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# WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

## Feds look to Go Green

The Go Green Initiative just keeps on growing in its journey to help the world achieve “environmental justice for every child in every school”.

The Pleasanton-based nonprofit — founded in 2002 by Jill Buck, motivated to fill the gap she observed in environmental education and evaluation at her kids’ Walnut Grove Elementary School — was one of five organizations recently awarded a share of \$34 million in grants from the Biden administration to address indoor air pollution at under-served schools.

With its \$7.9 million, Go Green Initiative will partner with the National School Boards Association and its state affiliates on a five-year program to improve air quality inside classrooms and other buildings at low-income and tribal schools in all 10 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regions across the country.

Buck, who remains the CEO, told me the funding will help her nonprofit and its partners work with the schools “to make a substantive, measurable impact for kids across this nation who live in communities that are the most inundated with environmental pollutants. Their growing bodies and minds need to be protected so that each child has the opportunity to reach their highest potential.”

“Outdoor air quality is regulated, and standards are enforced. But EPA has been telling us for years that the air we breathe indoors can be five to 100 times more harmful than outdoor air,” she said. “It is not regulated, and even after the pandemic, is not required to be monitored by schools. Yet indoor air quality can have a profound impact on children’s health and ability to learn.”

The groups will team up to identify which school systems they’ll support, and those districts’ leaders will then be given access to online training and in-person training that will be delivered alongside EPA representatives, according to Buck.

“Children spend so much of their day in school. It is critical for their health and academic success that schools have clean and healthy air,” EPA deputy administrator Janet McCabe said in a press release announcing the grant awards, funded through the Inflation Reduction Act, to support projects for low-income, disadvantaged or tribal schools.

The other awardees announced on Aug. 22 by the EPA were the University of Utah, the American Lung Association, the New York State Department of Health and Health Research, Inc. and the U.S. Green Building Council’s Center

for Green Schools.

To see a Tri-Valley nonprofit forged from grassroots beginnings on a list with institutions of such size and scope is a true testament to Buck and her team.

Go Green Initiative’s story is one many in Pleasanton are familiar with, one we’ve told a number of times over the years.

Buck formed the organization in 2002 after what she witnessed — or better put, what she didn’t — as a PTA volunteer in Pleasanton schools when it came to environmental awareness and action. She was spurred by her background as a Navy officer whose experience included educating service members about then-new federal recycling mandates.

“The main thing I felt was such a glaring deficiency was the lack of recycling,” Buck told the Weekly in an interview after we presented her with our 2017 Tri-Valley Heroes: Environmental Stewardship Award. “We were teaching 18-year-old sailors to do it and it was beyond me why we weren’t teaching elementary school students to do it at the time.”

From those early days focused on Pleasanton, Go Green Initiative now has more than 3,500 schools registered in its programming, with over 2.5 million students and 190,000 teachers represented in all 50 U.S. states and nearly 75 countries.

Its five primary programs are sustainability planning, utility analysis and reduction, student internships, its Local Leaders of the 21st Century and the GGI Academy.

“Throughout our 22-year history, the Go Green Initiative has worked to protect children’s health from environmental toxins at school — this includes indoor air quality, drinking water quality and food quality,” Buck told me in a series of emails over the past week or so (including me possibly interrupting her birthday).

“I’ve been fortunate to be a speaker at many state and national conferences where I’ve been able to introduce people to the work the GGI does, and our network continues to expand each year,” she added.

That significant growth elsewhere has unfortunately been coupled with a bit of contraction closer at home.

“We had a contract to work with Pleasanton Unified last school year, but with budget cuts, we no longer have that funding,” Buck said. “We would like to continue giving teacher mini-grants and school incentives for tracking their waste, but without local donors we won’t be able to offer those programs in PUSD this school year.”

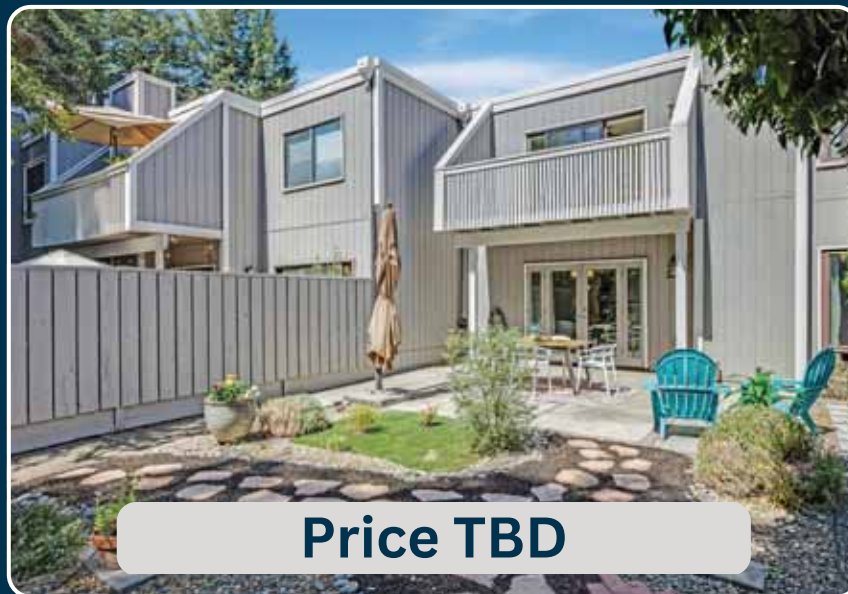
Learn more about the nonprofit at [gogreeninitiative.org](http://gogreeninitiative.org). ■

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

**If you were somehow given the opportunity to bring back to life just one person who is no longer alive, who would it be?**



**Joyce Ludwig**  
*Retired*

My dad. For sure. There's just so much I don't know about him that I'd like to have the opportunity to discuss with him, especially his experiences in Germany during WWII. He never shared any of that with me, and my mother kept his memories secret.



**Charles Brandy**  
*Sales lead/shift supervisor*

My wife's father. Actually, he was technically her stepfather, but he is the man who raised her. He was so "hands on" and present/participatory during her upbringing that I refer to him as "Superman". If he were still alive, I'm certain the world would be a much better place.



**Sarah Treglowan**  
*Medical treatment coordinator*

Honestly, I can't think of a single human being that I've lost that I'd want to bring back to life. However, I would love to be able to resurrect my dearly departed dog, Cobi. He was a pug and my absolute "soul dog". Even now, five years after his death, I can barely say his name without tearing up.



**Steve Ziganti** *Winemaker/winery owner*

I'd have to say my father, hands down. My dad died in 1997. He was my best friend and taught me so much. Not necessarily in a professional sense, but he set me up on a path to a meaningful, productive and purposeful life. Because of the values he instilled, I spend a significant amount of my time, effort and money giving all that I can to my community, helping people (and animals) in need of assistance.



**Tammy Oranje**  
*Financial aid*

My grandmother. I was so young when she died that I didn't really understand the depth of her strength and perseverance. She overcame so many hardships and challenges during her lifetime, yet still remained a very sensitive, loving and faithful person. I wish I could talk to her about all of that.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### 'Super Saturday'

Main Street is gearing up for "Super Saturday" this weekend, as the Pleasanton Downtown Association has three marquee events that day.

The rescheduled Downtown Block Party is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., which the PDA says "will transform the streets into a hub of live music, delicious food, and entertainment for both kids and adults." The free BMX Bike Fest will also take place during part of that time, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Then from 3-5 p.m., adults can sample some of the best food-and-drink pairings in downtown as part of the annual Forkful culinary showcase.

The PDA also reminded residents, businesses and visitors that Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8 a.m. Saturday to 9 p.m. Sunday as part of its First Weekend on Main program. Learn more at [pleasantondowntown.net](http://pleasantondowntown.net).

### Mental health talks

The local nonprofit Alan Hu Foundation is holding two webinars this month as part of its Mental Health Lecture Series.

Dr. Abigail Gewirtz, professor at Arizona State University, is scheduled to present "When the World Seems Like a Scary Place: Essential Conversations for Anxious Parents and Worried Kids" next Tuesday (Sept. 10) from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Then Yale University professor Dr. Wendy Silverman will lead "Understanding and Managing Problematic Anxiety in Children and Adolescents" from 5-6 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Each online event will include a 15-minute Q&A session after the formal presentation. Organizers ask prospective attendees to RSVP by the day before the webinar. Go to [alanhufoundation.org](http://alanhufoundation.org).

### Golf fundraiser

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has set its annual Golf Outing for the afternoon of Sept. 26 at Callippe Preserve Golf Course, with spots still available.

The event, which is the main fundraiser for the chamber each year, includes 18 holes of golf in a scramble format, lunch, dinner and prizes. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome, organizers said.

"We look forward to our golf tournament each year because it's always such an incredibly fun and memorable day," said Kate D'Or, events and communications coordinator for the chamber. "From the putting contest at the beginning to the many theme hole sponsors throughout the day to giving away prizes at the end, it's just a fun way to spend the day on a beautiful golf course."

For more information, visit [business.pleasanton.org](http://business.pleasanton.org). ■

## Pleasanton voters, community leaders sign arguments for and against Measure PP

Official rebuttal arguments, city attorney's impartial analysis also available for residents to read online

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The stage is officially set for Pleasanton residents to begin mulling over whether they should approve a half-cent sales tax increase this November, following the publication of the formal arguments for and against the ballot measure.

Both efforts that either support or oppose the "Pleasanton Essential Services Protection Measure" — on the ballot citywide as Measure PP — recently filed their arguments and rebuttals with the city clerk, which

are now available online for the public to review.

According to the argument in favor of the revenue measure, which was signed by the presidents of both the Pleasanton Police Officers Association and Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1874, among others, Measure PP will be the most important vote residents cast if they want to maintain the city's essential services and quality of life.

"Local firefighters, police officers and caring residents across Pleasanton are united behind

Measure PP and our city to protect Pleasanton's future," according to the argument in favor of the ballot measure.

However, according to the arguments and rebuttals against Measure PP — which were authored by several longtime voters and recognizable community members like Pleasanton school board Trustee Steve Maher and Alameda County Office of Education Board President Cheryl Cook-Kallio — the city needs to focus more on balancing its budget rather than asking

residents to pay more in taxes.

"The city manufactured a fiscal crisis and called it a business model. Vote NO on Measure PP and demand honesty and accuracy instead of scare tactics," according to the rebuttal to the argument in favor of the measure. "There's no valid justification for this sales tax increase."

On July 16, the Pleasanton City Council voted 4-1 to place the 0.5% sales tax increase measure on the Nov. 5 ballot, which in order to pass would

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## LVJUSD hires new assistant supe after board abruptly parts with predecessor

Pechette to arrive Oct. 1, reuniting with Gibson who was her superintendent in Amador County

By JEREMY WALSH

The Livermore school board is bringing in a former colleague of new Superintendent Torie Gibson's from Amador County to fill the district's final vacant cabinet position — roughly a month after quietly parting ways with the predecessor for undisclosed reasons.

As part of its meeting this week, the trustees voted to approve a contract with Michelle Pechette to become the new assistant superintendent of educational services. Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District officials announced the plan late last week in a press release, which made no mention of why the post was open.

The district later confirmed to Livermore Vine that former assistant superintendent of educational services Melissa Theide's contract was "terminated" by the Board of Education on Aug. 6. Additional details about the separation have not been released, and attempts to contact Theide have been unsuccessful.

