champion climate literacy policy

Board of Trustees passes resolution after pitch from high schoolers

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

It's no secret that climate change is already affecting the world. This past week alone, news headlines across the country have focused on the strong possibility of the "Super El Niño," which has been forming in the Pacific Ocean, bringing even more extreme heat, flooding and wildfires in certain areas.

A group of high school students asked the Pleasanton Unified School District last month to pass a "Advancing Climate Resilience through Climate Literacy" resolution, which the board unanimously approved, that would affirm the importance of teaching students about the causes and impacts of climate change and the actions needed to address it.

"You have now done something that few people have," Trustee Charlie Jones said during the May 26 board meeting. "Not only giving a presentation in front of us, but enacting policy change that will last long past when you graduate from here and will impact other students. That is something to celebrate. That is something many people try to do but aren't always able to do."

Back in 2024, Pareena Gupta — now a rising senior at Amador Valley High School — and Aurora Nicolas, who recently graduated from the same school, began looking into climate change literacy while

interning with Quest Science Center in Livermore.

During their internship, the two learned how the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District passed a resolution and commitment to climate literacy, which made them want to do something similar in Pleasanton.

The two teenagers began by working with mentors from the Quest Science Center to assess what students knew about climate change by conducting a survey at both Amador Valley and Foothill High School.

According to the students, who presented this information and more during the May 26 school board meeting, the responses from 540 students showed that "75% did not feel confident in their climate knowledge, while 90% supported incorporating climate literacy into the school curriculum."

After they conducted the survey, the two students shared their findings with the school district in late 2025 and began working with people at the district like Sarah Knox, PUSD coordinator of assessment and instruction, to develop a resolution that would help introduce climate topics when new curriculum is created in order to avoid any burden on teachers or the district's budget.

The students then presented their findings to the school board in January and, after expanding their



COURTESY PAREENA GUPTA

The students behind the climate literacy resolution listen to trustees ask questions during the May 26 board meeting.

group to include representatives from Foothill, presented their proposal to the school board's Board Curriculum & Instruction Committee, which gave the group the green light to form the Climate Literacy Integration Committee, which would "guide the integration of climate concepts into the school curriculum."

All of that work over the past two years finally materialized into a resolution that the board has since approved at the May 26 meeting. Now that the resolution is adopted the Climate Literacy Integration Committee, which already met in April, will continue supporting the integration of the "climate-related

concepts" across PUSD anytime a new curriculum is introduced.

"Aligning directly with our district's mission to foster resourceful, resilient, and globally engaged citizens, this resolution strengthens PUSD's commitment to expanding student climate literacy beyond science classes and across subject areas," Knox told the Board of Trustees. "It celebrates the ongoing work of the recently established, student-led climate literacy steering committee, ensuring our students are thoroughly prepared to safely navigate our changing world and thrive in the future workforce."

Both students and trustees

acknowledged the fact that the resolution aligns the district with California Assembly Bill 285 which, according to the California Department of Education, requires "instruction in climate change for grades one to twelve". It also aligns with the city's Climate Action Plan.

"One way to relieve climate anxiety is by empowering students to take action through the resolution process," Vaughn Draggoo, founding board member and mentor at Quest Science Center, said during the meeting. "What these students accomplished will enable PUSD students to learn about climate change and be prepared to navigate the climate issues that will be a big part of their lives, no matter what field or career they choose."

Gupta also took a moment to reflect on the entire process and what it took to get the resolution passed so that students can be prepared for any future career influenced by climate change.

"Through this process, I learned that passion alone does not drive policy forward and that collaborative problem-solving and building coalitions are essential for meaningful impact," Gupta said. "For student-led initiatives, advocating for change is not enough; it is equally important to understand and work within existing systems and alongside those who lead them." ■

Lucky California grocery store closing in Danville

Shelves already getting bare ahead of final day next month

BY JEREMY WALSH

Danville is losing one of its mainstay grocery stores, with the Lucky California location in the Sycamore Square Shopping Center set to close for good next month.

Signs affixed to the glass entry doors and checkout stations alert shoppers to the impending closure — as do the shelves and refrigerator and freezer cases, many of which were only partially stocked on Monday afternoon.

"STORE CLOSURE. This store will permanently close on Friday,

July 17th," read the paper signs. "You can still enjoy your Lucky shopping experience at our other nearby location: 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon."

The decision to shutter the Danville store was "based on economic factors," according to Phil Keene, senior director of communications, public relations and government affairs for The Save Mart Companies, which owns Lucky brands.

"We routinely assess the performance of all of our stores to ensure they meet business standards. Through the normal course of

business, we sometimes have to make the tough decision to close an underperforming location," Keene told DanvilleSanRamon late Tuesday afternoon.

"We care about each and every person who shops and works at our stores. In the rare case we decide to close a store, we will work to transfer team members to nearby locations, based on availability and seniority," Keene added.

The grocery store has been an anchor tenant for multiple decades at 660 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in Sycamore Square, several blocks

south of downtown Danville — although the name has changed this century.

The store switched from Lucky to Albertson's (before the latter chain lost its apostrophe) after a parent company acquisition in 1999. It then switched back to the Lucky name in 2007 after Save Mart bought the brand the year prior. The final rebranding occurred in 2019 when Save Mart converted the store into its Lucky California concept.

This marks the second Lucky California closure in the Tri-Valley in nearly three years, with the store

in Fallon Gateway in Dublin shuttering in the fall of 2023. In addition to the San Ramon location, Lucky still operates stores in Pleasanton and Livermore.

"Despite this closure, The Save Mart Companies is growing and improving the shopping experience for our customers," Keene said. "For example, we recently broke ground on new stores in Manteca and Tulare, as well as released plans for a new store in South Lake Tahoe. In addition, we have completed several remodels of stores, including in Ripon and Madera." ■

ELECTION

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amid sexual assault allegations.

With a term lasting into January, the post represents areas including Livermore, Pleasanton, Castro Valley, Hayward, Union City and Fairview and parts of Dublin, Fremont, San Lorenzo, San Leandro and Mountain House.

A candidate who garners over 50% of the votes during the primary is poised to win the seat outright. Otherwise, the top two

hopefuls will move onto a special runoff election Aug. 18.

Assuming the current trends reflect the final ballot count, Wahab and Hernandez will go head-to-head in the special runoff election this summer — the same two-Democrat matchup all but confirmed for the November runoff for the next two-year term for District 14, for which a regular primary election was held two weeks ago.

"This has been a truly grassroots effort, and I wouldn't be

where I am tonight without them," Hernandez told the Pleasanton Weekly in an email interview Tuesday evening. "I feel confident these results will hold, and I'll be in the top two."

Wahab and Israni did not respond for comment Tuesday evening.

Behind the top three vote-getters are Republicans Wendy Huang (9.25%), Dena Maldonado (8.85%) and Tom Wong (4.31%), Democrat Sheriene Ridenour (2.04%), Republican Jack Wu

(1.76%), Victor Zevallos of no party preference (0.69%), Democrat Alisha Cordes (0.60%) and Republican Jot Thiara (0.23%).

The next update to election results is scheduled for Friday (June 19).

In a statement Tuesday, Huang said she will not concede the special primary election or the June 2 regular primary election amid allegations of Maldonado being an inauthentic candidate — a claim Maldonado has denied.

Huang's campaign has submitted relevant questions to the Alameda County and California Republican Party chairwomen, according to the statement.

"I am withholding any concession until we receive a transparent public accounting regarding the party's deeply irregular endorsement of Dena Maldonado — a candidate whose operation mirrors the dangerous "ghost candidate" tactics used to subvert elections nationally," Huang said in the statement. ■

Introducing Lucy, Livermore's 2026 Ambassadog

Valley Humane, LARPD celebrate community's next canine representative

BY RIVA UPADHYAYA

Livermore recently recognized its latest furry mascot, with Lucy crowned as community's third official Ambassadog.

Known for her friendly personality, warm smile and love of meeting new people, the 9-year-old Australian Labradoodle follows predecessors Boomer Bowers and Oreo as Livermore's canine representative for the next year.

"We're proud to continue this partnership with Valley Humane Society and celebrate the animals that help make Livermore such a welcoming community," LARPD Board Chair Philip Pierpont said in a statement from the park district after the June 10 ceremony.

The Ambassadog program is a collaboration between LARPD and Valley Humane that celebrates the special bond between people and their pets while promoting a pet-friendly community.

Since 2024, Livermore's Ambassadogs have served as public-facing mascots, spreading joy and comfort across the community. As an Ambassadog, Lucy will represent Livermore at town events while underscoring pets' benefits on their owners.

Alongside owners Denelle and Eric Alexander, Lucy volunteers with Valley Humane's Canine Comfort Pet-Assisted Therapy program, where she visits local schools and assisted-living

communities to provide comfort and companionship.

Aside from her outstanding community involvement, the cuddly canine enjoys exploring Livermore's parks and trails — including Sycamore Grove, Independence, Robertson and Mocho parks — and spending time in downtown Livermore.

"Lucy has already brought comfort and smiles to so many people through her volunteer work, and we're excited (for her to represent) Livermore as our 2026 Ambassadog," Pierpont said.

Lucy earned the ceremonial title after the Alexanders won the Livermore Ambassadog auction at Valley Humane's annual gala. ■



COURTESY LARPD

Lucy Alexander is Livermore's Ambassadog for the next year.

Livermore OKs fee exchange for select affordable units

One-time amendment for Shea housing projects to refill city's coffer for its own affordability efforts

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore City Council greenlit amendments to two housing projects last week that allow the developer to offer less affordable units on-site in exchange for in-lieu fees — proceeds are poised to benefit alternate, affordable projects in the city.

