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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

An all-time year

The 2025 California Journalism Awards was one for the books for our Tri-Valley editorial team as we won a record 10 first-place awards for our coverage last year, including General Excellence for the first time in our history.

The winning categories capture the quality, range and impact of our journalism: General Excellence, Investigative Reporting, Enterprise Series, Best Newsletter, Columns, Editorial Comment, Business and the Economy, Sports Feature, Profile Story and Fine Arts.

Our 22 awards overall was also the biggest haul the Weekly has ever earned in the annual contest organized by the California News Publishers Association.

I knew we had a standout year in 2025, but these results are even more remarkable than I could ever imagine.

Congrats to our Embarcadero Media Foundation, East Bay Division journalism squad of editor Cierra Bailey and reporters Jeanita Lyman, Jude Strzemp and Christian Trujano, along with special shout-outs to our publisher Gina Channell Wilcox, freelance contributors, design team, sales reps, and corporate leadership and support staff.

What jumps out at me looking over our award winners is how well they demonstrate our commitment to coverage of your community that would not have seen the light of day without us.

Take our exposé on the Pleasanton Unified School District investigation that led to Amador Valley High School principal Jonathan Fey being put on leave never to return, a cover story that resulted from our 13-month battle for public records into incidents from 2024.

For the article, "For sure I need this to stay a secret: Inside the grooming, Grindr investigation of a Pleasanton principal", Trujano won the award for Investigative Reporting and earned second place for Coverage of Youth and Education.

The Amador exposé was the cover story in our Nov. 7 print edition that was part of our submission for the General Excellence category — another victory for our team.

I took first place in Editorial Comment for my editorial explaining the depths of our investigation. The Fey matter was also highlighted in one of the three examples of our Local Scoop member-exclusive newsletter en route to winning Best Newsletter, and the Nov. 7 cover design by Doug Young was part of the package that got him second place for Print Front Page Layout & Design.

The other high point in our CNPA awards was the performance of our Tri-Valley Downtown Series, which won Enterprise News Story or Series and Coverage of Business and the Economy.

Our reporters Strzemp, Lyman and Trujano took the idea I dreamed up and ran with it so impressively. The eight-part series saw our journalists use all five senses to report on the commercial and community cores of Livermore, Pleasanton, Blackhawk, San Ramon, Sunol, Alamo, Dublin and Danville through interviews, research and photographs.

I'm so happy that Wilcox captured first place for Columns for her pair of "Around the Valley" pieces watching city government behavior in Pleasanton and San Ramon — even if it meant my boss beat me, with my "What A Week" submission finishing third.

It was a banner year for our lifestyles coverage too. Bailey won Profile Story for "Love and longevity", I won Fine Arts Writing / Reporting for "The Firehouse lineup" and our sports contributor Dennis Miller won Sports Feature Story for his cover story on Foothill swimmer Luka Mijatovic, "A generational talent".

I love that two of our other freelancers joined Miller in earning a California Journalism Award for their contributions to our coverage: Chuck Deckert got second place for Sports Action Photo for his cover picture of Mijatovic and Deborah Grossman took third for Food Writing / Reporting for her story on food at the 2025 Alameda County Fair. (Her feature on 2026 fair food just happens to be this week's cover story.)

On top of our 10 first-place awards, we had seven runner-up honors — 17 top-two finishes is incredible. In addition to those already mentioned, we earned second place for Investigative Reporting, Labor Reporting, Immigration Reporting and Excellence in Collaborations & Partnerships.

Rounding out our recognitions were third place and fifth place for Inside Print Page Layout & Design and fifth place for Feature Story.

An all-time year for our humble little weekly newspaper. I'm so proud of the hard work of our editorial and design teams, and I'm so grateful for the support of our members, our donors, our advertisers and our readers that allows us to practice our journalism.

The 2025 CNPA awards show what can be accomplished when a community backs local journalism — and what would be lost in the Tri-Valley without that support. Learn more at pleasantonweekly.com/donate. ■

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What do you think about / consider when deciding whether or not to attend a high school or college reunion?



Holly Silvestri

Translator / interpreter

I consider who will be attending that I haven't seen in a while that I'd love to catch up with. I also think about the expense. And I consider how many more reunions I have left. Since I know there won't be many, I make every effort to attend each one.



Christina Peters

Retired attorney

Well, I've never been to a high school reunion because I hated high school. But when it comes to college reunions, of course I'm going if I can.



Ernestine Yuille

Attorney

I consider who from "way back when" is going to be there that I'd like to reconnect with. I come for the people, and I'm always glad I came.



Joel Riggs

Martial arts instructor

I think about how some wise old people have told me that later-in-life reunions are all about meeting new people who have a short (high school or college) but shared life experience. It's always great to meet them, and to swap stories, and to make new connections / friends.



David Castleman

Lawyer

I think about the fun of connecting with classmates I've fallen out of touch with, who are no longer even on my radar. I also go to the reunions in order to meet classmates I never knew back in the day, and to make unexpected new connections with them.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Invasive mosquito

The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District recently discovered an invasive *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in Pleasanton, which prompted the city to urge residents to take preemptive measures in reducing the population of disease-carrying mosquitoes.

According to a June 18 social media post from the city, the mosquito was identified in a trap near Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road.

“These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters and can become established in neighborhoods if standing water is available,” according to the city. “Eliminating standing water is one of the easiest and most effective ways to help reduce mosquito populations.”

Residents and businesses are encouraged to get rid of any standing water inside containers, thoroughly wash and cover those containers, and report any mosquito sightings to the abatement district.

City manager input

The city of Pleasanton is currently asking residents to take a brief online survey and provide input what they would like to see from a new permanent city manager.

The survey comes as the City Council continues its efforts to recruit viable candidates for the position following former city manager Gerry Beaudin's departure for Alameda earlier this month. Some of the questions in the survey ask residents what issues the next city manager should prioritize and what type of experiences and qualities the new hire should possess.

The survey will remain open until Monday (June 29) at 5 p.m. To take the survey, visit www.cityofpleasanton.ca.gov.

Fireworks in Dublin

Ahead of this year's Fourth of July festivities, Dublin will once again permit Tri-Valley residents to buy “Safe and Sane Fireworks” and allow them to use the fireworks in certain designated local parks and single-family homes during the holiday.

“Safe and Sane Fireworks are allowed to be sold in the City of Dublin each year, beginning at noon on June 28 and ending at noon on July 5, by non-profit organizations who meet all of the requirements set forth in the Dublin Municipal Code,” according to the city's website.

Dublin will permit the fireworks in one of four designated parks between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. only on July 4. No other type of fireworks are allowed in any part of the city, and all fireworks (including Safe and Sane) are prohibited everywhere else in the Tri-Valley. Learn more at www.dublin.ca.gov. ■

Pleasanton follows Livermore's path on potential ICE detention center

City officials will now coordinate with Dublin, county to monitor shuttered prison site

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

After hearing pleas from residents at yet another meeting, the Pleasanton City Council changed its tune and decided to follow Livermore's footsteps, directing staff to investigate what options the city could take to potentially oppose any plans to convert a shuttered prison in Dublin into an immigration detention center.

The decision, which was carried through thanks to support from three of the five councilmembers, came weeks after the council

declined to agendize a possible resolution to formally oppose any ICE detention centers in the region. Residents at the June 16 council meeting asked the council to reconsider the resolution, but it once again failed to get placed on a future agenda due to a lack of council majority support.

“All we are asking is that you make a statement,” Laurie Herbert, a longtime Pleasanton resident since the late '70s, said during the public comment portion of last week's meeting.

“If you're OK with ICE's actions

in other communities, stay silent,” she added. “During the Holocaust, German civic leaders stayed silent, but most did not know of the atrocities that were occurring in their own cities. We have no excuses. We do know what ICE has done, we have seen it with our own eyes, we do know that they have no reason to change their tactics. It's the least we can do.”

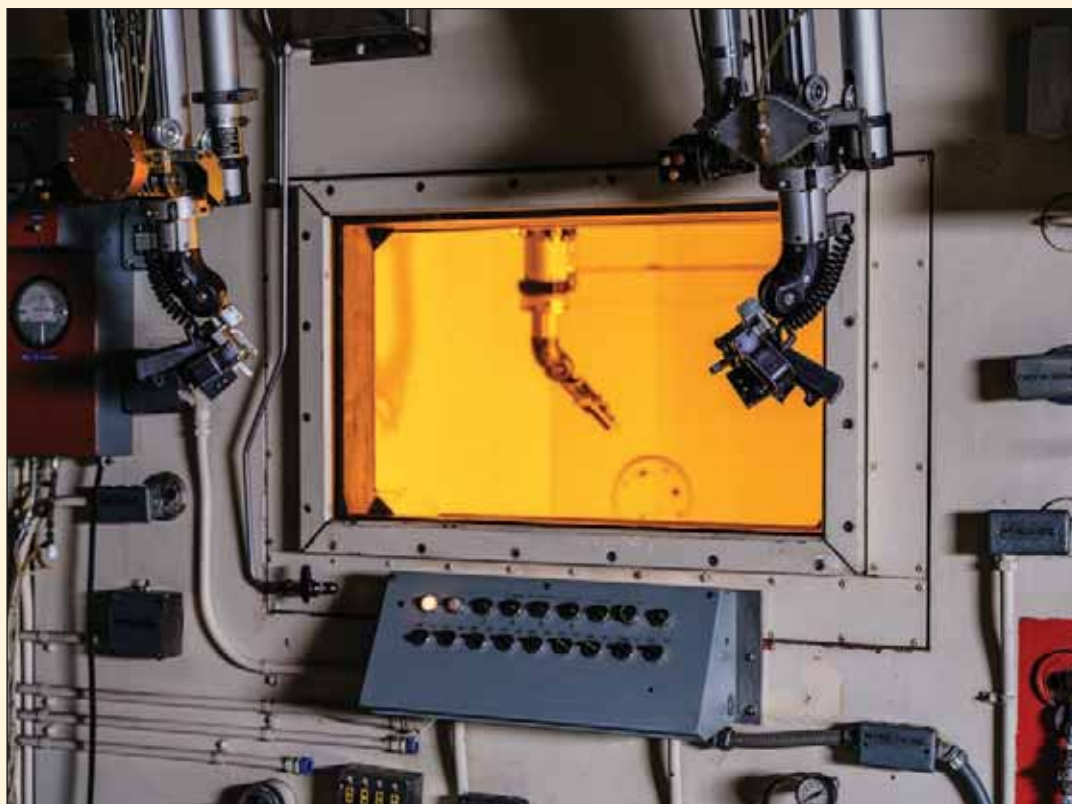
The Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin has been in the immigration spotlight after the federal Bureau of Prisons issued a 2,731-page draft

environmental impact report, which many speculate could be the first step in the process to repurpose the facility as a detention center for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The facility, which used to be a low-security women's prison, shuttered in 2024 due to sexual abuse and other documented issues like failing infrastructure.