As approved by the board in a 4-0 vote Tuesday night, Pechette is scheduled to arrive at LVJUSD on Oct. 1 on an employment agreement with an initial three-year term and a starting annual salary of \$256,386, according to the contract.



Michelle Pechette, new assistant superintendent of education services.

"I consider myself to be a collaborative leader as I greatly value building strong relationships with educators, parents, students and the community," Pechette said in the district's press release Aug. 29. "I look forward to joining a district that offers such a diverse range of educational programs and opportunities for students and working with the strong leadership

team already in place."

Pechette has spent the past two-plus years as assistant superintendent of educational services for the Amador County Unified School District and the Amador County Office of Education — the jointly run school system based in Jackson from where LVJUSD hired Gibson away to become its new superintendent this academic year.

A career educator and mother of four whose children are now adults (one of whom is a math teacher), Pechette worked in the classroom as a teacher before entering administration. She was an elementary and middle school principal and district-level director in early education prior to taking the assistant superintendent post in Amador County, according to LVJUSD.

"Among her many responsibilities in her educational services role, she was responsible for developing and implementing district wide educational programs; creating and leading the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) which provides additional support for underserved students; and overseeing professional development of certified staff," LVJUSD stated.

District officials said Pechette was selected to fill the vacancy

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## Dublin gets new garbage hauler

LSI given contract after parent company buys AV Industries

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Dublin City Council voted unanimously last month to allow Livermore Sanitation Inc. to take over all of Dublin's garbage and waste disposal needs in the wake of the sale of its former service provider.

The decision came after Dublin's longtime garbage company, Amador Valley Industries, decided to sell the company to Waste Connections, a conglomerate in California that also owns LSI. AVI was owned by Bob Molinaro, one of the co-owners of the Pleasanton Garbage Service, who died in January 2023.

"The patriarch and founder of the company passed away and that led to an offer and we decided to sell," Gina Molinaro-Cardera, daughter of Bob Molinaro, told the Pleasanton Weekly.

The Dublin council voted on Aug. 20 to approve a consent of assignment of AVI's to the Livermore company, which means it transferred the existing contract AVI had with the city that had been extended to last until 2035.

Dublin Mayor Michael McCriston said because this situation involved a large company acquiring, through its subsidiary, a relatively small company in the

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# Bobertz's appointment must still clear petition window

SGUSD notice clarifies voters have opportunity to challenge and force special election

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Sunol resident Chris Bobertz is set to be sworn in as a provisional member of the Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees next week, but the appointment to succeed ousted trustee Ryan Jergensen could be short-lived.

Under California Education Code and district bylaws, Sunol voters who don't agree with the school board's Aug. 20 decision to appoint Bobertz can still trigger a special election for the seat, according to a public notice Sunol Glen School sent out on Friday.

"Unless a petition calling for a special election containing a sufficient number of signatures is filed with the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the provisional appointment, it shall be an effective appointment for all purposes," the notice states.

Typically the petition would need signatures from 1.5% of the registered voters in a district. But according to the California School Boards Association, "in a district of fewer than 2,000 registered voters, the petition must be signed by at least the number of registered voters equal to 5% of the registered voters in



Chris Bobertz

the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members."

According to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office, which would be tasked with ensuring enough signatures were gathered in a potential petition, 828 voters were registered in Sunol during the recall election in July.

Sunol Glen School administrative assistant Miki Whitfield clarified that Sunol residents will have up to 30 days from next Tuesday (Sept. 10), which is the school board meeting where Bobertz is scheduled to officially get sworn in as a

provisional trustee.

She told the Pleasanton Weekly those residents have the right to do that if they didn't agree with how the school board appointed Bobertz from among six applicants to come forward following the recall.

Bobertz told the Weekly over the weekend that he was not aware about the petition period and that he was "not privy to any steps that may have been taken for this to happen" — but regardless he said he hopes such a petition does not materialize in the next month or so.

"I would be disappointed if something like this were to happen," Bobertz said. "It would be unfortunate to put the school community through something like this after the year we've had and with an upcoming election. It's time to work on healing."

Following the successful recalls of trustees Jergensen and Linda Hurley, Alameda County Office of Education Board President Cheryl Cook-Kallio appointed herself and Alameda County Area 4 Trustee Aisha Knowles as temporary trustees to serve alongside current Board President Peter (Ted) Romo on the three-member board.

Cook-Kallio took over Hurley's seat, which is up for reelection this November, and Knowles took over Jergensen's term, which is scheduled to end in 2026 — the provisional appointment was to replace Knowles' seat.

The board underwent a process that ended up with six Sunol residents sending in their applications and five of them — one was absent — going up to the podium during the Aug. 20 meeting to interview for the seat. Romo and Cook-Kallio nominated Bobertz and as of now, he is set to be sworn in during the next board meeting on Sept. 10, following Knowles' resignation.

But Whitfield said if people want to challenge the Bobertz appointment, they could petition to hold a special election because of district bylaws and California Education Code 5092.

Cook-Kallio told the Weekly there wasn't any real specific reason as to why the petition caveat in the provisional appointment process was not brought up during the last board meeting.

"I don't think there was (anything) nefarious about not having it in the meeting because ... I thought it was common knowledge," she

said. "There was no reason for us to agendize it."

Romo did mention that the school board could have decided to hold a special election if it did not choose a candidate during the Aug. 20 meeting, but Cook-Kallio further explained that education code and election law also allows for community members to call for a special election — not just the governing board.

According to Education Code 5092, a district also has within 10 days of the provisional appointment to post the notice Whitfield sent out on Friday.

Cook-Kallio said while the board never intended on holding a special election for the provisional seat, she has already heard people who might not have agreed with the appointment — or with the overall recall of Jergensen and Hurley — that are planning on petitioning for such an election in the near future.

As a trustee she said she was "profoundly concerned about the cost" of a special election — should there be one — because those financial costs would be put on the school itself. She also said she would be concerned about the toll another special election would have on the kids. ■

## PECHETTE

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in Livermore "after a robust interview process facilitated by a panel that included representatives from site administration, district leadership, union leadership and the school board."

Meanwhile, it remains unclear why LVJUSD abruptly parted ways with Theide just over a month into Gibson's tenure as superintendent.

The board voted in closed session on the matter at its Aug. 6 meeting. The decision announced verbally in open session that night described unanimous approval of "a separation agreement and

release with a certificated employee" but did not mention Theide by name, according to the draft minutes.

Michelle Dawson, coordinator of community engagement, confirmed last Friday that the closed-session action pertained to Theide. "The referenced contract was that of Dr. Theide's," Dawson said by

email when asked. "Regarding Dr. Theide, her contract was terminated by the Board."

Theide had been in the position since being promoted to assistant superintendent of educational services in February 2021, according to her Facebook page. She also cited completing her doctorate in educational administration in

2023 from Texas Tech University.

Before coming to Livermore, Theide had prior experience in the Tri-Valley. She was a principal in Pleasanton Unified School District earlier in her career, leaving Vintage Hills Elementary School to become human resources director in Castro Valley Unified in the 2015-16 school year. ■

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### Wheels 10R back

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Starting on Monday (Sept. 9), the 10R westbound will stop its detour via Old Stanley Boulevard, and the following bus stops will open up again in both directions: First and Ray streets, Main Street and Vervais Avenue, and Peters Avenue and St. Mary Street.

The bus shelter at Neal and First remains closed until further notice though, Wheels officials said. The stop is temporarily located to the north end of Lions Wayside Park.

Officials also reminded that there will be no 10R bus service in either direction in downtown this weekend as Main Street is closed for First Weekends on Main — the Old Stanley detour will still be in place.

### New chamber awards

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce is soliciting nominations for its inaugural Best of Dublin award program.

“The past few years have been hard on businesses. That’s what makes this race so important to Dublin. The race uplifts our community and helps our businesses and people understand just how important they are. It is the ideal way to show your love for your favorite places,” chamber President/CEO Inge Houston said in a statement.

Nominations are free and open through Sept. 24. All Dublin businesses are eligible to be nominated in no more than three of the 73 categories and multiple nominations are allowed across categories.

The voting period is also now open through Oct. 4. Winners will be announced via social media on Oct. 15. Go to [www.bestofdublinca.com](http://www.bestofdublinca.com).

### Art in the Park

The Livermore Art Association is holding its annual Art in the Park event this Sunday (Sept. 8) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Carnegie Park on Third Street.

Local artists will be displaying their pieces for sale and some will be demonstrating their creative techniques. Learn more at [livermoreartassociation.org](http://livermoreartassociation.org).

### Lengyel retiring

Alameda County Transportation Commission Executive Director Tess Lengyel has announced her retirement effective in December after nearly 35 years in the industry including 25 years at Alameda CTC and its predecessor agencies.

“I am deeply proud of our work, our committed staff and all the partners we work with to plan, fund and deliver transportation projects and programs that improve the quality of people’s everyday lives,” Lengyel said in a statement Aug. 23. The commission’s board is in the process of planning how to hire her successor. ■

# REACH for Your Dreams gala benefits I/DD housing, other programs

Nonprofit’s annual fundraiser next week at McGrail Vineyards

BY JEREMY WALSH

An “Evening at the Oasis” is the theme for this year’s REACH for Your Dreams fundraising gala, which supports local affordable housing nonprofit Tri-Valley REACH.

Organizers say next Thursday’s event will bring a night of fun in Livermore Valley wine country with “a gourmet meal paired with fine wine, inspiring stories, and a live auction” to benefit the nonprofit’s programs including independent housing opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and T-RADD sports.

“This event is far more than just an annual fundraiser,” Kay King, Tri-Valley REACH’s board chair, said in a press release. “It’s

an opportunity for our community to join together to foster inclusivity both within our homes and beyond.”

“At the heart of our annual event and mission are the 42 residents across 12 homes in the Tri-Valley, along with the dozens of T-RADD athletes we support each year,” King added. “The continued generosity of our community enables us to drive REACH’s mission forward, providing extremely affordable housing and social opportunities for adults with I/DD.”

The gala is set for the evening of Sept. 12 at McGrail Vineyards in Livermore. For information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, go to [trivalleyreach.org/events](http://trivalleyreach.org/events). ■



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# LPFD ceremony to honor lives lost during 9/11 attacks

Moment of silence as flags lowered at each station

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department will be hosting its annual Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony at all 10 of its fire stations throughout the two cities next Wednesday as a way to honor the first responders who died during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

LPFD Chief Joe Testa said in a statement to the Weekly that

the fire department's 23rd annual event will pay tribute to the 343 New York City firefighters who "made the ultimate sacrifice at the World Trade Center, and remember that our nation's capital was also under attack."

"As we gather for the LPFD September 11 remembrance, it's a moment for firefighters, police officers, city officials, and our community to come together and

reflect on the significance of that day," Testa said. "This ceremony serves as a powerful reminder of our commitment to service and our unwavering support for our fellow firefighters."

According to the LPFD, the ceremonies will begin at 9:45 a.m. The ceremonies typically involve a moment of silence as each of the stations lower their U.S. flags to half-staff. ■



Local firefighters lower the U.S. flag to half-staff during a past 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Station 1 on Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

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## GARBAGE

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industry, he emphasized how important it will be for the new company to keep the status quo.

