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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Family at the fair

Every Alameda County Fair is different — and that's certainly the case when you have a child with you.

My family made our annual summer drive to the Pleasanton fairgrounds last Saturday, on what turned out to be the most remarkably comfortable afternoon weather-wise we've ever experienced at the fair.

Our son Francis, now 4-1/2 years old, had a blast. He got his face painted like Ghost Rider. We watched the monster trucks. He pet some animals. He downed a corndog and cotton candy (and sampled a chocolate-dipped vanilla ice cream cone and a funnel cake with strawberries).

He played a handful of carnival games, winning three stuffed toys, including a foam America 250 block of butter that actually smelled like butter for some reason.

But most of all he rode the rides in Kids Park. He's of an age and height where he went on a majority of them by himself this year for the first time, although he still wanted me to join him on the "caterpillar" roller coaster and Ferris wheel. I'll rue the day he outgrows me because sitting next to him — hearing, seeing and feeling his exuberance and exhilaration — will never get old.

Walking around the expansive fairgrounds, I enjoyed a beer, a fried chicken sandwich and plenty of water.

A highlight, as always, was the Collectibles & Keepsakes exhibition. As someone who has collected a thing or two over the years (sports cards as a kid, shot glasses as an adult, and golf pencils and scorecards throughout), I find the displays at the fair fascinating. Standouts for me this year included Uno paraphernalia, cassette tapes, clowns and that Elvis duck in the rubber ducky case.

The Made by Hand hall was also a fun walk-through, with the textile, place setting, crafts, culinary arts and youth project displays. It's amazing what some people pickle successfully.

The "Rising Together" 9/11 Memorial, featuring a steel beam from the World Trade Center, was particularly moving as we've somehow arrived at the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

We didn't quite make it to dusk — when "A Goofy Movie" was set to play on the lawn before the concert,

A Tribute to Demon Hunters — but Francis having energy for twilight at the fair is probably right around the corner.

We're coming up to a big third weekend of the 2026 Alameda County Fair.

A fireworks spectacular will be the showcase on Saturday for Independence Day on America's 250th birthday. Also for the occasion, fair officials buried a time capsule last week that is scheduled to be unearthed in 2076 for our country's 300th birthday.

The Maine will be in concert on Friday and Ozomatli follows Sunday. There's no concert on the Fourth of July, but the shows stay strong next Wednesday with Flo Rida and Thursday with Elle King.

Arena Cross Nationals will take over the race track in front of the grandstand this Friday and Sunday. I had no idea they were keeping the golf course open during the fair this year; maybe I'll try to sneak out there for a round next weekend while the truck and tractor pulls are going on.

Movies on the Lawn will feature "Up" on Friday, "Ready Jet Go! Space Camp" on Saturday and "Tangled" on Sunday. And for adult screen viewers, World Cup watch parties will be set up at four spots around the grounds.

With eight days left, there's plenty of time to check out the fair.

I've made it a point to experience community events this year as my son gets older and more engaged — and needs more activities to stay entertained.

For the first time we donned green for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Dublin, flew kites and enjoyed carnival rides at the Art and Wind Festival in San Ramon and watched the clippers in action at Sheep Shearing Day in San Ramon. I also took him to the 80th anniversary open house of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, where he rode in a bathtub and atop a toilet on wheels and had fun at the one place where potty humor is allowed and encouraged.

We'll be out of town for the local Fourth of July festivities. I'll have to keep our calendar open on Labor Day weekend so he can visit his first Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Pleasanton fairgrounds. He'll love the heavy athletics ... haggis, probably not so much. ■

Happy 4th of July!

As America celebrates its 250th birthday, we are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy and honor the brave men and women whose courage and sacrifice made them possible.

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Residents in the Tri-Valley will have plenty of opportunities to celebrate America's 250th birthday this Fourth of July as cities throughout the region prepare to host various Independence Day events. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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Do you think there should be fireworks at the fairgrounds over the Fourth of July holiday?



Rachel Murtagh
Sales manager

I do think there should be fireworks at the fair over the Fourth of July holiday because we're celebrating something huge — the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. And also, I love the annual fireworks at the fair because they are a nostalgic tradition I grew up with living here in Pleasanton.



Sunny Bryant
Middle school student

Personally, I think there should be fireworks at the Alameda County Fair because they give people another reason to go to the fair aside from the rides and other exhibits and attractions. Fireworks at the fair are also a great idea because they are a much safer way to enjoy them than people lighting up illegal fireworks in their backyards, which is so dangerous.



Jackson Shoultz
Nuclear chemist

Well, between the noise and the fire hazard that fireworks involve, I think it would be better for the fair to offer a less-intrusive option. Like perhaps a drone show or something else that would be less disturbing to members of the public, whether they are at the fair or elsewhere in town.



Kari Lambert
Retired

I do think there should be fireworks at the fair over the July 4th holiday, because they are fun, festive and appropriate for the occasion. Especially this year as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary.



Jim Lambert
Program manager

I support fireworks at the fairgrounds, but only over the Fourth of July holiday. The fireworks support our independence, which is especially important this year.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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‘Chair-ity’ fundraiser

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council is launching a new fundraiser where residents can buy chairs that have been painted by local artists in order to support ongoing art programs.

“Each chair is available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and its mission to encourage, support, and promote the arts in Pleasanton schools and throughout the community,” the nonprofit stated in a recent press release.

According to the PCAC, the “Take a Seat Chair-ity Fundraiser” was set to begin selling these chairs on its website starting Wednesday and will showcase the pieces at the Fourth of July celebration happening in Pleasanton this Saturday and at the July 11 reception at Gallery Da Vinci, located in downtown Pleasanton.

For more information, visit PleasantonArts.org.

Balkan comedy night

Tommy T’s Comedy Club in Pleasanton is hosting a Balkan comedy night this Sunday where a lineup of touring comedians who come from Balkan roots will celebrate their “shared cultures, traditions, and family experiences of the region through stand-up comedy.”

According to a press release for the event, comedians scheduled to perform include Stoyan Angelov, a San Francisco-based comedian who is originally from Bulgaria and who will be hosting the event, and standup comedians Denis Yugoslavia and Ryan Radusinovic.

The show, which begins at 7 p.m., will be performed entirely in English but will include “plenty of Balkan references.” For more information, visit tommyts.com.

Olson retires

The city of Livermore is recruiting for a new administrative services director after longtime Tri-Valley municipal official Tina Olson retired as the head of the department in May.

Olson joined Livermore in the role in March 2022 after working the previous seven years for Pleasanton, where she was that city’s director of finance.

Livermore spokesperson Sonia Lee praised Olson upon her retirement, saying city leaders were “grateful for her leadership and dedication to the Livermore community.”

Livermore human resources manager Kristen Hilton has been serving as acting administrative services director the past two months while the city conducts its recruitment process for a permanent successor. The application window closes on Sunday, according to Lee. ■

Commission endorses Arroyo Lago housing project in East Pleasanton

Development, pre-annexation deals head to council; money for El Charro extension still at issue

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Planning Commission voted 3-1 last week to recommend that the City Council approve a number of documents that would bring developers one step closer to beginning construction of nearly 200 new homes in East Pleasanton — and the city one step closer to annexing that project site.

Also known as the Arroyo Lago residential development, the project in unincorporated Pleasanton will now go back to the City Council at a later date for councilmembers

to vote on approving those related documents, which includes a pre-annexation and development agreement.

“I think there are some good things about this project,” Commissioner Ken Morgan said in regard to the project during the June 24 commission meeting. “I think the developers worked hard to design homes that seem to have good objective type standards and (have) worked really hard over a long period of time in making great faith efforts to build a community that will be enjoyed by the people living there.”

Redevelopment of East Pleasanton has been a point of discussion within the city’s government for more than a decade. According to Steve Riley, co-founder of project applicant 330 Land Company, his company first filed plans for the project with Alameda County back in 2017.

At the time, the city had restarted discussions to move forward with its East Pleasanton Specific Plan — a strategic planning process that would have helped shape future developments in the area — which is why the company decided to put

the project on hold. But once the city went back and decided not to continue working on the specific plan, Riley said his team decided to file another application with the county in 2022.

That county version of project was approved in February by the Board of Supervisors and includes more units and an offsite sewer treatment facility.

But in 2024, the Pleasanton City Council directed staff to study the pros and cons of annexing the

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A rendering shows the Blanco Modern Venue, which was greenlit for use as an event center at the Livermore Planning Commission meeting June 16.

Blanco Modern Venue approved to operate in downtown Livermore

City staff to watch parking amid concerns at hearing

By JUDE STRZEMP

An event center is poised to open downtown Livermore, given approval last month of its conditional use permit by the city’s Planning Commission.

The forthcoming Blanco Modern Venue at 180 S. Livermore Ave. is set to be an indoor-outdoor space with a rooftop bar and areas for hosting events such as weddings, corporate events and community programming.

Construction of the 250-person

venue is expected for completion later this summer.

Despite receiving the OK from the Livermore Planning Commission at its meeting June 16, its approval was accompanied by a discussion lasting nearly an hour and a half with concerns expressed over potential noise, traffic and parking issues.

During the next six months, including two events with valet, city staff are poised to monitor the outcome of the venue’s parking plan. If they observe issues, they can make adjustments to

the plan without returning to the commission.

“I want this conditional use permit to work because I believe, economically, that this is something that could be valuable to downtown,” Commissioner Jacob Anderson said during the meeting. “It’s found very minimally anywhere in Livermore, so there is a definite need.”

Initially used as a Southwestern Bell Communications repeater station, the historic building at

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New plan to battle invasive mosquitoes

District rolling out in two neighborhoods starting next week

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District is set to launch a new program in Livermore to reduce the area’s population of the invasive mosquito species, *Aedes aegypti*.

Known as the yellow fever mosquito, these “aggressive daytime biters” can transmit diseases such as Dengue, Zika, Chikungunya and Yellow Fever, district officials said in a statement last week announcing the program.

To address the ongoing detections of *Aedes aegypti*, ACMAD plans to release bacteria-containing males that render eggs nonviable.

The naturally-occurring bacteria, *Wolbachia*, cannot be transmitted to people, pets, wildlife or the environment, district officials said. Additionally, male *Aedes aegypti* lack piercing mouthparts, making them incapable of biting and transmitting disease.

ACMAD plans the twice weekly release of *Wolbachia* male *Aedes aegypti* (WB1 Males) starting July 7 through October in a 25-acre area of Livermore that has not yet been selected.

“We know how *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes can not only make outdoor activities unpleasant but they

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Trash pickup saga renews discretionary spending debate

Wahab's office hosts presser for Livermore woman who alleges attempted misuse of funds by county aide

By JEANITA LYMAN

New details emerged last week about alleged misuse of discretionary funding by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors that is targeted in a State Senate bill from Sen. Aisha Wahab.

In a press conference hosted by Wahab's office on June 25, a Livermore woman detailed her experiences with the county in a push for the bill's passage.

Kiersten Skov, an unincorporated Livermore resident, was the sole speaker at the June 25 event outside the Livermore Public Library in which she shared the events leading up to an allegation that she believed the chief of staff for the District 1 supervisor's office had implicitly offered to funnel money to her through a local nonprofit as recourse for an error from the office.

District 1 Supervisor David Haubert and his chief of staff Shawn Wilson have denied any allegations of wrongdoing.

While Skov classified a conversation she'd had with Haubert earlier that day as "productive" and expressed confidence that he would work to address her concerns, Haubert told the Pleasanton Weekly in an interview Friday that he was skeptical of her account and believed it was publicized only to garner support for Wahab's senate bill, as well as other critiques.

"The state of California seal appears on the podium of a community member who's not a member of the State Senate, and the State Senate isn't even there to participate — it's a little confusing to me, and I think to the public," Haubert said.

Although there was much for the public to be confused about June 25 — specifically, how a hyperlocal issue such as Skov's relates to the state and national political landscapes that Wahab is operating in — those were not among the questions raised following Skov's account.

Wahab's press secretary Joe David said that while the senator had wished she could be in attendance, she was busy with legislative work in Sacramento that day. Skov said that Haubert, who sent members of his staff to the event, had told her he was also preoccupied with other business in Oakland that afternoon and regretted not being able to attend.

Skov's saga began in July 2024, when unincorporated Livermore residents received a notice from Haubert's office that they would be required to have curbside garbage pickup service from Livermore Sanitation Inc. — something that frustrated Skov and other rural residents, who typically self-haul their trash. However, she complied for



JEANITA LYMAN

Kiersten Skov at a press conference hosted by State Sen. Aisha Wahab's office outside the Livermore Civic Center on June 25.

fear of a penalty from the county.

More than a year later in January, Skov said she learned from a neighbor and correspondence with the sanitation company that the message from Haubert's office was sent in error to unincorporated Livermore residents who, in fact, did not fall within the area required to have curbside garbage pickup.

Haubert confirmed Friday that the message was sent in error, and said that his office has since sent out a correction to the residents impacted. In a June 10 settlement offer to Skov, Interim County Counsel Andrea Weddle said the correction had been sent May 16.

From there, Skov began seeking recourse from Haubert's office later in January for the more than \$1,000 she had paid over the course of approximately a year for service from Livermore Sanitation that she did not want, and had been falsely told she was required to have.