Applicable to Shea Serenity and Shea Aura, the project sites are both located along Portola Avenue with Serenity at the northeast corner of the intersection with Collier Canyon Road and Aura at the southeast corner of the intersection with Isabel Avenue.

Serenity was approved in 2022 for 299 units, including 89 for-sale condominiums and 210 for-rent apartments. Of the units, 60 were set for pricing at affordable rates and 51 were accessible units.

Aura was permitted two years later for 164 for-sale condominiums, including 33 affordable units and 17 accessible units.

Both projects complied with affordable housing requirements at the time of their approvals by offering the units on-site. Since then, applicant Shea Homes reported difficulty selling moderate-income units at Serenity and concern over a similar challenge occurring with the future construction of Aura. As such, Shea Homes requested alternative means

of complying with the affordable housing requirements.

Offering its unanimous approval, the council gave permission to Shea Homes to convert up to 25 affordable for-sale units to market-rate homes across the two sites for a cost. But prior to the pay-out, city and Shea Homes representatives are set to hash out an agreement including the value of units at market-rate.

"In this interest rate environment, the holding cost of just leaving them empty and not sold for an extended period of time would be an extremely high amount of money that would serve no purpose," Councilmember Steven Dunbar said during the meeting. "Meanwhile, we have developments on the table today that are in mind, that we are working on that this in-lieu fee can go towards — Walnut (Street Project) and Pacific Avenue (Senior Housing) Phase 2."

Since the release of five moderate-income units last November and December at Serenity, one remains unsold, according to Frances Earl, Livermore housing and human services manager. An additional four units released in early March remain unsold.

The units are also advertised prior to hitting the market, she added.

According to Earl, five eligible buyers have declined to purchase a home, expressing to the city their

concerns about financial uncertainty and the cost of ownership. To a lesser extent, restrictions on the resale of affordable-rate homes plays a role in the residences going unsold, she added.

The oversupply of moderate-income units is apparent elsewhere in the Isabel neighborhood, Earl said.

She considered the requested amendments "fairly unusual," but noted that the city has previously allowed developers to fee-out of approved affordable units during difficult housing market conditions.

"We would love to sell them as affordable units because it's financially equal to us," Shea Homes community development director David Best said during the meeting. "The problem is that we've had several of these homes unsold, finished, ready to move in for anywhere from three to six months."

In Councilmember Evan Branning's point of view, the proposal was prompted by market conditions as well as the developer's choices.

In lieu fees to the city would be equal to the difference between the market-rate value — an estimated \$785,000 — and the affordable rate.

Cutting 25 affordable units at the Shea Homes projects would fund subsidies for about 50 rental units at Pacific Avenue Senior Housing, according to assistant

city manager Paul Spence.

"We should negotiate for the most possible money we can get to in-lieu fund," Branning said. "That is then going to be turned around into housing for some of our most vulnerable residents."

"There are good reasons to have (builders) doing inclusionary housing — lots of good reasons," Branning said.

But in this sole instance, the amendments to accept in-lieus offer a "major" benefit to the community, he said.

"I was very opposed to this in the beginning and a lot of education got me to strongly in favor now," Branning added.

Vice Mayor Kristie Wang said she went through a swing in opinion, albeit one she describes as less severe, as she gathered information about the proposal.

Looking toward the future, Wang suggested that the city figures out how to deliver the most in-need housing.

"There is so much demand for affordable housing. It's a shame to build housing that the market is not calling for," Wang explained.

Mayor John Marchand also found himself having a change-of-heart on the proposed reduction of on-site affordable units.

"Like most of us up here, I had real

problems with what I saw as the elimination of affordable housing that we had banked upon," Marchand said.

His pivot was based on the leveraging possible with the use of in-lieu fees for senior housing.

Although Councilmember Ben Barrientos initially suggested tabling the decision, the council reached a consensus to amend the project.

The council's decision aligned with the 4-1 recommendation by the Livermore Planning Commission at its May 5 meeting to approve the amendments, with Commissioner Nadine Horner casting the sole dissenting vote.

Prior to the council's vote, three commenters expressed mixed opinions on the potential reduction of affordable units for in-lieus.

One speaker expressed support for the project amendments as a way to support the developer.

Landing on the other side of the argument, Livermore Valley Arts Director Jean King suggested that the developer should be held to the initial agreements.

"The city should not set a precedent of changing agreements because of changing financial markets," King said during the public comment period.

The council clarified that its approval of the amendment did not set a precedent for future projects. ■

ICE FACILITY

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"That's who we want to be and a detention center down the road would push against that," he said.

When it came time for council reports, Branning directed staff to convene with Dublin and county officials on the issue.

Councilmember Kristie Wang added that staff should independently explore the city's options.

"Even though we don't have a federal prison here, we have a lot of immigrants and undocumented immigrants," Wang said.

As an immigrant herself, Wang said she has been carrying her passport everywhere since early last year. "I

understand deeply the fears of our community," she added.

"I don't want to take action that ultimately has no legal teeth, but could actually draw attention to ourselves," she explained.

Instead, Wang said she seeks "effective action."

Councilmember Ben Barrientos connected with Wang's experience, as

he also carries his passport.

"I sympathize with people," he said. "I'm brown, and that's what they look for."

Mayor John Marchand and Branning agreed with the direction to staff.

"City staff are reaching out to representatives from the City of Dublin as well as federal representatives to

inquire about meaningful ways to express the Livermore community's concerns about the potential reuse of FCI Dublin as an ICE detention facility," city officials told Livermore Vine on June 11.

"At this time, we do not have any additional updates to share. Staff will provide an update when more information becomes available," they added. ■

SUMMER IS HERE

Alameda County four-weekend

STORY BY JEREMY WALSH
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The warm summer weather is back in Pleasanton, which means it's time for the Alameda County Fair.

Debuting this Friday, the 2026 fair runs from Wednesdays through Sundays until July 12 for 18 days of fun in the sun (or under the stars) at the fairgrounds in the heart of Pleasanton — carnival, cuisine, concerts, agriculture, art, Americana, experiential and educational exhibitions and much, much more.

"The best part of the 2026 Alameda County Fair is bringing together so many unique experiences for the community," said Kristin LaPorte, the fair's director of marketing and business development.

"From an outstanding Big O Tires Concert lineup and the powerful 9/11 Exhibit to the addition of Demolition Derby and Arena Cross Racing, there's something new and memorable for every generation," LaPorte told the Pleasanton Weekly. "We're also especially excited to bring back Fourth fireworks this year, creating another great opportunity for families and friends to celebrate together."

Opening weekend features a mix of the familiar, the new and the reimagined.

Rides and games will fill the carnival midway, indoor and outdoor exhibitions will engage with arts and crafts, commercial vendor booths and fair competition displays, meals, sweet treats and drinks will be spread across the grounds, and a variety of live performers will entertain throughout.

With gates to open at noon on Juneteenth, there will be soccer watch parties for five World Cup games (including USA v. Australia at noon), The Gene Simmons Band will kick off the Big O Tires Concert Series in the Cuervo Amphitheater at 8 p.m. and a

Fireworks and Drone Show will follow at 9:30 p.m. on the first day.

World Cup watch parties will happen all weekend long — and all fair long — at the Michelob Ultra Concert Lawn, Crafted Cocktails & Beer Bar and The Farmhouse. Saturday (June 20) will also see the first installment of Movies on the Lawn ("The Powerpuff Girls"). Rounding out the opening concerts will be the Twist on Taylor tribute to Taylor Swift on Saturday and country band Lonestar on Sunday, Father's Day. A drone show will follow each nightly concert.

"Opening Weekend also brings the excitement of the Demolition Derby on both Saturday and Sunday, giving guests a high-energy event they won't want to miss," LaPorte said.

"One attraction that deserves more attention is our Foodie Contest, where guests can discover and vote for some of the most creative and unique Fair foods to help crown the top dish of 2026," she added. "We also encourage guests to explore our new shopping destinations, including the Fair Factory and Artisan Market, where they can support a variety of small businesses with the convenience of a single checkout."

With the fair closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, the rest of opening week wraps around to next Wednesday and Thursday (June 24-25). Throwback alternative rock will be the vibe on the main concert stage, with Hoobastank on Wednesday night and Collective Soul on Thursday. "Mufasa" will be the Movie on the Lawn on Thursday.



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County Fair begins run in Pleasanton

The fair offers \$1 rides until 5 p.m. each Wednesday, and throwback admission price (\$6) and the \$3 Fair Food Bites special on Thursdays, both until 5 p.m.

Wednesdays also feature special admission programs: free entry with pet food donation on June 24 and human food donation on July 1, followed by a \$6 entry fee on July 8 (all until 5 p.m.)

Monster trucks (June 26-28), Wine Fest and Rubix Cube Competition (June 27) and Fiesta at the Fair (June 28) highlight the second weekend. There will also be a special time capsule ceremony next Friday (June 26) at 1 p.m., in which items will be placed inside to be reopened in 2076.

Blues at the Fair, America's 250th Anniversary and Fireworks Spectacular Show all arrive for Independence Day on the third Saturday of the fair — along with free admission for first responders until 5 p.m. Military personnel get free entry all day, every day, with valid ID.

Reserved seating remains available, though many limited, for all concerts except The Beach Boys on July 1 (down to a few bleacher seats left) and Boyz II Men on July 10 (down to standing-room-only spots).