"I was assured ... that service in general will not be disrupted, will not change," McCorriston said during the meeting. "Our residents need to be assured that this is ... a seamless move forward."

Dublin first entered into a collection service agreement with AVI in July 2005. That agreement was set to expire in 2012 but thanks to five follow-up amendments to the agreement, Dublin had continued to receive AVI's services up until recently.

The city had even amended and restated the agreement in 2020 to extend the term of the contract until 2035.

Michelle Sung, an environmental technician at Dublin's Public Works Department, said the city had to then renegotiate the agreement with AVI in 2021 in

order to support the city's compliance with Senate Bill 1383, the "Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Strategy" that took effect in January 2022.

She said the SB 1381 amendment included collection systems updates, processing, education, customer services, record-keeping and reporting, procurement of recovered organic waste products and performance standards.

However, Sung said there were delays to the execution of the SB 1381 amendment due to AVI concerns over a multifamily bulk pick-up pilot program and Molinaro's death.

She also said that in December 2022, Dublin city staff worked with a consultant to conduct performance and compensation reviews of the garbage company.

The performance review identified shortfalls related to public education and outreach, diversion, reporting standards while the compensation review showed actual revenue collected during

the 2022-23 fiscal year was higher than necessary to maintain the 90% industry standard operating margin.

All of those issues had either been addressed or remedied since then, but either way the company still notified its intent to sell to Waste Connections on March 8.

According to Sung, Waste Connections provides waste services to approximately 50 municipalities in California. It acquired the Livermore company in December 2022.

Sung said city staff then engaged with its consultant to perform a franchise assignment review in accordance with AVI's amended and restated agreement from 2020. The review looked at both AVI and Waste Connections as well as the purchase agreement between LSI and AVI.

Sung said the Livermore company is expected to be able to maintain operations and that there is "no undue risk" anticipated by the city or its ratepayers.

However, one notable finding during the review, according to the staff report, was that "Waste Connections has been assessed \$783,585 in liquidated damages for their failure to perform across five different jurisdictions and under two separate agreements."

"The failures fell into four key performance areas: recurring issues with missed collections, failure to meet diversion standards, failure to perform the required outreach and education activities and failure to meet the minimum requirements to provide technical assistance," according to the staff report.

The city's consultant has provided recommendations to the council in the assignment review, which was also approved by the council, in order to mitigate these issues.

With that assignment approval, Waste Connections will have to follow certain enforcement mechanisms within the franchise agreement with the city that state the

company has to perform and if it doesn't then it would be subject to liquidated damages.

There is some hope that McCorriston said the larger company could bring newer, more updated systems, which would be a good thing. The acquisition will also promise to keep AVI employees — with the exception of leadership — and the AVI union contract will carry over to the new Livermore company.

Dublin City Manager Linda Smith also said she was hopeful that the new garbage company is here to stay for a long time, but she also said the contract has a 10-year lifespan so if the city decides it is not happy with the transition, it has time to find a new provider.

"(Waste Connections) have a reputation to uphold, both in the state of California as well as locally," Smith said. "It's in their best interest to please a client and so it would be my hope that ... they're here to stay." ■

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# Fundraiser underway for Livermore High music program

Matching program boosts donated dollars in September

By JUDE STRZEMP

**A**s Livermore High School's award-winning music program faces a funding shortfall, local nonprofits move to support the program with a fundraiser this month.

The campaign aims to raise \$30,000 by the end of September, which would be used for program expenses like buying and repairing instruments, hiring professional music coaches, and hiring buses for festivals and competitions. These are also some of the at-risk features of the program, if the funding goal is unmet.

"Every donation helps ensure that



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A fundraiser for Livermore High School's music program aims to collect \$30,000 this month to bridge a gap in the program's funding.

all our students continue to receive the quality music education they deserve," said Michael Azevedo, president of Livermore Music, the fundraising organizer and nonprofit parent booster that supports the school's music program.

For every \$2 donated this month, CHEF, a nonprofit that provides resources to other nonprofits that boost community well-being, will contribute \$1 in a matching campaign called "Keep the Music Playing". The matches are capped at a combined total of \$45,000.

CHEF has also pledged to cover administrative and processing fees for each donation, so all

contributions will go towards supporting music students.

"This is our one major fundraising effort for the year. With the help of CHEF and the potential to secure an additional \$15,000 from CHEF, we're confident in what we can achieve together," Azevedo said.

In terms of other funding, the program receives little from the district, so it relies on donations from families, small grants and contributions from the community, according to Azevedo.

"That's why we're reaching out to the entire community to

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need a yes vote from a simple majority of residents. Councilmember Jack Balch dissented.

The decision to advance the measure came after months of deliberation as staff looked at different options at the end of last year to address a structural deficit in the city's budget where expenses are increasing faster than revenue.

Staff have said during multiple council meetings this year that the city is forecasting an average budget shortfall of approximately \$13 million annually over the next eight years with a total cumulative deficit of \$110 million. If there is an economic downturn, the average annual deficit is projected to exceed \$22 million and the cumulative deficit is projected to exceed \$180 million over the next eight years.

That's why city administrators said they began polling residents to see if a revenue measure was the best way to tackle these budget issues — after several community outreach sessions and polls were conducted, staff concluded that the revenue measure is the best way to avoid the city's backup plan, which would be significant cuts to city departments, in order to address the city's deficit.

Staff have been working on the backup plan for a while, which has not been approved, that includes reduced library hours, eliminating funding for crossing guards, closing one of the fire stations in Pleasanton and reducing police programs, among other cuts in the next two-year budget cycle.

Measure PP would minimize those cuts by generating roughly \$10 million annually in revenue for the following 10 years, city administrators argue.

If approved by voters following the Nov. 5 election, the total sales tax in Pleasanton would go from 10.25% to 10.75%, which means that for every \$100 of taxable purchases, consumers would pay 50 cents in additional tax.

"A half-cent sales tax increase would result in an additional half-cent for every dollar spent on taxable goods," city attorney Dan Sodergren wrote in his impartial analysis of the measure. "For example, for every \$100 spent on taxable goods, the tax would increase by 50 cents."

The proposed tax — which would sunset in 10 years — would be paid by all consumers purchasing goods in the city and the revenue would remain in Pleasanton. Prescription medicine, groceries, rent, mortgage payments, utilities and any digital goods would be exempt from the tax.

The proposed ballot language reads as follows: "To maintain city services and minimize cuts, such as police and fire protection; 911 emergency response; disaster preparedness; pedestrian safety; park maintenance; pothole repair and street maintenance; recreation programs; open space preservation; and other general government uses; shall the City of Pleasanton's measure to establish a half-cent sales tax, providing approximately \$10,000,000 annually for 10 years, keeping all funds local, with annual audits, public spending disclosure, and oversight, be adopted?"

Sodergren also pointed out in his impartial analysis that out of Pleasanton's current 10.25% sales tax rate, the city only received 1% of the funds generated from that tax directly, but with Measure PP, all of the revenues "would remain in the City and would not be shared with the State, County, or any other agency."

While the general tax aims to bring in revenue to the city's general fund to pay for essential services, the argument against the measure says the city has not been doing a good job at managing its budget in the past and that residents should not be forced to pay for others' mistakes.

"Trust is earned, and Pleasanton leadership lost our trust when they misrepresented and grossly exaggerated a projected budget deficit, threatening to cut public safety like police, fire service and crossing guards," according to the argument

against Measure PP

"When financial challenges loom, cities typically look inward for cost savings and other revenue sources," the argument against the measure further stated. "Our leadership has done little of the deep inward look. Rather, they have jumped to a tax increase without analyzing reserve dollars available to address the budget shortfall or considered delaying projects.

Cook-Kallio, who is a former vice mayor of Pleasanton, joined residents Doug Miller, Jan Batcheller, Frank Capilla and Randy Brown in signing the official argument against Measure PP.

The anti-measure advocates also cited issues with oversight on how these funds would be spent.

According to Sodergren, "The revenues and expenditures generated by the tax would be subject to the same independent audit requirements as other city revenues and expenditures and also be subject to review by a citizen oversight committee."

The argument in favor of Measure PP was signed by police union president Brian Jewell, firefighters union president James Smith and residents Kelly Cousins, Steve Sherman and Yu Tao. As for the pro-measure side, it stated in its rebuttal to the argument against the measure that Measure PP is about one thing, "protecting Pleasanton from painful cuts to city services."

The rebuttal defending the measure said without the funds that would be generated from Measure PP, the city will face severe cuts including the possible closure of a fire station.

"What's at stake? Things we all value: safe neighborhoods, rapid help in an emergency, well-maintained roads, clean parks, economic prosperity, high property values, and the great quality of life we all enjoy," the pro-measure rebuttal stated.

It also stated that the measure will require strict accountability, such as independent financial audits and public spending reports, so that all the funds can stay local and the

spending of those funds will be transparent to the public.

"Opposing (Measure) PP won't change angry minds or solve our city budget deficit; it only punishes Pleasanton residents and businesses that rely on our City to maintain a safe community and protect our high quality of life," the pro-measure group stated.

The rebuttal argument in support of PP was signed by former police chief David Swing and residents Brittany Hassebrock, Matt Richert, Linda Garbarino and

Paramdeep Singh.

Signing the rebuttal argument against PP were Maher, Miller and residents John Sensiba, Donna Kamp McMillion and Linda Kelly.

For more information and to read the full arguments and rebuttals, visit the [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov). ■

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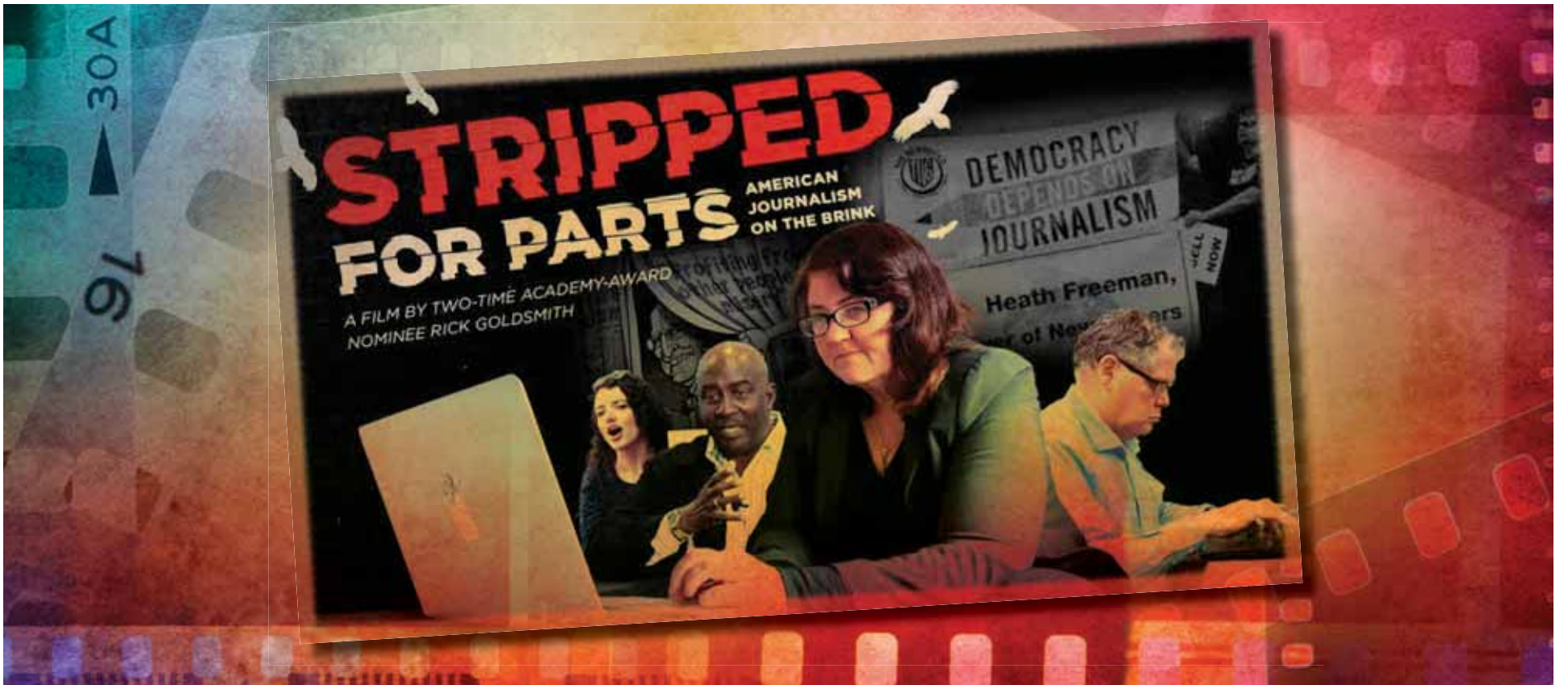
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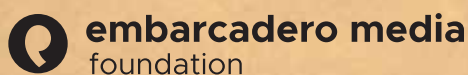
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# County jurors to get \$100 per day, increased mileage