As an initial proposal, Skov alleged Wilson offered to recoup her financial loss by directing the office to distribute discretionary funds to a nonprofit of her choice — or one suggested by the office — implying that it would in turn provide the money to her, in order to bypass a public recognition of the erroneous message. The in-person meeting between the two occurred Feb. 2 at the district's office in the Scott Haggerty Heritage House at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Skov said.

Wilson did not provide a response to the Pleasanton Weekly, but challenged Skov's characterization of their interactions in comments to Bay City News as "borderline defamation of character," adding that he was consulting legal counsel over the matter, and that the payment had never been conditional on her keeping the matter quiet, but that he had asked her to stop "blasting Facebook" about it as a "courtesy to the office."

Meanwhile, Wahab's Senate Bill 1193 was giving way to ongoing outcry from the board of supervisors and local nonprofits, alleging that the county was being unfairly

targeted by the measure, contending that sufficient safeguards and transparency measures are already in place, and accusing Wahab of political retribution as motivation for the bill.

Under the county's Fiscal Management Rewards Program (FMRP), each supervisor who ends the fiscal year under budget can keep the remaining funds for use as their direction, pending approval of a four-fifths majority of the board, generally in the form of donations to local nonprofit organizations.

Under SB 1193, that funding would require approval from the full board, as well as a public record of the grants to be made available online. It would also prohibit supervisors from issuing discretionary fund awards within 90 days of an election in which they're on the ballot.

As the bill continued advancing in the state senate this year amid an ongoing battle to replace former Rep. Eric Swalwell — with Wahab coming out with healthy leads in both June primary votes for the seat, trailed distantly in second place by Melissa Hernandez, the former Dublin mayor and current BART board president who is on Haubert's county staff as healthcare director — it came under fire locally in the Tri-Valley, with both Haubert and District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley, along with several local nonprofit leaders, serving as some of its most vocal critics in recent months, despite a strong showing of support in the state senate.

That timing dovetailed with Skov's concerns over interactions with the District 1 office earlier this year.

Although Wahab's senate district does not represent Skov's neighborhood in rural, southern Livermore, Skov was spurred by local media coverage and debate over SB 1193 to contact the state senator's office with her concerns, which she said ultimately gave way to even wider concerns as she learned about the array of issues that had been documented on the county's discretionary funding process and were being

scrutinized by Wahab.

"The Board of Supervisors have aggressively opposed SB 1193 stating there's no need for the bill, and it makes it more difficult to direct funds to where the cause is and actually result in less rigor, which is simply not the case," Skov said. "I have read the full text, and it does nothing to make it harder to allocate funds for proper purposes, and everything to ensure the public can see where our money is going, prevent county staff from directing funds unethically, and require county staff to disclose potential conflicts of interest, including consulting payments received."

Skov pointed to a grand jury report from 2015 that alleged "a culture of political interference," by the board's staff, specifically from the chief of staff for one of the districts who was identified as Wilson in reporting from other media outlets including the East Bay Times and Marin Independent Journal.

The grand jury investigation was spurred by a complaint that the staffer was "inappropriately pressuring county departments to influence administrative decisions on behalf of a favored constituent," and concluded that political interference by county officials is "not uncommon."

Like Skov's account, the initial complaint that gave way to the investigation related to a waste management company in Livermore, an unnamed woodchipping and recycling business that occupied a privately owned lot and a sliver of county land in east Livermore from 1991 until 2013, when it was forced to exit the site amid a legal battle with the property owner.

According to the grand jury, that company set its sights on another piece of county-owned property, which county staff were not interested in accommodating due to existing plans for the site from the public works department and the company's reputation. That allegedly changed under pressure from one supervisor's chief of staff, despite widespread concerns from county employees about the business's operations at its previous site, as well as previous efforts to advocate for the company's expedited approval on other sites.

While the grand jury found no evidence of involvement in that deal or other impropriety from the supervisor himself — Haubert's predecessor, Scott Haggerty, was representing District 1 encompassing Livermore at the time — it found that the recycling company had donated \$5,000 to his reelection campaign, three years before the seat was coming to a vote in 2016, and at least one other contribution, after which the public works department reversed its

previous decision not to allow the company to occupy the site.

The report concluded with findings of "unethical and persistent interference by a supervisor's chief of staff" that improperly influenced staff decisions, compromised the county's integrity and wasted its resources.

In its response to the grand jury report in 2015, the board of supervisors disagreed with all of the findings, saying it had already implemented an investigation into allegations against the chief of staff with no findings of wrongdoing, and that it would consider the adoption of a code of ethics and anti-interference policy.

The report was preceded by a lawsuit in 2013 from Haggerty's former chief of staff Chris Gray, who alleged that he was illegally pushed out of his position in 2012 and replaced with Wilson — who had worked for the county as a professional technician specialist in 2011, according to data from OpenPayrolls — in retaliation for reporting his suspicions that county resources were being misappropriated for a variety of improper endeavors, including personal enrichment and political interference. The case was settled months later.

Haubert declined to comment on the grand jury report or the lawsuit, noting that they were well before his tenure on the board, which started in 2021, but confirmed that Wilson is still serving as his chief of staff with no substantiated findings of wrongdoing.

"I have been told that corrective actions have been taken; that if somebody did something wrong they know they did something wrong, and it has been addressed," Haubert said. "Investigations have been made and completed without any additional action."

But those measures have been insufficient, according to Skov.

"Continuing the culture of complicity, hiding behind lawyers, is a black spot and our county should do better," Skov said. "SB 1193 represents a golden opportunity for county officials and elected representatives to stand for progress and restore faith and local government. To the Board of Supervisors, your constituents are compelling you to take action to improve and engage with us in good faith."

According to Haubert, however, Skov is the only constituent to have contacted his office over the trash pickup miscommunication or any other complaints about the county's use of discretionary funds, a concern he said he believes is spurred by Wahab's bill, which he characterized as "political retribution."

"Wahab's office contrived this,

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Pickleball Kingdom poised to replace shuttered store

First Tri-Valley location seen as 'great solution' to noise concerns regarding outdoor courts

By JUDE STRZEMP

The nation's largest pickleball franchise has been permitted to open an indoor facility in Livermore, signaling its first expansion into the Tri-Valley.

The upcoming Pickleball Kingdom is set to feature eight courts for reservation, lessons, clinics, tournaments and private event bookings.

In addition to the courts, Pickleball Kingdom in Livermore is set to feature an ancillary retail space, a raised viewing area, game room, community room, office and storage areas, multiple seating areas, bathrooms and lockers.

Pickleball Kingdom will occupy a vacant commercial building at 4650 Arroyo Vista, known as home to JOANN Fabrics prior to its permanent closure during winter 2023.

The Livermore Planning Commission at its regular meeting June 16 unanimously approved a conditional use permit that allows operation of the pickleball facility.

Serving as the franchisees and owners are Abhimanyu Dhariwal

and Shreya Trivedi, a husband-and-wife duo with a personal love for pickleball.

"For the longest time, I couldn't find a sport to play with my wife, until I found pickleball," Dhariwal said during the meeting. "We noticed that in the Bay Area, we hardly have any indoor facilities to complement the outdoor facilities."

"The sport has been growing at a massive growth rate in the last few years and we wanted to be part of that as well," he added.

As part of the conditions of approval, all building doors must remain closed during operating hours for acoustic sealing, Livermore assistant planner Jesse Garcia said at the meeting.

Adding to the noise mediation, the building is constructed with 8-inch-thick masonry units. The metal roof will be treated with acoustic insulation, Garcia added.

The operations will be "generally inaudible" at the nearest property line with 20 dBA, Garcia said, based on an environmental noise assessment conducted by Bollard

Acoustical Consultants. The level of sound is equivalent to somewhere between a pin falling and leaves rustling, he added.

The assessment was not included in the meeting's agenda packet.

During the commission's discussion, Vice Chair Charity Steele recalled previous concern expressed by the community regarding potential noise disturbances related to proposed, outdoor pickleball courts.

One such issue arose when the commission considered and ultimately rejected in December 2024 the construction of outdoor pickleball courts at Marlin Pound Neighborhood Park.

"This project provides a great solution," Steele said of Pickleball Kingdom being an indoor-only facility.

If the city receives valid complaints, it has the authority to require noise monitoring of the business to ensure that exterior noise levels do not exceed regulation, according to Garcia.

Pickleball Kingdom also plans to



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Pickleball Kingdom was greenlit recently for operations at the former location of JOANN Fabrics in Livermore.

respond by phone to any potential complaint of noise.

"This is a very well-thought-out project," Commissioner Yolanda Fintschenko said during the meeting. "Most of the noise concerns are addressed by having this be indoors."

Commissioner Jacob Anderson also praised the proposal as being

well-thought-out, saying the pickleball business was a "great use" for the facility.

The Planning Commission approved the permit via 4-0 tally, with Commissioner Nadine Horner absent.

Pickleball Kingdom is proposed to operate daily between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. ■

Goodbye R Place, hello Backstage Livermore

Bay Area restaurateur rebrands and renovates longstanding bar on edge of downtown

By JUDE STRZEMP

A bar and entertainment venue along Old First Street is in the process of being revamped under new ownership.

Initially dubbed R Place Music Club, the business was advertised as being for sale earlier this year along with its building.

Pleasanton-based restaurateur Fatih Ulas acquired the pair and has rebranded the business to Backstage Livermore with plans to serve elevated cocktails and locally produced wines. He also intends to host live music at the venue everyday with an emphasis on bringing in famous musicians.

Ulas' recent purchase joins his portfolio of nine restaurants in the Bay Area, including Sultan's Kebab located on nearby First Street.

As part of the Backstage Livermore rebrand, efforts are

underway to clean up the formerly "sticky floor" dive bar, he told Livermore Vine.

"I've actually never been there before, but when I bought the building, I wanted to give a facelift to downtown Livermore," Ulas said. "Livermore is growing really good. There's a lot of potential."

Prior to becoming a restaurateur, Ulas worked as a hair stylist and cosmetologist.

Ulas pivoted his career about a decade ago when his father, the founder and former owner of Sultan's Kebab, was experiencing an issue with his health.

Options before his father were to either sell the sole Sultan's Kebab in Pleasanton or pass on the business to Ulas.

Since taking over the restaurant, Ulas has expanded the business to Livermore, Danville and Campbell.

He has also created Elia Restaurants, with four locations to-date, and Bódrum Mezze & Cocktails in Dublin.

For the newly acquired Backstage Livermore, Ulas envisions an interior resembling a sports bar and a back patio resembling a beer garden.

The patio could serve as an event venue, he added.

In pursuit of his vision, Ulas said he is introducing different staging, improved acoustic systems and lighting.

A Sultan's Kebab food truck will be posted everyday in the venue's parking lot, he added.

"I wanted to bring something new, exciting and cool to downtown Livermore to share with the community," Ulas said.

Backstage Livermore was open serving beer and alcoholic shots as of June 10. Ulas intends to host a grand opening event for the business after July 1. ■



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Livermore Valley Opera artistic director Erie Mills dies

‘Her loss is felt profoundly throughout our organization and the wider opera community’

By JUDE STRZEMP

Erie Mills, the longtime artistic director of Livermore Valley Opera, died last week after a short illness. She was 73.

Known as a company visionary, the coloratura soprano also received international acclaim with a vocal career spanning over 25 years.

“This is an unfathomable loss for the world of music, Livermore Valley Opera, where she has been our Artistic Director and guiding light for years and for all those who love and cherish her. She was absolutely extraordinary,” LVO Board President Jonathan Kleid said in a statement June 25.

Prior to her death on June 23, Mills planned and artistically prepared LVO for its 35th season.

“In honor of her dedication and her belief in this company, LVO will move forward with the season exactly as she intended,” the board said. “Her artistic vision, casting, and production plans remain in place, and the Board and artistic team are united in carrying out her legacy.”

The upcoming LVO series, Opera in the Vineyard, is continuing as scheduled with the first date held Saturday at Garré Vineyard & Winery in Livermore.

“Erie cared deeply about this event and its role in bringing our community together, and we are



Longtime artistic director Erie Mills of the Livermore Valley Opera died this week at 73 years old. Erie Mills, a coloratura soprano, received international acclaim during her lifetime.



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committed to presenting it in her honor, after a moment of silence,” the board said.

Mills was born in Granite City, Ill., and graduated from The College of Wooster, the University of Illinois and Houston Opera Studio, LVO officials said.

During her career, Mills could be heard at the world’s top opera houses such as Metropolitan Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Vienna Staatsoper, English National Opera, San Francisco Opera, Santa Fe Opera and New York City Opera — a site where she was featured on PBS’s nationally broadcast “Live from Lincoln Center,” company officials said.

She was known for portraying signature roles including Zerbinetta in “Ariadne auf Naxos,” Rosina in “Il Barbiere di Siviglia,” Cunegonde in “Candide,” the title role in “Lucia di Lammermoor” and Giunia in “Lucio Silla” at La Scala, according to LVO officials.

Mills’ work was also captured in recording such as RCA’s “Follies,” the Grammy Award-winning “Candide” on New World Records and her solo album “always it’s Spring.”

In addition to her work on stage, Mills served as a member of the voice faculty at San José State University, beginning in 1998. By the time of her retirement two

decades later, she was a full professor of music.

Mills also worked as principal English diction coach for the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis for multiple years as well as the Metropolitan Opera and Santa Fe Opera.