The other concerts are En Vogue (June 26), A Tribute to Demon Hunters (June 27), Banda Maguey (June 28), Tower of Power (July 2), The Maine (July 3), Ozomatli (July 5), Flo Rida (July 8), Elle King (July 9), Damage Inc. - A Tribute to Metallica (July 11) and Cheat Codes (July 12).

Various singers, bands and other performers will also be playing smaller stages across the venue each afternoon and evening.

The summer fair and the fairgrounds overall represent a connection to the agricultural roots of Pleasanton, the Tri-Valley and Alameda County as well.

"Beyond the entertainment, the Fair plays an important role in celebrating agriculture, providing educational opportunities and bringing communities together," Angel Moore, chief operating officer of the fair, told the Weekly.

"Over the past year, we've made significant investments in The Farm, including the opening of the new Safeway Barn, which has quickly become a centerpiece for hands-on learning," Moore pointed out. "This space showcases animals such as piglets and sows, chicks, a beef cow and calf, a dairy cow and bottle calves, as well as sheep and goats. Guests will enjoy seeing the bottle calves they visited as babies in 2025 return this year as adults."

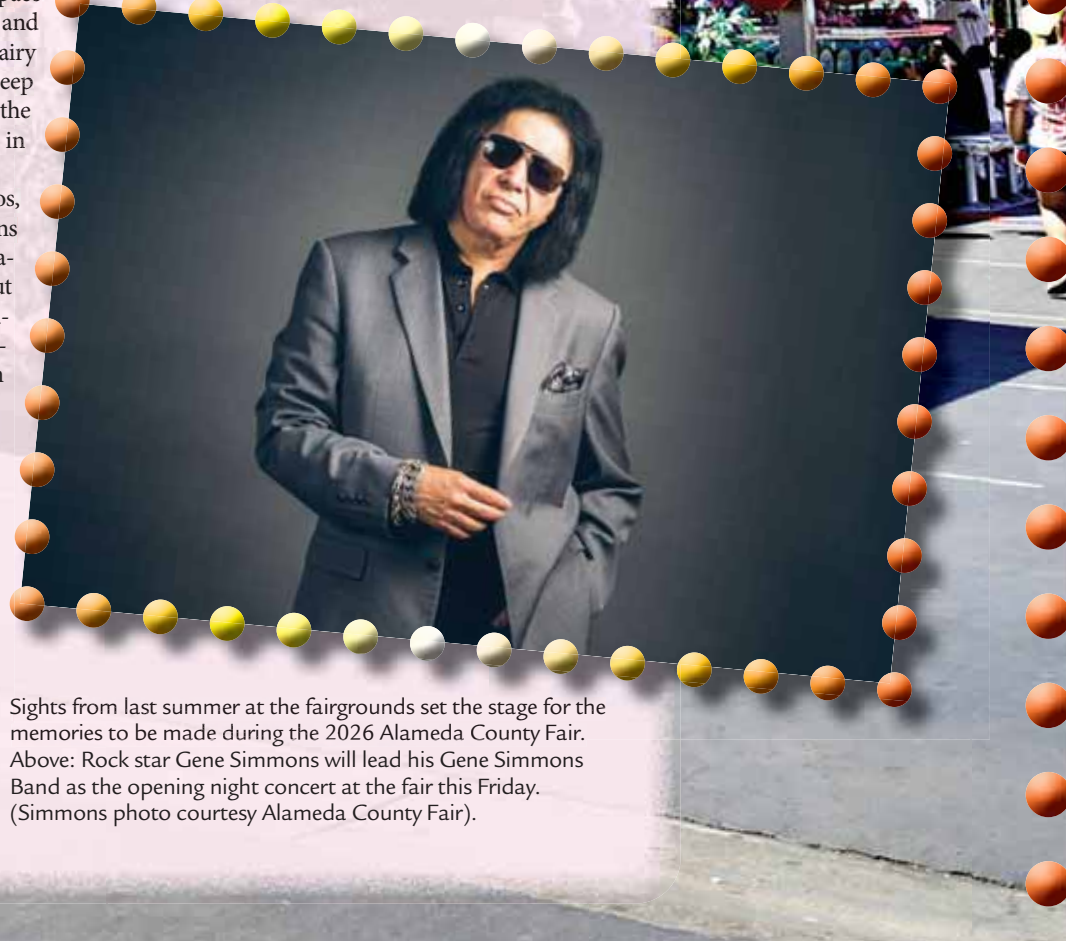
With animal displays, petting zoos, pig races and educational exhibitions highlighting those connections to nature and the ag industry throughout the fair, closing weekend in particular taps into the theme — including truck and tractor pulls from July 10-12 and the Junior Livestock Auction on the final day, July 12.

The fairgrounds will be open from noon to 11 p.m. each day of the fair, with the carnival midway starting up at 1 p.m. For tickets, daily schedules and more information, go to annual.alameda-countyfair.com.

"The Alameda County Fair has been a cornerstone of our community for generations," LaPorte said. "It's where families and friends come together to celebrate summer, enjoy great

entertainment, experience agriculture and create lifelong memories. From concerts and exhibits to festivals and amazing food, the Fair offers something for everyone."

"That legacy inspires our team every year. We know we're not just producing an event, we're helping create traditions and memorable experiences that people will talk about long after the Fair ends," she added. ■

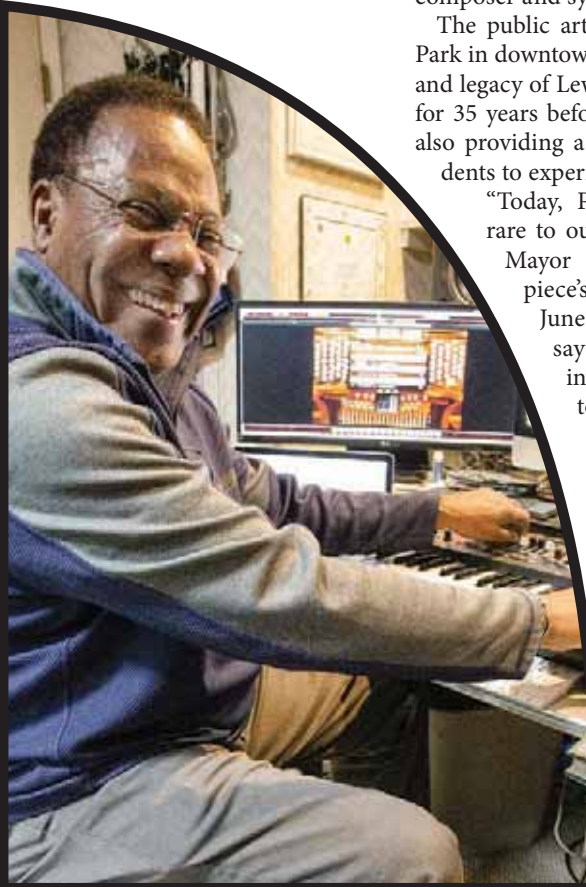


Sights from last summer at the fairgrounds set the stage for the memories to be made during the 2026 Alameda County Fair. Above: Rock star Gene Simmons will lead his Gene Simmons Band as the opening night concert at the fair this Friday. (Simmons photo courtesy Alameda County Fair).

PLEASANTON UNVEILS 'Harmonic Symphony'

Musical art installation honors late synthesizer pioneer Don Lewis

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO



Don Lewis III (below) plays the "Don Lewis Harmonic Symphony" interactive public art piece newly installed in Delucchi Park in honor of his late father Don Lewis, shown above. (Two ceremony photos by Christian Trujano; 2019 Don Lewis file photo by Mike Sedlak).



The city of Pleasanton recently celebrated its newest public art installation, "The Don Lewis Harmonic Symphony", which involves a row of playable instruments gathered in front of an abstract sculpture of the late performer, composer and synthesizer pioneer.

The public art piece, located at Delucchi Park in downtown, is meant to honor the life and legacy of Lewis, who lived in Pleasanton for 35 years before his death in 2022, while also providing a space for any and all residents to experiment with music.

"Today, Pleasanton adds something rare to our public space," Pleasanton Mayor Balch said during the art piece's unveiling ceremony on June 4. "Something that doesn't say stand back, but instead invites you to come in and touch and participate."

Lewis was a pioneer in the synthesizer community who built his signature Live Electronic Orchestra (LEO), a synthesizer system that became the inspiration for the Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) in the 1980s. Over the decades, he cemented himself not just as a legend in the music industry — having worked with other icons like Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson and the Beach Boys — but also as a dedicated Pleasanton community member.

"While his work reached audiences around the world, Pleasanton was his home for 35 years," Balch said. "He believed music should bring people together and the installation carries that belief forward for future generations."

The interactive art piece features six instruments — a metallophone, bells, cymbals, chimes and a harp — which are all overseen by the maestro sculpture of Lewis made out of bronze, stainless steel and copper. According to the city, the maestro incorporates mixed "metals and historic rivets salvaged from the dismantled eastern span of the Bay Bridge".

The instruments and "maestro" sculpture

of Lewis were realized thanks to longtime art enthusiasts Nancy and Gary Harrington. The philanthropic couple, who have donated thousands of dollars for public art pieces across the city over the years, said they worked with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and the city of Pleasanton — in collaboration with Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You program — to see their vision come to life.

"I know Don is here today and he is going to be so thrilled to see this image of him," Nancy Harrington said during the event.

During the unveiling event, attendees heard from many speakers including former colleagues who recounted Lewis' decorated career and who had the honor of playing alongside Lewis.