State-approved Jury Pilot Program taking effect in seven jurisdictions

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Starting this week, Alameda County jurors will receive \$100 a day and increased mileage benefits through a state-funded pilot program.

The Superior Court of Alameda County said in a statement Aug. 29 that under the Jury Pilot Program, jurors will be compensated \$0.67 per mile for travel to and from the courthouse beginning on the second day

of jury service after Sept. 2. If a juror is already serving on a jury, they were due to begin earning the increased compensation as of Labor Day.

The Jury Pilot Program, which was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2022, was created to find out if increased financial benefits lead to more participation and diversity of juries.

“Our Court is excited to be

included in this pilot program to help determine the most effective ways to ensure juries are truly a reflection of the community and a panel of peers,” Presiding Judge Thomas Nixon said. “Jurors are essential to our judicial system, and we need to do all that we can to increase participation.”

According to court officials, jurors in California only receive \$15 a day for service and \$0.34 per mile

roundtrip to travel to and from the courthouse for jury duty. Those who use public transportation can get up to an additional \$12 a day as reimbursement.

The pilot program is expected to continue for two years or until its approximately \$27 million funds are used up.

Court officials clarified that jurors who earn more than \$600 for their service will have to pay taxes

on that income while the mileage reimbursement is not taxable. Jurors can also waive receiving the compensation.

The Superior Court of Alameda County is one of seven superior courts taking part in the pilot program, which is funded by California’s General Fund. The other courts are the Superior Courts of El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Monterey, San Bernardino and Shasta counties. ■

## ‘30 & Thriving’ — Teen Esteem+ celebrating milestone anniversary

Program seeks to empower, encourage and educate Tri-Valley students in classrooms, assemblies

By TIM HUNT

Teen Esteem+ has delivered a positive message of hope and encouragement to students in the Tri-Valley for three decades.

Founded by Linda Turnbull in 1994, Teen Esteem+ has equipped students to make informed choices, has empowered them with tools to avoid risky behaviors, and has provided parents with valuable information and resources to help them navigate the ongoing challenges of parenting. The key message to students in grades K-12 is that their lives matter, their value is not based on what they do but on who they are, and that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity.

The information has been well-received, and teachers have invited the nonprofit back year-after-year.

Monte Vista High School teacher Jennifer Mattinson said, “Teen Esteem+ is by far the most popular of our guest speakers at Monte Vista. The students love the relevance of

the topics and the dynamic energy of the speakers.”

Osi Juergens, principal at Danville’s Vista Grande Elementary School, added, “Teen Esteem gave my students the opportunity to really believe in themselves, and we now utilize that in every single one of our classrooms. That message has rippled through my campus.”

The program initially targeted high school freshmen but has expanded — at the request of schools — to include programs for middle school and elementary school students. Early curriculum centered on equipping students on how to build healthy relationships then incorporated the risks of substance abuse including prescription drugs and has evolved over the years to cover depression, anxiety and suicide, social media and the use of smartphones.

One of the most powerful demonstrations speakers have used over the decades is the teacup illustration. Students are asked how they

might see themselves — a disposable red plastic solo cup which has no value; an everyday coffee mug; or a fine China teacup that was an heirloom from their grandmother. The message is that they’re all fine China teacups, have unique value and are irreplaceable. Their life has value, and they matter.

Robert Kathan, a health teacher at Granada High School in Livermore, spoke of students coming back to him as a type of check-in, if they’re having a down day, they will tell him they feel like a solo cup. He states, “We talk, we chat, and then later they come back and say, ‘Before I felt like a solo cup, but today, I’m a teacup!’”

Surveys returned by students after the presentation show 97% feel empowered to make good decisions. Teen Esteem+ presented to 18,000 students last school year. Given the high levels of stress and anxiety students are facing, the nonprofit and teachers have worked together in providing help for students who



TEEN ESTEEM+

Teen Esteem+ leads an assembly at Montair Elementary School in Danville.

identified they were struggling. Last school year, 112 students were connected with a school counselor after a Teen Esteem+ presentation.

Most high school and middle school presentations are done in a classroom setting, while presentations for K-5 grades are done through an assembly format. Teen Esteem+ parent education events are done through school and community workshops, in-home events, Lunch and Learns and on social media. A variety of topics are offered and include “How to Raise Kids to Have Grit & Resilience”, “Strategies for Being Your Child’s Go-To Person” and “Kids and Their Screens”.

Teen Esteem+ has an upcoming community event “Unpacking the

Anxious Generation” on Oct. 22. There will be a panel of experts who will discuss the pros and cons of smartphones, social media, and Jonathan Haidt’s New York Times best-selling book, “The Anxious Generation”. The goal is to provide practical tools and strategies for parents of kids of all ages. Registration is open at [teenesteem.org/events](http://teenesteem.org/events).

Teen Esteem’s 30th anniversary gala celebration, “30 & Thriving”, will be at Blackhawk Museum on Sept. 13. Visit [teenesteem.org](http://teenesteem.org). ■

## MUSIC

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rally support for our campaign,” Azevedo said in a statement.

The fundraiser is necessary for maintaining the school’s high-performing program, which has included the orchestra ensemble’s performance at Carnegie Hall last year and the earning of dozens of awards at a competitive music festival at Disneyland by its band, percussion, jazz and orchestra ensemble this past spring.

Livermore High’s music ensembles have also contributed to the community by playing free jazz concerts, rallying football games and marching in the city’s holiday and rodeo parades.

“Running a music program of this high caliber requires substantial financial resources,” Azevedo said in a statement. “Every contribution, no matter how small, is vital to sustaining the high standards of our program.”

Donations can be made through September on the CHEF website at [chefgivingcommunity.org/LHSMusic](http://chefgivingcommunity.org/LHSMusic). ■

## Another 22 new bike turnouts completed on Mount Diablo

Allow cyclists to safely move to side while pedaling uphill at slower speeds

By TONY HICKS / BCN

The California State Parks Foundation is celebrating the completion of 22 new bike turnouts at Mount Diablo State Park.

There are now 67 bike turnouts in the park.

The park foundation said in a statement that bike turnouts allow bicyclists, who move at slower speeds as they pedal uphill, to pull out of the main traffic lane into their own lane so that vehicles can pass safely.

The new turnouts were inspired by the memory of Joe Shami, who was a passionate advocate for increasing safety for bicyclists and cars on Mount Diablo.

Known by locals as “The Legend

of Mount Diablo,” Shami’s passion for the mountain and bicycling was exemplified by over a decade of weekly trips up the mountain, even as he was well into his 80s.

“Tragically, Joe was struck and killed by a vehicle while riding his bicycle in Lafayette,” said Randy Widera, director of programs of the California State Parks Foundation. “Although he is not with us today, Joe left a special gift in his will to California State Parks Foundation. This gift helped make these additional bike turnouts on Mount Diablo possible. We know Joe would be pleased that his generous gift is making Mount Diablo safer for bicyclists to enjoy.”

Of the \$927,000 raised for the turnouts, \$138,089 came from Shami.

California State Parks, the California State Parks Foundation, and the group Mount Diablo Cyclists partnered to build the new bike turnouts.

For many years, bicycling on Mount Diablo has been a popular — but dangerous — activity. From 2010 to 2014, there were an average of 23 car and bike collisions per year.

Park officials said there have also been frequent road rage showdowns between drivers and riders.

After the first turnouts were created, collisions dropped to three in two years, and road rage significantly diminished.

California State Parks allocated the same amount as Shami’s gift from the department’s annual roads allocation funding to this project. Taking that as a challenge, a passionate group of volunteers comprised of Alan Kalin, Mark Dedon and Ted Trambley spent four months doing outreach in the park and at Peet’s Coffee in Danville with locals, bicyclists, and visitors to raise additional funds.

“The new bike turnouts on Mount Diablo are a testament to Joe Shami’s inspirational life,” Dedon said. “The community understands the importance of the new turnouts for the safety of both bicyclists and motorists. People we spoke with were happy to contribute to make these turnouts a reality.”

State park officials said 300 individuals, organizations and companies donated the additional funding needed to make the bike turnouts possible. ■

# Learning from 'vine to wine'

## LPC's Campus Hill Winery opens \$8.5 million processing facility

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JUDE STRZEMP

**O**n the hillsides of Las Positas College lay 4 acres of vineyard. In mid-August, some of the trellises bear grapes that appear plump and juicy.

These grapes serve as school supplies for students at Campus Hill Winery, a teaching winery that gives LPC learners the hands-on experience of making award-winning wines in the Livermore Valley.

As students learn the process from "vine to wine", they can pursue associate's degrees, certificates and transfers through the school's viticulture and winery technology program.

It's a long-running program that recently unveiled its new facility on the northeastern portion of campus, just in time for California Wine Month in September. At the complex, which cost about \$8.5 million, students will be able to use state-of-the-art equipment to become industry-ready for a career in the field.

In the viticulture and winery technology program, students can learn about viticulture, enology and wine hospitality. With these options, they can focus on farming, irrigation and

soil studies or winemaking itself.

But the learning doesn't just take place in the classroom. Budding winemakers also have the chance to get direct experience in a process that starts with grape harvesting by hand at Campus Hill Vineyard.

From here, there's a million ways to make wine, according to David Everett, faculty and program coordinator. So there's a lot of freedom in the process and stylistic choices.

It also means there isn't one sequence that can be used to make every wine.

But after picking, students can destem the grapes, sort, crush or press, ferment, clarify, age and finally bottle the wine.

Of course the process is more complicated than that, since the method depends on the type of wine being made, Everett said.

Nan Ho, vice president of academic services at LPC, commented on the value of hands-on learning, "This approach ensures that our graduates are well-prepared for diverse careers in the wine industry, whether in vineyard management,



The viticulture and winery technology program's new facility in buildings 3600 and 3700 includes a classroom, wine tasting area, winemaking or wine hospitality."