During 2009, Mills began championing LVO, the presenter of biannual operas at the Livermore Valley Arts’ Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

By 2016, Mills rose to serve as the company’s artistic director.

“Erie was an extraordinary artist, mentor, and leader whose vision shaped Livermore Valley Opera for more than a decade. Her loss is felt profoundly throughout our organization and the wider opera community,” the board said in an email interview with Livermore Vine.

“Her warmth, artistry, and belief in the power of live opera shaped the company and touched everyone who worked alongside her,” LVO officials said in a statement.

She was recognized many times over with a 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Opera Association, a 2022 Distinguished Artist of The American Prize as well as a recipient of an honorary Doctorate in Music from The College of Wooster and a Richard Tucker Music Foundation grant. Mills

also was the first singer to join the OPERA America Board of Directors, a role she assumed in 2004.

LVO is currently planning ways to celebrate Mills’ legacy with details to be announced.

‘What we will remember most is how she carried that artistry with warmth and generosity.’

Livermore Valley Arts reps

For her contributions to the company, its board granted Mills the honorary title of artistic director laureate in perpetuity. The company is also honoring Mills with the newly established Erie Mills Legacy Fund to continue the work she cherished.

“What we will remember most is how she carried that artistry with warmth and generosity,” Livermore Valley Arts officials wrote on social media. “She shaped our productions with care, championed young singers, and welcomed first-time audiences as though each one were an old friend.” ■

MOSQUITOES

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can also spread disease,” ACMAD General Manager Ryan Clausnitzer said in a statement. “WB1 male mosquitoes provide a safe, eco-friendly, and effective way to reduce invasive mosquito populations without disrupting daily life.”

The mosquitoes are produced by MosquitoMate and have been registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Leading up to the program launch, ACMAD first observed *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Pleasanton in 2024, according to district officials.

During the subsequent year,

ACMAD found adult and larval *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in “several” communities within the Tri-Valley as well as in Fremont, they added.

Among the affected communities was Livermore, where ACMAD collected 300 adult mosquitoes and noted over 150 larval detections of *Aedes aegypti* across “multiple neighborhoods,” district officials said.

The district accessed under 40% of the affected areas’ yardage by the end of 2025.

In the coming days, ACMAD is set to select a final treatment area located within the approximate boundaries of N. Murrieta Boulevard, Olivina Avenue, Albatross Avenue and El Rancho

Drive or the area along Charlotte Way and Cheryl Drive, ending a few blocks before South Vasco Road and East Avenue.

Both locations will be evaluated for their populations of the mosquito and “operational considerations,” district officials said.

As the production of nonviable eggs reduces the species’ local population over time, there will be less female *Aedes aegypti* capable of biting and a decreased risk of mosquito-borne disease transmission, according to ACMAD.

Wolbachia-based mosquito control has been used successfully for public health and conservation purposes in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil and Singapore, the district added.

“Based on the successful use of

Wolbachia in other communities, the District believes this approach will be an effective way to reduce invasive *Aedes aegypti* populations in Livermore,” ACMAD Laboratory Director Eric Haas-Stapleton said in a statement. “However, this approach is not a standalone solution.”

The invasive mosquito can be reintroduced repeatedly, Haas-Stapleton explained.

He urged residents to eliminate standing water near their homes, as *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in small, hidden areas of standing water such as potted plants.

The insect’s eggs are also “highly resistant to drying out,” capable of surviving upward of six months without water, according to

ACMAD officials.

The reduction program comes as part of the district’s integrated vector management program, a multifaceted strategy for managing mosquito populations with ecologically-sensitive and data-driven strategies, the district website states.

ACMAD also conducts door-to-door outreach and activities to eliminate standing water, according to district officials.

Residents of the program areas can expect to see ACMAD staff before and during the program outreach and mosquito control such as placing mosquito monitoring traps.

For more information about the program and the areas of release, visit the district website at www.mosquitoes.org. ■

TRASH PICKUP

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I believe, and put her up to having a press conference specifically for this support,” Haubert said. “How else were they there with a podium emblem and a press kit?”

Wahab’s press secretary David told the Weekly that while her office had not “contrived” Skov’s media appearance, they took her

account seriously and were supporting her, adding that this was something they believed Skov’s own local representatives such as Haubert should have done in the first place.

For her part, Skov said that her reasons for pursuing and publicizing the garbage pickup issue and allegations about the response from Haubert’s office were myriad.

“Besides the perimenopausal

rage and general dissatisfaction with the government at many levels - and I told this to Supervisor Haubert this morning — I don’t have any loyalties to any organizations or associations or officials here,” Skov said. “I just know what’s right. My husband and I have always wanted to support what’s right, and I can’t do anything about whoever is in Washington, but I can do something about who

is in Oakland.”

SB 1193 was set for an assembly vote Wednesday, with Haubert and the rest of the board continuing to advocate against it.

“She’s got billions of dollars in waste, fraud and abuse in this state, and she wants to focus on small discretionary grants that we make, when we make it with full transparency? Ridiculous,” Haubert said.

David reiterated that Wahab’s bill

was about “basic transparency,” not retribution, aiming to address recommendations in previous grand jury reports, audits, and other documents on the county’s operations going back years.

“Alameda County has a long track record of refusing to police and control itself,” David said. “The state legislature is using its authority to say if you won’t do it, we will. That’s what it comes down to.” ■

Grocery Outlet staying open amid ownership change

Outgoing operators say exit is bittersweet but they needed to take new opportunity in Napa

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A couple who took over the Grocery Outlet in Pleasanton a couple years ago are saying goodbye to the community this week as they get set to move and take over one of the other franchise store locations in the North Bay.

Starting Thursday (July 2), Taylor and Chelsea Elliott will officially hand over the reins to a new owner as the two begin their next chapter as co-owners of the Grocery Outlet in North Napa. They assured the five-year-old store in Pleasanton's Vintage Hills Shopping Center plans to operate as usual through and after the transition.

"We're very excited about this next opportunity and what it means for our careers and our family," Chelsea Elliott told the Pleasanton community in a June 11 Facebook post.

"Thank you guys so, so much for these last 2-1/2 years," she added. "We will miss everyone here. We just want to say thank you so much



JEREMY WALSH

A photo shows the exterior of the Grocery Outlet located on Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton.

for supporting us. We really appreciate it."

The Elliotts first took over the Grocery Outlet — located at 3550 Bernal Ave. — about two and a half years ago. The store is the anchor

tenant in the shopping center littered with vacancies at the intersection of Bernal and Vineyard avenues and Tawny Drive.

Since taking over, the couple said they have shared countless

memories and made lifelong friendships with not only their staff, but also with members of the community who frequented the store, which makes the move even more bittersweet.

"It is hard to say goodbye," Chelsea Elliott said in the Facebook post, which is where the couple made the announcement of their departure. "We've made so many wonderful connections with so many wonderful people and our team. We are just going to miss everyone so much."

According to Taylor Elliott, the couple had no intention of leaving Pleasanton. He said their original plan was to stay in the Tri-Valley for as long as possible.

But after an opportunity to take over the Grocery Outlet store in North Napa — located at 3385 Solano Ave. — presented itself, he said he and his wife decided moving was the best option for them and their two children, one of whom was just born this past February.

"It felt like an interesting opportunity ... an interesting challenge as well," Taylor Elliott told the Weekly Monday afternoon.

In the Facebook video, he too expressed his appreciation for everything the Pleasanton community has done for him and his family since they first took over the store.

"This is very bittersweet," he said. "We've worked really hard, our team has worked really hard the last couple of years, and we've gotten to know a lot of you in the community and it's sad to have to say goodbye to you guys."

As for the future of the store, Taylor Elliott said Eric Feagley will be taking over operations beginning July 2. He said Feagley has worked at Grocery Outlets in Oakland and Pleasant Hill and has been training to be a store operator for a little over two years.

Taylor Elliott also assured the public that none of the staff will be leaving the store. ■

ARROYO LAGO

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project into the city's boundaries. After some further discussions and a workshop, the council eventually gave staff the green light to mobilize on drafting key terms for a pre-annexation and development agreement.

According to Steve Dunn, a senior managing director at SteelWave, which owns the land where the project is located, the move by the city was something they supported and is the reason the design team has been willing to make certain changes from the county project. However, he also noted that they do have a county project ready to go.

"We really want to be in the city as well," Dunn told the commission last week. "We think it is the best solution. We are confident, though, that the county solution is a solution. That there isn't a risk ... out there."

During the public meeting, the commission reviewed the project details and related documents, including General Plan amendments, rezoning, planned unit development plan and vesting tentative subdivision map.

If approved by the council at a later date, the Arroyo Lago project will construct 189 new single-family homes with 159 of those being two-story homes and 30 being one-story homes on the property east of Valley Avenue and Busch Road, north of Stanley Boulevard and south of Arroyo Mocho. The lot sizes for these homes would range from 3,500 square feet to 5,652 square feet.

The project would also build 48, deed-restricted junior accessory dwelling units, also known as

JADU's. Those will range in size from 170 square feet to 212 square feet and would be connected to the main home.

A park would also be built in the middle of the entire project that would be owned by the project's homeowners association but will be made available to the greater public, and a community facilities district would be formed to finance shared infrastructure at the site.

During the last City Council discussion, some of the things the members asked the applicants to change in the project's design were lower grading and making all of the homes on the west side of the site single stories so that neighbors in those existing homes would have more privacy.

While everyone on the Planning Commission agreed that the city should move forward with annexing the project into the city's boundaries and allowing it to be constructed, Commissioner Dave Jagoe said he wished the project would have gone through the commission first before the City Council discussed its design.

In particular, he pointed to the row of 30 single-family homes that runs from north to south without any breaks in the street. However, that did not mean he wanted to vote against the project, he just did not agree with it coming to the commission so late in the design process.

"I think, in general, it would be a highly negative scenario for the city of Pleasanton to lose this project," Jagoe said. "We would like to see this project go through with the annexation."

The other major point of discussion during last week's meeting was

the amount of money the developer would contribute toward the construction of an El Charro Road extension.

One of the key terms in the pre-annexation and development agreement was having 330 Land Company contribute \$3 million for the design and construction of an El Charro Road extension, which residents, staff and the City Council previously said is an important piece to the puzzle regarding future East Pleasanton developments.

Morgan said his main concern with the \$3 million is the precedent it could set for other development projects in the East Pleasanton area — and how, if those projects follow suit in not anteing up enough money, the city will be short tens of millions of dollars for the El Charro Road construction.

Commissioner Stephanie Wedge agreed with Morgan's point and had even asked the applicant if they would be willing to put up more money, to which he simply replied that they were willing to put up the \$3 million.

Staff noted how the City Council also shared similar concerns.

However, Mike Tassano, the city's traffic engineer, said that even if all developers for all of the other projects slated for future construction in that area were to come up with their fair share for the El Charro extension, the city would still need to find a way to come up with its own half.

Tassano said the main way the city would pay for El Charro construction would be through "traffic impact fees, of which we don't currently have \$35 million sitting, waiting to throw into the pot."

Instead, he said one option would be to have the city commit to paying for the southern half of the construction, which would be more costly, so that the developers could commit to paying for the northern part of the road's construction. He also said that given the development agreement's 10-year lifespan, he is confident the city will find other ways to secure funding for the road's construction.

The discussion ended with the agreement that the commission would recommend the City Council

approve the related documents for the project, with the caveat that they consider having the project developer ante up \$8 million instead of the \$3 million.

Commission Chair Brandon Pace was the only one who voted against the proposal because he wanted the council to really consider the recommendation.

"I'm going to go no because I want this to get lots of attention from the City Council," Pace said ahead of the 3-1 vote — with Commissioner Anurag Jain absent. ■



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Wahab, Hernandez advance to dual runoffs for Congress

Democrats vying in August special ballot, November general election to represent District 14

By JUDE STRZEMP

Democrats Aisha Wahab and Melissa Hernandez have progressed to both of the runoff elections this year for Congressional District 14, as they vie to replace disgraced former Rep. Eric Swalwell.

The special general election on Aug. 18 will determine the representative of a months-long term into January 2027 vacated when Swalwell resigned from office amid sex abuse allegations, while the general election on Nov. 3 will determine the congresswoman for the subsequent full term in Washington, D.C.

Both candidates earned their spot in the runoffs by placing top two in the separate primaries held two weeks apart in June. State Sen. Wahab (D-Fremont) finished first in both races with over double the votes of Hernandez, a former Dublin mayor and current president of the BART Board of Directors and health care director for Alameda County Supervisorial District 1.

In the regular primary election June 2 with nine candidates on



Aisha Wahab



Melissa Hernandez

the ballot, Wahab tallied 38.28% (59,238 votes) with Hernandez at 17.18% (26,579 votes), as certified by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Then in the 11-candidate special primary election on June 16, Wahab garnered 42.82% (52,961 votes), followed by Hernandez at 16.76% (20,731 votes) in second place. With Wahab could have won the short-term seat outright with more than 50% of the vote.

As the candidates gear up for the first of two runoffs, so too have their campaigns.

"Washington is broken, and Sacramento politics is not how we are going to make real change for our neighbors in this district," Hernandez said in a

statement Monday announcing her endorsements.

"Real change doesn't come from the next ambitious politician moving up the ladder, it comes from people who are rooted in the community they serve," Hernandez added.

Hernandez gestured to herself as being rooted in the community, spending 30 years delivering for "real people," running the city of Dublin, serving on the BART Board and raising her children.