In addition, reports began emerging last year that President Donald Trump's administration

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COURTESY ZENO POWER

A photo shows the exterior of the decontaminated hot cells, which are described as “thick-walled, robustly shielded rooms designed for safe handling of radioactive materials.”

Nuclear battery production facility moves into Sunol

Zeno Power at historic Vallecitos property

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Zeno Power, a nuclear battery development company, has established a manufacturing facility at the Vallecitos Nuclear Center in Sunol where the company said it will produce “nuclear batteries that will power critical defense, space, and commercial missions”.

The operation will in turn allow Zeno Power to fulfill initial

deliveries to government customers — the company stated it has more than \$60 million in contracts with the Pentagon and NASA — next year, and larger scale deliveries in 2028, according to a press release from the company.

“Vallecitos wrote the first chapter of American commercial nuclear power,” Tyler Bernstein, co-founder and CEO of Zeno Power, said in the press release

June 18. “We're honored to write the next chapter by producing nuclear batteries here that will power America's most important missions.”

Located on Highway 84 between interstates 580 and 680, the Vallecitos Nuclear Center operated as an electricity-generating nuclear power plant more than 60 years ago and had remained

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EBRPD acquires land by Doolan

4.5-acre site could lead to park staging area

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

The East Bay Regional Park District last week announced its purchase of a property in Doolan Canyon, signaling a step toward possibly opening the area's preserve for public access and recreational opportunities.

Known as the Olsen property, the newly acquired site of approximately 4.5-acres is located about half a mile south of the Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve along Doolan Road.

In addition to serving as a staging area, the property could become the first segment of a public trail to the preserve. But prior to the preserve's potential opening, EBRPD must develop a land use plan for the area.

“As we begin the land use planning process, the Park District will carefully consider how to protect natural habitat while exploring opportunities for future public access,” EBRPD Acting General Manager Max Korten said in a statement announcing the acquisition.

According to EBRPD officials, developing a staging area at the preserve would not be cost-effective, due to its hilly terrain.

The EBRPD Board of Directors pursued a potential solution last

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IKEA opens ‘plan and order’ store in Pleasanton

Home furnishings company brings small-scale concept to Tri-Valley for first time

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton officially became home to IKEA’s newest store last week, bringing a small-scale “plan and order point” location to the Tri-Valley.

“We are thrilled to open our Pleasanton location, bringing the new IKEA experience closer to the residents across the Tri-Valley,” Arda Akalin, IKEA’s San Francisco market manager, said in a June 15 press release.

“This milestone reflects our commitment to meeting customers where they are by offering convenience, inspiration, and accessibility to our home furnishing solutions,” Akalin added. “We are excited to be part of the local community and

continue to create better lives at home for the customers.”

IKEA first announced its plans to open a new-concept store at the Pleasanton Square Shopping Center this past January.

The company previously had in mind to open a full service store in Dublin, but it pulled out of those plans last fall and sold the 28-acre property it owned on the east side of town.

In its place, the company decided to instead open a plan and order point with pickup store in Pleasanton.

Located at 5755 Johnson Drive, the store is modeled after a similar concept location in Colma, just south of San Francisco.

Customers go to the store, meet with IKEA employees and choose the items they wish to purchase, but they don’t actually leave with those items, according to IKEA officials.

“While customers are unable to take products home that day, IKEA co-workers can arrange for delivery or schedule orders to be picked up from the convenient, onsite pick-up location,” the company stated in its press release. “With the addition of an IKEA Pick-up point, customers will be able to collect their purchases when and where it is convenient for them, supporting purchases made at the Plan and order point as well as online.”

The Pleasanton store marks the



COURTESY IKEA

The exterior of the new IKEA Plan & Order Point with PickUp store that opened in Pleasanton on June 17.

fifth IKEA store in the Bay Area. In addition to the plan and order point stores in Colma and Pleasanton,

there are three full-scale stores located in San Francisco, Emeryville and East Palo Alto. ■

ICE

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was considering reopening the facility as a detention center for immigrants, which prompted local leaders at the city of Dublin and Alameda County to publicly denounce those considerations.

Dublin’s City Council did so through a resolution it passed last December and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors followed suit this past March with a resolution introduced by District 1 Supervisor David Haubert.

During its May 19 meeting, the Pleasanton City Council heard from residents who asked the council to consider agendizing a similar resolution for future discussion but the council failed to get majority support to do so, which

left some speakers last week feeling disappointed.

One of those half-dozen residents was Anne Matarrese-Everton, a nearly 50-year Pleasanton resident. She asked Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch and council members Matt Gaidos and Craig Eicher (who was absent with illness) to reconsider their decision to not move forward with a resolution because of the impact an ICE facility would have on the entire Tri-Valley and greater Bay Area.

“Please consider with your hearts the terror, the disdain for due process and the miserable treatment of our neighbors that nearby ICE presence will bring,” she said.

A number of other speakers also shared stories of what they have seen happening nationwide with violent immigration enforcement

and how any sort of ICE presence in the Tri-Valley will negatively affect the lives of every resident in Pleasanton and the surrounding cities.

And while many of the public speakers agreed that even though the Pleasanton City Council has no direct authority over ICE or federal immigration enforcement, they said the council should at least go on the record to protest the violent immigration enforcement happening across the country and to oppose any inkling of a plan to open a detention center in Dublin.

Linda Kelly, another longtime Pleasanton resident, was the only public speaker who had a somewhat different take on the issue.

Kelly first made it clear that she, and the rest of the City Council, share the same feelings toward

ICE and the “abhorrent things they have done”. She even noted how her granddaughter lives in Minneapolis and has delivered food to colleagues who are too scared to leave their homes.

However, Kelly told the council — and those in attendance — that at no point have these rumors about an ICE facility been confirmed.

William K. Marshall III, director of the federal Bureau of Prisons previously told Dublin City Manager Colleen Tribby in a Nov. 28, 2025 letter that there was “no indication that the Department of Homeland Security’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement will utilize the facility and BOP has no plans to reopen the facility”.

“There are no plans to do that,” Kelly said. “There has been nothing that has been publicized, anyway, that suggests such so this fear is premature, I believe.”

She said municipalities in the region have done their due diligence in staying informed with the latest updated information and if it ever does get to the point where an ICE facility is slated to be built, she is sure cities like Pleasanton will voice their opposition in the form of some letter or resolution.

Still, the council decided to follow a similar path recently taken by the Livermore City Council: direct its city staff to confer with representatives from the city of Dublin and Alameda County to see how Pleasanton could best support the jurisdictions in rejecting the facility’s reopening.

Councilmember Julie Testa, who originally supported a draft resolution to oppose any potential future ICE facilities last month along with Councilmember Jeff Nibert, was one of the first to voice her support for doing what Livermore did.

“I think it’s important that we stand up with our neighboring communities and have a strong regional voice,” Testa said during

the meeting. “I think there’s a very significant benefit to doing that ... They’ve shown the courage, we should show the courage as well.”

Nibert and Balch both supported directing staff to take similar action to what Livermore did. Gaidos was the only one who did not offer any comments on the matter during the meeting.

Balch also said he recently reached out to Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Dublin Mayor Sherry Hu to “understand exactly the actions that Livermore is taking and what they may find out”.

He said Marchand agreed to keep Balch updated so that he could communicate those actions to Pleasanton staff.

“I am deeply concerned about the actions of ICE. I am watching it carefully myself,” Balch said. “Trying to figure out how to lead a community through these very unique times is a gut-wrenching experience as mayor that I’ve never experienced in my life.”

“So I’m doing my best,” Balch added. “And that means caution for those members that are ahead of me, that means prudence for those members that are behind me so that the community moves together. That’s what I’m trying to do.”

But even though Balch joined the majority to ask to work with Livermore and Dublin to understand what options are available, he maintained that he doesn’t want the city to pursue a resolution, for the time being.

“I’m not supportive of the resolution at this time because the fact pattern hasn’t changed from the last time,” Balch said.

During the matters initiated portion of the meeting, Nibert tried to once again agendize such a resolution for future council consideration but that failed to get a majority approval. Testa supported Nibert’s motion, Balch and Gaidos did not. ■

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Primrose Bakery rising in Livermore

Joining Pleasanton sister shop in selling European-style desserts and pastries

By JUDE STRZEMP

A European-inspired bakery based in Pleasanton is gearing up to open a second location early next month in downtown Livermore.

Known for selling elevated desserts and pastries, Primrose Bakery will be offering the same sweet and savory treats at its new shop on South J Street.

The expansion comes as Livermore-based owners Jesse and Jessica Eiland, a husband and wife duo, have eyed their hometown for years as the site of a second storefront.

“We are downtown a lot and we just see how vibrant it is down there,” Jesse Eiland said of opening a shop in Livermore. “We think we have a unique niche there.”

Primrose Bakery originated in Castro Valley and only in 2003 did the previous owners open a second shop in Pleasanton, according to Jesse Eiland.

Jesse and Jessica Eiland jumped at the opportunity in 2014 to purchase the business.

“It was kind of a no-brainer,” he said.

Life-long baker Jessica Eiland had already been working at



Above: Pleasanton-based Primrose Bakery is in the process of expanding to Livermore with an expected opening of early July. (Photo by Jeremy Walsh). Right: Primrose Bakery in Pleasanton opened in 2003. (Photo courtesy Eiland).



Primrose for the last 15 years or so. Meanwhile, Jesse Eiland brought his experience in managing and human resources.

“When her boss was ready to sell the bakery, they gave it to us on credit. We paid it off in about three years and the rest is history. We’ve

never looked back,” Jesse Eiland said.

In the years since, the Eilands pursued a lease agreement for retail spaces at the Legacy at Livermore building to expand their business into the city. When negotiations fell through, the Eilands decided to expand the footprint of the

Pleasanton location to take over an adjacent storefront vacated during the pandemic by a massage parlor.

“As it turns out, it couldn’t have worked out any better because now that we are expanding to Livermore we have way more capital to put into it. It seems things happen for a

reason!” Jesse Eiland said in a message to Livermore Vine.

The Eilands plan to continue operations at Primrose in Pleasanton and use it as the home base for all baking and cooking.

Primrose Bakery in Livermore is set to open at 154 South J St. ■

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Viral taco stand puts permit debate in spotlight

Health among concerns raised as mobile food businesses operate without required paperwork

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Driving or walking along Old Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, near the Chase Bank, it's hard to miss the captivating aromas of Mexican food coming from an unassuming food stand on the sidewalk.

The stand, called Pleasanton Taco Stand at Santa Rita Road online, popped up sometime last year with videos dating as far back as June 2025 on TikTok and Instagram showing people reviewing and praising the authentic street Mexican food. The business and its growing popularity — among others — has sparked concern over proper permitting and licensing for street food vendors in the city.

Paul Hammons is one of the neighbors who said he has been worried about health and safety for his fellow Pleasanton residents. Hammons said he was “taken aback from the open flames, by the gas cans, (and) by the mess” at the Santa Rita stand.