As part of the hands-on experience, students will benefit from the program's new teaching winery and classroom in buildings 3600 and 3700, which are seeing their first use this semester after about two years of construction.

The facility augments the preexisting program, ultimately enhancing the student's learning experience, according to Ho.

It includes a covered crush pad stocked with equipment like a grape elevator, de-stemmer, vibrating

sorting table, sorting conveyor, crusher/rollers and pneumatic press. The new space allows students to make wine in a structured area, Everett said.

Inside the facility are temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, a bottling line, cold storage room, barrel room and small lab for analysis. The equipment was still being installed in mid-August.

In a separate building lies the classroom, a small tasting area and prep kitchen for food and wine pairing classes.

"Together, these buildings elevate the program, offering students an unparalleled, real-world learning environment that mirrors professional winery operations," LPC officials said.

It's uncommon to find a facility like this at a community college, according to Everett. With it, students can pursue professional-level side projects they weren't able to do previously.

"Here we provide them with the skills, the tools, the equipment, etcetera and let them go on their own to



Campus Hill Winery is a teaching winery at Las Positas College that involves students from grape picking on its 4-acre vineyard all the way to bottling the award-winning wine they produce.



The facility even includes a barrel room for aging wines.



Behind the new classroom lies a patio for guests to try wines made by the Campus Hill Winery. The wines are also available for purchase in Room 3601.



David Everett, faculty and program coordinator, has seen class enrollment increase in response to the new facility. Now he wants the community to experience the winery too.

do it for real,” Everett explained. Students can even follow their side projects into aging and bottling if they continue enrollment. “This place kicks ass,” Everett said. “It’s amazing. I’ve been to other colleges with a wine program and what we’re doing here is mind-blowing.” The impact of the new facility is already visible through high enrollment, as Everett had been forced to turn away students from the food and wine pairing class because it reached capacity. During the first week of school, he had to do the

same for another course. Opening the new teaching winery and classroom has been a big step for the LPC program, which started as just one class when it began in 2004. By 2005 the campus winery began production, but it wasn’t until about six years ago that they began selling it. During the time in between, the product could only be tasted in analysis classes and provided at campus events like admin retreats. “We started with very little, if anything,” Everett said. “We didn’t even

have wine glasses, but now we are a full-fledged, real, operating, bonded winery that produces and sells campus wines, all supported by the students.” Now the winery produces award winners like the 2021 Return of “The Hawk” Red Tail Blend, which was named Gold and Best of Show Red Wine at the West Coast College and University Wine Festival in Santa Maria earlier this year. Other Campus Hill wines have won awards at the Alameda County Fair. Starting this month, Campus Hill

Winery will open for free wine tastings, where the community can enjoy the flavors of Livermore Valley on its brand new patio. Otherwise, people can purchase the wines every first and third Thursday of the month from 1-5 p.m. in Room 3601 beginning this week at LPC in Livermore, according to the school’s website. Available wines include the award-winning 2021 Return of “The Hawk” Red Tail Blend, 2022 Albariño and 2022 Rosé of Tempranillo. Revenue from the wine sales support the winery and its viticulture and

winery technology program. The winery will also host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new facility and showcase its program on Nov. 19. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees is expected to be among those in attendance. “If you build it, they’ll come,” Everett said. “And we built it. Now it’s time for people to get up here.” To learn more about the Campus Hill Winery and LPC’s viticulture and winery technology program, visit [laspositascollege.edu](http://laspositascollege.edu). ■



The new facility is a professional-level space for burgeoning winemakers. It is meant to augment the preexisting program and elevate students’ learning experience.

## Country-rock staples **The Jayhawks** playing first-ever Tri-Valley show

40 years into their career, band seeks to maintain signature sound while continuing to evolve

BY JEANITA LYMAN

**T**win Cities country-rockers The Jayhawks have seen a lot in their day, having first made their way onto the music scene directly on the heels of early pioneers in their hybrid genre of choice 40 years ago this year.

But the well-established group continues to explore new territory both musically and geographically with their first performance in the Tri-Valley this month.

A majority of the original founding members of the Minnesota-based group that has come to be known for their signature blend of country, alternative and rock genres and distinct songwriting skills are set to take to the stage of the Bankhead Theater as an early part of Livermore Valley Arts' new season lineup.

Marc Perlman, the band's original bassist, told the Pleasanton Weekly in a recent interview that while the band had explored numerous metropolitan areas including San Francisco in their earlier days, their current focus is on smaller cities

— including Livermore — and more intimate performances that bring the opportunity to connect with fans who might not otherwise have had the chance to see them perform live.

"The core of the band, and what has always been what has kept our identity was our songwriting, and a lot of it was the vocal harmony," Perlman said.

With the band having seen turnover throughout their four decades while some members have taken breaks or left to focus on solo projects, Perlman and vocalist and lead guitarist Gary Louris are the two founding members that have been linchpins from the beginning, with drummer and vocalist Tim O'Reagan joining them in 1995, and keyboardist Karen Grotberg, who first joined the band in 1992, back in the lineup as of 2008.

"When we first started out, I think I was just learning how to play — in a way we all were — and also learning how to navigate ourselves through the music business, but we were pretty wide-eyed and had a lot



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The Jayhawks are performing at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore next Saturday (Sept. 14).

of energy," Perlman said.

"So we got into the band and played for gas money for a few years, and there were times when we thought it wasn't going to happen, but we always prided ourselves on being able to make original music and write our own songs," he added. "And that kind of kept us going because real music fans appreciate good songwriting."

Perlman said that he, Louris and the band's other early members found each other relatively organically, playing in the same burgeoning Minnesota music scene in the mid-1980s and being inspired by similar trailblazers in the country, rock, and folk genres including Bob Dylan and The Byrds.

"Our musical common ground was kind of the country-folk vocal harmony bands that were important in the '70s," Perlman said.

That common ground, along with a catalog of folk-rock tunes written by founding member and former frontman Mark Olson, plus the energy of the local music scene that

was gaining national attention at the time, served as a base from which the band would go on to develop the songwriting skills and vocal harmonies that would go on to be key factors in their distinctive sound into the present day.

"The best advice I got was if you see someone you really admire, study them," Perlman said. "We all evolved in that way, learning about our instruments and the songwriters that we admire. And it's not about copying at all — it's about what did they do to get to the core of the song that makes people latch onto it musically."

The band's sound and songwriting-style also came to be highly influenced by the addition of Louris, who joined the band shortly after Perlman, with the two going on to leading the writing process as the band began gaining national recognition and touring.

"Gary and me became the primary

songwriters and we became a songwriting team," Perlman said. "And after Mark left, it kind of opened the door more for him and I to produce our own material, and at that time we started to collaborate more in some ways."

Perlman said that touring looks very different for the band in the present day, with the economic landscape no longer in favor of the group traveling for weeks at a time, causing them to instead focus on more regional tours and shows several times per year and visiting smaller communities and venues, such as the Bankhead.

"We're looking forward to seeing you again like old times," Perlman said.

The Jayhawks are set to perform at the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First St. in Livermore next Saturday (Sept. 14) at 8 p.m. Tickets and more information are available at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■



Above: Making their start in the 1980s, The Jayhawks have become a country-rock staple, touring regularly in America. (Photo by Ten Ten Creative / courtesy LVA). Right: Tickets remain available for The Jayhawks' first-ever concert in Livermore next weekend. (Photos by Chad Cochran / courtesy LVA).



# PCO presenting Brahms and Ravel with pianist Pascal

‘It will be magical,’ music director says of concerts in Livermore, Lafayette next weekend

By JEREMY WALSH

Famed French pianist Denis Pascal will accompany the Pacific Chamber Orchestra for its upcoming concerts marrying the music of Maurice Ravel and Johannes Brahms.

The shows, set for next weekend in Livermore and Lafayette, will center on PCO’s renditions of Ravel’s “Piano Concerto in G major” with Pascal and Brahms’ “Symphony No. 3 in F major.”

“Ravel’s dazzling ‘Piano Concerto in G’ sizzles in a tapestry of exuberant colors while the Brahms 3rd Symphony, ‘Free but happy’ motto, offers breathtaking music of grandeur, peace and achingly beautiful melodies,” PCO music director Lawrence Kohl told the Pleasanton Weekly.

“Only with PCO can one, along with friends and neighbors, experience Ravel and Brahms so evocatively juxtaposed. It will be magical,” Kohl added.

The Ravel piece circa 1931 gets right out of the gates, as “the crack of a whip snaps the piccolo into play and we go bounding through the entire orchestra from there with the verve that only jazz and a piano can bring,” PCO reps said.

The second movement slows into “hypnotic serenity” while the third movement shifts suddenly “as if you are running down Madison Avenue in rush hour,” PCO reps said. “Ravel’s mastery of orchestration gets the sublime best out of every single instrument.”

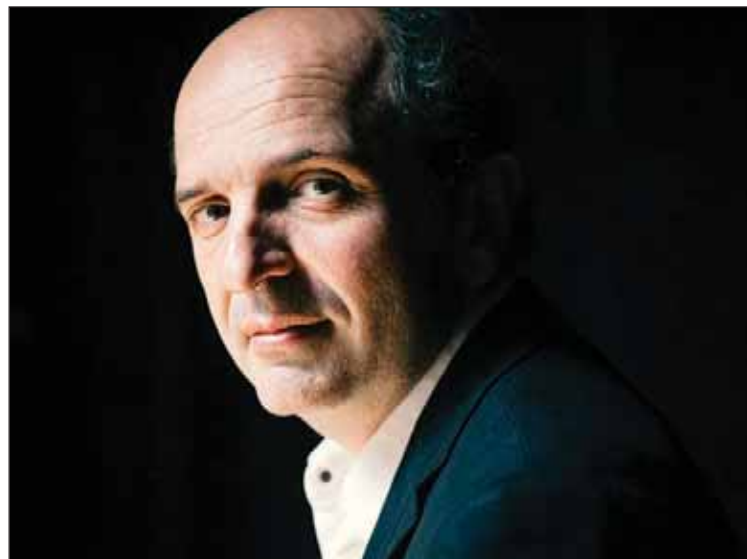
Joining the East Bay orchestra for the Ravel portion will be Pascal,

known for his appearances in some of the best venues in the world, including his native France and the U.S. like Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center, according to PCO.

The second half of the concert will bring Brahms’ “Symphony No. 3 in F major” from 1883.

“The emotions Brahms evokes combine the serious and the playful, creating a compelling drama that moves the soul,” PCO reps said.

The concerts are set for next Saturday (Sept. 14) at 7 p.m. at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church in Lafayette and next Sunday (Sept. 15) at 3 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. For tickets and more information, visit [pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://pacificchamberorchestra.org). ■



JEAN-BAPTISTE MILLOT / COURTESY PCO

French pianist Denis Pascal is accompanying the Pacific Chamber Orchestra for the Ravel piece in its upcoming concerts.



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Actress Gay Storm portrays First Lady Edith Wilson.

## ‘An Afternoon or Evening with Edith Wilson’

Museum welcoming actress Storm to portray former first lady

By JEREMY WALSH

Downtown Pleasanton will be regaled later this month with stories from the White House of one of the most important American presidencies of the 20th century as the Museum on Main presents “An Afternoon or Evening with Edith Wilson.”