In an email interview with the Pleasanton Weekly, Wahab said, "I bring the experience, resilience, and urgency this moment demands — and a passion to fight for what is right, even when it is difficult."

"The attacks may already be starting, but I will stay focused on delivering for our families, our workers, and everyone who deserves a government that fights for them," she added.

Ahead of the special general election, Hernandez also announced in a statement a "wave" of endorsements in her bid for Congress.

Hernandez has received the endorsement of local leaders including

Alameda County Supervisor Board President David Haubert, Dublin Mayor Sherry Hu, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch and Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich. Additional endorsements have come from groups such as the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Alameda County and the Livermore Police Officers Association.

"I am honored by these endorsements as we march forward to August," Hernandez said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Wahab has received endorsements from groups and leaders including the California Democratic Party, Service Employees International Union, Indivisible Tri-Valley, Alameda County Supervisor Nikki Fortunato-Bas, Livermore City councilmembers Evan Branning and Steven Dunbar, Livermore Vice Mayor Kristie Wang, Pleasanton Unified School District Trustee Charlie Jones and California State Assemblymember Liz Ortega (D-20), according to her campaign website.

Since securing their spots in the

general election, both candidates have also expressed gratitude to supporters.

"I want to thank the voters, my campaign volunteers, and team," Hernandez said in a statement. "This has been a truly grassroots effort, and I wouldn't be where I am today without them."

"I'm deeply grateful to the voters who gave us an overwhelming majority and sent us forward," Wahab said. "This movement continues to grow because it is built on trust, hard work, and a record of showing up for our communities."

The winner of the special general election in August is poised to represent residents within the pre-Proposition 50 boundaries. The areas include Livermore, Pleasanton, Castro Valley, Hayward, Union City and Fairview and parts of Dublin, Fremont, San Lorenzo, San Leandro and Mountain House.

The regular general election winner is set to represent the southern Tri-Valley and areas west such as Fremont and Hayward under new District 14 boundaries post-Prop 50. ■

Panel explores how trials can advance women's health

Stanford Tri-Valley among healthcare systems bringing new model to region

By CIERRA BAILEY

Startup Tri-Valley recently hosted the latest installment of its ongoing Women's Health Innovation Series, this time focusing on community-based clinical trials.

The June 10 event saw a curated group of founders, clinicians, hospital decision makers, investors and regional leaders come together at DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton to delve into innovation and scale pathways in women's health, according to organizers.

'Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley is actively bringing clinical trials to our community, and the Tri-Valley is uniquely positioned to close the loop for women's health innovators.'

Startup Tri-Valley

The issue at the center of the panel discussion is that clinical trials are often one of the most expensive and misunderstood parts of building a healthcare company.

Trials are viewed as complex, risky and capital intensive, according to Startup Tri-Valley officials. In women's health, the challenge is amplified by underfunding, underrepresentation in research and gaps between clinical evidence and real-world adoption.

The Startup Tri-Valley event spotlighted a new emerging model, which involves clinical trials conducted through primary care physicians, clinics and other local healthcare sites as opposed to large academic research facilities.

"Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley is actively bringing clinical trials to our community, and the Tri-Valley is uniquely positioned to close the loop for women's health innovators — offering access to clinical trials, HEOR validation, payer relationships, investor funding, and manufacturing infrastructure all within one region," Startup Tri-Valley officials wrote in the event's description.

The conversation was moderated by Chiranjeevi "IC" Ikkurthy — IT director at Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley.

The featured panelists were Katherine Pangborn Wu, clinical research operations leader for Stanford Medicine; Mark Gannott, CFO of venture capitalist firm Suncoast Ventures and health economist; Genevieve LeMarchal, managing partner of Suncoast Ventures;



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From left: Panelists Katherine Wu, Estelle Giraud, Mark Gannott, Genevieve LeMarchal and moderator Chiranjeevi "IC" Ikkurthy.

and Estelle Giraud, the founder and CEO of Trellis Health — a generational health AI company building personal intelligence for family health, starting with pregnancy, postpartum and infant health at home.

"Every person on earth is either a woman or her child," Giraud said during the talk, underscoring the value and importance of the topic.

A key thread in the conversation was whether community-based clinical trials could offer a more practical, capital-efficient path to scaling women's health companies by generating earlier

signals, reducing cost and bringing founders closer to real patient populations.

Other themes that came out of the discussion explored using community clinical trials as a capital strategy with early data designed to de-risk companies and demonstrate efficacy and health economics return on investment before larger, more expensive trials; how using existing data can accelerate proof by establishing early signals without starting from scratch; how product, patient feedback and real-world data evolve together and the use of unstructured data as a

growing signal source as physician notes are one of the richest sources of clinical insight, increasingly usable through artificial intelligence.

Clinical insight is not just quantitative — it's "the story," reflected in patient experience and physician context, according to Gannott.

The latest gathering is part of an ongoing series by Startup Tri-Valley that aims to demonstrate the potential for the region to become a hub for women's health innovation. The series was first announced during a similar event held last August that centered on investment opportunities in women's health. ■

LVJUSD board OKs cabinet raises, extensions

Two assistant superintendents see salary increases under new contracts

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore school board last month approved amendments to employment agreements for the majority of the district's assistant superintendents.

Amendments include a one-year extension to each employment contract and select raises totaling about \$19,400.

The contracts up for amendment were for assistant superintendents Kayla Wasley of business services, Kelly Manke of special education

and Michelle Pechette of educational services, the latter of whom served doubly as acting superintendent since February and is going back to her cabinet-level position with the arrival of incoming superintendent Anthony Limoges.

The board unanimously approved the amendments at its



Michelle Pechette

June 16 regular meeting.

Given satisfactory reviews for the 2024-25 school year, each assistant superintendent's term of employment runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Along with the term extension, Pechette was approved for a 2.5% raise associated with a step increase, retroactive to July 1, 2025. The raise elevates her salary to \$262,795, up from \$256,386.

The board also granted Pechette a positive evaluation for the 2025-26 school year and approved a step

increase with an associated 2.5% raise for the 2026-27 school year. Her salary for the coming school year is set at \$269,364 annually.

Pechette's evaluation and raise for next school year was introduced by Trustee Christiaan VandenHeuvel as an amended motion to what was initially just a retroactive raise and a one-year contract extension.

Pechette did not receive an evaluation from her supervisor, he explained during the meeting.

Manke is also poised to receive a step increase of 2.5%, retroactive to

July 1, 2025. Manke's raise brings her annual salary to \$262,795.

Wasley maintains an annual salary of \$276,098 for the 2025-26 school year. Her salary sits at the top step of the 2025-26 contracted senior management salary schedule, according to her contract.

There were no public comments made on any of the three contracts.

The employment contract of Jessica Bonduris, assistant superintendent of human resources, was not up for amendment at the meeting. ■

Alameda County approves \$6.7B budget

Closes deficit by eliminating vacant positions, reducing expenditures, identifying more efficiencies

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved a \$6.7 billion budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year that prioritizes safety-net programs while addressing growing financial uncertainty tied to potential state and federal funding

cuts, county officials announced last week.

Adopted June 25, the budget includes more than \$1.2 billion in contracts with community-based organizations, \$288 million for homelessness services through the Measure W Home Together Fund, and \$85.3 million for community

health centers serving low-income residents, county officials said.

It also allocates \$17 million for food security initiatives and \$4.6 million for legal services and deportation defense programs.

The spending plan provides \$19.3 million to stabilize Alameda Health System, the county's public health

care provider, helping prevent the layoff of 92 employees and extending a behavioral health program through Oct. 31 while the system undergoes a performance audit.

County officials said the budget closes a \$91 million deficit without layoffs or major service reductions by eliminating vacant positions,

reducing expenditures, and identifying additional revenue and operational efficiencies.

Supervisors cautioned that anticipated reductions in federal and state funding for health care and social services could create greater financial challenges in future budget cycles. ■

EVENT CENTER

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the project site was purchased by the city of Livermore in 2004, according to a staff report prepared by Livermore associate planner Jennifer Ackerman.

Current owner Michael Messenger bought the building with council approval in 2022. He was bound by a purchase and sale agreement to convert the vacant building into a restaurant.

Construction of the project

began in 2024.

By fall of 2025, Messenger requested an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement to allow for the building's use as a restaurant or event center, subject to permit approval. The request to City Council was successful.

Messenger and co-owner Jonathan Vasquez have operated a similar venue since 2022 in the South Bay dubbed Blanco San Jose.

"We felt that something like this, that we've done downtown San Jose, would be more preferable and a

better fit for this community at this point in the development of downtown," Vasquez said of the Livermore venue.

Under the approved permit, the business is allowed to operate from 10 a.m. to midnight on Sunday through Wednesday and 10-2 a.m. on Thursday through Saturday.

During weekdays, events cannot start or end during peak congestion hours of 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. There are no restrictions regarding peak hours on the weekends.

On-site parking will consist of four spaces, including one ADA-compliant space. An additional 18 to 20 spaces will be provided off-site via valet service on Second Avenue.

Patrons will otherwise be advised to park at any of the garages downtown, located about six or seven minutes away by foot.

Guests are anticipated to arrive at the venue within a "narrow time frame" and leave in a "somewhat narrow" time frame, Ackerman said in the staff report.

The applicant expects events of approximately 150 guests, short of the 250 occupancy limit.

The city's traffic engineering division determined that the surrounding roadways and intersections can accommodate event-related traffic, Ackerman said during a staff presentation at the meeting.

As for noise, all outdoor music and amplified sound must end by 11 p.m., a rule the commission clarified during the meeting.

Exterior noise levels between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. must not exceed 70 decibels, a level staff said is

approximately equal to a busy office. Between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., the maximum volume drops to 65 decibels, according to the staff report.

Security will be provided and a web-based surveillance system will record all external and internal access points to retain for at least 90 days, according to the conditions of approval.

"It's a big benefit to Livermore to have this kind of draw that will bring people and corporations from all around the Bay Area to it," Messenger said during the meeting.

Anderson kicked off the Planning Commission's discussion to express concern about potential traffic related to attendees arriving and departing en masse.

At the same time Anderson said he saw the economic value of having the event center in town and its role in filling a largely unmet need.

"I want to make sure that if we are starting to see problems there needs to be some way that we can rectify those issues," Anderson said.

Vice Chair Charity Steele expressed a shared concern over the potential traffic impacts of venue operations.

On the subject of parking, staff explained the venue website will include a map with a route to the I Street and L Street parking garages.

"I think that's really helpful," Commissioner Yolanda Fintschenko replied, adding that there is an incentive for businesses and organizations to provide clear parking directions.

"It's in the best interest of the venue and whoever's hosting the party, using the venue, to be very clear

about (parking) because it's their brand too," Fintschenko said.

City staff are also set to work with the applicant to set up signage for directions to parking.

"Don't discount the fact that we're also motivated to make this work in different ways," Vasquez told the commission.

In a separate area of concern, Fintschenko and Chair Tracy Kronzak expressed worry over the venue's sound and sound management.

As a result of the discussion, the planning commission amended the conditions of approval to prohibit amplified sound after 11 p.m., in addition to music.

Although the Downtown Specific Plan does not explicitly permit event venues, it allows the planning commission to permit additional uses if the proposed use fits the plan's intent.

Kronzak measured up with the proposed permit to the downtown specific plan, noting the document's vision of vibrancy.

"I could not think of a more vibrant addition to downtown," Kronzak said.

After approving the amended permit by 4-0 tally, absent Commissioner Nadine Horner, the commission directed staff to study pedestrian safety at what Kronzak called the "mortally terrifying" intersection of Livermore Avenue and Second Street.

Staff attention to the intersection is needed amid increasing foot traffic in the area, according to Anderson. The intersection is surrounded by the new Meadowlark Dairy and post office. ■

TAKE US ALONG

Under the windmills: Matt Traini and Wendy Wong enjoyed a Grand Circle River Boat trip to Belgium and the Netherlands in April. Among the sites they visited on their 11-day trip was Kinderdijk, Netherlands, where there are 19 historic windmills still in operation today.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com.





Celebrating a monumental Independence



BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Tri-Valley residents will be joining the rest of the country in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the official birth of the U.S. as a special Fourth of July holiday arrives this weekend.

From parades and concerts to controlled firework displays, Independence Day weekend will have a little bit of everything for families across the region.

Starting in Pleasanton, the holiday festivities will begin at the Lions Wayside Park where the Make A Difference, Today & Always nonprofit will be hosting its annual Fourth of July concert and picnic from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The event, entitled “Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution”, will feature members from the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, the American Legion Post No. 237, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6928 and Boy Scout Troop No. 908.

“Since 1999, volunteers have put together ‘Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution’ for our community,” Make A Difference co-founder W. Ron Sutton said in a press release for the event.

“On this 250th Independence Day, we celebrate our shared heritage with an old-fashioned Fourth,” Sutton added. “Even if we disagree on July 5 regarding current politics, we will do so with our expected behaviors of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty, and Integrity. We celebrate living in a Community of Character!”

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch will join others in delivering remarks during the event. In an email statement to the Pleasanton Weekly ahead of the celebration, Balch reflected on some of his speeches over the past year and how they touched on what America means to him and the greater Pleasanton community.

“I feel incredibly humbled and honored to serve as Mayor of Pleasanton during America’s Semiquincentennial,” Balch said.