The audience also got a chance to hear from Anton Standteiner, the artist who designed and handcrafted the maestro sculpture of Lewis and the rest of the instruments.

Standteiner is a blacksmith with Mountain Forge — a family owned and operated blacksmith shop — who got emotional talking about the last couple of years he and his team spent creating this public art piece.

He notably recounted the time he spent with Lewis' widow, who he said helped him truly capture Lewis' essence with the sculpture. He said one of the reasons the sculpture is slightly leaning is because Lewis, during his performances, couldn't remain seated due to how the music would take over his body.

"Don was sort of larger than life," Standteiner said. "He was a pioneer in so many areas and we felt that it was important to represent Don in a human form — albeit it's rather abstract."

Finally, before unveiling the sculpture and letting dozens of kids and adults play with the instruments, attendees got a chance to hear directly from Lewis' surviving family.

Don Lewis III, Lewis' son, told the Weekly before the event started that it was a great honor to see his father being celebrated by a city that meant so much to him, and to see his father's legacy of inspiring others to interact with music continue.

Lewis III said over the years, there has been less access for creatives to pursue their interests, which is why he said having spaces like this new public art piece are so important.

"Creative expression exists everywhere," he said. "When you give people the platform or the opportunity to learn and create, you'll see that ... the hope is that you're going to inspire the next generation."

"The real key here is just to be able to inspire creators and give them an opportunity to advance and express themselves," Lewis III added.

Lewis' widow, Julie Lewis, and his son and grandsons all spoke about how much Don Lewis loved Pleasanton and what having this honorary art piece meant to the family. Julie Lewis notably shared her husband's last words before he passed away.

"He looked at me and said, 'I wish somebody could help me because I'm not done,'" she said. "Today, we will unveil something that will prove that Don is not done. He's going to watch over all the new musicians coming to enjoy this space to make music." ■

How the Tri-Valley is celebrating Juneteenth

Variety of events featuring food, music and Black-owned businesses set to commemorate Freedom Day

By CIERRA BAILEY

Tri-Valley residents looking to celebrate Juneteenth locally will have a number of events to choose from this week as organizations gear up to host Freedom Day festivities.

The city of Dublin on Thursday was set to commemorate Juneteenth during its summer concert series and farmer's market at Emerald Glen Park. The event, set from 4-8 p.m., was due to feature the band Best Intentions, performing Motown and R&B hits, according to city officials.

Two days later, Tri-Valley for Black Lives is bringing its annual Juneteenth festival back to the Bankhead Plaza in Livermore from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sponsored by Livermore Valley Arts, the free and family-friendly affair is set to feature a vendor market with nearly two dozen Black-owned businesses and local nonprofits.

Like Dublin, live music will also be at the center of Saturday's celebration in Livermore, with performances by Oakland native and vocalist SAH Stewart, followed by local funk music act RAW Band.

The Patton Leatha Band will headline the day with its extensive repertoire that spans Motown classics, R&B, soul and funk.

"In our 6th year putting on this celebration, we've made several changes in our format," said Tri-Valley for Black Lives organizer Georgette Thomason. "This year, our performance stage will feature a headliner, Patton Leatha Band, with RAW Band as the opener. Past Festival goers will notice the stage on the opposite side of the lawn, as well as many new vendors and community groups. It's going to be a good time. Come celebrate with us!"

Both the Dublin and Livermore festivals will be emceed by Faith Alpher — radio personality,

comedian, author and the city of Livermore's newest poet laureate.

"Juneteenth is a celebration of our history, our culture, and our vibrancy and I intend to use this platform to make sure our stories are told, preserved and heard," Alpher told the Pleasanton Weekly.

She was officially sworn into the poet laureate position at the June 8 Livermore City Council meeting.

"Growing up, I always knew I wanted to write but I was constantly discouraged or told to write a 'certain' way," Alpher said.

She continued, "What I've learned is that we all carry different gifts, and no one should ever be made to stifle theirs. Being sworn in as the first person of color to serve as Poet Laureate of Livermore is a moment I carry with great pride. Not just for myself, but for every voice that was told it didn't belong. I am the first, but I will not be the last."

Alpher was also set to host a free



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Bismillah Boutique will be returning to the Livermore Juneteenth festival this year with handmade skincare products and soy candles.



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Tri-Valley for Black Lives is set to host its annual Juneteenth festival at Bankhead Plaza in Livermore this Saturday.

Juneteenth talk at the Bankhead on Thursday (June 18) at 3 p.m. titled "Silence is not an option: Reclaiming our voice in an era of erasure"

"This Juneteenth Pre-Kickoff Celebration is a reminder that our culture, our joy, and our resilience are not up for debate. When we gather, we remember. When we speak, we reclaim," the event description reads.

The official Juneteenth holiday falls on Friday (June 19) and Livermore-based Black-owned winery Longevity Wines is hosting a family game night featuring Kirix Choma BBQ for purchase on-site. According to the winery's website, the event is set for 6:30-9:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10.

The East Bay Regional Park District is also set to recognize Juneteenth by hosting public programs — including a Juneteenth

celebration walk at Thurgood Marshall Regional Park in Concord — and waiving select fees at its parks.

"This program honors stories of Black history, civil rights, and the fight for freedom on this land. Come ready for a mostly paved 1-1.5-mile walk. Best for ages 10+," EBRPD officials wrote on their website about the celebration walk.

For more information about EBRPD's events, visit ebparks.org.

Rounding out the region's lineup of events is Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir returning to the Bankhead for their annual Juneteenth Celebration Concert.

Set for June 27 at 8 p.m., the choir's performance "honors freedom and community through the transformative power of gospel music."

More information and tickets are available at livermorearts.org. ■

Opera in the Vineyard arrives twice this summer

Fundraisers for Livermore Valley Opera's 35th season that features two Puccini originals

By JEREMY WALSH

The first of this summer's two Opera in the Vineyard showcases is set for the end of this month — both key fundraisers for Livermore Valley Opera ahead of its 35th anniversary season.

The series June 28 and Aug. 16 at Garré Vineyard & Winery in Livermore offers the opportunity for attendees to immerse with "outstanding professional singers, favorite opera arias, timeless Broadway melodies, and beloved popular songs in one of the Tri-Valley's most beautiful outdoor settings," according to LVO officials.

Limited seats remain available for both fundraisers, the nonprofit said in an announcement Monday that also included revealing the two

full-length opera productions to be featured in its upcoming 2026-27 season: "Suor Angelica" from Oct. 3-11 and "La Fanciulla del West" ("The Girl of the Golden West") from Feb. 27 to March 7, both by Giacomo Puccini, the famed Italian composer from the turn of the 20th century.

"What makes Opera in the Vineyard so special is how personal it feels," event chairwoman Barbara Lymberis said in an earlier press release. "You're sharing a picnic with friends, sipping wine in this beautiful grove, and then a gorgeous voice is right there at your table singing something that gives you chills. You can see every expression, feel every note."

"My husband and I met through singing, so I know firsthand how

music can bring people together. That's exactly what happens at Garré every summer," she added. "Each performance features entirely different artists and songs, so you're getting a completely fresh evening at each date. What a way to celebrate LVO's 35th Anniversary Season."

The performance next Sunday (June 28) is set to present soprano Liesl McPherrin, mezzo-soprano Edith Dowd, tenor Joachim Luis, baritone Andrew Pardini and pianist Chun Mei Wilson.

Opera in the Vineyard on Aug. 16 is set to include soprano Avery Boettcher, mezzo-soprano Courtney Miller, tenor William Gorton, baritone Luis Orozco and Varvara Milinder on piano.

Both events are "bring your own picnic" style, with guests encouraged



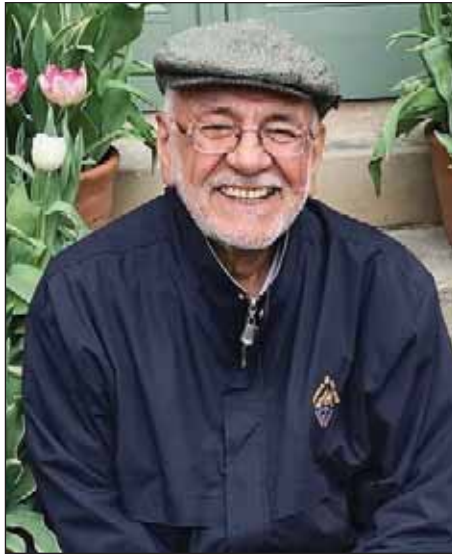
BARBARA MALLON / LVO

Livermore Valley Opera's annual Opera in the Vineyard fundraiser returns this summer to Garré Vineyard & Winery.

to pack their own snacks, meals and non-alcoholic drinks, and then purchase wine from Garré if desired. There will also be raffles and silent

auctions. Doors open at 4 p.m. and showtime is 5 p.m. For tickets and more information, go to livermorevalleyopera.com. ■

Community Pulse



Louis Peter Santero
August 7, 1937 – May 27, 2026

With gratitude for a life well lived and a legacy that will endure for generations, the family of Louis Santero celebrates his remarkable life and countless blessings he shared with all who knew him.

Born to Peter and Theresa Santero in Staten Island, NY, Lou lived a life defined by faith, service, hard-work and an unwavering love for family. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1956 to 1959 and was in the 82nd Airborne Division. He graduated from Manhattan College in 1962 and married Olive, the love of his life, 4 days later. They moved to San Leandro, Ca in 1963 as Lou got a job with Stella D'oro Biscuit Co. to manage the San Leandro plant. Olive and Lou settled in Pleasanton in 1966 and raised their 5 Children here. For 64 wonderful Years, Lou shared a loving marriage with his wife Olive. Together they built a family that became his greatest source of pride and joy.