According to the city's ordinance code, sidewalk vendors are described as vendors who are moving constantly and only stop for transactions; vendors who sell from a pushcart, stand or other non-motorized conveyance; or those who sell their product from a fixed location. However, all three types of sidewalk vendors do share one thing in common: they must all have proper permits from the city.

“While I understand the need for people to make a living, there are many very good laws that ensure workplace safety, cleanliness and standards for preparing, heating, and serving food that protect the public from foodborne illnesses,” Pleasanton City Councilmember Matt Gaidos told the Weekly.

“Preparing and serving food without a place to use the bathroom or wash your hands properly puts the public at risk and is illegal competition for businesses that are running properly and following all of the



COURTESY PAUL HAMMONS

People line up for a taste of the Mexican street food vendor located along the sidewalk on Old Santa Rita Road next to the Chase Bank.

rules,” he added.

Applying for a permit involves a fee and the vendor providing personal information and proof that they have a business license, among many other things. The city's code also includes various stipulations, including regulations for how and where the vendor can operate.

But even before applying for a city sidewalk vending permit, vendors must also obtain the appropriate Alameda County health permits — the Santa Rita food stand has neither, according to Pleasanton communications manager Heather Tiernan.

“At this time, the vendor does not have the required permits to legally operate,” Tiernan told the Weekly.

Hammons said he's been looking into the matter, speaking with

county and city officials, because he is worried about the risk of a fire breaking out and any health-related risk considering the food is being prepared out in the open without any OK from the county's health department.

He noted that he is not targeting this one specific food stand, but any and all unlicensed food stands because of the risks they pose to customers.

The Weekly briefly spoke with one food vendor who said he is sent to locations like the Santa Rita spot by his boss, whom he did not name, and has no say in any of the permitting processes. Attempts to reach the vendor for additional comments were unsuccessful.

The issue with the Mexican food stand's permitting dates as far as Sept.

18, 2025 when the Alameda County Environmental Health Department conducted joint enforcement at the food stand with support from Pleasanton's code enforcement department, the Pleasanton Police Department and the Pleasanton Public Works Department.

According to the health department, the agencies also conducted another joint enforcement on April 8.

“ACEHD staff provided education to the unpermitted food vendor on the required permitting procedures and subsequently confiscated all food items and small utensils/equipment. Food was confiscated on both days, and smaller pieces of equipment were confiscated on 4/8/26,” health department officials told the Weekly.

Tiernan said the Pleasanton's code enforcement officer has also conducted multiple evening enforcement efforts, which included having staff monitor the area during the vendor's evening and late-night operating hours, in an attempt to “gain compliance with applicable vending and health regulations.” This included directing the vendor to cease operations.

But as both the county and the city noted, it's not easy to enforce these permitting laws and regulations with any food vendor because of the nature of these self-run businesses.

“Enforcement can be particularly challenging with mobile vendors, as operators are able to relocate quickly or temporarily leave an area and return after enforcement activity has concluded,” Tiernan said. “Like many jurisdictions throughout California, the city continues working to address these challenges within the framework of current state sidewalk vending laws.”

As for the county, the health department stated that its Environmental Protection Division administers “the food safety program, which oversees all retail food

facilities, including mobile food vendors, in Alameda County (excluding the City of Berkeley) to ensure a safe and wholesome food supply for the public, and compliance with the California Health and Safety Code.”

The county also stated that as they see the number of unlicensed food vendors growing, the health department is partnering with local jurisdictions to educate and help these vendors do business the legal way.

‘Focus is on ensuring compliance with applicable health, safety, and municipal regulations.’

Heather Tiernan,
City spokesperson

“Mobile food vendors are invited to attend our free informational sessions to learn about the requirements and the process for obtaining a valid health permit through the ACEHD, if their proposed operation is eligible for permitting,” the health department spokesperson told the Weekly.

“If a mobile food vendor continues to operate without a valid health permit after receiving education and direction from the ACEHD, then ACEHD coordinates with other local agencies to investigate and escalate enforcement efforts, which may include confiscation of food and equipment.”

Tiernan said the city of Pleasanton will continue working with the county and other partnering agencies to monitor the “unpermitted vending activity and community concerns.”

“The City's focus is on ensuring compliance with applicable health, safety, and municipal regulations,” Tiernan said. ■

Zone 7 asks people to reduce outdoor water use

Conservation to help preserve supply for essential needs during state maintenance week

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Zone 7 Water Agency is joining other regional water retailers in asking Tri-Valley residents and businesses to temporarily reduce water usage outdoors from Saturday through Thursday.

The agency said the six-day outdoor water conservation period would help preserve its water supply while the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) performs seasonal maintenance on State Water Project facilities, which supply

approximately 70% of the water in the Tri-Valley.

The work also includes critical infrastructure being serviced for repairs and maintenance.

Zone 7 officials said that even though water deliveries will be temporarily reduced during the scheduled maintenance period, these conservation efforts are intended to be preemptive.

“This temporary conservation request is not a reflection of the region's overall water supply conditions,” Zone 7 stated in a recent press release. “Instead, it is a

proactive safety measure to help ensure adequate supplies remain available for essential indoor use, emergency response, and fire protection during DWR's planned maintenance.”

“Zone 7 and your local water retailers have planned for the outage and will continue supplying water throughout the maintenance period using locally stored imported supplies and local groundwater resources,” the agency added. “However, reducing outdoor water use during the brief maintenance period will help preserve those supplies.”

Specifically, residents and businesses are being asked to cut back on watering any lawns and landscapes; washing their vehicles at home; filling or refilling swimming pools; power washing or hosing off surfaces; and any other non-essential outdoor water use.

The agency recommends that residents and businesses take preventative measures by increasing their watering beforehand in order to “help their landscapes weather the brief conservation period.”

It also recommends topping

off pools before Saturday (June 27); using pool covers to reduce evaporation; repairing any leaks; and shortening or turning off automatic irrigation systems before the first maintenance day.

The water agency noted that while it is making this request of its water customers, there are no “restrictions leading up to it.” It also said this conservation request does not include properties that use recycled water as the DWR's planned maintenance does not affect recycled water supplies. ■

Bonner, Warren win Alameda County judgeships

Experienced litigators to assume roles on bench for six-year term beginning in January

By JUDE STRZEMP

Two candidates of the primary election have won seats outright on the Alameda County Superior Court bench.

Claiming office No. 13 is Cabral Bonner, a civil rights lawyer who has previously served on the bench as a temporary judge.

In a separate race, trial attorney Selia Warren has won seat No. 19.

The two are poised to join the bench for a six-year term beginning in January 2027 to succeed retiring judges James Reilly (No. 13) and



Cabral Bonner

Brad Seligman (No. 19).

Prior to the June 2 primary election, Warren and Bonner went head-to-head in a jury trial during 2017 in Alameda County, Bonner told the Pleasanton Weekly.



Selia Warren

“Despite that, we have remained on very good terms and supported each other through this election process. I think it is cool that we will be starting this new chapter together,” Bonner said.

In an email interview with the Weekly, Bonner credited his victory to endorsers, donors, family, neighbors, clients and friends.

“This win isn’t mine — it belongs to my supporters,” Bonner added. “I’m forever grateful for every conversation I had along the way — from the farmers’ markets in Berkeley to Livermore and

everywhere in between. I will do everything I can to make you proud.”

Bonner also recognized opponent Michael P. Johnson as being a community advocate with a strong campaign.

Bonner leads with 51.47% (173,774 votes) to Johnson’s 48.53% (163,838), as of the latest tally update June 12 by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters’ Office.

“It’s a shame we can’t both serve on the bench — Alameda County is fortunate to have people like him in this fight,” Bonner said.

In the race for office No. 19, Warren leads with 56.48% (182,285 votes) to competitor Patricia Miles’ 43.52% (140,431 votes).

“I am deeply honored by the trust the voters of Alameda County have placed in me, and I look forward to serving our community with fairness, integrity, and respect for the rule of law,” Warren told the Weekly in an email.

The next update of election tallies was expected Thursday, after press time, but with just an estimated 1,800 ballots left to cure, neither leader can be surpassed. ■

BATTERY

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open as a nuclear research center, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

That was until GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, the center’s previous owner, announced its intent to sell the nuclear center in May 2023.

In March 2025, NorthStar Group Services, Inc., a demolition and wrecking contractor based in New York, announced it had acquired the local nuclear center and, at the same time, revealed its plans to decontaminate and restore the site for future use.

Now, through this new partnership with NorthStar, Zeno Power said it aims to establish a dedicated U.S. facility for research and

development, as well as scaled production, of “radioisotope power systems, securing domestic supply chains for critical defense and space missions”.

According to last week’s press release, these radioisotope power systems, also known as nuclear batteries, work differently compared to conventional batteries or solar panels because of how they convert the “natural decay of radioisotopes into years of uninterrupted power” despite extreme environments like deep oceans or space.

“As NorthStar continues to decommission Vallecitos, we made the decision to preserve the hot cell facility, knowing it had future value for our mission,” Scott State, CEO of NorthStar, stated in the press release. “We’re proud to

partner with Zeno to utilize the facility for beneficial use — building nuclear batteries to power the frontier.”

According to Zeno Power, NorthStar will continue its work to complete nuclear decommissioning and eventual site restoration at Vallecitos. That work will continue across the site in parallel with Zeno Power’s nuclear battery manufacturing, which will take place in the “discrete hot cell portion of the complex”.

These decontaminated hot cells, according to the company, are described as “thick-walled, robustly shielded rooms designed for safe handling of radioactive materials”.

“Hot cells allow technicians to safely build nuclear batteries by remotely handling radioactive materials through thick lead-glass

windows and mechanical arms,” according to the press release.

The nuclear center in Sunol is also one of very few places with this dedicated hot cell infrastructure already in place, according to Zeno Power.

“Zeno’s work to restore the hot cell facilities actively preserves and expands the local nuclear workforce through private investment,” the press release further states.

On that note, Zeno Power said the nuclear battery development is expected to bring more than 50 jobs to the Tri-Valley over the next three years as the company seeks to draw from the “deep engineering, nuclear, and operations talent across Berkeley, Livermore, and Silicon Valley”.

“This is a major win for Alameda County,” Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert said in the press release. “Zeno’s investment creates high-skilled jobs,

preserves decades of irreplaceable nuclear expertise at Vallecitos, and generates significant economic activity in our region. We’re proud that Alameda County will be home to the advanced manufacturing capabilities that power America’s defense, space exploration, and commercial missions.”

The nuclear battery manufacturer noted how its efforts in Sunol aligns with the White House’s Executive Order 14302, which calls for an “American nuclear renaissance”.

“The Tri-Valley has been a center of innovation for decades, and Zeno’s restoration of a key portion of Vallecitos continues that proud tradition,” said Katie Marcel, CEO of Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group. “This project demonstrates how preservation and cutting-edge technology work together. We’re excited to welcome Zeno to our region and support their growth as they scale production of nuclear batteries.” ■

DOOLAN

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February when it approved the purchase of the Olsen property for \$434,000 from the city of Livermore.