“It’s an opportunity I never foresaw or imagined, and through a remarkable series of events, I’ve been blessed with this opportunity,” he added. “I sincerely hope that through my service I can inspire others to step forward and serve as well. America’s future rests in its people, and it is one of the great honors of my life to support our community, invest in our children, and strengthen the common values that bring us together.”

According to the Make A Difference nonprofit, the Fourth of July concert in Pleasanton will feature “music linked with three areas of America’s expansion over the

past 250 years: geographic, civil rights, and industry/space program.”

The Pleasanton Lions Club will also be serving 400 hot dog lunches, vegetarian options and cotton candy at the event. Additionally, a limited number of tokens will be passed out to children for free ice cream cones from Meadowlark Dairy.

Those who are thinking of attending the concert and picnic are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on and are also encouraged to wear red, white and blue. Only 50 chairs beneath the shade canopies will be provided on behalf of the community concert band.

For those thinking of starting celebrations a bit earlier than the Pleasanton event, the San Ramon Valley is kicking things off bright and early Saturday.

San Ramon is hosting its 40th annual Run San Ramon event, which offers a Fastest Mile, 5K and 10K run. The Fastest Mile will start at 8 a.m. while the 5K and 10K runs will each start at 8:30 a.m.

Attendees can check in and register the same day at 7:30 a.m. or the day before (July 3). More information is available at the San Ramon city website, sanramon.ca.gov.

Later that evening, San Ramon will also be hosting an Independence Day Celebration Concert from 5-8 p.m. The event, which takes place at the San Ramon Central Park Amphitheater, will feature patriotic music and a “high-energy concert” from The Cheeseballs — a San Francisco-based band bringing the “best of funk & soul with hits from the 80s, 90s and today.”

No fireworks will be displayed at the San Ramon concert, city officials said.

A little further up Interstate 680, Danville will be co-hosting the annual Kiwanis-Danville Fourth of July Parade in collaboration with the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley. The parade will take place from 9 a.m. to noon and will feature more than 100 participating groups and thousands of spectators, according to the town’s website.

“The 4th of July Parade brings residents, visitors, local organizations, youth groups, bands, community leaders, and classic parade favorites together for a festive morning in the heart of downtown,” according to the Danville website. “This year’s event also carries added national significance as communities across the country mark America’s 250th anniversary.”

The parade will begin at San Ramon Valley High School near Railroad Avenue and will run along Hartz Avenue and San Ramon Valley Boulevard before ending at Town and Country Drive. Streets will begin closing at 6 a.m. Saturday, according to the town.

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Independence Day across the Tri-Valley



The city of Dublin will kick off its Fourth of July festivities starting at 10 a.m. with its Red, White & Blue Backyard Bash. According to the city's website, the event — scheduled to take place at the Dublin Sports Grounds until 4 p.m. — will commemorate the country's 250th birthday as well as California's 175th anniversary of being a state, which was celebrated last September.

"This family-friendly community celebration will feature live entertainment, delicious food, games, activities, and patriotic fun for all ages," Dublin's Parks and Community Services website states. "Gather with friends, family, and neighbors to honor our nation's rich history, celebrate California's legacy, and enjoy an afternoon filled with community spirit."

Heading back down the Tri-Valley, Livermore will once again be hosting its Fourth of July celebration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Livermore Municipal Airport.

According to the city's website, the third annual Independence Day event will feature several family-friendly activities, including a flight simulator, live music, local food vendors and a kids zone. Free parking will be available at Las Positas College in Lots C, D and E — a free shuttle will also be available.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will also be hosting a Fourth of July pool party from noon to 5 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center. Attendees will be able to cool off at the pool and enjoy music, lawn games and food trucks.

Admission will be free for Livermore residents. Everyone else will have to pay \$7, according to LARPD's website. In addition to the pool party, LARPD will be hosting its own Independence Day Dash.

At the dash on Friday (July 3), LARPD will be offering a 5K run through Sycamore Grove Park, which starts at 8 a.m., and a kids run. The kids run, according to LARPD, will take place along the Sycamore Trail and will start at 9:15 a.m.

More information on the Livermore runs is available at the LARPD website, larpd.org.

In an email statement, Livermore Mayor John Marchand took some time to acknowledge just how big of a role local municipalities have had on Americans throughout the nation's history.

"As the nation is celebrating its 250th, and Livermore its 150th, I have found myself reflecting on the role of government in people's lives," Marchand told the Weekly. "Local government funds free libraries, public safety, public works, police, and fire services. The role of government is to make people's lives better, everyone's lives, and that is what we

work to achieve in Livermore every day."

Last but not least, the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton will be open during the Fourth so that people can enjoy everything the fair has to offer before it puts on its annual fireworks show, which starts at 9:30 p.m.

"The Alameda County Fair will be open on July 4 until the end of the Firework Spectacular Show," according to the fairground's website. "Celebrate the 250th anniversary of America and Blues Fest with a full day of rides, entertainment and festivities, then enjoy the Fireworks to close out the night."

Fair admission gates close at 5 p.m. that day and re-entry will not be allowed after 5 p.m. Children ages 17 or under must be accompanied by an adult who is over 25 throughout the entire day.

Another historical event is being recognized during this year's fair run.

The "Rising Together: In Remembrance of 9/11" exhibit is currently on display until the end of the fair. The exhibit features fragments from the Twin Towers, which fell during the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, and serves as a "powerful tribute rooted in remembrance, patriotism and unity" as the fair recognizes America's 250th birthday and the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

"The Alameda County Fair has always been a place where our community comes together," Angel Moore, COO of the fairgrounds, said in a May 26 press release. "This memorial provides an important opportunity to honor those we lost, recognize the courage of our heroes, and reflect on the service, unity and resilience that continues to unite us all."

Balch also highlighted unity and resilience as the Tri-Valley gets set to celebrate the nation's birthday. He said that while he tends to be optimistic toward people, he understands that America's story is "not one of a perfect union."

"The Preamble to our Constitution speaks to forming 'a more perfect Union,' and to me that reflects the idea that there is always more work to do, more change to adapt to, and continued growth ahead," Balch said. "I'm also very inspired by the Declaration of Independence and its affirmation that we all have unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

"Those words are enduring and remind us of the common thread that runs from the very start of this American experiment to this very day," he added. "We all have dark days, and America has had dark days, but how we carry on matters, how we get up, how we keep going, and how we advance together. It's hard to capture it fully, but that belief is at the heart of what America means to me." ■



With this Independence Day marking America's 250th birthday, a look back at patriotic events around the Tri-Valley during the past year. (Pleasanton photos by Chuck Deckert. Danville parade photos courtesy Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley. San Ramon fun run photo courtesy City of San Ramon)

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'Hamlet' under the stars

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Andre Amarotico portrays the title prince in SPARC Theater's production of "Hamlet".

SPARC marks milestone anniversary at Shakespeare in the Vineyard

By JEREMY WALSH

The Bard's play about a prince buggin' out is SPARC Theater's showcase production outdoors in Livermore Valley wine country this summer.

Opening this week and continuing through July 26, William Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark" gets the 1990s treatment on the stage in Darcie Kent Vineyards in the adaptation directed by SPARC's leader, Lisa Tromovitch. The classic play is still deeply rooted in the text's original language, themes and storytelling despite shifting the setting nearly 400 years forward, she noted.

"At its heart, 'Hamlet' is a family story," Tromovitch said in a press release.

"The play asks a question we still wrestle with today: Do we act from love, or do we act from fear? Every character is forced to make that choice — between trust and suspicion, compassion and self-preservation — and those choices ripple through every relationship in the play," she continued, adding:

"That's what makes 'Hamlet' endure. Audiences may come expecting Shakespeare's most famous tragedy, but they'll recognize themselves in these relationships."

Known as Shakespeare's longest play

(although Tromovitch and team have adapted it down to 2-1/2 hours), "Hamlet" follows the titular prince coping with his king father's murder and trying to exact revenge on his uncle Claudius for the crime while navigating devolving relationships with his mother Gertrude and his flame Ophelia.

Bay Area actor Andre Amarotico stars as Hamlet, a role he previously took on in college at Stanford University.

"Since playing the role 10 years ago, a lot of life has been lived that informs my approach to the character, as there's an emotional depth that comes with experience in love and loss," said Amarotico, whose professional credits include "M. Butterfly" at SF Playhouse, "McNeal" at San Jose Stage and Bay Area Critics Circle Award-nominated turn in "Assassins" at Hillbarn Theatre.

"What I find most compelling about Hamlet is the way in which his life circumstances, floated on perhaps the most beautiful language ever written, readily stirs an emotional response in me," Amarotico added. "You can always go deeper with him, and every time I ask another question, or peel back another layer, I am rewarded with

a miraculous view of the human being that Shakespeare framed, which breaks my heart and somehow also affirms my soul."

The SPARC cast also features Anjoli Aguilar as Ophelia, Lauren Dunagan as Gertrude, Sarah Dunnivant as Horatia, Rob Seitelman as Claudius, Greg Parker as Polonius and the Gravedigger, Nic Moore as Laertes and Rosencrantz, and Charlie Lavaroni in multiple roles, including Guildenstern and Osric.

As for the onstage setting change to the 1990s, SPARC officials said, "The production blends timeless themes with a fresh visual aesthetic, creating an experience that feels both familiar and immediate."

And on the venue, they added, "Experience live Shakespeare in an immersive outdoor setting unlike any other. As the sun sets over the vineyard, Shakespeare's tale of love, loss and revenge unfolds beneath the stars."

The production was set to begin with a preview show this Thursday (July 2) leading into regular performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays through Sundays until July 26, except for an off-day for the Fourth of July.

A "Shakespeare Happy Hour" is held starting at 6 p.m. Wine is sold by glass or bottle

by Darcie Kent Vineyards. Outside alcohol is prohibited, but attendees can bring in a picnic meal. Snacks will be sold onsite. Parking is free. Organizers recommend a jacket or blanket.

"Hamlet" is the headliner of SPARC's 20th anniversary season, which also included a staged reading of a script, "Entangled", generated by artificial intelligence and a human-written piece, "The Moon Is Always Full", for its Science@Play program in March and a full production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" in Livermore and San Ramon in May.

As part of its anniversary summer, SPARC is holding immersive Shakespeare programs for local youth in third through 12th grades this month — with offerings different for elementary, middle and high school students.

The nonprofit partnered with Darcie Kent Vineyards, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Livermore and other local wineries for a special stay-and-play package for interested Shakespeare in the Vineyard attendees, available through the hotel.

Darcie Kent Vineyards is located at 7000 Tesla Road in Livermore. For tickets and more information, go to sparctheater.org/hamlet. ■

A 'Wicket Crazy' exhibit at Museum on Main

History of cricket, rules of the sport, ascent in the Tri-Valley, equipment and memorabilia

By JEREMY WALSH

The rise of cricket in the region is the inspiration behind the summer exhibit at the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton.

"Wicket Crazy: Cricket and the Tri-Valley" features a range of photographs, equipment, memorabilia and more to tell the history of cricket and how the sport popular in England and many nations throughout the former British Empire began ascending in America, including the Bay Area, amid evolving immigration trends in the past couple of decades.

"For newcomers to the game, I think the main attractions will be our introduction to how the game is played and our outline of its history. Those give some context to the equipment, uniforms and other materials we've assembled," Ken MacLennan, curator at the museum, told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"The literal centerpiece of the exhibit is a model-railroad scale cricket field that includes two batters, two umpires and a complete fielding side," MacLennan said.

"Because there are no foul lines — you can hit the ball directly behind you and still score runs — there are many more potential fielding positions than there are players to cover them," he added. "We've marked most of these on our field, and visitors are encouraged to move the fielders around and create alignments for any game situation they can think of."

The exhibition, which opened three weeks ago and runs through Sept. 5, aims to engage and educate cricket fans and those who've never experienced the sport alike.

Cricket's connection to the Tri-Valley is a central theme, according to MacLennan.

Hundreds of youth cricketers compete and practice across the five cities, including at several fields and pitches dedicated to the sport in recent years. Adult teams and recreational groups also take part in cricket locally, and the Grizzlies of men's Minor League Cricket relocated and rebranded in San Ramon last year.

"The local game is represented by banners, uniforms and trophies from Tri-Valley youth leagues as well as by trophies and tournament



FILE PHOTO COURTESY RAMESH IMMADI

Saanvi Immadi (right) bowls against another team during the senior nationals tournament she attended in Dubai in April 2024.

ID credentials from international play loaned by USA under-19 women's team player (and recent Amador graduate) Saanvi Immadi," MacLennan told the Weekly.

"Both the major-league San Francisco Unicorns and minor-league San Ramon Grizzlies have lent uniforms and gear — including

two bats signed by the members of the 2024 and 2025 Unicorns teams," he said.

In addition to Immadi, the exhibit highlights Tri-Valley cricket stars such as Geetika Kodali, Anita Kolan, Maahi Madhavan and Sindhu Sriharsha. Organizations like Cricket Champs, San Ramon Cricket Organization,

Dublin Cricket Team and Elite Indoor Cricket Dublin joined the Grizzlies and Unicorns in supporting the museum with its displays.