To his family, Lou was simply known as "papa." It was a title he treasured above all others. Whether sharing stories, celebrating milestones, attending family gatherings or simply enjoying time together, he found his greatest happiness in the people he loved. His warmth, humor, wisdom and steadfast support created a foundation that will continue to guide his family for years to come.

A man of deep Catholic faith, Lou was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and a charter member of Knights of Columbus Council 6043. His faith was not merely something he practiced - it was something he lived through his generosity, humility, and dedication to helping others, especially the unborn.

Lou embraced life's simple pleasures with enthusiasm. He was a devoted fan of the S.F. Giants and Oakland Raiders and could often be found cheering on his favorite teams. He enjoyed traveling, hiking Yosemite, making his delicious blackberry jam from his garden, making his delicious meatballs and stew and tending to his garden. His favorite childhood pastime in his summers was spending time in Connecticut on the family farm.

He leaves behind a loving family who will continue his legacy: his wife Olive; his daughter Geraldine Baesemann (Bruce); his son Paul Santero (Angela) his son Edward Santero, his son Peter Santero, his son Daniel Santero; his grandchildren Kevin Santero, Conor Baesemann, Rafael Santero and Therese Santero.

More than any accomplishment, Lou will be remembered for the way he treated people-with kindness, loyalty, respect and genuine Interest. He never met a stranger, valued friendships deeply and made everyone around him feel welcome.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

While Lou's family will miss him dearly, they celebrate a life rich in faith, family, friendship and service. His example lives on in those he loved and his memory will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant"

A vigil will be held at Graham Hitch Mortuary on June 29, 2026 at 6 PM. A funeral mass celebrating his life will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 10 AM at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Pleasanton.

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE BULLETIN

Driver charged with felony for fatal crash near Ruby Hill

A young man from Union City now faces a felony vehicular manslaughter charge for allegedly causing a deadly head-on collision while racing with a third vehicle on Highway 84 near Ruby Hill last summer.

The single count filed against Eduardo Guitierrez Delgadillo in Alameda County Superior Court last week followed nearly one year of investigation by the California Highway Patrol and case review by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Guitierrez Delgadillo, who is set to turn 21 years old this week, is scheduled to appear in court for the first time in the case next month. He was informed of the charge by mail rather than arrested, and he is not yet represented by an attorney, according to court records.

The high-speed collision occurred during the evening commute July 15, 2025 on Highway 84 in unincorporated Livermore, just west of Ruby Hill Drive in the area of Pigeon Pass.

The CHP reported Guitierrez Delgadillo was driving a Lexus IS 250 westbound on the highway at about 6:15 p.m. when his car veered into an eastbound lane and struck an oncoming Honda Civic. The driver of the Honda — later identified as Oakley resident Ryan Joshua Aquino Amigable — died at the scene.

Family and friends remembered Amigable as "a loving big brother and son" in an obituary and GoFundMe page last July. They said he was 21 years old when he died, although the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau reported he was 22.

"Ryan was a good person and the best big brother," the family wrote. "He never wanted to go out so he could be safe at home. All he did was work, stay home, and spend his time in his room posing his action figures, which was his hobby and he loved doing it. Heartbroken does not begin to describe how the family feels right now."

The day after the crash, CHP officials revealed that their investigation indicated the Lexus was engaged in a speed contest with a GMC Sierra. It is unclear whether the third driver was ever identified.

In a probable cause declaration filed with the court, CHP Officer Gerardo Barajas described talking to witnesses who said the Lexus and GMC pickup looked to be racing westbound on the highway.

The officer added that some bystanders had video footage of the Lexus driving recklessly right before the crash.

"The GMC and the Lexus were traveling at a high rate of speed passing unsafely other motor vehicles," Barajas wrote. "Subsequently, the Lexus lost control and went head-on onto the Honda."

Guitierrez Delgadillo sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Regional Medical Center in San Jose, according to the officer. The CHP said the next day that they were looking for the public's help in locating the GMC pickup and identifying that driver.

The DA's office charged Guitierrez Delgadillo with felony vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence on June 8. His arraignment is set for 9 a.m. July 9 at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin. The case was filed against the defendant with the non-traditional spelling of Guitierrez.

— Jeremy Walsh

Iranian hackers claim access to Cal Water data

An Iranian-hacking group claimed it infiltrated California Water Service's systems, obtaining customer data and boasting that it had the ability to turn off water service in response to U.S. forces allegedly attacking a reservoir in Iran.

Cal Water said it had no evidence of any network being compromised.

The water provider serves 2 million people statewide, across 23 districts that include Menlo Park, Atherton, Los Altos, San Mateo and Livermore. It is part of the publicly traded California Water Service Group, which has customers in five states.

The cybersecurity group Dataminr reported that the Handala Hack Team claimed to have breached Cal Water's systems on June 11 and released a five gigabyte sample of data the hackers said they obtained.

Dataminr said that the sample included customer data including names, service addresses, phone numbers, account numbers and payment history. Handala also appeared to breach a system used for GPS tracking of Cal Water crews in at least seven Cal Water districts, including San Mateo.

"Our investigation remains ongoing, but our preliminary findings indicate that there are no known operational disruptions to our water and wastewater systems, including the billing platform," Cal Water spokesperson Yvonne Kingman said in a statement.

In a public blog post on June 11, the Handala Hack Team said

the hack was retribution for a recent U.S. military operation. "Only two days ago, (President Donald Trump) destroyed the water sources of the oppressed people of Sirik with multimillion-dollar rockets, inflicting forced thirst and suffering in 50-degree (Celsius) heat."

The group said the attack was a warning and claimed it had the capability to shut off water service. "We could have easily cut off the water to American cities just as your foolish president did, but our path and our school are different," it wrote.

However, some cyber security experts said that there is no evidence that Handala can turn off water and said the group has a history of overstating its capabilities.

"The boast about choosing to spare the water supply reads as the psychological operation itself," Sean Malone, chief information security officer at BeyondTrust told Security, an industry publication.

"Iranian threat actors are known to overstate their impact," Dataminr spokesperson Jeff Gordon told this news organization. Gordon said that Handala claimed it had authenticated access to facilities in San Mateo, Bakersfield and Visalia.

Dataminr advised that Handala, which is suspected to be affiliated with the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence, sometimes escalates attacks, including to data destruction, after an initial claim. In April, several federal agencies warned that Iranian groups were targeting U.S. utilities and water suppliers.

— Arden Margulis, *The Almanac*

FBI raids assessor's office

The FBI served three federal search warrants last week at the Contra Costa County Assessor's office, as well as two residences, including that of the outgoing assessor, as part of an ongoing investigation.

Outgoing County Assessor Gus Kramer's home on West Arlington Street in Martinez was searched by the FBI on June 9, as well as a residence on Temple Drive in Pacheco.

While the investigation is ongoing, FBI spokesperson Cameron Polan said the agency is unable to provide further details. No update on the probe had been given as of press time Wednesday.

Kramer has held the office for 32 years, which includes eight terms, and announced in March his intent to retire and not seek a ninth. Assistant County Assessor Vince Robb was endorsed by Kramer, according to his campaign website, and secured 67.7% of the vote for county assessor in the June 2 primary election, according to the latest vote count.

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LETTERS

Disappointed in council

As a 48-year resident of Pleasanton, I am extremely disappointed in the City Council's failure to make a resolution regarding a potential ICE detention facility in Dublin. An ICE detention facility is not welcome here.

It might be a different matter if:

- DHS was actually getting "the worst of the worst",
- conditions at ICE detention facilities were humane and subject to inspection at any time,
- detainees were given due process, as they are entitled to by law and by the constitution,
- were treated humanely, with dignity and all their rights were protected,
- immigrants doing it "the right way" were not pounced upon in courthouses,
- immigrants were truly a primary source of crime, rather than a group much less likely to commit crimes, and
- brutality and cruelty wasn't the point.

I peacefully protest in our community twice a week most weeks, as is my First Amendment right. Some protests are small; others are several thousand strong. In the 75+ protests I have attended, I have never witnessed any violence, aggression, or angry provocation.

However, in news coverage of protests where tear gas, rubber bullets and violent takedowns take place, there is one similarity: the presence of ICE officers, who have been trained to use these tactics without provocation. We have witnessed two murders by ICE agents with our own eyes with no accountability, which results in license and permission to continue their brutality.

We do not want to invite any of this into our community.

I hope the Pleasanton council members will reconsider making a resolution. It is my fervent belief that this is the most consequential, most dire issue ever faced by the Pleasanton City Council. It takes precedence over all other issues.

— Laurie Herbert

Donlon field

I am a resident of Payne Road and have lived in the home my parents purchased with a GI Bill in the 1970s. As a nearby resident, I never received any mailed notice about a proposal to sell or lease the back field. I only became aware of this possibility after reading the Pleasanton Weekly article.

A couple of summers ago, our neighborhood met on site with PUSD school board members, local Realtors and the Mayor to oppose the sale or lease of this land. At that time, we were told the land would be

used as a neighborhood park. That commitment is important to many of us who live here.

Val Vista is constructed almost entirely of single-story homes, with only a small number of second-story additions. Our streets are narrow, and traffic is already heavily impacted by school drop-off and pick-up. I am very concerned that any new development on this site would worsen congestion, parking and safety issues, especially given its close proximity to the elementary school.