The Olsen property is currently inhabited by nonnative grasses

and ornamental bushes and trees, according to the April 7 staff report prepared by Brian Holt, EBRPD acting assistant general manager of acquisition stewardship and planning. The flat property also hosts a renovated barn with an unpermitted residence and a storage building.

At the time of board approval, the acquisition was also considered an opportunity to potentially create a picnic site or interpretive hub, according to Holt.

Additional planning is required to ensure a “safe access corridor” between the Olsen property and Doolan Canyon, Holt said.

During the same meeting in April, the board directed staff to begin developing a land use plan for the preserve while beginning to offer occasional, guided tours of the area.

The land use plan is set to include studies of the preserve’s natural and cultural resources, site improvements, public access opportunities and natural hazards, according to EBRPD officials.

Tours will begin in October, park district officials said.

Prior to the park district’s acquisition of the Olsen property, the city of Livermore purchased the land in 2018 as part of an approximately 138-acre property located at 5658 Doolan Road for the sake of securing Doolan Canyon as a permanent greenbelt, according to a resolution before the Livermore City Council on Dec. 10, 2018. ■



COURTESY EBRPD

EBRPD has completed the purchase of an approximately 4.5-acre property south of Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve for its potential use as a staging area.



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Dublin council deadlocks on proposed pay changes

Proposal sought to raise council member salary while lowering mayor's monthly compensation

By EMILY WANG

The Dublin City Council deadlocked June 2 on a proposed ordinance that would have increased monthly pay for council members and reduced the mayor's compensation.

The ordinance would have changed sections of the Dublin Municipal Code which sets the pay for the mayor and council members. The proposal sought to increase council members' monthly salary from \$1,600 to \$1,730.56 while decreasing the mayor's monthly pay down from \$2,400 to \$2,130.56.

The mayor currently receives the council member salary plus an additional \$800 per month, the ordinance would have brought the additional salary down to \$400.

The motion to introduce the ordinance failed 2-2, with Councilmember Michael McCorriston and Vice Mayor Jean Josey voting in favor while Mayor Sherry Hu and

Councilmember John Morada dissented. Councilmember Kashef Qaadri was absent.

The proposal was met with differing views across the board during the June 2 meeting.

Janani Krishna, Dublin resident and business owner, stated how she supports the increase in salary for council members, in consideration of the time and preparation required for their position. But she also questioned why the mayor's additional stipend would be reduced, saying the mayor often serves as a face of the city and holds important obligations.

Morada criticized the ordinance, saying the issue was not only about the fiscal impact but what the decision would represent to the community.

"Allowing something is not necessarily the same as requiring it," Morada said, referring to state law that permits salary increase at certain intervals. "The question for us tonight

is not what we can do; it's what we should do."

Morada said every dollar allocated toward salaries was a dollar that could otherwise support public safety, infrastructure or city services, which sends a message on whether the role is about compensation or commitment.

He also suggested the city could consider reserving some of the funds toward the implementation of Senate Bill 42 if the legislation passes. The bill could provide financial assistance for people who want to run for office but may not have the means to do so, expanding democratic participation.

Josey later responded to Morada's comments about Senate Bill 42, clarifying that the bill concerns campaign finance, not compensation after someone is elected.

Hu opposed the proposal's decrease of the mayor salary, arguing that if council members justified an increase based on inflation, time and personal

expenses, the same reasoning should be applied to the mayor. Hu mentioned the mayor has additional responsibilities, including attending more community events, responding to more resident requests and representing the city more frequently.

Hu recommended keeping the current compensation structure in place, saying it would show a commitment to public service and set an example for the community.

Josey pushed back in support of the ordinance, saying the pay increase could help make elected office more accessible to people with different financial circumstances. She mentioned how residents typically do not run for office for the paycheck, but they also should not lose money because they have to take time off from hourly jobs to fulfill council duties.

"I will argue all day, every day, that we should raise the compensation of council to the maximum allowed by law every time we are allowed to

do so, because we want to ensure a diversity of voices on this council," Josey said.

McCorriston said he agreed with some of Morada's concerns but also saw a need to account for cost-of-living increases. He said the council was "going in circles" during their discussion and should focus on larger issues such as public safety, ultimately voting to introduce the ordinance.

After the ordinance failed to advance with a split vote, the council considered two follow-up motions. One motion would have brought the item back to the June 16 council meeting when Qaadri could be present. Another motion, proposed by Hu, would have delayed the item until after this fall's general election. Both motions failed 2-2.

With no majority agreement, the council moved on without advancing the ordinance. It is currently unclear when or whether the council will revisit the proposal. ■

Lawmakers seek \$32.2M to fight grape pest

Glassy-winged sharpshooter introduced into Bay Area by infested vines sold at Costco

By TANAY GOKHALE /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Bay Area lawmakers are asking federal officials for \$32.2 million in emergency funding to battle a dangerous grapevine pest introduced into the region by Costco sales to consumers.

Northern California, the heart of the U.S. wine industry, is threatened by an insect known as the glassy-winged sharpshooter, which carries a fatal disease that could

wreak havoc on the state's vineyards if allowed to spread.

"This pest and its associated disease pose a potentially catastrophic threat" with a potential loss of \$104 million a year, according to a letter from lawmakers sent Tuesday to the U.S. Agriculture Department.

The letter asks for \$32.2 million to be used for tracing, surveying, trapping, and eradication, a process that the lawmakers estimate will take up to four years.

The request was made by Sens. Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla, both D-California, and 12 House members. Bay Area representatives included Mike Thompson, D-Napa, Jimmy Panetta, D-Monterey, Jared Huffman, D-San Rafael, John Garamendi, D-Vallejo, and Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord.

In May, the California Department of Food and Agriculture found that vines infested with the pest were supplied to multiple Costco locations across

California, including the Danville store. As customers purchased the vines, it has spread to at least 38 counties statewide, the letter said.

Authorities believe that the issue is restricted to residential areas so far and has not spread to commercial vineyards.

"Hopefully, they've caught it early enough, and it's not a problem, but we just don't know right now," said Michael Miller, the director of government relations for the California Association of Winegrape Growers.

"But the cost of just doing the tracing, and finding out where it went, doing the trapping, and doing the outreach to the communities is a very, very costly problem," Miller said.

The plants, numbering in the hundreds, came from Burchell Nursery in Fresno County.

Glassy-winged sharpshooters spread Pierce's disease, a bacterial infection that is fatal to grapevines and can also damage almond, citrus and ornamental plants. ■



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On national TV

The city of Pleasanton was featured on national television last weekend as part of a new educational series called "Now We Know with Steve Guttenberg" on CNBC in a segment showing how the city "balances historic charm with a thriving modern economy". Above: Mayor Jack Balch is interviewed by the film crew at the Firehouse Arts Center.

LB Steak shuttered in San Ramon

Hospitality group abruptly closes restaurants, lays off hundreds of employees

By JEANITA LYMAN

After a more than five-year tenure that made it among one of City Center Bishop Ranch's longest standing tenants, LB Steak shut its door Monday while management, staff and diners braced themselves for the closure of the restaurant's San Jose location Wednesday.

Those two restaurants were among the seven in the portfolio of Vine Hospitality Group — which laid off hundreds of staff members Monday and spurred a flurry of restaurant closure announcements throughout the Bay Area, as reported by the Mercury News.

Although Monday was the last day of service in San Ramon according to a social media post that

day from the owners, one commenter reported that its doors were already shut as of the middle of last week, while others wondered what would become of their gift card balances following the San Jose location's scheduled closure this week.

"With heavy hearts, we share that our LB Steak restaurants will be closing," Vine Hospitality representatives said on social media Monday. "Thank you to our guests, team members, and community for your support throughout the years. We are grateful for every celebration, meal, and memory shared with us."

Closures of all seven of Vine Hospitality's restaurants were set to be finalized by Wednesday. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Police arrest 5 in connection with vehicle burglaries

The Livermore Police Department arrested five San Jose residents last week who were tied to multiple early-morning car burglaries.

The break-ins were first reported around 2:30 a.m. on June 18, according to a Facebook post from the department. Dispatch received multiple calls from residents in the Lakeside Circle and Old Oak Road area that morning who reported seeing “several masked individuals breaking into vehicles.”

After receiving those calls, Livermore police officers — along with the California Highway Patrol and the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office — coordinated to surround the area where the most recent burglary had occurred between Holmes Street and Arroyo Road with the hopes of catching the culprits.

While searching the area, Livermore officers observed a silver sedan near Normandy Way and Rhone Court that was traveling at high speeds, which prompted officers to follow the car and conduct a “high-risk traffic stop” at Tesla Road and Concannon Boulevard. That was when officers took in the five suspects and connected them to the early-morning burglaries, according to police.

“The investigation resulted in the recovery of stolen property from the suspect vehicle, and two suspects admitted their involvement in the burglaries,” LPD stated in its Facebook

post Monday. “Dispatch personnel were able to identify one of the victims and locate their residence, allowing officers to return a stolen set of golf clubs.”

Three of the five suspects were men in their early 20s, one of whom is currently on probation out of Alameda County. The other two suspects included a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old.

As of Tuesday afternoon, all three adults are still listed in the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office Inmate Locator, meaning they are booked at Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of second-degree burglary and vandalism by damage.

— Christian Trujano

Eyewear theft

The San Ramon Police Department recently announced that it had arrested two suspects earlier in the

month and recovered more than \$45,000 in sunglasses allegedly stolen from City Center Bishop Ranch.

One suspect entered an unnamed local business and filled a garbage bag with designer sunglasses on June 11 and was located shortly after getting into a waiting vehicle and taken into custody along with the driver, according to police.

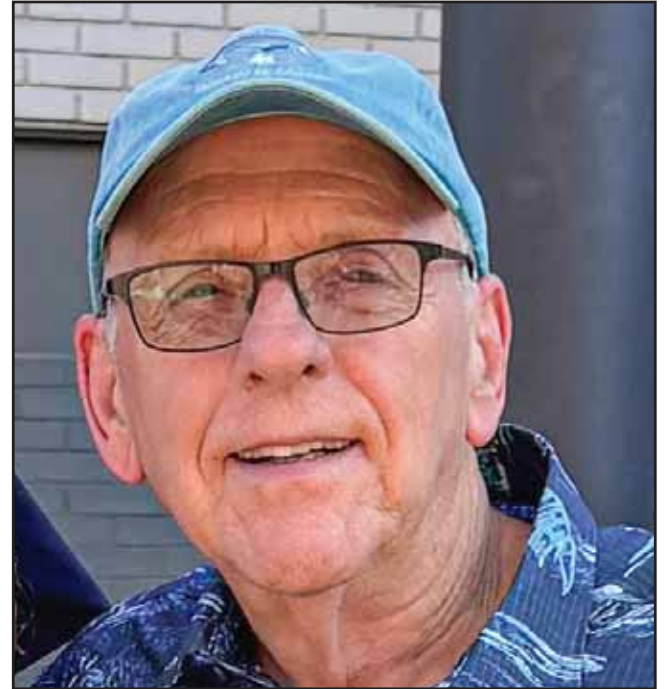
“This case is a great example of the impact proactive patrols and teamwork can have on crime in our community,” SRPD officials said on social media last week. “Because officers were already in the area and responded quickly, a significant theft was solved within minutes, stolen property was recovered, and those responsible were taken into custody.”