The Museum on Main is open Tuesdays through Saturdays in the historic building at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. To learn more, visit museumonmain.org. ■

Dublin High student first in Congressional Art Competition

DeSaulnier sees record number of entrants this year

By JEREMY WALSH

"A Red Tapestry", a piece of digital artwork by Dublin High School student Claire Lu, won the 2026 Congressional Art Competition for District 10.

Lu, who was a sophomore during the contest year, will have her art displayed in the U.S. Capitol as a result of winning the annual competition organized locally by U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord).

"We received a record number of submissions this year from students all throughout CA-10 and I continue to be impressed by the creativity of young people in our district," DeSaulnier said in a statement. "It is an honor to host this competition each year to highlight the ingenuity and talent of these young artists. I look forward to seeing Claire's work on display as I walk the halls of the Capitol!"

The judging panel of Rebecca Talley from Los Medanos College, Janette Funaro from Diablo Valley College and former Moraga mayor and local artist Teresa Onoda assessed the 47 entrants from high school artists from across



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"A Red Tapestry" by Claire Lu.

DeSaulnier's district and selected the three award recipients.

With Lu earning first place, two juniors from Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon took runner-up positions — Joanna Jiang for her pastel work, "America's Girl", and Amulya Chintalapati for her colored pencil work, "Everything I'll Leave Behind".

DeSaulnier hosted an art exhibition and recognition ceremony

at the San Ramon Community Center in May to announce the awards, meet the participants and their families and display this year's artwork, according to his office.

The annual visual art competition, which aims to showcase and encourage young artists in each congressional district, has seen more than 650,000 students participate nationwide in its 44 years, according to DeSaulnier's office. ■



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"Fog Advisory" by Rajesh Subramanian.

'Fog Advisory' wins Dublin photo contest

City highlights 'Nature in Our Backyard'

By JEREMY WALSH

Local photographers used their camera lens to spotlight Dublin's captivating environment in the city's annual "Nature in Our Backyard" photography competition this spring.

The grand-prize winner was "Fog Advisory" by Rajesh Subramanian, depicting a hillside neighborhood during a bright dawn veiled in fog. The other top finishers were "Unapologetically Free" by Ganesh Panneer in first place, "Thunderbolt" by Pankaj Bhargava in second place and "The World is Your Oyster ... Mushroom" by Lacey Bockhaus in third place.

The contest, held in conjunction with Dublin Pride Week 2026,

encouraged photographers to submit original pictures of natural or wildlife settings taken in Dublin between April 2025 and April 2026.

The city received dozens of submissions, from which a selection committee whittled the crop down to 10 finalists for the public to decide the placements. More than 500 votes were cast, with Subramanian's photo rising to the top.

The award recipients, who were honored during the Dublin City Council meeting June 16, each earned a gift certificate and a metal print of their photo from Mike's Camera of Dublin, along with having their picture displayed in the lobby of the Dublin Civic Center and on the city's website at dublin.ca.gov. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Multiple agencies team up to arrest men tied to Tri-Valley burglaries

Police agencies in the Tri-Valley and Central Valley recently joined forces to arrest a pair of Stockton men allegedly responsible for residential burglaries in the region.

The two suspects have since been booked into the San Joaquin County Jail on multiple charges.

"This case is a reminder of how effective public safety work depends on coordination, communication, and trust between agencies," the Livermore Police Department stated in a Facebook post June 23. "When agencies work together, our communities are safer."

According to the Livermore Police Department, officers responded to an in-progress residential burglary on Old Oak Road on May 30. Around the same time, the Pleasanton Police Department notified Livermore police that a "vehicle connected to a residential burglary in their city may have traveled into Livermore."

"Using real-time information from license plate recognition cameras, dispatchers and officers tracked the suspect vehicle, a dark-colored Jaguar with a stolen license plate, as it traveled through Livermore and toward eastbound Interstate 580," Livermore police stated.

Officers located the vehicle on Interstate 580 near Greenville Road in Livermore but lost track of it near the Altamont Pass. That was when Livermore police notified nearby agencies, including the California Highway Patrol, about the situation.

"CHP Stockton later located the vehicle, pursued it into Stockton, and took two people into custody after they fled on foot," LPD officials said. "Video evidence linked the vehicle and suspects to the Livermore burglary, and Pleasanton Police recovered jewelry from their burglary inside the vehicle."

The suspects arrested in the early morning of May 31 were 29-year-old Alonso Godinez and 21-year-old Michael Rodrigues. The two Stockton residents have been held at the San Joaquin County Jail since then without the ability to post bail.

According to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Inmate Locator, Godinez is facing eight felony charges including first degree burglary, carrying a loaded firearm in public, grand theft, receiving known stolen property and vandalism. He also has an obstruction case out of San Joaquin County.

Rodrigues faces three felonies, two of which are for evading — the third is a probation violation. He also has a misdemeanor obstruction charge and other lesser charges for violating probation, parole or

other unsupervised release. Both were scheduled for court appearances this week, with results pending as of press time.

—Christian Trujano

Scam targets PG&E customers

PG&E is warning Bay Area customers about a new scam involving QR codes and barcodes, with customers across the utility's service area losing more than \$211,000 to impostors in the first half of the year alone.

The scam begins with a phone call threatening to disconnect a customer's service unless an immediate payment is made. Victims are then sent a barcode or QR code by text or email and instructed to take it to a store and present it to a cashier to make a payment, PG&E said in a statement last week.

The utility's officials said the scheme is the latest variation of a long-running scam targeting their residential and business customers.

"Scammers are constantly evolving their tactics to defraud customers, and the latest 'barcode scam' is a prime example of that," PG&E lead scam investigator Matt Foley said.

"What hasn't changed is that they are still demanding immediate payment of your bill to avoid disconnection. If you receive a call of this nature, hang up. If someone at your door asks to see your utility bill, close the door. Then, call our 800 number or log into your account at PGE.com to verify your billing details," Foley said.

PG&E customers across its service territory have reported more than \$211,000 in losses so far this year. The utility received nearly 24,000 scam reports in 2025, when customers lost more than \$301,000. With six months still remaining in 2026, PG&E officials said losses caused by scams are on track to exceed last year's total.

Victims have lost an average of \$969 each this year, compared with \$590 in 2025, according to PG&E's data.

Alameda County reported the highest number of scam complaints in the Bay Area with 399 cases, followed by Santa Clara County with 372 and Contra Costa County with 278. San Jose led all cities with 246 reports, followed by San Francisco with 176 and Oakland with 115, according to PG&E data.

Business owners have also been targeted. PG&E said it has received nearly 656 reports of scam attempts against businesses so far this year.

"Remember, PG&E will never ask you for financial information over the phone or for payment via bar code, QR code or pre-paid debit cards or money transfer services like Zelle, and we won't ask to see your bill at your door," Foley said.

The utility urged customers to be skeptical of demands for immediate payment and said legitimate disconnection notices are typically sent in advance by mail and included with monthly bills.

—Gabe Agcaoili,
Bay City News Service

Firefighter hurt, six people displaced in 'hoarding' house fire

A fire that began in the home of a hoarder in Castro Valley reached three-alarm status on Sunday, spreading to other structures, injuring one firefighter and displacing six people, the Alameda County Fire Department said.

Just before 4 p.m. on Sunday, firefighters with the county responded to a residential fire in the 22000 block of Queen Street in Castro Valley.

The fire grew to such an extent that it spread to two homes and an accessory dwelling unit nearby, the Fire Department said. Mutual aid had to be called from Oakland, Hayward and city of Alameda fire departments. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

One firefighter sustained a minor injury.

In one home, six people, three

dogs and a cat were displaced. The Red Cross is assisting them.

—Bay City News Service

Man dies in jail

A 40-year-old man died while in custody at the Martinez Detention Facility last week, according to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office.

The man, identified as Patrick Smith, was arrested by Walnut Creek police and booked into the jail at about 10 a.m. Wednesday on suspicion of narcotics offenses.

Sheriff's officials said in a press release that Smith was found unresponsive in a room by a deputy at the jail's intake area shortly after 9 a.m. June 25. Deputies began life-saving measures but Smith was later pronounced dead. His cause of death remains under investigation.

—Bay City News Service

Deputy arrested

A longtime employee of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office was arrested last month on theft-related charges after an internal investigation uncovered alleged criminal conduct within the agency.

In a statement, the sheriff's office said detectives launched an

investigation after discovering misconduct involving a temporary sheriff's deputy assigned to the property service unit office in Concord. Investigators later obtained search and arrest warrants and took the employee into custody on June 16.

The employee, identified as 62-year-old Kevin Lee, was booked into the Martinez Jail on suspicion of burglary, receiving stolen property, embezzlement and possession of an assault weapon. He was held on \$160,000 bail.

Investigators did not disclose more details about the alleged thefts, saying only that Lee was arrested in connection with thefts from the Property Services Unit. They said they will ask the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to conduct an independent audit of the Property Services Unit.

"All Sheriff's Office employees are held to the highest standards and any employee who is involved in criminal conduct will be held accountable," Sheriff David Livingston said.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Lee joined the department in 1990 as a deputy sheriff and later became a temporary deputy sheriff assigned to the Property Services Unit in 2012.

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BY CHERYL COOK-KALLIO

We hold these truths...

‘To give to every citizen the information he needs ... to understand his duties to his neighbors and country ... to know his rights ...’ — Thomas Jefferson

We hold these truths to be self-evident, or do we? On this 250th birthday of our nation it is helpful to reflect. Our founders believed that participatory citizenship depended on an educated populace. It had to be taught.



Thomas Jefferson, the main author of the Declaration of Independence, wanted a system of public education from childhood to adult. Only educated individuals could make this experiment in self-government work.

This past week I spent five days facilitating an institute with teachers from California and Hawaii learning how to teach the principles

of our government while upholding civil discourse in their classrooms. Project Citizen helps people of all ages learn how to influence public policy in a civil way based on evidence. It is what fills my heart and keeps me hopeful.

On Thursday was a field trip to the Panetta Institute on Public Policy where the iconic and Honorable Leon Panetta interacted with the teachers. In his decades long service to his community and our country, he told wonderful stories of working with people from both parties.

The institute he and his wife, Sylvia, founded is focused on giving young adults the tools to understand how democracy works. Law students are forced to defend positions with which they may or may not agree. College students are trained to understand policy before serving in congressional offices.

Secretary Panetta noted the most successful elected officials had a few things in common. They believed that their job was to do what

was best for the people; they used a strategy that looked toward the future and they knew governing required compromise.

He focused on the importance of education. It is crucial to help our students engage in democracy by setting goals, building a team to achieve those goals, developing a strategy, planning for unintended consequences and being honest with yourself and others. He emphasized the real strength is in our communities. This is the essence of Project Citizen.

Many of the themes Secretary Panetta mentioned also resonated throughout the week as we took teachers step by step through how local government works.

Democracy is hard. It requires informed citizenry and the willingness to get involved. It doesn't happen by accident. It requires quality civic education at all levels. Education is vital to democracy.

Like many times in our history we are posed with two questions: Are we a country in renaissance, or

a country in decline? Throughout history we have had moments when we doubt we can continue this exercise in self-government, when the trust in our leaders has waned.

Are these truths self-evident? Based on Thomas Jefferson's words, they are only if we have an educated participatory citizenry.

On this 250th anniversary of this country I issue a call to action. One doesn't have to do everything, but everyone can do something. I choose to be a participant. I choose my community and my country. I choose to continue to approach democracy.

The answer is not found in one individual. The answer is rooted in We the People. ■

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LETTERS

Fossil fuel industry's control of our government

The world as we know it today was built on the back of burning fossil fuels. Unfortunately, this has come at a tremendous cost. Emissions from burning fossil fuels are rapidly warming our world at a rate that has never occurred in the history of our planet. Why do we continue to burn fossil fuels?

One primary reason is the tremendous control the fossil fuel industry has over our government. The industry spends approximately \$250 million per year lobbying

elected officials. The vast majority going to Republican officials and candidates. During the 2024 presidential campaign, oil interests gave over \$75 million to Donald Trump-affiliated PACs.

This lobbying serves as a highly effective financial instrument, yielding unparalleled returns on investments by securing multi-billion-dollar taxpayer subsidies, rolling back environmental regulations, and stalling clean energy competition.

In addition, the federal government spends \$20 billion to \$35 billion annually on direct handouts, including special tax breaks and cheap drilling access on public lands.

We cannot expect meaningful climate action as long as our

representatives are financially beholden to the industry driving this crisis. Voters must demand transparency and reject candidates who prioritize fossil fuel payouts over our planet's future.

— Rod Sadler

50-year Reunion Weekend

On behalf of the reunion committee, I am pleased to announce that the Livermore High School Classes of 1976 and 1977 will celebrate their 50-Year Reunion Weekend on Sept. 25-26, 2026. All alumni and their guests are invited to attend.

The weekend kicks off Friday evening, Sept. 25, at the Livermore High School Homecoming Night football game, where returning alumni can cheer alongside current students and families.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 26, attendees may choose between two pre-reunion activities: a "Blast from the Past" campus tour at Livermore High School or an Alumni Golf Tournament at Poppy Ridge Golf Course.

The official reunion dinner and dancing will take place Saturday evening from 6-10 p.m. at the Cresta Blanca Ballroom in Livermore. We encourage early registration to assist with planning. Secure early bird pricing now at \$76 for Class of '76 grads and \$77 for Class of '77 grads.

For full details, updates, and ticket purchases, please visit our website at <http://lhs50thereunion.netlify.app/>.