Actress Gay Storm is set to portray the former first lady in the pair of presentations at the Firehouse Arts Center. Wilson, the second wife of 28th U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, played an even more major role in history after her husband suffered a serious stroke in office in 1919.

“Despite pressure to the

contrary, Edith insisted he didn’t resign, fearing he’d lose his greatest incentive for recovery — his dream of a League of Nations. WWI had just ended, and Edith was in charge,” museum officials said in teasing the upcoming shows.

Rachel Brickell, director of education for the museum, added, “I’m excited to see Gay Storm portray such a fascinating woman from history who many

considered to be a secret president when her husband was unable to lead or make decisions. I expect Storm to share many interesting and unknown stories about her.”

Storm, like all other performers in the museum’s monthly Ed Kinney Speaker Series, will portray Wilson in the Chautauquan style, staying in character for the scripted show and an initial Q&A with the audience before

answering final queries out of character.

“An Afternoon or Evening with Edith Wilson” is set for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at the downtown theater. A virtual viewing via the webinar platform BigMarker is scheduled for Sept. 24.

Tickets remain available and can be purchased at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at the museum during regular operating hours or by phone at 925-462-2766. ■

## Sing your heart out in ‘A Season of Change’

VCC sets auditions for next two weeks

By JEREMY WALSH

With its 2024-25 season on the horizon, Valley Concert Chorale is holding auditions starting next week at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore to recruit singers for its upcoming slate of shows themed “A Season of Change.”

“The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music,” reps said in a recent press release. “The Chorale performs three concert sets a season with a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary and folk to jazz.”

Auditions are by appointment only the next two Mondays (Sept. 9 and 16), according to VCC. Prospective signers should expect a 15-minute tryout that will include presentation of a prepared short song in any language.

Selected singers must commit to Monday evening rehearsals all season long at First Presbyterian at 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore, reps said. The new season will get underway with the annual VCC holiday concerts in December, entitled “Christmas Celebration” and featuring Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria.”

To learn more, call 925-866-4003 or visit [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org). ■



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## Blessing of the Grapes

3 Steves Winery on Greenville Road hosted the 2024 Blessing of the Grapes, a ceremony organized each year by Livermore Valley Wine Community to kick off the harvest season with the hope of bringing good fortune. The Aug. 21 celebration included (from left) Brandi Lombardi, executive director of the Livermore Valley Wine Community; Alex Wolfe, assistant winemaker at 3 Steves; Pastor Steve Wilde from First Presbyterian Church of Livermore; Rabbi Larry Milder from Congregation Beth Emek; and Father Augustine Joseph from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Man killed in Dublin shooting ID'd; online interactions connect victim, suspect

Police confirmed the identity of the Dublin man shot to death at his apartment two weeks ago and revealed that online interactions provided a connection between the victim and the suspect.

The victim was identified as 37-year-old Michael Dalipe, according to Dublin Police Chief Nate Schmidt.

"As far as motive goes we are still investigating. We hope looking at the victim and suspect's online discussions will provide us more information. More to follow," Schmidt told the Pleasanton

Weekly by email Saturday. KTVU was the first to report that police were looking closely at communications between Dalipe and defendant Nicholas Paleveda on the gaming chat platform Discord, citing court records.

Paleveda, 38, formerly of Florida, has been charged with murder, firearm violations and special allegations in connection with the deadly shooting at the Emerald Park Apartment Homes complex on the afternoon of Aug. 23, according to Alameda County's online inmate locator. He remains in custody at Santa Rita Jail nearby in Dublin with no bail.

Dalipe's widow shared more about what transpired that fateful day and the legacy of her late husband in recent emotional posts online.

"We were together for 20 years (2004-2024) and were high school



DALIFE GOFUNDME  
Michael Dalipe was killed in a shooting at his front door in Dublin.

sweethearts. He was my rock, my best friend, my soulmate and especially my caregiver as I have numerous health issues," Cynthia Dalipe wrote in a GoFundMe she started to raise money for general expenses in the aftermath of her husband's death.

"He had a lot of gaming friends who were his second family," she added. "We're all in shock right now and trying to pick up the pieces after this immense loss. It's now just me and our corgi."

The GoFundMe page had raised more than \$18,000, above its initial goal of \$5,000, as of Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm overwhelmed with how many people out there loved Michael," Cynthia Dalipe wrote in a follow-up post on the GoFundMe on Saturday. "It's been a really hard week without him, but seeing all of the memories, screenshots, pictures have brightened my day. I didn't realize how many people he had an impact on after all of these years!!!"

"And to everyone who has donated: thank you, sincerely," she

said. "I can't put into words how grateful I am to see these from all of you — from people I know personally, to total strangers. Michael constantly questioned his self-worth, and I wish I could show him how much he was loved and appreciated by others. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Cynthia Dalipe also briefly described what she experienced on Aug. 23.

She said her husband was shot at the front door of their apartment and died instantly. "I was there to witness the aftermath and call 9-1-1," she stated.

In their original public statement, Dublin police said the victim — later identified as Michael Dalipe — was shot in the head at around 2:20 p.m. at the apartment complex on Hacienda Drive near the Central Parkway intersection. The shooter fled the scene and was not captured that Friday afternoon.

Police confirmed the next day that their prime suspect in the homicide, Paleveda, had been arrested in a Walmart parking lot in Barstow in southeastern California.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed a complaint against Paleveda on Aug. 29. He was arraigned but did not enter a plea to the charges that day, according to online court records. He is scheduled to return to court next Thursday (Sept. 12).

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

• A boy was stabbed in a fight with another youth and proceeded to get behind the wheel of a car but crashed in downtown Pleasanton, leading to a search of the neighborhood that included helicopter support on Labor Day afternoon, according to city police.

The investigation began with a call reporting a car crash at around 2:55 p.m. Monday near the intersection of Harrison Street and Old Bernal Avenue, according to the Pleasanton Police Department. Several people were spotted fleeing the scene of the wreck.

Law enforcement scoured the area, including aerial assistance from the East Bay Regional Park District helicopter, and found the driver suffering from a stab wound to the torso, according to police.

The driver, who was treated at a local hospital and released, was described only as a male juvenile.

Police reported learning that the injured boy had been involved in an altercation with another juvenile before the crash. They said a knife was recovered from the area of the fight — the location of which was not specified.

"This incident appears to be isolated, as the initial investigation

suggests that the suspect is known to the victim, and there is no indication of a wider threat," police said in a press release Monday night. "The Pleasanton Police Department is actively working to identify additional individuals involved."

Anyone with information related to the case can contact Pleasanton PD at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

• Authorities netted one arrest and more than \$450,000 in previously stolen merchandise following a month-long investigation into an alleged retail theft ring with San Ramon ties.

The California Highway Patrol's Golden Gate Division announced the results of the operation Aug. 23 following the service of search warrants and recovery of goods the prior week in collaboration with the San Ramon Police Department as part of the Organized Retail Crime Task Force.

"Both agencies have put a tremendous amount of work toward disrupting these organized retail theft operations," San Ramon Police Chief Denton Carlson told the Weekly.

"Stopping the thefts we see in stores is important, but that is only part of the problem," he said. "In many cases, that initial theft is only the beginning of the criminal enterprise. Taking our investigations to the next level and using our resources to bring these fencing operations down helps disrupt the resale process while returning the stolen merchandise to retailers."

"I am incredibly proud of everything the San Ramon Police Department's Organized Retail Theft Suppression Team has done to help protect retailers while also working to ensure community members have a safe and peaceful shopping experience while in San Ramon," Carlson added.

According to the CHP, the investigation began in July on suspicions of a criminal network being behind a string of thefts targeting retailers across the Bay Area.

Investigators would conduct surveillance and identify suspects in an illegal fencing operation based out of Oakland, ultimately obtaining search warrants for a home and multiple vehicles in Oakland, according to the CHP.

Task force members and SRPD personnel executed the search warrants on Aug. 15 at the Oakland residences and two vehicles, finding and seizing "a large amount of stolen property," according to the CHP.

During the search, investigators allege they learned that their prime suspect was leasing a storage facility in Oakland, leading to another warrant and the discovery of more

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## Kimberly Avon

April 17, 1958 – August 4, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce that Kimberly Ann Kaford Avon, after being diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease at the age of 58, has died. She was 66 years old. Kim was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister, as well as a treasured friend to many. Kim, known affectionately as "Kimmy," had an infectious smile with which she spread her boundless joy and warmth. She spoke of and lived by the rule of treating everyone with respect, kindness, and compassion.



Kim grew up in La Mirada, CA where she graduated from Neff High School. She attended San Diego State University and the USC School of Dentistry and began her career as a dental hygienist. In 1987, she fell in love with Dr. Mark Avon. They were engaged 3 months after having met, married after another 9, and soon after started their family. They moved from Los Angeles to Pleasanton in 1991, where she and Mark made a home for their family of four. Kim devoted herself completely to her family and was an incredible mother and home maker. She also enjoyed volunteering for the charitable organizations PPIE and the National Charity League. She loved to cook, travel, and participate in outdoor activities such as walking, hiking, and water and snow skiing.

Kim's husband, Mark, cherished and honored the love of his life throughout their marriage of 36 years. Kim is survived by Mark; their children, David (Jill) and Kelly (Sebastian); mother, Joan; brother, Larry (Janet); grandchildren, Sloane, Henry, and Matilda; as well as a tight-knit extended family who loved her dearly. She is preceded in death by her father, Larry. We also truly hope she sees her sweet Labrador retriever, Abby, in her next adventure. Lost much too soon to a devastating illness, her family and friends have been missing her for years.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Kim's caring friends and local community for their generous support of Kim and her immediate family throughout her illness. With profound love and gratitude, Kim's family and close friends will celebrate her life in a private gathering.

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stolen merchandise.

“Retail industry partners involved in the operation valued the recovered merchandise, consisting mainly of items found at drug stores, from all locations at over \$450,000,” the CHP stated.

Authorities arrested 35-year-old Claudia Cruz of Oakland for her alleged role in the fencing operation. She was booked into the county jail on suspicion of organized retail crime, possession of stolen property and conspiracy to commit a crime, according to the CHP.

—Jeremy Walsh

- Livermore police said they have arrested a 26-year-old man in connection with a shooting at an occupied vehicle in July.

On July 17, police responded to a report of a shooting between a white Ford F-150 and a blue Honda Civic in the 600 block of Rincon Avenue.

Witnesses told police the F-150 was following the Honda around Ora Street and Rincon Avenue. At the intersection, a passenger in the F-150 shot multiple rounds at the Honda, with at least one round hitting it. No one was injured.

Police identified 26-year-old Arturo Morales as the alleged driver of the suspect vehicle and said the shooting was gang-related.

Morales was arrested Aug. 14 at his Livermore home. Officers also executed a search warrant in connection with the shooting and recovered a 9mm handgun and ammunition.

Police said that Morales was booked into jail for suspected shooting at an occupied vehicle, assault with a deadly weapon, being



CHP-GOLDEN GATE

Merchandise allegedly stolen from retailers by an organized crime network based out of Oakland was recovered by the CHP and San Ramon police on Aug. 15.

a felon in possession of a firearm, being a felon in possession of ammunition, and permitting another to shoot from a vehicle.