SRPD attributed the speedy arrest and recovery of goods to the ongoing work of its Organized Retail Theft Suppression Team.

— Jeanita Lyman

Karl Frank Hageman

October 4, 1941 – June 13, 2026



Karl Frank Hageman, born October 4, 1941 died unexpectedly and peacefully on June 13, 2026.

He grew up in Crocket, California with his mother and father, Flora and Frank, and his brother Randy, who survives. He raised his family in his forever home-town of Pleasanton. Pincrest, California, however, was the touchstone of Karl’s life. He and his family spent time there throughout his childhood, and he first glimpsed his wife Jennifer there as she drove past in a Mercury convertible. His children, Lori and Kyle, have a lifetime of memories of summers spent playing in the woods and lake, and Karl cherished the time he was able to spend in Pincrest throughout his life.

As a father, Karl did not just do for his family. He taught his children, Lori and Kyle, how to do things. This is a legacy of self-sufficiency, curiosity, creativity, ingenuity, and perseverance that he has passed along to his children and grandchildren, Spencer, Mallory, and Lucas. He never believed in traditional gender roles when it came to doing for oneself. He taught his daughter and granddaughter about electrical and plumbing. He would have taught his sons and grandsons how to cook, if he had ever managed to learn himself; although a macaroni and cheese incident will forever live in the hearts and memories of his grandkids. He loved his dogs and called them each PITA, regardless of their actual name.

His pursuit of all-things-technology was a life-long passion. He got a degree in Mathematics from Cal Poly, learned coding before he even had access to a computer, and was an early adopter of any technological advancement that inspired him. He spent 36 years working in the tech industry, ending his career as a Director with Oracle. Over the last several years, he, Kyle, and Lori have shared a passion for 3D printing, with many hours spent talking about and sharing ideas, challenges, and successes.

Karl was an easy laugh, which was emblematic of his positive and generous nature. He was a dedicated caregiver in all his relationships and was quick to offer assistance to anyone in need. Friend, cousin, brother, son, or grandchildren he greeted everyone with a warm smile and his trademark “Hey guy”. He was a loving partner to Jennifer, his wife of 42 years, who preceded him in death, and to Nancy, his partner of the last 20 years, who survives. He was a sentimental soul, as reflected by his sizable collection of messages and objects created by his children and grandchildren, who have learned from him the wisdom to know that when we hold a memory gently in our hearts it can live forever.

We’ll remember him napping in the sun on the porch of the Pincrest cabin, a stack of Ritz crackers, 4 remotes, and his iPad with a family chat open on table next to him, and a puppy at his feet.

The family will hold a private celebration of his life after cremation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Friends of Pincrest (friendsofpincrest.org) or your favorite charity.



Helen Heron Karnes

June 24, 1935 – June 6, 2026

Helen Heron Karnes, 90, of Cibolo, TX, passed away on June 6, 2026. Born on June 24, 1935, in Swatow, China, she spent most of her adult life in California. She loved music, was a proud member of MENSA, and was a life-long Episcopalian. Helen taught history and specialized reading at Livermore High School and was recognized as “Teacher of the Millennium” in 2000. She graduated from Pomona College and earned a Master of Education from the College of Holy Names in Oakland, CA. She was also an accomplished artist and a devoted parent and grandparent. Helen always exhibited curiosity and enthusiasm in life and shared both with everyone she met. Helen is survived by her sons, John Heron and Tom (Riva) Heron; grandchildren, Christopher, Ryan, and Kellie Heron; and great-grandchild, Elowyn Brown. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Karnes; daughter-in-law, Pam Nice; parents, Frederick and Frances Hinke; beloved stepmother Marion Hinke and sister, Margaret (John) Woods. A funeral service will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church in New Braunfels, TX, on June 24, 2026 at 11:00am. A graveside committal service will take place at Santa Paula Cemetery, 380 Cemetery Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060, on July 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The family extends special thanks to the staff at The Brooks of Cibolo for their kind and loving care during Helen’s stay.

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A FULL PLATE OF FOOD CHOICES

Experiencing the culinary delights
of the Alameda County Fair

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

You can hop on a mechanical bull, eye the monster trucks, or listen to En Vogue or a tribute K-pop band in concert at this weekend at the Alameda County Fair. You can also experience culinary adventures with 100-plus food and drink options that may spark enjoyment like the nightly drone show at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Have you ever tasted a chocolate-coated waffle on a stick with sprinkles, a slice of pizza quesadilla, or ancient spices on Persian kebabs? Exclusive to this year's Fair, new Foodies Choice items range from creative to crazy and fun. Hot dogs, though, still rule at the Fair.

"Like a hot dog at the ballpark, a corn dog at the Fair spells tradition," Dean Williams, owner of Dean's Dogs,

told me. Worthy of an Alameda County gold medal, Williams has sold cornmeal-coated hot dogs on a stick at the Alameda County Fair for 55 years.

Before embarking on a hot dog hunt, we sought new global flavors. The food truck of newcomer Kabobi Persian Grill is conveniently located near the Carnival and main shopping buildings. Kabobi means "kebab guy" in Persian, and the tender chicken kebabs were our favorite.

With Persian specialties, you get a lightly garlicky yogurt dipping sauce and a packet of sumac. This red, citrusy spice has an ancient history that brightens the mixed beef and lamb kebabs. Zarab, the signature Kabobi drink, is made with lemonade, mint, sparkling water and saffron, a spice cultivated in Iran (Persia) for millennia.

To continue the culinary journey, selections include returning stands such as The Sleek Greek, Zanos Italian Grill, and Mexican food at Mamma Marines and Pepe Marisco.

The Foodies Choice competition
Since 2024, I have assessed my culinary

Traditional fried food, meals on-the-go, sweet treats and thirst-quenching drinks meet creative culinary delights at the 2026 Alameda County Fair.



fortitude while sampling brand-new creations during the Fair's Foodies Choice vendor competition. Fairgoers vote for their favorite designated food or drink item by July 5. I sidestepped sampling the Elvis Presley Sandwich with peanut butter, sliced bananas and bacon by Just Cheezin' but tried several other fun items.

I headed first for sweets because that is what often happens at the Fair. After all, funnel cakes are the second most popular food purchased at the Fair after corndogs.

Sweets by J's Foodies Choice is a Dipped Waffle Stick. The strawberry Ruby Rose version is not overly sweet, and the one dipped in Belgian Callebaut chocolate looked good. Owner Erica Quintero is a second generation vendor at the Fair.

Her father has operated the Pepe Moriscos stands for 25 years. Quintero, though, likes serving items such as Dubai Chocolate Strawberries Cups and Gansito cakes, taste-alike fried Twinkies.

Who doesn't have room for a cookie? Beware of the Main Squeeze, a new, strawberry lemonade cookie at The Dough Show that is a whopper. Ingredients include a sugar cookie, topped with strawberry, lemonade and lemon zest-infused cream cheese frosting, and two Golden Oreo cookies, partly crumbled in the icing.

The Donut Smash Burger seemed

like a sweet-savory mashup for which I was not quite ready. Pepe's created the Quesapixsa, a meme-worthy name for a pizza-like quesadilla topped with jalapeños and dabs of tomato sauce.

I sampled the Spam Wonton Taco at Boba King. A large, fried wonton shell held diced Spam, Japanese barbecue sauce, coleslaw, spicy mayo and cilantro. With three tacos to an order, the crispy wonton and seared, savory bits of Spam makes for a surprisingly satisfying snack.

Hot dogs galore

Amador Valley High School graduate Ashlee Roberts loves Fair corndogs.

When she took her British husband Mike Roberts to the Fair last year, she handed Mike his first corndog. He famously said, "I thought it was a novelty that hinted it would be all right. But it surrounded me with trans fats and a tummy ache. It was the purest form of empty calories."

Corndogs may be rare, disliked or called American dogs abroad, but variations on the hot dog theme abound in the U.S.

During a recent trip to Chicago, my companion hungered for one of their famous hot dogs. Though I ordered mustard and not, heaven forbid, ketchup, I broke the rules by asking only for sauerkraut. Chicagoans expect Vienna beef hot dogs to be bundled with neon-green relish, yellow mustard, sliced tomatoes, diced bell peppers, celery salt, and topped with dill pickles and sport peppers overflowing their poppy seed bun.

At a Chicago food festival several years ago, I sampled a Chicago dog and decided that one was enough. I mentioned Chicago hot dogs to my neighbor, Andy Obert, whose wife is a nutrition consultant. "We don't eat them often at home, but I like Fair hot dogs. With Chicago style, it's like a salad on a hot dog," Obert said.

Everything on a Chicago hot dog is raw and crunchy. But at the Fair, you can get a West Coast Weenies hot dog with fried onions, peppers and pickles that is a close second.

I posted photos of Chicago and their favorite hot dog on Facebook. My friend Cathy Robison, who moved from Pleasanton to Arizona six years ago, immediately commented about the bright

green Chicago-style relish she found locally and now enjoys on hot dogs at home.

Robison fondly recalls her once-a-year treat at the Fair: "We liked Dean's Dogs because they had the biggest corndogs."

"Not much has changed since we started selling jumbo corndogs here in 1971," said Dean's owner Williams, who lives in Brentwood and whose family works with him. "We offer only mustard, ketchup, relish and raw onions. You won't find jalapeños, pepper sauce or pickles on our dogs."

You can order a pickle corndog with the hot dog tucked inside a fat dill pickle at Hand Dipped Corn Dogs. According to server Roxanne West, guests order this Foodies Choice about 70% of the time. Hand Dipped serves only chicken-turkey corndogs and plain hot dogs.

At the Korean Shack located next to owner West Coast Weenies, the Sweet Churro Corndog is the Foodies Choice option. The corndogs are dipped in various coatings from crushed hot Cheetos to Korean potato blend or cinnamon sugar.

At the end of our food adventures, we met a couple whose goal was shopping. While pausing to lunch on plain hot dogs and curly fries, they reminded us that you can't go wrong with a plain hot dog — it will give you energy to continue Fair exploring.

No matter where you are headed, fair warning, you may get hungry. ■

Editor's note: This story originally appeared in Deborah Grossman's Tri-Valley Foodist blog for Pleasanton Weekly.com, LivermoreVine.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com.



The fare is a hallmark of the county fair in Pleasanton, which is its second of four weekends at the fairgrounds this summer.