This field has long been part of the neighborhood and school community. I attended Donlon, my children attended Donlon, and the back field has been used for Field Day, Halloween activities, soccer games, frisbee and kite flying over the years.

It is not just vacant land — it is a meaningful community space.

I strongly support using the back field for recreation rather than selling or leasing it for development. I would like to see it preserved as a multi-use community field for sports such as soccer, track and lacrosse, with adequate parking, trees to offset paved areas and safe bike access.

Please preserve this land for the neighborhood and community use.

I urge you to reject any sale or lease for development and instead dedicate this land as a permanent community recreational space.

— Linda Taylor Deike

Election coverage, thank you!

Thank you to you and your team of writers for the coverage of local elections. I found your paper to be an excellent source to learn about local East Bay elections and I appreciated your clear, informative presentation of the candidates.

Particularly of use was information regarding the candidates for Superior Court Judges. Thank you for your direct and unbiased coverage of these important elections.

— Nicole Ogden

Sick of the speeders

I submitted an opinion around Christmas regarding the speeding on Ray Street. After that, a speed check was put out on the street. It did absolutely nothing.

The other morning when I was walking my dogs, people were going so fast. I am sure that one of the cars was going at least 60 mph so that they could catch a green light.

It is sad that we have to just deal with this. Someone is going to get killed. People also continue to run red lights not just downtown but all over the city.

What is it going to take for people to realize that a car is a weapon? Please slow down or leave earlier. There is no need to be driving that fast. Period!

— Kelli Bruns

TAKE US ALONG



Advocating for education: Superintendent Maurice Ghysels brought the Pleasanton Weekly to Sacramento on Monday as he advocated for equitable and sustainable school funding for Pleasanton Unified students.

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.

Don't let polluters off the hook for toxic coal ash

I think that it is a tragedy that the Environmental Protection Agency is proposing dangerous rollbacks to coal ash protections that would endanger the health of communities across the country.

Coal ash, the toxic waste produced from burning coal, contains arsenic, mercury, lead, and other hazardous pollutants that are linked to cancer and serious illness.

Why does the Environmental Protection Agency not care about human life? Is it because getting richer is more important than living a healthy life?

For decades, utilities dumped this waste into unlined ponds and landfills, allowing it to leak into drinking water. Strong federal safeguards put

in place in 2015 and expanded in 2024 finally began holding polluters accountable. Now, those protections are being dismantled, exempting hundreds of toxic dump sites and allowing companies to delay or avoid cleanup altogether.

This is a direct threat to public health. Industry data already shows that groundwater at most coal plant sites is contaminated above federal safety standards. Weakening these rules only ensures more pollution, more illness, and more communities left to deal with the consequences.

The EPA's job is to protect people, not corporate polluters. We must speak out and demand that these safeguards remain in place. Our health, our water and our future depend on it.

— Jeremiah Anderson

Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Data Scientist in Pleasanton, CA. Design & implement state-of-the-art AI & machine learning models & algorithms. Hybrid worksite/ may telecommute part of week. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$164,403-217,140/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com, Attn: C. Sulapas. Ref# 0603RK.

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Staff Engineer Software/ Pharmacy, Health & Wellness Grp in Pleasanton, CA. Provide expertise & design solutions for consumer facing web apps as well as system integration w/internal systems & external vendors. Hybrid worksite. May telecommute part of the week. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$213,512-260,590/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com, Attn: C. Sulapas. Ref# 0603VK.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

The pathway for horse racing to return to Pleasanton

‘It’s important to race fans to know there still are people fighting for it, and to keep the faith’

Last week I focused largely on whether or not horse racing is gone from Pleasanton forever.

I felt like there was no better person to talk with about horse racing in Pleasanton/Northern California than George Schmitt, the patron saint of those who want to believe there’s a chance.

He has almost singlehandedly kept the fight alive while so many others have been quick to pronounce the sport dead on arrival and gone forever.

Of course, these are the same

people who have always had all the answers and are never wrong about anything — ever.

Schmitt is the person you need to talk with if you want to hope for the best, and that’s why I took the time to meet him last week for about 90 minutes.

He is also a person who will be candidly honest when it comes to horse racing. When he tells me it’s done, then it’s time to give up hope.

Schmitt’s Bernal Park Racing and the BPR Foundation are the organizational structure that carries forward the hopes of racing in



CHUCK DECKERT

The historic horse track at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, which last hosted a horse race in 2024 after more than a century.

Pleasanton again. Here are some questions that need to be answered, with the answers coming from information Schmitt gave me, some in direct quotes, mixed in with information I know to be fact.

Not speculation, but factual information, regardless of what you hear from others.

Is there a clear pathway for horse

racing to return to Pleasanton?

Yes, but it’s not an easy one and we won’t know if it’s possible until mid-July at the earliest. This path cannot be disclosed right now, but it is there and has been explained to me. It is extensive and far deeper than most would begin to know about.

Would it just be Pleasanton and the Alameda County Fair that has horse racing?

Other county fairs could be back in the game, but Pleasanton is the key. Schmitt has talked with Tehama County, Fresno, Humboldt, and even Stockton and Santa Rosa — all expressed interest. He was adamant that it all depends on Pleasanton.

Even if there is a decision made to try to run races at the Alameda County Fair next year, the California Horse Racing Board still needs to award racing dates. What’s the chance that happens?

Obviously, this is a major hurdle and given the power in California horse racing resides in the south, it will be an uphill battle at the least. But never underestimate the power of the government and if things swing the right way politically, Northern California might not be in a bad spot.

Throw in that Santa Anita has committed to holding the equestrian events for the 2028 Summer Olympics and reports have that it will take 6-18 months to prepare the facilities, conceivably closing Santa Anita to horse racing for an extended period. Where do those horses run?

OK, another question that needs to be answered is, say everything breaks right, there would still need to be horses to run the races. Where will those come from?

Schmitt’s exact words: “We have a problem in the state — horses.” Schmitt mentioned that the state is

down to a foal crop of about 1,000 horses, and even if every one of those horses ended up racing, it would take three years before most would be ready to run. Schmitt also said there are 500 Cal-Breds out of state right now.

But in the same sentence he said that before Pleasanton opted not to seek dates this year, there were 40 trainers committed to bringing in 502 horses, which would have been more than enough for the summer. With all those horses gone for a year now, that number figures to shrink by next summer.

There were plenty of mistakes made with Fair racing and many more with the ill-fated Golden State Racing where Pleasanton flirted ever so shortly with running horse racing without the Fair. How is that avoided should there be another chance?

According to Schmitt: “There would need to be a change in who runs things.” Without a doubt. Golden State Racing was destined to fail from the start and played out exactly that way. Those running the show must be doing it out of a genuine love for the sport and for the racing community, two things that were painfully missing.

As of now, nothing is set other than there is a pathway for racing in Pleasanton, but it is loaded with obstacles. It’s a journey that is worth fighting for, and it’s important to race fans to know there still are people fighting for it, and to keep the faith.

Like I said above, more will be known by mid-July and be sure I will update everyone on where everything stands. ■

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



SUMMER 2026

LUXURY HOMES PREVIEW

Coming inside your Pleasanton Weekly on
June 26, 2026

Introduce your team as Tri-Valley luxury property specialists and showcase your luxury listings to tens of thousands of affluent potential buyers and sellers in our Luxury Homes section.

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For more information email Carol Cano at ccano@PleasantonWeekly.com.

Pleasanton Weekly

Entertainment

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR The Alameda County Fair returns with fair food, the summer concert series, monster trucks, demolition derby, shopping, pig racing and so much more. 12-11 p.m., Wednesdays to Sundays. June 19 to July 12. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

BEST OF SAN FRANCISCO STAND-UP COMEDY From the producers of one of the longest running independent shows in America comes this comedy tour de force with some of the hottest up and coming acts in the Bay Area. 8 p.m., June 19. Tickets \$10-\$20. Visit firehousearts.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join for Concerts in the Park, 7-8:30 p.m., June 19. Sky Eyes, Reggae. Lions Wayside Park.

NEWSIES - THE BROADWAY MUSICAL CYT Tri-Valley presents Newsies, set in New York City at the turn of the 20th century telling the story of Jack Kelly and his band of young newspaper sellers. A heart-pounding celebration of the power of young voices to stand up, be heard, and change the world. June 19-20. Visit livermorearts.org.

TUESDAY TUNES The free event presented by Livermore Cultural Arts Council is 6:45-8:15 p.m., Tuesdays at the Bankhead Plaza. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Alcohol-free and family-friendly.

BEST INTENTIONS - MOTOWN Join this Wentve Concert Series with The Best Intentions, a dynamic performing and recording group featuring five vocalists, a music director and an eight-piece band. 6 p.m., June 26. Tickets \$55. Visit wentvevineyards.com/events.

THE LATE POUR Join for The Late Pour, a new comedy series where this intimate night brings together top West Coast and Bay Area comedians and great wine in a cozy late-night atmosphere with Fratelli's Pizzeria available for purchase. 7:30 p.m., June 26. Visit concannon.wine.

MISCAST CABARET Join the talented high school performers of Pleasanton Youth Theater Company for an evening of unexpected casting, bold performances and theatrical creativity. 7 p.m., June 26. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

ONE OF THESE NIGHTS One of These Nights captivates the audience to where they feel like they are at an actual Eagles concert. 8 p.m., June 26. Tickets \$55-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

COMICCON LIVERMORE This free and exhilarating celebration of all things geek culture, showcases a vibrant tapestry of artists in all genres including graphic novel, manga, crime/noir, sci-fi, horror, fantasy, slice of life, adventure, humor and romance. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 27. Visit livermorearts.org.

OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR Experience the soul-stirring sound of voices united in joy, resilience and hope where this high-energy, spirit-lifting performance

honors freedom and community through the transformative power of gospel music. 8 p.m., June 27. Tickets \$35. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibitions

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.

HARRINGTON LOBBY EXHIBIT Yi Ding's solo exhibition, Memory of Beijing - The Forbidden City, is a presentation of sixteen oil paintings where the artist approaches Beijing's Forbidden City not as a rigid monument, but as a living space filled with history, culture and emotion. 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.

AMERICA IN ART: 250 YEARS OF SHARED CREATIVITY 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.

FRESH WORKS JURIED EXHIBITION Bay Area visitors can expect to see approximately 80 works of oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, sculptures and more. Through Aug. 1. Visit firehousearts.org.

Talks

CHARLES HUFF FREE WALKING TOUR SERIES A Storied Past: Exploring the Buildings in Downtown Pleasanton. 9 a.m., June 20. Register at museumonmain.org.

QUILTED HISTORY WITH ARTIST KHRISTEL JOHNSON Celebrate Juneteenth with a presentation by artist Khristel Johnson. Combining her commitment as a lifelong learner and change agent with her love of crafts, Khristel decided to utilize the medium of quilts to tell the African American story. 2:30 p.m., June 20. Livermore Civic Center Library.

MENTAL WELLNESS AND THE ART OF EMBROIDERY Fiber artist Laura Tandeske shares how 50+ years of embroidery has influenced her well-being. Learn more about embroidery and the ways it is being used to help others worldwide. 7-8 p.m., June 22. Livermore Civic Center Library.

WINE COUNTRY LUNCHEON Alameda County Supervisor, David Haubert will give an update on vital issues happening in Alameda County and celebrate the Leadership Livermore Graduating Class of 2025-26. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., June 25. Garre Vineyard & Winery. Visit livermorechamber.org.

Movies

PICNIC FLIX MOVIE SERIES Picnic Flix is a free outdoor movies series held in select Dublin parks. Movies begin at dusk. June 19, Hoppers. Jordan Ranch, 4299 Jordan Ranch Drive, Dublin.

LIVERMORE: THE MOVIE Livermore Heritage Guild in support of the City of Livermore's 150th year of incorporation present a special screening of Livermore: The Movie. 7 p.m., June 30. \$8 + \$1.25 fee Vine Cinema.

Outdoor Rec

JUNETEENTH FREE PARK DAY Join the Park District in celebrating Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, with a Free Park Day and special naturalist-led programs. June 19. Visit ebparks.org.

LARPD REC-ON-THE-GO Join Rec-on-the-Go with LARPD with games, sports and crafts for all ages. Look for their mobile recreation team. Children must be supervised at all times. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 19. Lester J. Knott Park.

FANTASTICAL FAIRIES RANGER PROGRAM Learn about the mythological history of fairies and their roles in the natural world and then have the opportunity to build a fairy house to take home. 12-1 p.m., June 20. Free registration at larpd.org.

OHLONE CULTURES Sunol Regional Wilderness is an important place to Ohlone Peoples. Learn about the rich cultural history of the first people who called this place home. There will be a presentation at the Visitor Center, followed by a guided walk. 1-3 p.m., June 20. Visit ebparks.org/calendar.

CELEBRATING SUMMER SOLSTICE Take advantage of the longest day of the year and enjoy a guided program about the summer solstice. 2-4 p.m., June 21. Del Valle. Visit ebparks.org.

WOMEN IN WILDERNESS: NOCTURNAL JOURNAL STROLL Join a Naturalist for this slow-paced, guided stroll along the Camp Ohlone Road in Sunol as the sun sets and learn techniques for nature journaling at night. 8:30-10:30 p.m., June 27. Free registration at ebparks.org/calendar.

MAMMALS IN MOTION RANGER PROGRAM Learn about all the mammals that call Sycamore Grove Park home and enjoy an easy 1 mile walk through the park. 1-2:30 p.m., June 28. Free registration at larpd.org.

INDEPENDENCE DAY DASH 5K & KIDS RUN This community-focused event invites runners and walkers to kick off the holiday weekend with fitness, fun and patriotic spirit. July 3, Sycamore Grove Park. 8 a.m., professionally timed 5K race.; 9:15 a.m., Kids Run open to children ages 10 and under. For more information visit larpd.org.

Farmers Markets

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

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE

Meet Mimi Imfirst

Mimi Imfirst lives by one simple rule: she comes first, and she's happy to tell you all about it. This chatty, inquisitive young adult is the first to greet you at the door, the first to weigh in on your day, and the first to claim the coziest spot in the house. Sweet, spunky and endlessly communicative, she keeps the conversation flowing and the affection coming. Mimi's ready to be first in line for your heart, so call 925-426-8656 or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption process today.

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.

Government

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The next Pleasanton Planning Commission meeting is 7 p.m., June 24. 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 25. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

Seniors

SOLE MATES WALKING GROUP This free walking group at the Pleasanton Senior Center is 8:45-10 a.m., Wednesdays.

SENIOR PLAYERS READERS THEATER This program at the Pleasanton Senior Center is 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursdays. Drop-in fees apply.

KNITTING & CROCHET Knitting & Crochet at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 9-11:30 a.m., Fridays. Drop-in fees apply.

SPECTRUM MEALS ON WHEELS Spectrum Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). For more information, call 510-881-0305 or visit spectrumcs.org.

Support

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS Drop-in to one of Tri-Valley Career Center's free wellness workshops and learn to navigate challenging times, reframe difficult situations and resiliency tools. 12:30-4 p.m., June 22. 5860 Owens Dr., 3rd Floor, Pleasanton. Registration required. Visit business.pleasanton.org/events/calendar.

SOUPER TUESDAY FREE LUNCH Souper Tuesday Free Lunch through CityServe. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.,

Tuesdays. CityServe of the Tri-Valley, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

FREE WEEKLY POP-UP Grab a lunch to go, connect with a caring volunteer, clothing, seasonal and hygiene products, private showers. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The John Paul II Activity Center, 4005 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

OPEN HEART REFUGE Open Heart Refuge offers overnight shelter using an assigned bed model. Check-in is 6-7 p.m., seven days a week where beds are assigned in advance; there is no nightly lottery. Clients may request to be added to the shelter waitlist by visiting the Vineyard Resource Center. Visit openheartkitchen.org/refuge.

FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM The City of Pleasanton Recreation Department provides a Fee Assistance Program for residents who would like to participate in recreation programs, but may not have the financial means. For more information contact Recreation Services at 925-931-5340.

LARPD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM The LARPD Foundation funds the Community Support Scholarship Program to provide Livermore residents access to LARPD's recreation programs. For more information, visit larpd.org/scholarship.

Volunteer

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD Join to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Help needed with sewing, ironing and cutting. Bring a sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board and scissors. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 20. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore.

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE HOT BREAKFASTS Discovery Community Church Breakfast Program needs volunteers to make host breakfasts for those experiencing housing and/or food insecurity. 8-10:30 a.m., Sundays. No cooking experience necessary, just a willing heart. Contact Derry at 510-301-6825.

VOLUNTEER AT OPEN HEART KITCHEN Volunteers at Open Heart Kitchen help create a more food secure future in the Tri-Valley. Visit openheartkitchen.org/volunteer.

Public Notices

SCENTS OF GLOW
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623978

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

1.) SCENTS OF GLOW , located at 630 Oak Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

DIKLA DAGAI
630 Oak Circle
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 10 2026. (PLW Jun 19, 26, Jul 3 and 10, 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)

ONEWILL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623908

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

1.) OneWill , located at 803 Talbot Ave, Albany, CA 94706, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

ONEWILL-AI SOCIETY
803 Talbot Ave
Albany, CA 94706

State of Incorporation/Organization:
Delaware

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

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JOE'S MOBILE AUTO DETAILING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623715

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

1.) Joe's Mobile Auto Detailing , located at 8003 Arroyo Drive #1, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

JOSEPH FIGORITO
8003 Arroyo Drive #1
Pleasanton, CA 94588

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

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KIMBERLYESPELAND.COM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623390

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

1.) KimberlyEspeland.Com , located at 3573 Ballantyne Dr Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

SHARLYN DREYFUS
3573 Ballantyne Dr
Pleasanton, CA 94588

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 15 2026. (PLW Jun 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2026)

LONGSHOREMEN FOR WEST OAKLAND
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623044

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

1.) Longshorem For West Oakland , located at 1735 8th Street, Oakland, CA 94607, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

REBIRTH & RISE ARTS AND EDUCATION INC
5535 East 17th Street
Oakland, CA 94621

State of Incorporation/Organization:
California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/04/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 05 2026. (PLW Jun 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2026)

QUALITY GREEK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623168

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

1.) Quality Greek , located at 20376 Summerpark Place Castro Valley, CA 94552, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

JOANA THANASI
20376 Summerpark Place
Castro Valley, CA 94552

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

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CAKE DELIGHT
BITE OF JOY
THE SOLA STORY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623954

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

1.) Cake Delight , 2.) Bite Of Joy , 3.) The Sola Story , located at 147 B North Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1654 Hollyhock St. Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

CAKE DELIGHT, LLC
1654 Hollyhock St.
Livermore, CA 94551

State of Incorporation/Organization:
California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/15/2014

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 09 2026. (PLW Jun 19, 26, Jul 3 and 10, 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)

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)

ADAM CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623633

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

1.) ADAM CONSULTING , located at 3772 Mohr Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ADAM TORABI
3772 Mohr Ave
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/26/2012

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 28 2026. (PLW Jun 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2026)

ANCHER
ANCHOR ENGINEERING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623527

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

1.) ANCHER , 2.) ANCHOR ENGINEERING , located at 1970 Broadway #450 Oakland, CA 94612

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

ENDEAVOR ENGINEERING, INC.
1970 Broadway #450
Oakland, CA 94612

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 22 2026. (PLW Jun 12, 19, 26 and Jul 3, 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)

SCHUCKS CERTIFIED TRANSMISSION #2
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623661

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

1.) SCHUCKS CERTIFIED TRANSMISSION # 2 , located at 7024 VILLAGE PARKWAY DUBLIN CA 94568, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.