For any questions not addressed there, you may email us at LHSReunion7677@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming back our fellow Cowboys for this milestone celebration.

— Kathy Davidson and The Livermore High School Classes of 1976 & 1977 Reunion Committee

Let's all chill out and grab a taco!

The NIMBYs are going to drive the Santa Rita taco stand featured in the Weekly's June 26 issue out of business.

I'm guessing the most vocal opponents of this business have never eaten at a roadside food stand outside of our bucolic Pleasanton. In many countries food stands like the one in question are both ubiquitous and an integral part of the local community. My wife and I have eaten at lots of them without issue in places like Mexico, Thailand, the Caribbean and Austin, Texas.

And who thinks that every food stand at our County Fair would pass a rigorous health inspection without an infraction?

I am not minimizing the need for basic health regulations. But let's find a sane compromise.

Look how the small but vocal NIMBY contingent wrecked downtown Pleasanton. Now they're well on their way to wrecking this business too.

— Harry Edwards

Employment

Cybersecurity Engineer

Cowbell Cyber Inc. has an opening in Pleasanton, CA. Job Code R3545-17 Cybersecurity Engineer II, MPT Services Lead: Lead & support implementation of cybersecurity tools, services & frameworks focused on threat detection, prevention & incident response. May be assigned to various, unanticipated sites throughout the US; remote work/work at home may be permitted. Salary range \$137,500 - \$140,000 per yr. Medical/dental/vision plans; FSA; Life & AD&D; STD & LTD; Flexible PTO, Parental Leave; Bonus & equity; 401k match. Submit resume to: maryjo@cowbellcyber.ai Must include Job Code R3545-17 in subject line. EOE

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

All You Can Do camp continues to grow

In high-competition world, program takes classic approach ... just roll out the balls and play

One thing I have always preached is that local athletes need to give back to their communities.

I am 65 now and can still remember who the big athletes were at Amador Valley when I was in elementary and middle school. Then when I hit high school, I looked at it as a responsibility to interact with the youth players that would come out to our games, be it high school or club.

After college, I coached and worked camps for soccer, basketball, baseball and football making sure I gave back to the community.

When I hear of local athletes giving back to their community by working with the next generation of athletes, I feel an obligation to give them credit.

Such is the case of former San Ramon Valley athlete Mitch Bruno and his staff of the All You Can Do Sports Camp. The camp is for K-5th grade boys and girls, and the staff is made up of San Ramon Valley High graduates.

"I remember these camps as

something I enjoyed as a kid," said Bruno, who now has two years left at Boise State. "But I never would have thought when we started it would be like this."

Five years ago, Bruno — then a sophomore at SRV — and a friend started a one-week camp for K-5 boys at Sycamore Valley Park in Danville with 12-15 kids. Year two saw it increase to three weeks of camp with around 20 kids each week.

By then Bruno was running the camp by himself, and the third year saw the numbers grow to four weeks of camps with 30-35 kids per week.

Last year the numbers grew to six weeks and 45-50 campers per week.

And that brought us to this summer.

Bruno added a girls' version of the camp and has 9-12 girls a week in each of the four-week sessions.

The boys? Now it's nine weeks of camps with a morning and a separate afternoon session. There are 400 kids signed up over the series of camps.

What started as a camp at



JAKE ANDERSON

All You Can Do Sports Camp boys' division in the San Ramon Valley.

Sycamore Valley has grown to three facilities, as Bruno utilizes Los Cerros Middle School and Athan Downs in San Ramon.

What's the secret? Fun.

"We play recess games," he explained. "Games like wiffle ball, flag football, kickball, Capture the Flag — anything they play at school — it's just boys being boys."

In the day when there is so much pressure on young athletes in high comp situations, All You Can Do Sports Camps is a healthy alternative — just roll out the balls and play.

Bruno has grown the camp through diligence in the Danville community.

"I sponsor eight Danville Little League teams," Bruno said. "Also, we sit in the parking lot when the Next Level Flag Football takes

place, then hand out flyers when the kids come out."

As the camp's size has grown, so has the staff size. Bruno has built his staff of former SRV athletes that are all close friends.

"I brought on some high school kids this year as well to keep it youthful and start the next wave," Bruno explained.

Former SRV athletes at the camp this year are Tyler Peterson (University of Tennessee), Grace Kerr (UC Berkeley), Seamus Deely (UC Berkeley), Dylan Deitsch (Ole Miss), Liz Kerr (UC Davis), Dom Camera (Auburn) and Ava Horrocks (UC Davis).

Two current SRV athletes are Evan Hirst and Tyler Butz. Jake Anderson (Cal Poly) handles photography, and Natalie Shephard

(Baylor) takes care of social media.

While the camps help make the summer fun for the athletes, it's also helped Bruno and his team.

"We're always learning from the kids," Bruno said. "It's helped me a lot. It's hard to put into words — I've always had a stutter and had problems talking with people. Now I can go up and talk with anyone. It's helped me with my confidence."

What does the future hold for All You Can Do?

"The whole goal is to go north and south on 680," Bruno said of expansion to other cities. "We have big dreams — something like the Next Level program."

For more information on the camps, please visit www.allyoucan dosports.weebly.com. ■

Sunken Gardens Pump Track opens to public

'It creates an environment that you don't really get elsewhere'

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Livermore's first pump track is now open to the public at Sunken Gardens.

Designed for all-wheel riders, the concrete facility features banked turns, table tops, rollovers and banked extensions. Instead of pedaling, users can ride the track using momentum.

In addition to the new track, the wider Sunken Gardens Pump Track at 3800 Pacific Ave. brought site enhancements such as ADA-accessible pathways, synthetic turf and shaded seating and gathering areas for visitors.

The approximately \$1.9 million project joins pre-existing amenities at the Sunken Gardens Skate Park following a years-long delay.

Its grand opening celebration June 17 attracted hundreds of attendees, signaling to LARPD the community's excitement regarding the long-awaited project and the



COURTESY LARPD

The Sunken Gardens Pump Track opened with a special ceremony June 17.

"growing popularity" of wheeled sports in Livermore, officials said in a statement recognizing the event.

"This project shows what can happen when a community comes together around a shared vision," LARPD Board Chair Phil Pierpont

said in a statement about the pump track's ceremonial ribbon-cutting. "We're excited to see it open and enjoyed for years to come."

The project originated in 2013 when project advocate Mike Ralph presented his idea of developing a permanent pump track at Sunken

Gardens to the LARPD Board of Directors.

While walking his dog daily at the park, the Livermore resident said he noticed people building "sketchy" dirt jumps that were eventually torn down.

"I thought this would be a great place to have something a little more permanent," he said of Sunken Gardens.

During November 2022, the LARPD board approved an agreement to build the pump track and limited site improvements for \$839,344.25.

Construction was expected to begin during spring of 2023, LARPD spokesperson David Weisgerber told Livermore Vine last fall.

The project underwent delays and grew in cost as LARPD expanded the scope of the project and faced additional project requirements, select price hikes and fees associated with acquiring the

city-owned skate park and parking area.

Construction began on the pump track last October with an expected opening of spring 2026.

On opening day, hundreds gathered at the pump track for the ceremonial ribbon cutting, including local leaders, riders and families.

Among the attendees, Ralph said he was stoked to see the project reach completion.

"Not gonna lie — it was emotional," Ralph said. "It was kind of a moment."

"Almost like a skate park, it creates an environment that you don't really get elsewhere," he added.

Ralph was also one of the lead riders June 17 to take an inaugural lap on the pump track.

"The community really came together and celebrated this big win. So I got eyeballs, and I just wanted to make it through that first lap without wiping out," he said. ■

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 611030

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):

SPICY HOUSE

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4022 East Ave

Livermore CA 94550

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UNDER FILE NO. 611030

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4022 East Ave

Livermore CA 94550

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on June 25 2026.

(PLW Jul 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

KICK IT MAGAZINE

HIDDEN CRYSTAL TAROT

STACKED CATS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 623768

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

1.) KICK IT MAGAZINE , 2.) HIDDEN CRYSTAL TAROT , 3.) STACKED CATS , located at 2494 BAY MEADOWS CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

CATHERINE AXIBAL-CORDERO

2494 BAY MEADOWS CIRCLE

PLEASANTON, CA, 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on June 02 2026.

(PLW Jul 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

SPA CHA BODY SLIM

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 624195

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

1.) SPA CHA BODY SLIM , located at 760 Grace St Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 235 Dabner St San Leandro, CA 94577

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

PATRICIA BERNAL RAMIREZ

235 Dabner St

San Leandro, CA 94577

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 22 2026.

(PLW Jul 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

GOOD AFTERNOON

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 624251

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

1.) Good Afternoon , located at 3363 Daisy Ct. Hayward, CA 94542, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

GOOD AFTERNOON GROUP LLC

3363 Daisy Ct

Hayward, CA 94542

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 24 2026.

(PLW Jul 3, 10, 17 and 24, 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

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WINGSTOP 3472

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 624071

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

1.) Wingstop 3472 , located at 7110 Dublin Blvd, Dublin CA 94568, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 29 Walnut Meadow Lane Danville, CA 94506

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

DRUMS & FLATS INC.

29 Walnut Meadow Lane

Danville, CA 94506

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

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

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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

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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

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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.

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JOE'S MOBILE AUTO DETAILING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 623715

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

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

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

JOSEPH FIGORITO

8003 Arroyo Drive #1

Pleasanton, CA 94588

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on May 29 2026.

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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

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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

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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

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on January 1, 2026

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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

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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

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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 ZHEN EGUCHI-MILLER to EMILY EGUCHI

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person

objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at

least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the

petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 07/31/2026, 9:00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set

for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 06/03/2026

Michael Markman

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 26CV191391

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Courtney Jean Hebert filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

COURTNEY JEAN HEBERT to COURTNEY JEAN LOPES

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: 9/4/26, 9:00AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET,

HAYWARD, CA 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set

for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in

this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Exhibits

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. 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. Through July 25.

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

THE INDEPENDENT GALLERY EXHIBIT In Forming Figures, Thomas See explores both the how and the why of artistic expression creating works

in both digital and traditional formats. Through Sept. 5. 2250 First St., Livermore.

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

4th of July

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND The Pleasanton Community Band will perform 12-1:30 p.m. Lions Wayside Park.

4TH OF JULY POOL PARTY Celebrate Independence Day with LARPD at the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center. This family-friendly community event offers a fun and festive way to enjoy the holiday with recreational swimming, music, lawn games and food trucks. Free for residents, \$7/NR. 12-5 p.m.

FOURTH OF JULY AT LIVERMORE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT Celebrate Independence Day at the Livermore Municipal Airport at this family-friendly community event where guests can explore a display of military aircraft. The celebration also features live music, local food vendors and a dedicated kids’ zone. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE BACKYARD BASH Join the City of Dublin for

the Red, White & Blue Backyard Bash celebrating Independence Day and commemorate two historic milestones America’s 250th anniversary and California’s 175th anniversary. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dublin Sports Grounds, 6700 Dublin Blvd.

Talks

CHARLES HUFF FREE WALKING TOUR SERIES If These Walls Could Talk: Exploring Downtown’s Historic St. Mary Neighborhood. 9 a.m., July 9 and 11. Register at museumonmain.org.

BIRDING THE PANAMA RAINFOREST Join Dave Yeamans for an armchair travelers presentation highlighting the rainforest trails, rivers and remarkable birdlife of far eastern Panama. Through photographs, Dave will share the beauty and diversity of Panama’s rainforest ecosystems. 1:30-2:30 p.m., July 9. Livermore Civic Center Library.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Guest Speaker Michelle Trimble will discuss Adventures in Improv. Michelle is a quilter, pattern designer and educator based in San Francisco. 1:30-4 p.m. July 11. Pleasanton Middle School. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org/WordPress.

THEN & NOW: LIVERMORE STORIES - CALL THE SHERIFF! Hear stories about desperados, cattle thieves, highway robberies, skullduggery and kidnapping in the Amador and Livermore valleys from 1850 to the present in this Then & Now program presented by Steve Minnear. 7-8 p.m., July 15. Livermore Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS This monthly virtual author talk series showcases bestselling, award-winning and highly acclaimed authors from around the world is 11 a.m., July 16. Migrant Heart: The Hidden Cost of the American Dream and Healing Through Storytelling with Reyna Grande. Visit libraryc.org/livermoreca.

Outdoor Rec

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.

ZIPPY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH Join Zippy to celebrate the power of parks, recreation and community during National Park & Recreation Month at Ken Mercer Sports Park for a fun, family-friendly morning featuring games, activities, books and a Storytime. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., July 9.

LARPD REC-ON-THE-GO Join for Rec-on-the-Go with LARPD for fun activities at local parks

PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

Meet Spritz
Adorable puppy Spritz is 4 months old. He’s a cute and playful Terrier mix who loves to cuddle with his foster family. He currently weighs 17 pounds and is expected to be a medium-sized adult. He will do best in a home with adults as an only dog or with another playful dog of similar size. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue via tvar.org.

for free games, sports, crafts and special activities for the whole family. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., July 10. Pleasure Island Park, 280 Pearl Dr., Livermore.

OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING CLINIC Whether a beginner hiker looking to take a first overnight camping trip, or a seasoned veteran looking to trim base weight down, this Overnight Backpacking Clinic will have something for you. 5:30-7:30 a.m., July 11. Free registration at larpd.org.