THIS WEEKEND'S FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

Check out the World Cup Watch Parties on Friday and Saturday. Big O Tires evening concerts feature En Vogue on Friday, A Tribute to Demon Hunters on Saturday and Banda Maguey on Sunday. Two Monster Truck Shows are held daily on Saturday and Sunday. A special Time Capsule Ceremony will be held on Friday when objects related to the Fair and more are placed in a capsule to be opened in 50 years. On Saturday, a Rubix Cube Competition and separately ticketed WineFest are held. A Fiesta at the Fair and Lowrider Car Show are on tap for Sunday.

Freshest art in the Bay

Harrington Gallery exhibit highlights work from past year by area artists

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's annual juried exhibition featuring the finest and freshest artwork by creatives throughout the region is on display downtown this summer in the city's Harrington Gallery.

"Fresh Works XIV" includes nearly 80 pieces handpicked by judge Susanna Stromberg from the 369 submissions received from 123 artists. The final selections span the medium spectrum from oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, ceramics and more, representing "a survey of contemporary talent from across the Bay Area," according to gallery curator Sydney Tang.

"The exhibition highlights a diverse range of disciplines while balancing the perspectives of emerging voices alongside established artists," Tang told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"What makes this exhibition significant is that all artwork on display was completed within the last 12 months," Tang said. "The collection serves as an immediate reflection of current regional trends, techniques, and thematic focus. None of the selected pieces have also been previously exhibited in Pleasanton, offering visitors

an exclusive first look at these recent creations."

"Through a blind jury process, the exhibition removes barriers, placing the work of rising talent directly alongside seasoned artists to prioritize artistic merit and visual impact," Tang added. "Fresh Works' provides a clear, unvarnished look at the creative output defining the Bay Area art community today."

After opening June 5, "Fresh Works XIV" will continue at the Harrington until Aug. 1. A special reception was held the day after its debut at which the exhibition's awards were announced.

Tom Altemus won the top prize, the Gary & Nancy Harrington Award, for his painting "On the Fence." Merit awards went to "Self Portrait with Clara and Strings" by Madelyn Covey and "Rooted" by Jun Yan.

Earning honorable mentions were "Common Ground" by David Casterson, "The Immigrant" by Daniel San Souci, "Devil's Workshop" by Jenna Hobbs, "Generations" by Fran Cain and "Chinatown" by Michael Manente.

The awards were selected by



Stromberg, an artist in photography, collage and ceramic who serves as director of the June Steingart Gallery at Laney College where she is also a member of the art faculty.

"Fresh Works XIV" is open for viewing on Wednesdays through Saturdays at the gallery inside the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton. For more information, go to firehousearts.org. ■



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Clockwise from top: "On the Fence" by Tom Altemus, "Self Portrait with Clara and Strings" by Madelyn Covey and "Rooted" by Jun Yan.

ComicCon Livermore fuses fandom and family fun

'Toy Story' actor John Morris, costume contest, author panel and more at free Bankhead event

By JEREMY WALSH

Comic book culture — and everything in its orbit — is set to be celebrated at the Bankhead Theater when ComicCon Livermore returns "for a day of adventure, creativity and family fun" this Saturday.

Billed as "a place where fandoms collide and imagination knows no bounds," the free event in the heart of downtown will feature the O'Hana ComicCon on the Bankhead Plaza, a costume contest on stage, interactive comic art, face painting, industry vendors, an author panel discussion and a special appearance by voice actor John Morris of "Toy Story" fame.

"This year's ComicCon Livermore event promises to be an exhilarating celebration of all things geek culture, showcasing 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," Livermore Valley Arts officials said.

"ComicCon Livermore will be the ultimate destination for fans of all ages to come together and celebrate the magic of comics," they added.

The author panel, moderated by Towne Center Books owner Judy Wheeler, will feature creators Trevor Dutcher, TE McArthur, Jeffrey

Hallett, Michael Spencer and Betsy Streeter.

Special guests include Morris, who voiced Andy in the "Toy Story" movies, as well as R2D2 and Ak-rev from the "Star Wars" franchise.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is set to run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (June 27) at the downtown theater and plaza at 2400 First St. ComicCon arrives in the middle of a busy weekend for the Bankhead, which includes Eagles tribute One of These Nights in concert Friday and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir on Saturday night.

For more information, go to livermorearts.org. ■



COURTESY LVA

The costume contest is a popular activity at ComicCon Livermore, which returns to the Bankhead Theater this Saturday.

By WARD KANOWSKY

Pleasanton council must take a stand

I was struck by some of the statements while reading through the article from the May 31 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly about the City Council rejecting pleas from the community for a resolution opposing the reopening or repurposing of FCI Dublin as an ICE detention center.

The article notes that, “FCI Dublin was a low-security prison that closed in 2024 due to prison guards sexually abusing incarcerated women, infrastructure issues, and other documented issues.”

The sexual abuse was not isolated or just a few cases. In December 2024, the Department of Justice agreed to a \$115.8 million settlement on behalf of 103 women at the prison — the largest award ever to center on sexual abuse claims by incarcerated people.

Guards referred to the facility as

“The Rape Club” and anyone speaking out faced retaliation including solitary confinement, loss of medical treatment and extensions of sentences.

And it wasn’t just the guards abusing women. The prison’s warden and chaplain also participated in the assaults. This was a culture of abuse.

And those “infrastructure and other documented issues” aren’t chipped paint and some leaky faucets. They are issues that make the prison uninhabitable and include asbestos, mold, lead paint, cracked sewer lines and contamination from diesel fuel.

Unfortunately, only two of the five council members — Julie Testa and Jeff Nibert — supported moving forward with a discussion of the resolution.

The response from the other three

members, including Mayor Jack Balch, that would demonstrate their support for the community’s opposition to having this hellhole in our backyard reopen as an ICE detention center was tone deaf, to put it mildly: “Determining which issues are most important for formal council action can be challenging, particularly when they fall outside the city’s jurisdiction.”

Yes, the prison is in Dublin. But Dublin is also part of the greater Tri-Valley, as is Pleasanton. And the Tri-Valley is interconnected.

Dublin knows this and their City Council unanimously passed a resolution last December opposing the prison’s reopening. And the Alameda County Board of Supervisors also knows this and followed through last March when they passed a resolution opposing the prison’s reopening or



repurposing.

That resolution notes that nearly one in three county residents are immigrants, that “credible reports” suggest that the federal government may be considering reactivating the site as an ICE detention facility, that the presence of ICE creates “an environment of fear and anxiety in communities”, that “ICE activities are targeted based on an individual’s race or appearance”, that an ICE presence leads to “an erosion of trust in local government” which can also lead to absenteeism in schools and reduced participation in the economy, and that ongoing protests “demonstrate the deep resistance felt by the public” to having ICE in our community.

And Mayor Balch also knows that we are interconnected. He has served on multiple regional committees, boards and commissions

including the Alameda County Mayors’ Conference, Alameda County Liaison Committee, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Joint Powers Authority and the Dublin Liaison Committee.

At the June 16 meeting of the Pleasanton City Council, a majority voted to ask staff to take action similar to what Livermore is doing, which is to investigate options by speaking with Dublin and Alameda County, as well as Livermore. I guess this is progress, but it is slow and it is not a resolution.

So, I ask ALL of the Pleasanton City Council to do the right thing: talk about the resolution, pass the resolution and take a stand showing that issues of jurisdiction are outweighed by an interconnectedness that binds us all together as a community. ■

Editor’s note: Ward Kanowsky is a 32-year Pleasanton resident, and he and his wife, LeAnn, have raised three children locally. He is a longtime, active volunteer in the community.

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LETTERS

Our country’s 250th birthday

During my life, I have tried to operate within the Native American Ten Commandments.

1. Remain close to the Great Spirit
2. Look after the wellbeing of mind and body
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings
4. Take full responsibilities for your actions
5. Give assistance wherever needed
6. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good
7. Always be truthful and honest
8. Work together for the benefit of all mankind
9. Do what you know to be right
10. Treat earth and all that dwell thereon with respect.

Knowing that the country is about to recognize and celebrate the country’s 250th birthday, I am asking the Pleasanton City Council to “circle the wagons” and unanimously support Dublin and Livermore with a resolution to oppose the potential use of FCI Dublin as an ICE facility at the July 7 meeting.

— Terrence (Tj) McGrath

Make a sign to celebrate our home sweet home

Calling all kids and teens! You’re invited to join in Pleasanton’s July 4th Celebration by drawing or painting an original sign about why you love America and our hometown of Pleasanton.

This is your opportunity to have fun, be creative and inspire others. You will also be making a keepsake of

the biggest Independence Day ever. Participants all get a raffle ticket for the chance to win one Meadowlark Dairy ice cream cone a month for a year!

Make your sign at home or with friends, then on Saturday, July 4, bring it to Delucchi Park on First Street between 10 and 11 a.m. Signs will be displayed in the park for visitors to enjoy as part of our city’s 250th Independence Day celebration. Recommended supplies: a 17x12 yard sign with stakes, dry erase markers or liquid chalk markers for drawing (good for fixing mistakes). Acrylic paints, glitter, ribbon and 3-D elements are welcomed. Tip: Blank yard signs are available on Amazon.com.

Please bring positive and inspiring art without political content for this event and pick up your sign before 5 p.m. July 4.

For more information, stop by the “I LOVE Pleasanton and America” booth in front of Studio 7 Arts on Main Street this Saturday (June 27) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The first 20 “artists” will get a free blank yard sign to get started with their project.

— Candyce Roberts

VTA mismanagement

The mismanagement of VTA continues. A light-rail extension along Capitol Expressway has been ongoing by VTA. This 2.4-mile extension was awarded to MCM, an LLC corporation, to the tune of \$650 million.

From day one, my community — Cassell — has had multiple issues with this company’s work.

1. This area is contaminated with lead stemming from the single-piston aircrafts flying in and out of Reid Hillview Airport. When the

initial digging started, the soil was left uncovered, and when the contaminated soil was being moved, there were no water buffaloes used to keep the dust pollution down.

2. Before the project began, we asked for adequate traffic control. Many, many times, MCM failed to provide adequate traffic control. We lacked signage, SYPD presence, traffic monitors, etc.

In addition, motors were rerouted to the surrounding neighborhood streets. This created additional stress for the neighbors as cars were now speeding down our residential streets.

3. Many of our local mom-and-pop businesses were financially impacted. Some had to close. Although our local councilmember pushed for financial relief, not everyone was able to survive.

4. Some of us have filed complaints regarding home damage. Due to community pushback, VTA finally hired an independent (who is being paid by VTA, so we know they have no vested interest) to inspect our homes.

5. This 2.4-mile extension stops at Eastridge. No connection to anywhere else.

Why spend all this money, damage our community and fail to take responsibility?