Anyone with information about the case can contact Livermore police anonymous tip line at 925-371-4790.

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News

- A Walnut Creek man faces burglary, arson and other charges in the wake of allegedly breaking into a Danville home early Sunday morning and then eluding police for nearly nine hours before being arrested in another neighborhood wearing only underwear.

Clayton Mackay, 26, was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility later Sunday with bail set at \$350,000, according to the Danville Police Department.

Police Chief Allan Shields credited the multiple tips the department

received from the public, as well as the diligent response by the initial home’s occupants, for the arrest that captured the attention of many in that part of town with the high police presence on the ground and the helicopter search from the air.

The situation began unfolding around 4:30 a.m. Sunday when police responded to a home on Alexander Lane on a report of a stranger entering the residence to steal property. The caller said the unknown man “was armed with a knife and was confronting her husband at the time of the call,” police said.

The burglar ultimately fled from the house but arriving officers spotted him running from a neighboring yard, police said. Supporting law enforcement agencies and a police K-9 unit aided in the pursuit, with the man last being seen near the Livery Shopping Center

parking lot on San Ramon Valley Boulevard at 4:40 a.m.

Authorities could not catch the culprit in the morning despite the initial efforts, police said. The search continued into the daytime on Sunday, and investigators developed information identifying Mackay as their prime suspect.

Danville PD put out a public call for assistance via Nixle alert and social media, which reportedly generated multiple tips.

“Throughout the day, residents reported several sightings of Mackay near the Las Trampas Trail, prompting several deployments of Danville officers and the establishment of perimeters to apprehend him,” police said. “The Contra Costa County Sheriff’s STARR helicopter spent hours searching and ultimately spotted Mackay, guiding officers to his location.”

Police said that with the help of sheriff’s deputies, Mackay was arrested in the 100 block of Camino Encanto at 1:49 p.m. Sunday. Shields confirmed to the Weekly that Mackay was wearing nothing but underwear when he was handcuffed — as depicted in photos circulating from the arrest scene, such as those published by News24/680.

Mackay was booked into the county jail on suspicion of burglary, arson of property, unlawfully causing a fire, attempted auto theft, battery on an officer, threatening an officer, resisting arrest and petty theft, according to police.

The department encouraged anyone with information about the case to contact Lt. Heather Transue at 925-314-3702 or htransue@danville.ca.gov.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A Castro Valley man was taken into custody on suspicion of carjacking and robbery after police allege he stole a vehicle while the owner was vacuuming it out at a San Ramon car wash over the weekend.

The situation began unfolding at around 9:30 p.m. Saturday, with the San Ramon Police Department called to the Ducky’s Express Car Wash on Camino Ramon for a reported carjacking, according to

Lt. Tami Williams.

A man approached someone vacuuming her vehicle, grabbed and pulled her completely out of the car, and drove away in the victim’s vehicle, according to Williams.

About two hours later, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office deputies spotted the stolen vehicle and engaged in a pursuit, Williams said.

“Units lost sight of the vehicle briefly, but ultimately located it unoccupied on Crow Canyon Road, in an unincorporated area. The suspect was located nearby and taken into custody without incident,” the lieutenant told the Weekly.

The arrestee, a 28-year-old man from Castro Valley, was later booked into the Martinez Detention Facility by the San Ramon Police Department, according to Williams.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A 35-year-old Mountain House man is now facing a total of 26 years in prison for two sexual assaults in the Bay Area, having recently been sentenced to an additional 18 years by a Contra Costa County judge for the assault of a woman at a party in San Ramon three years ago.

Qais Faizi, who was hit with an eight-year prison sentence in January following a jury trial in Santa Clara County court in which he was found guilty for his involvement in a 2017 gang rape of an intoxicated woman in San Jose, received the maximum sentence last month for another rape of an intoxicated woman in San Ramon in 2021.

Faizi was found guilty on felony counts of forcible rape, rape of an unconscious person, rape of an intoxicated person and sexual penetration by a foreign object as well as receiving enhancements on each count at the conclusion of the trial in Contra Costa County Superior Court on July 11. He was sentenced to the maximum 18 years in prison by Judge David Goldstein on Aug. 2.

Faizi filed a notice of appeal on Aug. 13, with the deadline for the full appeal process set for 60 days after the sentencing date. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

**POLICE REPORT**

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

**Aug. 29**

**Fraud**

■ 10:22 a.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Graffiti offense**

■ 11:25 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

**Shoplifting**

■ 12:39 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 5:27 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Assault/battery**

■ 11:39 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

**Aug. 28**

**Theft**

■ 6:23 a.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft from auto

■ 1:22 p.m. on the 4100 block of Fairlands Drive

■ 1:47 p.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

**DUI**

■ 6:42 p.m. at Sunol Boulevard and Sycamore Road

**Warrant arrest**

■ 11:05 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

**Aug. 27**

**Theft**

■ 8:22 a.m. on the 3100 block of Berkshire Court

■ 8:58 a.m. on the 7800 block of Flagstone Drive

■ 3:07 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

**Warrant arrest**

■ 9:37 a.m. on the 5900 block of Owens Drive

**Aug. 26**

**Vandalism**

■ 1:55 a.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

■ 2:08 a.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 10:47 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 6:44 p.m. on the 4200 block of Remillard Court

**DUI**

■ 4:06 a.m. on the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

**Theft**

■ 7:49 a.m., 4000 block of Brooks Court; theft from auto

■ 8:54 a.m., 5300 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

■ 10:23 a.m., 5300 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

■ 2:27 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:44 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 5:13 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

**Burglary**

■ 8:25 a.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

**Fraud**

■ 8:25 a.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

■ 10:36 a.m. on the 1800 block of Zenato Place

■ 11:36 a.m. on the 4400 block of Stoneridge Road

**Domestic battery**

■ 7:15 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

**Aug. 25**

**Theft**

■ 4:03 p.m., 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:33 p.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

**Assault/battery**

■ 9:01 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

■ 11:26 p.m. on the 4900 block of Owens Drive

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### Response to recent column, 'Nonprofit stability'

As the CEO of the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, I appreciate Jeremy Walsh's attention to the challenges faced by nonprofit boards and staff in his recent column, "Nonprofit stability: What's going on with this run of executive director turnover in the Tri-Valley?"

The nonprofit sector is under immense pressures that differ significantly from those of the for-profit world. For too long, nonprofits have been held to unrealistic expectations, such as maintaining overhead costs below 20% to be deemed effective,



while for-profit businesses freely spend on advertising and marketing without similar scrutiny.

This double standard forces nonprofits to underpay staff, offer fewer benefits and require employees to wear multiple hats just to keep operations running. The result is often burnout and turnover, particularly in small to mid-sized nonprofits where an executive director may juggle everything from communications and fundraising to board management and program delivery.

This is not just a local issue; it's a national one. Until we are willing to invest in and properly support nonprofit employees, turnover will persist. After all, "feeling good about your job" doesn't pay the bills.

It's also important to recognize that leadership transitions happen for many reasons — illness, family commitments, relocation, and the pursuit of better compensation and benefits. Turnover isn't always a sign of dysfunction. However, smaller organizations with limited resources often lack the capacity to issue formal announcements when these changes occur.

TVNPA is actively working to address the disparities in our field, including staffing challenges. In May, we hosted "Charity Reimagined," featuring the Academy Award-nominated documentary "UnCharitable" and an in-person discussion with Dan Pallotta on "The Overhead Myth."

On Sept. 10, TVNPA will

participate in "Talent Justice: A Regional Conversation on Sustaining Our Nonprofit Workforce in Northern California," an invitation-only event that will engage leaders from regionally based philanthropies, nonprofits and intermediaries in a facilitated dialogue to explore the complex crisis facing the nonprofit workforce, including burnout, worker shortages and turnover.

Following this, on Sept. 24, TVNPA will host a public event featuring Fund the People's Rusty Stahl, continuing the critical conversation on sustaining and supporting our nonprofit workforce.

Finally, on Dec. 12, TVNPA and the Three Valleys Community Foundation will co-host a follow-up

event to "Charity Reimagined," including a panel discussion with local nonprofit leaders, executives and donors to discuss the true costs of operating an effective nonprofit and how to retain and support our staff.

TVNPA remains committed to educating and supporting our local nonprofits and leading advocacy efforts on these crucial issues. We invite ongoing dialogue and welcome creative, effective solutions to the challenges we face. Now is the time for change. ■

*Editor's note: Kathy Young co-founded the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance in 2014 and has served as its inaugural president and CEO since 2019. To learn more about the organization, visit tvnpa.org.*

## LETTERS

### Vote No on PP

Vote No on Measure PP, the 10.75% Pleasanton sales tax that will destroy businesses and is too costly. Pleasanton's sales tax burden would be 10.75% — highest in the nation — and will cost residents \$215,000,000 a year based on their own numbers

With Pleasanton's population of 76,689, this means the average sales tax bill for a family of four will be \$11,214.12 a year! Nobody outside of Pleasanton will shop in Pleasanton when all surrounding cities have much lower sales taxes.

And you will pay this tax even when you shop online or buy a car in another city; Pleasanton residents cannot escape this tax. The death spiral of Stoneridge Mall will be complete and small businesses in Pleasanton will suffer. And don't forget your other taxes — California's new 14.4% income tax rate and tens of thousands of dollars a year in property taxes.

Don't be fooled! This tax is not legally restricted to any specific program; it is a general tax and they can spend it however they wish. The Pleasanton City Attorney's "impartial analysis" admits the money can be used to fund big raises for administrators, such as Pleasanton City Manager Girard Beaudin, whose 2023 total compensation was \$442,026.82.

Vote No on Measure PP, the 10.75% tax with a yearly \$11,214.12

tax burden on families.

—Alan Heckman, Alameda County Taxpayers' Association

### I now support PP

In reference to Julie Testa's Guest Opinion in support of Measure PP. I would like to express my views on this matter. As a fiscally conservative taxpayer I do not like any additional taxes levied on the residents of Pleasanton in general.

After looking into the measure and attending presentations by city staff to local commissions and groups I sit on, I now support Measure PP.

Measure PP is considered a consumption tax and is a tax on the purchase of a good or service. Consumption taxes can take the form of sales taxes, excise and other taxes on consumed goods and services. As Julie Testa indicated, "Prescription medicine, groceries, rent, mortgage payments and utilities will be exempt from the tax."

A consumption tax can also refer to a taxing system as a whole in which people are taxed based on how much they consume rather than how much they add to the economy (income tax).

I believe the alternative to Measure PP could be a parcel tax, a bond measure or any other tax levied by the city on our community, which I am greatly opposed to in general.

Pleasanton has great parks and recreation services, is a safe place to live and a nice bedroom community for our families to thrive. It is safe to say that Measure PP is the best alternative we need in support of our community.

—Steven Berberich, member of Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission

### On nonprofit turnover

Since 2020, nonprofit employees have been heeding the call of "Great Resignation" and leaving their jobs for better options.

Nonprofit leaders often face high levels of stress due to the demanding nature of their work, which includes managing limited resources, meeting fundraising goals and addressing community needs. This can lead to burnout and eventual turnover.

Nonprofits typically have tighter budgets compared to for-profit organizations, which can result in lower salaries and fewer benefits for their leaders. This financial strain can make it difficult to retain talented individuals.