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

Entertainment

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

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Join for Concerts in the Park, 7-8:30 p.m., July 3. Salvage Title, rock ‘n’ roll. Lions Wayside Park.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD - HAMLET Join SPARC Theater this summer for The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, a gripping story of family, loyalty and the cost of vengeance. 7:30 p.m., July 3-5; 10-12; 17-19; 24-26. Darcie Kent Vineyards. Visit sparctheater.org.

BALKAN COMEDY NIGHT Comedy fans are invited to a unique night of laughter as Balkan Comedy Night comes to Tommy T’s for a special one-night-only performance, featuring a lineup of nationally touring comedians with roots across the Balkans. 7 p.m., July 5. Tickets \$30-\$40. Visit tommyts.com.

LIBRARY PRESENTS JAZZ IN JULY Jazz in July returns with performances by top jazz artists, free of charge. Seating and parking limited, attendees are encouraged to arrive

early. 2 p.m., July 5. Livermore Civic Center Library.

PETTY THEFT - TOM PETTY TRIBUTE In this Wente Concert Series, join Petty Theft performing Tom Petty’s songs true to the originals and in the spirit of the Heartbreaker’s live shows. 6 p.m., July 18. Tickets \$55. Visit wentevineyards.com/events.

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

TWILIGHT TUNES Unwind on the Concannon Vineyard Main Lawn with live music and rotating local food trucks. 5:30-8 p.m., Thursdays. Visit concannon.wine/winery-events.

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.

Seniors

SENIOR (50+) POP-UP TRIP Board a luxury motor coach to Mother Lode country for Great Balls of Fire with the Sierra Repertory Theatre. Stop first in downtown Sonora for lunch on one’s own. 9:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., July 30. \$90R/\$99NR. Meet at Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit larpd.org.

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 cityserveca.org.

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

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of California Public Resources Code §5529 and California Elections Code §12112, that a general district election to be consolidated with the Statewide General Election will be held in the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to choose a successor for four (4) offices of the Board of Directors to be elected in Wards 3, 5, 6, and 7 of the Park District each for a full term of four (4) years.

Generally, the wards include the following areas:

- o Ward 3, which comprises the election precincts of Castro Valley, Fairview, a portion of Fremont, a portion of Hayward, a portion of San Lorenzo, and Union City. This ward is within Alameda County.
- o Ward 5, which comprises the election precincts of Dublin, a portion of Fremont, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, and Sunol. This ward is within Alameda County.
- o Ward 6, which comprises the election precincts of Alamo, a portion of Alhambra Valley, Blackhawk, Byron, Camino Tassajara, Castle Hill, Clayton, Concord, Contra Costa Centre, Danville, Discovery Bay, Norris Canyon, North Gate, Pleasant Hill, San Miguel, San Ramon, Shell Ridge, and a portion of Walnut Creek. This ward is within Contra Costa County.
- o Ward 7, which comprises the election precincts of a portion of Alhambra Valley, Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Clyde, Crockett, Hercules, Knightsen, Martinez, Mountain View, Oakley, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, and Vine Hill. This ward is within Contra Costa County.

The qualifications required for each office for which the candidates are nominated are:

Each director shall be a resident and a registered voter in the ward from which he or she is nominated. (PRC § 5522) **A nomination paper containing the name of the candidate to be nominated shall be signed by at least 50 voters residing within the ward.** (PRC § 5531)

Official nominating petitions for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices shall be obtained from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters (1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, California 94612), or the Elections Officer of Contra Costa County (555 Escobar Street, Martinez, California 94553), on or after Monday, July 13, 2026, and must be filed not later than 5:00 pm, Friday, August 7, 2026.

If nomination papers are not filed by the incumbent by the Friday, August 7, 2026 deadline, any qualified person, other than the incumbent, will have until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2026, to file nomination papers.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by law.

Ballot drop-off locations open October 5, 2026. Polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2026.

The Board of Supervisors of Alameda and Contra Costa counties are hereby authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the District and certify the results to the District.

Date: July 3, 2026 s/ Kelly B. Clancy
Clerk of the Board

Two churches rezoned to allow for housing

Trinity Lutheran Church, Rock Bible Church each now have option of constructing up to 10 units in future

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO
The Pleasanton Planning Commission approved a resolution last week that would rezone two churches in the city to allow for the construction of up to 10 housing units in portions of their properties.

The churches in question are Trinity Lutheran Church at 1225 Hopyard Road and Rock Bible Church at 4100 First St.

According to staff, rezoning both these properties will allow the city to meet its Housing Element implementation goal of identifying sites that could be rezoned and provide an opportunity to build 20 new units. The Housing Element, which the council adopted in 2023, describes how the city would meet its state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 5,965 new residential units — 2,758 of which are targeted toward lower-income households.

“We’re implementing a program of our Housing Element which includes city commitments to undertake certain actions — in this case, these two rezonings,” Pleasanton community and economic development director Ellen Clark told commissioners June 24.

Commissioner Anurag Jain was absent from the meeting, and Commissioner Ken Morgan recused himself because he is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and said he had some involvement as a resource.

Shweta Bonn, a senior planner with the city, said the city analyzed five different sites from a list of 22 considered properties, which included the two churches. Bonn said the city reached out to the property owners and most were either neutral or supportive of the proposed rezoning, mainly because the rezoning does not affect existing operations.

Both of the churches were considered over the three other properties because, apart from the geography and juxtaposition with surrounding neighborhoods, the two churches showed active interest in pursuing housing development, according to Bonn.

The rezoning, Bonn said, would primarily add to the development capacity should the property owners decide to develop the property in the future. The development and design standards for those potential future development sites would be established by a planned unit development plan that would be submitted in the future.

She also clarified that the city wouldn’t be creating two separate lots within the property but would instead be splitting the zoning in order to achieve the 10 units.

She and other staff noted how for Trinity, which is over 3 acres large, this could prove to be a good location for future housing, should the church choose to pursue that option.



FILE PHOTO COURTESY TLC

Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton was one of two church properties to receive a rezone from the Planning Commission last week.

“That site is basically unutilized,” Derek Farmer, assistant director of community and economic development, said of the Trinity Lutheran Church. “You can tell that it’s just kind of being left there. It’s a perfect site.”

Steve Wright, a treasurer at Trinity Lutheran Church, told the commission during public comment the church is in fact “very supportive of this opportunity to rezone a portion of the property”.

He said the church used to operate a preschool on site until it closed because it wasn’t “financially feasible”. He said the modular classrooms were removed about a year ago, which has left the church wondering what it should do with the empty land.

“We haven’t quite decided what to do with it yet, but this would help us a lot with our future discussions,” Wright said. “Lutheran churches throughout the country,

and even California, have gotten together with nonprofit developers to do low-income housing — sometimes senior-only housing — and that kind of thing.”

Wright said with the commission’s approval, the church would “start really zeroing in on some of that”.

No representative of Rock Bible Church spoke that night before the commission voted 3-0 to approve the resolution. ■

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during April 27 to May 1 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 1-5 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4858 Funston Gate Court** Point Green Home Solutions LLC to R. & A. Pal for \$1,725,000
- 7819 Highland Oaks Drive** Price Family Trust to Namazi Family Trust for \$1,425,000
- 3653 Kamp Drive** M. Wang to M. & Y. Lhnatieva for \$1,470,000
- 496 Montori Court** C. & B. Kinnee to S. & S. Achar for \$2,110,000
- 6427 Paseo Santa Maria** H. Kim to D. & B. Vizhakkat for \$2,250,000
- 3641 Shenandoah Court** Rodriguez Living Trust to M. & S. Mondal for \$1,460,000
- 4022 Silver Street** Jin & Tian 2025 Trust to R. & S. Vivrekar for \$1,466,000

Livermore

- 6433 Aspenwood Way** L. & J. Coppock to S. & B. Schorr for \$1,010,000
- 4138 Bishop Pine Way** A. & A. Vargas to J. Perez for \$900,000
- 849 Dakota Court** N. Fink to Cantixs LLC for \$850,000

- 2151 Elm Street** W. & M. Lin to A. & D. Fung for \$1,060,000
- 2459 French Oak Place** Boyd Living Trust to M. & B. Mayer for \$2,575,000
- 386 Garden Common** D. Mittelberger to N. & A. Graham for \$605,000
- 792 South I Street** H. & M. Arterburn to Arterburn Trust for \$1,350,000
- 404 Knottingham Circle** Ensminger Living Trust to A. & T. Van Stavern for \$1,623,500
- 4671 Laurie Common #105** S. Davis to J. Russell for \$585,000
- 980 Lucille Street** M. & R. Cunha to J. & M. Mancebo for \$1,180,000
- 4844 Mulqueeney Common** C. Kochmann to K. & H. Gocmus for \$699,000
- 2124 Orion Court** Overby Family Trust to B. & K. Johnson for \$1,650,000
- 1686 Rhododendron Drive** Eckard Trust to B. & K. Sundar for \$1,040,000
- 5564 Stockton Loop** Kneizeh Family Trust to Choudhury Trust for \$2,095,000
- 1360 Toulon Court** A. & B. Davey to A. & P. Dutcher for \$1,355,000
- 3992 Yale Way** Halim Living Trust to S. Colwell for \$810,000

Dublin

- 7036 Allegheny Drive** R. Bishop to A. & A. Kalyanker for \$1,125,000

- 3398 Araldi Lane** Wang Family Trust to A. & B. Tang for \$1,328,000
- 3225 Central Parkway** J. Hsi to A. & L. Jucom for \$1,020,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #372** D. & W. Tan to E. & J. Hulme for \$687,500
- 4431 Duccio Place** P. & A. Agarwal to E. & K. Eapen for \$1,650,000
- 5219 North Forestdale Circle** Kaur & Singh Living Trust to S. & A. Nagendra for \$2,180,000
- 5531 Metropolitan Way** Andres Family Trust to A. & P. Konatham for \$1,400,000
- 8514 Newry Place** S. Stone to Dakannagari Family Trust for \$1,300,000
- 7480 Stagecoach Road** Revive Norcal LLC to Rnxt Home LLC for \$1,106,000
- 4450 Sunset View Drive** S. Das to N. & M. Trivedi for \$1,710,000

San Ramon

- 5057 Athens Drive** Ponte Family Trust to N. & F. Zaman for \$2,105,000
- 2851 Biddleford Drive** A. Poondla to J. & Y. Wu for \$1,300,000
- 4860 Cornflower Street** Nagasai Living Trust to N. & D. Shah for \$1,760,000
- 513 Crocus Hill Court** Ashok Family Trust to S. & S. Kulkarni for \$1,800,000
- 3881 Crow Canyon Road** L. Wang to C. & D. Welter for \$640,000

- 5316 Cypress Hawk Court** Chiu Trust to Darp Trust for \$3,555,000
- 2211 Goldenrod Lane** Lui-Kwan Trust to Sambath Family Trust for \$1,350,000
- 503 Haiti Court** Tillinghast Family Trust to P. & R. Chhikara for \$1,925,000
- 7800 Kennard Lane** Nallani Family Trust to P. & K. Kari for \$2,900,000
- 15 Pamplona Court** Lindberg Trust to S. & S. Dhingra for \$1,510,000
- 7347 Sedgefield Avenue** E. & R. Wallin to Z. Zhang for \$1,508,500
- 125 Shadowhill Circle** Parekh Family Trust to Gupta Living Trust for \$1,249,000
- 7730 Stoneleaf Road** Knr Trust to Gupta & Govil Living Trust for \$1,003,000
- 280 Summerford Circle** Yue-Xu Trust to I. & S. Bal for \$1,660,000
- 221 Tangerine Court** R. & S. Muthukrishnan to Chan Living Trust for \$800,000
- 826 Thayer Court** R. Ramalingam to S. & N. Chandran for \$2,550,000
- 9529 Thunderbird Drive** D. Tibbetts to Parekh Family Trust for \$1,775,000
- 12228 Toluca Drive** Marx Family Trust to P. & S. Arora for \$1,730,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton

(April 27-May 1)
Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$1,425,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,250,000
Average sales reported: \$1,700,857

Livermore

(April 27-May 1)
Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$585,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,575,000
Average sales reported: \$1,211,718

Dublin

(April 27-May 1)
Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$687,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,180,000
Average sales reported: \$1,350,650

San Ramon

(June 1-5)
Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$640,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,555,000
Average sales reported: \$1,695,000

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3026 FERNDALE COURT, PLEASANTON
\$1,750,000



4 BED | 2.5 BATH | 2,144 SQ FT
+ 236 SQ FT Permitted Bonus Room
A spacious backyard for relaxing and entertaining, Owned Solar. This home has been updated throughout with care.



4056 NEVIS STREET, PLEASANTON
NEW PRICE \$1,395,000 ORIGINAL PRICE \$1,490,000



4 BED | 2 BATH | 1,757 SQ FT
Original hardwood floors throughout, new carpet in the family room. One of the largest lots at 8,232 sq ft. with side yard access. Just 5 blocks from downtown, close to Alisal Elementary & Amador High School.



5016 BLACK AVENUE, PLEASANTON
\$1,700,000



4 BED | 2 BATH | 1,675 SQ FT
Attention to detail is shown in this corner lot, Country model. Offering French doors from the family and Primary rooms to the spacious backyard. An expansive side yard access.



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