— Maria Reyes, in response to June 18 Tim Talk blog on “BART tunnel boondoggle”

Support for Hernandez

I am writing in support of Melissa Hernandez because I have seen firsthand the kind of leader she is when difficult issues require both courage and collaboration. Melissa and I served together on the Dublin City

Council during a pivotal moment for our community.

I introduced a proposal to fly the Pride flag at City Hall, something that had never been done before in our suburban East Bay city. At the time, few neighboring communities had taken similar action, and we found ourselves navigating new territory.

The proposal initially failed. Staff and the city attorney recommended developing a broader flag policy before moving forward, and there were differing opinions among councilmembers. What stood out to me was Melissa’s willingness to engage rather than retreat. She listened carefully to residents, staff and colleagues, asked thoughtful questions, and took the time to better understand the concerns and experiences of the LGBTQ+ community.

Through those conversations, Melissa helped build the consensus that ultimately led to a unanimous vote to fly the Pride flag. That decision made Dublin an early leader among the communities in the Tri-Valley region and helped pave the way for other cities and school districts across California to take similar steps.

What I appreciate most about Melissa is that she understands that representation matters, but allyship matters too. I have watched her listen, learn and act with integrity when it would have been easier to stay silent. She approaches public service with empathy, thoughtfulness and a genuine commitment to bringing people together.

Those qualities are exactly what we need in Congress.

— Shawn Kumagai

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Local track athletes qualify for Nike Nationals

Also: Lessons we can all learn from how Wyndham Clark handled heckling at U.S. Open

The local FTC Track Club qualified nine athletes for this week's Nike Nationals track meet on historic Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.

The girls' 4x800 relay finished first at the Elite level, with a time of 9:31.38 and besting the second-place finishers by five seconds. The team, which finished in front of teams from 12 other states, is made up of Allie Chapman, Maya Tilley, Annie Mitelman and Lanie Hempel.

Other FTC Track Club athletes also competing this week are Agastya Kuluvali (boys 800 meters), Aria Smalley (200, 400), Lillie Love (100M hurdles), Sophia Robinson (100, 400,

4x400 relay), Maya Fraeyman (4x400) and Divynity Dulay (400, 100).

"This is an amazing experience for these kids to compete at Nike Nationals, and it's an experience that they will never forget," said FTC Coach Jorge Quero.

Clark deserved better at U.S. Open

So many lessons learned from watching professional sports can trickle down to youth and community sports as teaching points.

Such was the case regarding Wyndham Clark this past weekend during the final round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at

Shinnecock Hills in the Hamptons area of New York.

To set the stage, Clark entered the final round with a six-shot lead, and that combined with his behavior a year ago when he missed the Open cut at Oakmont and then trashed the clubhouse, made him a big target on Sunday.

Every time he hit a bad shot or missed a big putt, the crowd cheered. It was obvious on the TV coverage and some of the other players commented on the fans' behavior throughout the round.

It got so bad, there were fans removed from the tournament on Sunday. What a badge of honor that must be for someone — getting thrown out of a golf tournament for behavior issues.

Then again, these are the people that likely embrace the fact they got thrown out. True role models for the youth of today.

Some nationally threw shade on the New York sports fans and while they certainly can be brutal in New York, I heard horrible heckling of Colin Montgomerie at the Olympic Club in San Francisco in the 1998 U.S. Open.

It's not specific to a geographic region, but rather can be anywhere as long as alcohol is involved at a



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

FTC runners Allie Chapman, Maya Tilley, Annie Mitelman, Lanie Hempel and coach Jorge Quero celebrate making nationals.

sporting event.

The huge difference here is how the golfer handled the situation.

Monty tried to give it back to the fans, which is a huge mistake when dealing with a mob mentality. Clark handled the situation about as well as I have ever seen an athlete do so.

He was prepared thanks in large part to his sports psychologist Julie Elion, whom Clark started working with in 2022.

His outlook was not to confront the negativity, but rather channel it into positive thoughts. Although this heckling was so bad at times Sunday, Elion had to step away from the course for a while during the final round.

Clark persevered. He even went as far to say much of the heckling was self-deserved for his conduct in the past.

At the start of the day I was not rooting for Clark, but rather the

golfers I had selected in fantasy golf. The difference was, I wasn't rooting against Clark.

After listening to the crowd who was energized as the six-shot lead whittled down to one shot, I started rooting for Clark — and when it was finally clinched, I was happy to see him win the tournament.

It was his second U.S. Open championship, as he won in 2023 as well. You have to obviously have world-class talent to win an Open, but what Clark showed on Sunday was world-class mental ability.

And he woke up Monday morning with a \$4.5 million paycheck, much better than the hangover so many of the hecklers undoubtedly had. ■

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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

Entertainment Movies

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. Through July 12. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join for Concerts in the Park, 7-8:30 p.m., June 26. Chris Rogers Band, Country. Lions Wayside Park.

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.

OPERA IN THE VINEYARD Experience the magic of live music in the heart of the wine country with Livermore Valley Opera performing favorites and timeless Broadway melodies. Bring a picnic basket, sip local wines and soak in a summer evening. 5 p.m., June 28. Garré Vineyard & Winery. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

PICNIC FLIX MOVIE SERIES Picnic Flix is a free outdoor movies series held in select Dublin parks. Movies begin at dusk. June 26, Minecraft. Stager Community Gym Field.

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.

Museums & Exhibits

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

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., Thurs.-Sun. Through July 25.

FRESH WORKS XIV 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.

MUSEUM ON MAIN EXHIBIT Visit the Museum on Main exhibit, Wicket Crazy: Cricket and the Tri-Valley, which explores how the game is played, the history of cricket and the local influence that cricket has on the community. Through Sept. 25.

Farmers Markets

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

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

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

Outdoor Rec

SUNRISE SURPRISE Beat the heat with a sunrise hike into Sunol, observe the changing landscape at dawn and catch nocturnal wildlife heading home as the day begins. Ages 12 and up. 5:30-8 a.m., June 27. Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve. Register at 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.

Seniors

AMERICAN STYLE MAH JONGG Join for American Style Mah Jongg at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Tuesdays to Fridays, 12:45-3:45 p.m. Drop-in fees apply.

DROP-IN CRAFTS AT RLCC The Golden Circle Craft group meets at 12:30 p.m., Mondays. Bring a craft project to work on. Robert Livermore Community Center. 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

BASIC TECH HELP DROP-IN SERVICE A Basic Tech Help volunteer is available to help adults with basic computer skills such as uploading and downloading files, creating an email account, basic web searching and browsing. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Livermore Civic Center Library.

GENEALOGY HELP DROP-IN SERVICE Volunteers from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will provide one-on-one genealogy help with laptops available for participants to use. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., July 1. Livermore Civic Center Library.

RIDECARE TRANSPORTATION Free, caring rides for seniors and adults with disabilities residing in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol and San Leandro, offering door-through-door transportation. Visit cityservecares.org.

SPECTRUM MEALS ON WHEELS Spectrum Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Try something new

Meet Novita, a charming 4-year-old cat with a big heart and an even bigger personality! She loves spending time with others, soaking up attention and being part of the fun. Novita thrives with a cat-savvy adopter who understands and respects her boundaries, and in return she'll reward you with affection, trust and a wonderful friendship. If you're looking for a loving, independent feline friend, Novita could be your perfect match. Meet her at East Bay SPCA's Dublin campus or learn more at eastbayspca.org.

(60+). For more information, call 510-881-0305 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 29. 5860 Owens Drive, 3rd Floor, Pleasanton. Registration required. Visit business.pleasanton.org/events/calendar.

SOUPER TUESDAY FREE LUNCH Souper Tuesday Free Lunch through City Serve. 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

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE HOT BREAKFASTS Discovery Community Church Breakfast Program needs volunteers to make hot 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.

FIND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN PLEASANTON Looking for a meaningful way to get involved in the community? The City of Pleasanton has launched a new volunteer webpage designed to make it easier than ever to discover volunteer opportunities throughout Pleasanton. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Employment

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education is seeking an Events & Outreach Contractor to help coordinate our signature community events—including the Pleasanton Run for Education, and Fall Gala, —while supporting outreach and engagement efforts across our schools and community.

This flexible, part-time role is ideal for someone Pleasanton based who is organized, community-minded, and passionate about supporting Pleasanton students.

View the full job description at PPIE.org/team and send resume and cover letter to mail@ppie.org.

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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)

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.

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 08 2026.

(PLW Jun 19, 26, Jul 3 and 10, 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.

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 08 2026.

(PLW Jun 19, 26, Jul 3 and 10, 2026)

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)

IDEAS DESIGNED. PRODUCTS MADE.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623828

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

1.) Ideas Designed. Products Made. , located at 4893 Canary Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

MT DESIGN STUDIOS, LLC

4893 Canary Drive

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 04/28/26

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 15 2026.

(PLW Jun 26, Jul 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

BLOC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 624095

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

1.) Bloc Property Management Inc. , located at

751 McKinley Ave Oakland, CA 94610,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

BLOC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.

751 McKinley Ave

Oakland, CA 94610

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 16 2026.

(PLW Jun 26, Jul 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

NEW YORK PIZZA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 624088

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

1.) New York Pizza , located at 690 Main

Street Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

PLEASANTON NEW YORK STYLE PIZZA LLC

690 Main Street

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 04/06/26

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 15 2026.

(PLW Jun 26, Jul 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

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.

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 29 2026.

(PLW Jun 12, 19, 26 and Jul 3, 2026)

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)

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)

LONGSHOREMEN FOR WEST OAKLAND

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 623044

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

1.) Longshoremens 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)

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, Alameda County.

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)

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)

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

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four successive weeks prior to the date set

for hearing on the petition in the following

newspaper of general circulation, printed in

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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 COUNTY

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

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Local Realtors take message to Washington

'It was clear our congressional delegation wants to work on housing issues, and we arrived right on time'

BY DEVIN DAVIS

A group of local Realtors recently took problems facing home buyers and sellers — as well as solutions to those problems — to lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

Leaders of the Bay East Association of Realtors attended the National Association of Realtors' annual legislative meetings in Washington, D.C., joining real estate professionals from across the country to meet with elected representatives and advocate for policies to open more doors to homeownership in Pleasanton and across the country.

"Realtors don't just help people buy and sell homes, we advocate for policies that make homeownership possible," said Bill Espinola, 2026 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors. "When we go to Washington, D.C., we bring the real-life experiences of our clients in the Bay Area."

The Bay East team met with staff from the offices of Reps. Lateefah Simon, Mark DeSaulnier and Ro Khanna.

Their top priority, and an issue that resonates with Pleasanton homeowners, was the "More Homes on the Market Act" legislation that would double the federal capital gains exclusion for home sellers.

Under current law, the tax exclusion hasn't kept pace with rising home values meaning many long-term homeowners could face a significant tax bill when they sell. As a result, many choose not to sell at all, which keeps homes off the market and prices high.

Doubling the exclusion could make it feasible for more homeowners to sell, giving buyers more options.