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

ROBERT J THISTLETHWAITE
7024 VILLAGE PARKWAY
DUBLIN CA 94568

ED SCHUCK JR
7016 VILLAGE PARKWAY
DUBLIN CA 94568

JEFFREY D GILLETTE
4240 DUNCAN HILL RD
RESCUE CA 95672

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/24/2019

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 28 2026. (PLW Jun 12, 19, 26 and Jul 3, 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)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV191121
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Sung Young Seo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SUNG YOUNG SEO to SARA SUNG YOUNG SEO

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: August 14, 2026, 9 am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: June 2, 2026
Michael Markman
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jun 12, 19, 26 and Jul 3, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV191226
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Emily Fu Zhen Eguchi-Miller filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
EMILY FU ZHEN EGUCHI-MILLER to EMILY EGUCHI

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 06/03/2026
Michael Markman
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jun 12, 19, 26 and Jul 3, 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.

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PLEASANTON WEEKLY
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Real Estate

Trumark debuts two Tri-Valley townhome projects

The Orchard in Danville, Deerwood Heights in San Ramon coming on market for pre-sales this summer

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tri-Valley developer Trumark Homes is gearing up to add two more major residential communities to its Tri-Valley portfolio, with nearly 200 new homes across two different San Ramon Valley developments set to hit the market in the coming months.

The company announced that it is expecting to begin pre-sales and open up model homes to the public this summer for its 61-unit Deerwood Heights project in San Ramon and its 124-unit The Orchard project in Danville.

“The Orchard and Deerwood Heights were thoughtfully designed in prime Tri-Valley locations with the space and functionality that Northern California buyers are looking for in today’s market,” said Tony Bosowski, Northern California division president at Trumark Homes in a press release last month.

“Each community reflects the intentionality that goes into every Trumark home, from floor plans and amenities to the neighborhoods we choose,” he continued. “The positive response we have received so far echoes the demand that exists.”

The Orchard project has been in the works for several years at this point, and has served as a much-anticipated prospect for Danville as it seeks to allow for the increased housing units allocated to the town in the current cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

Just as notable, however, is the project’s role in bringing life back to the long-vacated Borel

property that served as the town’s last remaining walnut orchard before falling into disrepair over the years amid the death of its owner Armand Borel and legal turmoil with his estate and the East Bay Regional Park District.

Borel’s wish for the site had been to turn it into an agricultural park aimed at educating the public about the region’s history and preserving the remnants of that history contained on the site. But in order to fund that, the parks district opted in 2022 to sell a seven-acre portion of the site to developers to secure funding for the park on the remaining site.

Trumark closed escrow on a deal securing the site in 2024, with construction of the project and the sale of units on the horizon marking one of three different developments that are set to make up the reinvention of the overall site.

In addition to The Orchard, the site is set to host a 43-unit affordable housing project that the town approved bond funding for early last year, as well as the long-anticipated agricultural park on the remaining 10 acres.

Pricing for the two- and three-bedroom units is set to start at the mid-\$1 million range.

Meanwhile, the Deerwood Heights project was approved by the city of San Ramon in 2023, marking a new vision for the vacant site at 2481 Deerwood Drive near Bollinger Canyon Road that was previously zoned for office space.

Although the two projects are on opposite sides of the city limits, they are situated less than two miles from one another, with The



TRUMARK HOMES

Trumark Homes’ Deerwood Heights housing project in San Ramon is progressing toward completion.

Orchard at the southern end of Danville and Deerwood Heights in the northwestern corner of San Ramon.

Prices for the three- and three-and-a-half-bedroom Deerwood Heights units are set to start at \$998,000.

The two new developments are set to go on the market in the near future alongside a number of other local Trumark homes, including Arroyo Crossings in Livermore and Parkton and Francis Ranch in Dublin.

Although the company has been taking

increasing steps to spread its wings to other markets in recent years, its original territory continues to be a top priority according to last month’s announcement, which cited the Tri-Valley locations as among the top desirable characteristics of the new projects.

“Northern California continues to be one of the most dynamic and high-demand housing markets, and we remain committed to increasing available inventory with a variety of home types and options to meet the needs of all buyers,” Bosowski said. ■

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during April 6-10 for Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol, and May 11-15 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 2128 Alexander Way** B. & V. Tachkov to E. & C. Matei for \$775,000
- 4127 Alvarado Street** Brewer Family Trust to Cingoz Family Trust for \$1,358,000
- 3267 Belvedere Court** Kazuko Trust to A. & J. Costello for \$1,400,000
- 7815 Canyon Meadow Circle #H** F. Burney to J. Ho for \$485,000
- 4012 Cid Way** A. & S. Mccutcheon to C. & P. Owendro for \$1,485,000
- 2642 Corte Vida** T. & P. Tupper to S. & S. Srinath for \$3,050,000
- 2808 Gray Fox Court** Dmm Separate Property Trust to M. & H. Raza for \$3,335,000
- 7544 Highland Oaks Drive** S. Mahajan to Sathuvachari Family Trust for \$1,695,000
- 2749 Laramie Gate Circle** Adams Family Trust to Valley Homes Sales Inc for \$1,550,000
- 7828 Meadowbrook Court** E. & L. Tomlin to W. & P. Huang for \$2,350,000
- 670 Peters Avenue** Maur Trust to J. Holden for \$705,000
- 3436 Smoketree Commons #D** A. & T. Orourke to C. Clark for \$589,000

Dublin

- 7060 Allegheny Drive** N. Patil to A. & J. Wong for \$1,249,000
- 3126 Aran Way** L. Li to S. & M. Saxena for \$1,060,000
- 3489 Capoterra Way** X. Wang to L. Basi for \$870,000
- 2336 Carbondale Way** N. Chagari to D. & M. Amlani for \$1,115,000
- 2206 Central Parkway** P. Godavarthi to M. & G. Mak for \$1,050,000
- 6406 Dijon Way** Kolesar Trust to A. Minaie for \$680,000

- 4422 Fitzwilliam Street** A. Pradhan to K. & V. Chanco for \$899,000
- 3956 Jordan Ranch Drive** J. Xiang to Tondepu Family Trust for \$1,847,500
- 8107 Peppertree Road** M. & S. Padilla to L. & H. Chu for \$1,480,000
- 7800 Woodren Court** Herrero 1998 Family Trust to A. & H. Linek for \$1,200,000

San Ramon

- 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #331** X. Li to G. Desalgado for \$453,000
- 3217 Amaryllis Circle** Dhaulakhandi Family Trust to Sanders Living Trust for \$1,097,000
- 9827 Belladonna Drive** Kalyan & Priya Living Trust to L. Dinh for \$1,185,000
- 912 Bentley Oak Court** Ibarra Family Trust to Hu Trust for \$2,920,000
- 103 Camelia Court** X. Feng to Z. & T. Du for \$2,880,000
- 121 Enchanted Way** D. Mintz to Y. & Y. Liu for \$1,265,000
- 2048 Feathermint Drive** D. & A. Menghani to S. & S. Palliparambil for \$3,075,000
- 7459 Interlachen Avenue** Sridhar & Neha Trust to R. & C. Barsainya for \$1,325,000
- 3201 Ivory Terrace** Summerhill City Village LLC to D. & A. Danilovic for \$1,265,000
- 109 Posada Court** Stelter 1999 Family Trust to A. & P. Kistampally for \$1,630,000
- 3001 Silva Way** Cherukupalli Family Trust to S. & D. Chakrabarti for \$2,275,000
- 1150 Trumpet Vine Lane** A. Shakoor to L. & V. Kanagala for \$2,335,000
- 232 Via Encanto** P. Ranganathan to Arvind Family Trust for \$1,700,000

Sunol

- 2397 Kilkare Road** A. Kuchta to D. & N. Zemliakov for \$540,000

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1131 Mataro Court, Vintage Hills
Sold at \$2,000,000

SOLD
4073 Stanley Blvd, Pleasanton
Sold at \$1,800,000

SOLD
Represented Buyer
1220 Piemonte Drive, Ruby Hill
Sold at \$4,300,000

SOLD
811 Seville Place, Fremont
Sold at \$2,765,000

SOLD
Represented Buyer
4243 Sunset View Drive, Dublin
Sold at \$1,050,000

SOLD
Represented Buyer
44126 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont
Sold at \$6,150,000

ACTIVE LISTINGS, COMING SOON & IN CONTRACT

JUST LISTED
1515 Germano Way, Ruby Hill
Listed at \$12,900,000

JUST LISTED
2270 Doccia Court, Ruby Hill
Listed at \$2,595,000


COMING SOON
1512 Germano Way Ruby Hill
\$5,795,000

COMING SOON
1841 Paseo Del Cajon, Pleasanton
\$1,849,000

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side yard access!



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\$1,700,000



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