Espinola said, "It was great sharing our approach to bring more homes into the market and showing how a federal tax policy can directly make a difference back home in Alameda County."



Devin Davis

The Bay East team also supported the "Uplifting First-Time Homebuyers Act", which would raise the IRA withdrawal limit for first-time buyers from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The \$10,000 cap was set in 1997 and hasn't kept pace with increasing home purchase and downpayment costs.

During 2025, the percentage of first-time buyers in California hit a six-year low.

"We want to make sure first-time homebuyers, who are the foundation of a healthy real estate market, have access to funds like IRAs to kick-start their entry into homeownership," Espinola said.

The Bay East leaders also addressed an ongoing challenge: getting and keeping homeowners insurance. One solution is House Resolution 1105, the "Disaster Resilience Act".

"It gives federal grants and a tax credit for work to make homes safer like installing fire-resistant roofs, ember-resistant vents and even flood barriers," Espinola said. "Homeowners insurance continues to be a problem, and it's very costly. This will help mitigate some of the costs in order for homeowners to get their house insured."

Following a meeting with Rep. Simon's staff about the bill, Espinola said, "It's a bipartisan bill she would look into a little bit further and possibly sign on to the bill. I think we got our homeowner advocacy points across and they were very well-received."

While they were in Washington, D.C., Realtor advocacy on behalf of buyers, sellers and homeowners had a win when the Senate passed the bipartisan "21st Century ROAD to Housing Act", which addresses the nation's housing shortage, modernizes federal housing programs, improves access to mortgage credit and strengthens awareness of Veterans Affairs home loan benefits for veterans.

"During the last few years, our advocacy program has



DAVID STARK / BAY EAST

Bay East Association of Realtors 2026 President-Elect Viviana Cherman and 2026 President Bill Espinola during advocacy visit to Washington, D.C.

been very active at the local and regional levels. That said, our annual trips to D.C. are always impactful," said David Stark, Bay East chief public affairs and communications officer. "With so much national attention on affordability and housing affordability in particular right now, we were very well-received. It was clear our congressional delegation wants to work on housing issues, and we arrived right on time." ■

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

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HOME SALES This week's data represents homes sold during April 13-24 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

PLEASANTON

- 2577 Arlotta Place** Lombardi Living Trust to Jet Trust for \$3,400,000
- 3647 Ashwood Drive** Shanks Living Trust to K. & B. Foster for \$1,299,000
- 884 Bonita Avenue** Skidmore Family Trust to M. & A. Dhindsa for \$1,700,000
- 2849 Chocolate Street** Mital & Yadav Living Trust to M. & A. Lavrinenko for \$1,640,000
- 1825 Crestline Road** Cowan Trust to Bunten Living Trust for \$920,000
- 6354 Dana Court** M. Gao to T. & M. Nguyen for \$1,365,000
- 7358 Elmwood Circle** Franks Family Trust to D. Larson for \$1,461,000
- 859 Gray Fox Circle** Collinson Family Trust to C. Pang for \$3,190,000
- 1074 Harvest Circle** P. Siedschlag to Lambert Trust for \$1,965,000
- 4340 Railroad Avenue** Yozzo Trust to N. & T. Awalt for \$1,250,000
- 2207 Segundo Court #2** J. & D. Jen to L. & K. Tsigutkin for \$505,000
- 3019 Boardwalk Street** B. Jeevan to A. & A. Sabat for \$1,800,000
- 1237 Concord Street** Wynne Family Trust to E. & C. Lee for \$1,488,000
- 1565 Mendoza Court** Zhuge Living Trust to Thottupura Living Trust for \$1,550,000
- 3974 Mount Rainier Court** E & A 2025 Investments LLC to Dilige Deum LLC for \$1,285,000
- 8170 Mountain View Drive #F** Amartinelli Trust to C. & N. Alexander for \$430,000
- 2070 Raven Road** Carter Family Trust to S. & D. Lee for \$2,100,000

- 4034 Rennellwood Way** Brian & Thatsanee Trust to Y. & N. Ma for \$1,208,000
- 4849 Smith Gate Court** Michael Trust to K. & D. Swamy for \$2,055,000

LIVERMORE

- 4914 Candy Court** R. & R. Canteline to S. & D. Miller for \$1,330,000
- 656 Carla Street** Holman Trust to T. & A. Arurkar for \$1,000,000
- 1174 Carrara Court** Rosenberg Family Trust to Turley Trust for \$2,390,000
- 1762 Cheryl Drive** Misener Trust to E. & L. Tomlin for \$1,610,000
- 563 Cinnabar Drive** L. & D. Jones to L. & G. Baxley for \$1,399,000
- 907 Hazel Street** C. & I. Russell to L. & L. Ruano for \$1,348,000
- 1426 Jayhawk Lane** Mcdonald Trust to J. & V. Jakka for \$1,370,000
- 2710 Kelly Street** J. Ren to A. & K. So for \$1,021,000
- 5221 Lenore Avenue** Fuente Family Trust to K. & E. Andres for \$825,000
- 373 Michell Street** G. & C. Hutchison to G. & D. Perez for \$838,000
- 1147 Rebecca Drive** D. & M. Talistu to R. & M. Buddharaju for \$1,798,000
- 2833 Alnwick Avenue #7** J. Navaratnam to P. Ziemiński for \$800,000
- 6449 Aspenwood Way** Kurtzer Family Trust to J. Davis for \$1,049,500
- 645 Buckeye Drive** Buckeye Investment LLC to S. & S. Draksharam for \$1,065,000
- 637 Caliente Avenue** N. Rameshwaram to A. Amin for \$1,350,000

- 2583 Cooper Circle** M. Cheng to S. & V. Jagannathaswamy for \$2,040,000
- 5011 Erica Way** C. Griffin to K. & F. Buchholz for \$1,350,000
- 1349 Evans Place** Haywood Living Trust to S. & P. Rout for \$1,590,000
- 5723 Felicia Avenue** Conner Living Trust to Doss Family Trust for \$1,690,000
- 5612 Firestone Road** Silva Family Trust to C. & A. Dsouza for \$1,110,000
- 4669 Golf Drive** M. Scharnhorst to T. Callahan for \$668,000
- 2557 Harewood Drive** M. & T. Gibson to N. & H. Hayes for \$1,510,000
- 439 Hummingbird Lane** Johnson Family Trust to S. & M. Saddi for \$1,275,000
- 1166 Killarney Street** Cavicchi Living Trust to K. & M. Nelson for \$1,261,000
- 912 Loyola Way** M. Peterson to S. & S. Achuthan for \$1,450,000
- 733 Mayview Way** Kirch Trust to A. & B. Carr for \$1,400,000
- 170 North N Street #102** D. Kaplanis to R. & P. Beckman for \$780,000
- 1785 Paseo Laguna Seco** K. & K. Gorman to A. Henry for \$526,000
- 1758 Pedrozzi Common** S. Gu to A. & N. Kim for \$885,000
- 1363 Rincon Avenue** M. & R. Garg to S. Dharti for \$1,228,000
- 2410 Robinson Circle** Rahul Trust to J. & J. Swanson for \$1,725,000
- 780 Terry Lane** E. & G. Lamberg to A. Grier for \$1,210,000
- 897 Tranquility Circle #12** J. Castaneda to N. & C. Hamilton for \$735,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

PLEASANTON (APRIL 13-24)

Total sales reported: 19
 Lowest sale reported: \$430,000
 Highest sale reported: \$3,400,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,611,105

LIVERMORE (APRIL 13-24)

Total sales reported: 35
 Lowest sale reported: \$526,000
 Highest sale reported: \$2,390,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,259,542

DUBLIN (APRIL 13-24)

Total sales reported: 24
 Lowest sale reported: \$325,500
 Highest sale reported: \$3,200,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,301,645

SAN RAMON (MAY 18-29)

Total sales reported: 33
 Lowest sale reported: \$729,000
 Highest sale reported: \$2,450,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,601,363

Source: California REsource

- 849 Tranquility Circle #3** B. & B. Thomas to Y. & Y. Tam for \$750,000
- 255 Wildrose Common #5** D. & D. Rich to E. Rubino for \$608,000

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5943 CORTE ARBOLES, PLEASANTON

3 BED + BONUS ROOM (4TH BR) | 3 BATHS
1,701 SQFT OF LIVING SPACE ON PREMIUM LOT W/ POOL

LISTED FOR \$1,499,000

PLEASANTON VALLEY



1778 BEACHWOOD WAY, PLEASANTON

4 BED | 2 BATH | 2,112 SQFT OF LIVING SPACE
SPACIOUS 8,700 SQFT LOT

SOLD FOR \$2,000,000! MULTIPLE OFFERS RECEIVED

PALOMARES HILLS



7900 PINEVILLE CIRCLE, CASTRO VALLEY

5 BED | 3 BATHS | 2,661 SQFT OF LIVING SPACE
5,490 SQFT LOT

SOLD FOR \$1,800,000! REP. BUYERS & BEAT MULTIPLE OFFERS!

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VENEMA HOMES

EXPERIENCE



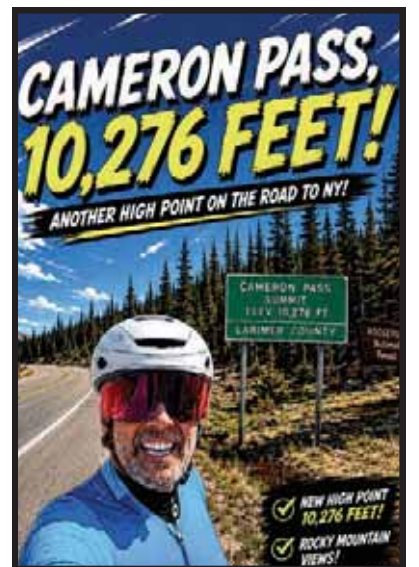
EXCELLENCE

HE DID IT!
3300+ MILES • 42 DAYS

SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK

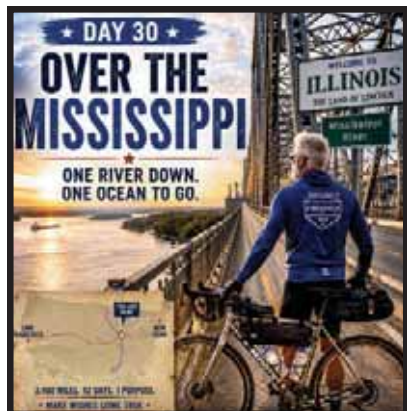
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ONE PURPOSE.
ONE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY.

RIDING COAST TO COAST IN SUPPORT OF
Make-A-Wish
FOUNDATION



BIG DREAMS. BIG HEART. BIGGER PURPOSE.

Congratulations, Steve, on reaching New York in support of Make-A-Wish!



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We're proud to celebrate one of our very own, Steve Venema, who continues to make an impact in our community and beyond. Thank you to everyone who supported his incredible journey!

A special shoutout to former Pleasanton Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin for the photo inspiration.