Many nonprofit leaders feel that there are limited opportunities for career advancement within their organizations. This lack of professional growth can prompt them to seek opportunities elsewhere.

Nonprofits often operate with lean teams and limited resources, which can create a challenging work environment. Leaders may leave if they feel unsupported or unable to achieve their goals due to their constraints.

The intense commitment required in nonprofit leadership roles can negatively impact work-life balance, leading to dissatisfaction and turnover.

Addressing these issues involves creating a supportive work environment, offering competitive compensation and providing opportunities for professional development. Building a culture that prioritizes employee well-being and sustainability can also help reduce turnover rates.

—Michael Austin, via online story comment

### Critical election for PUSD

With the upcoming election, I urge every community member to pay close attention and act by voting. Two school board seats are contested this election season. The future of our schools is in our hands. While our highly qualified teachers and teaching are the heart of our educational system, teaching and governance require distinctly different skills.

Effective school board governance involves navigating complex budgets, setting strategic direction, and making policy, with students at the center of every decision. Working in education is not a prerequisite for being an impactful school board member.

What matters most is a history of living, working, and volunteering in our community with school district involvement and a deep understanding of the needs and ability to serve and bring the concerns and values of the community to the table.

As a former long-serving school board member, I deeply understand what it takes to be an effective school board member. School board members have access to teachers and school staff and can connect with them to ensure their concerns are addressed.

Our school district is Pleasanton's true gem. It is why countless families make this city their home and the reason we have stable and increasing property values.

This election is a critical opportunity to choose leaders who will continue to support our district's excellence and not the agenda of other groups. Please research, meet the candidates, and vote so our school district remains a beacon of our community for years.

—Jamie Yee

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

# Amador boys' water polo wins MVAL Labor Day Tournament

Also: BUSC executive director, former national team member  
Crow named semifinalist for Hall of Fame

The Amador Valley High boys' water polo started the season off in style, going 4-0 and winning the MVAL Labor Day Tournament title.

The Dons started the tournament with a 14-9 win over Castro Valley, paced by five goals each from Landon Kenney and Bryce O'Nesky. Eli Morris added two goals, with Tyler Kaste and TJ Chandler scoring one each to round out the scoring. O'Nesky added a pair of assists.

The second match saw Amador beat Mission San Jose 13-6. Kenney and O'Nesky scored four goals each, with Anthony Sowul adding three goals. Evan Shackelford and Will Campbell added one goal each to round out the scoring.

In the semifinals, the Dons met Newark Memorial and rolled on with a 14-6 win.

Kenney led the way with four goals, with O'Nesky adding three. Sowul added a pair of goals, with Kaste, Chandler, Jake DeMichiel, Campbell and Brandon Maschel rounding out the goal scorers with one each.

Kenney had three assists and O'Nesky, Chandler, and Morris got two each.

In the championship, the roll continued with a 12-6 win over James Logan.

Kenney again led the scoring assault with five goals. O'Nesky added three goals and DeMichiel added two. Kaste and Morris got in on the scoring with one goal each.

O'Nesky had three assists and Morris two to help power the offense.

### Crow nominated for U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame

Kevin Crow, a 1979 graduate of Amador Valley and former U.S. National Team member, which included two stints on the U.S. Olympic team, has been named a semifinalist for the U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame.

Crow, the current executive director of the Ballistic United Soccer Club, is one of 21 semifinalists culled from an initial list of 105 nominees.

A nine-person Veteran Voting Committee will narrow the list to 10 finalists. Then, a group of 24-person Veteran Voting Committee will determine by vote and the finalist who receives the most votes will be selected. A second finalist may be

elected if they receive at least 75% of the votes.

The class will be inducted May 3 of 2025 in Frisco, Texas.

Joining Crow as 2025 Veteran Ballot Semifinalists are Chris Armas, David Beckham, Chico Borja, Sean Bowers, Francis Farberoff, Lorrie Fair, Mary Harvey, Frankie Hejduk, Lori Henry, Zak Ibsen, Eddie Lewis, Carlos Llamasa, Clint Mathis, Shep Messing, Heather Mitts, JC Russo, Tony Sanneh, Lindsay Tarpley, Tatu and Aly Wagner.

### Playbook is now running!

Tri-Valley Preps Playbook — the popular look at all East Bay Athletic League action — released its first edition for the 2024-25 prep season earlier this week.

The Playbook is a free e-newsletter but must be subscribed to for a delivery to your inbox each Tuesday afternoon.

The first issue of the season featured the power rankings for the EBAL football teams following the first week of the season. Next week will see the EBAL girls' volleyball rankings make its debut as most teams get into action this week.

The Big Picture takes a quick

look at the first week of football for EBAL teams. Is it too quick to jump to conclusions after only one game?

The What to Watch segment each edition will focus on a few big matches/games each week.

We will also be bringing back the Fast Five, a segment that allows readers to get to know EBAL athletes a bit better as they answer pop culture questions. This week we visited with Amador Valley flag football quarterback Riley Harrington!

The Playbook is hands down, the best was to stay current with the EBAL athletic season, and once

again, it is free. All you need to do is subscribe and you are set to have a front row seat for EBAL action.

To subscribe to the Playbook, please go to pleasantonweekly.com/sports, then scroll down to the box to subscribe to the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook!

All you must do is enter your email address and you are good to go for the entire season. ■

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

## Employment

Magic Fuel Games Inc. seeks a Technical Art Director in Pleasanton, CA (and Other U.S. Locations), to impl art direct by leverage art & tech abilities to produce concrete art, 2D/3D prototypes, & benchmark assets. Min BS or frgn equiv in Game Dsgn, Animation, or a close rtd CD fld + at least 4 yrs of exp in a Contract Art, Tech Art., Character Art., or rtd role. 1 trip every 2 yrs for onsite partner reviews. Must be willing to work Pacific Time (West Coast) bus. hrs. Telecom Permitted. Comp for role btwn \$136,448-\$156,448/Yr. For complete req's, apply online @ <https://www.magicfuelgames.com/open-position> for the 'Technical Art Director' role.

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Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Engineer Software/Digital Customer Experience in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Subj. to backgrnd. check. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$130,415 - 180,866/yr. Email resume: [TA.Applications@albertsons.com](mailto:TA.Applications@albertsons.com), Attn: R. Samonte. Ref# 0815ME

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10x Genomics in Pleasanton, CA seeks multiple positions: Supply Planner, salary \$125k-\$165k (#SP2024); Cloud Tech. Architect, salary \$206,315-\$225k, may be stationed anywhere in continental U.S. reporting to 10x HQ in Pleasanton, CA (#CTA24). Qualified applicants must mail resume to 10x Genomics, Attn: Jana Jensen, 6230 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588 quoting job #.

Blackhawk Network, Inc. in Pleasanton, CA seeks Product Manager (Technology). Deliver enterprise-wide solutions, incl. identifying metrics, KPI's, dimensions, & attributes used across the org. \$115,800 to \$196,880/yr. Email resume to [humanresources@bhn.com](mailto:humanresources@bhn.com) specifying job code 90065. EOE.

To advertise here please visit [PleasantonWeekly.com/employment\\_ads/](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/employment_ads/).



COURTESY MIKE MORRIS

The Amador Valley boys' water polo team after winning the MVAL Labor Day Tournament title.

## Entertainment

**CIRQUE TRI-VALLÉ** This Visit Tri-Valley's annual spectacular starts with a pre-show mix-and-mingle lunch in the Bankhead lobby then moves into the theater for presentations, awards, the annual report and plenty of entertaining surprises. 11:30 a.m., Sept. 11. Tickets \$65. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**BUCK FORD AT THE FIREHOUSE** Nashville recording artist Buck Ford, a real western wrangler, manages to bring forth music that ropes in both devout country traditionalists and contemporary fans alike. 7 p.m., Sept. 13. Tickets \$30. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**THE JAYHAWKS AT THE BANKHEAD** The Jayhawks bring their rootsy sound and four-decade musical journey to life featuring tracks from their latest studio album. 8 p.m., Sept. 14. Tickets \$25-\$85. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**SF COMEDY COMPETITION** Fox Family Productions is bringing the finals of its San Francisco Stand-up Comedy Competition to Livermore. 7:30 p.m., Sept. 19. Tickets \$25-\$55. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**FOREVER MOTOWN** Experience the ultimate Motown reunion with Forever Motown and celebrate the timeless classics of Berry Gordy's legendary hit factory. 8 p.m., Sept. 20. Tickets \$55. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S CELEBRATION** Join this free celebration of story, song and dance appreciating the long history of culture and traditions that Native Americans and Hispanic Americans have preserved through the centuries. 11 a.m., Sept. 21. Bankhead Theater. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**KARLA BONOFF & JD SOUTHER IN CONCERT** Join for a once-in-a-lifetime experience as these two luminaries come together to create an atmosphere of pure enchantment and musical bliss. 8 p.m., Sept. 27. Tickets \$25-\$75. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Exhibits

**LOCOMOTIVE EXHIBIT** The exhibit is on display at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery featuring artists and photographers with artwork that highlights Livermore and the Amador Valley's rich railway history and culture. Through Oct. 6.

**TEXTURES OF REMEMBRANCE** This exhibit explores a date that impacts many Vietnamese Americans: April 30, 1975, the end of the Vietnam War featuring works by 25 Vietnamese artists and writers. Through Sept. 21. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

## Talks

**SCREENING & CONVERSATION** Join Embarcadero Media for a screening of the award-winning documentary "Stripped for Parts: American Journalism on the Brink" followed

by a conversation about the future of journalism. 6:45 p.m., Sept. 6. Free. Firehouse Arts Center. To register visit [tinyurl.com/stripped-for-parts](http://tinyurl.com/stripped-for-parts).

**MEDIA LITERACY LECTURE SERIES WITH CIERRA BAILEY** Join for a Media Literacy Lecture Series, presented by Cierra Bailey of Embarcadero Media Foundation, and learn the impacts of media on public opinion and how to responsibly use media in an increasingly complex landscape. 2 p.m., Sept. 7. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** Mark McLaren will discuss "Scotland and Northern Ireland Research". His presentation will provide information to assist in Scottish genealogy research and will cover the origin of Scottish surnames and naming conventions. 7-8:30, Sept. 9. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Visit [l-ag.s.org](http://l-ag.s.org).

**MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES** In this Alan Hu Foundation webinar by Abigail Gewirtz, Ph.D., she will discuss "When the World Seems Like a Scary Place: Essential Conversations for Anxious Parents and Worried Children". 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 10. Visit [alanhufoundation.org](http://alanhufoundation.org).

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** Join for an interesting presentation by Elizabeth Fields, an urban flower farmer, who will share insights on cultivating beautiful blooms. Discover the unique challenges and rewards of growing flowers as a business. 6-8 p.m., Sept. 12. Crosswinds Church. Visit [lavgc.org](http://lavgc.org).

**WINEMAKER ROSA FIERRO MEET & GREET** Join for an evening with Latina winemaker Rosa Fierro, owner of Rosa Fierro Cellars in Livermore. Rosa founded the winery in 2014 and has been involved in every aspect of the winemaking process. 7 p.m., Sept. 12. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY** Juls Vistnes will present an Armchair Travelers program entitled "Portugal: Moors, Port and Fado: Living from the Earth and Soul" sharing photos and stories of her adventures in Portugal. 1:30 p.m., Sept. 12. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS** This zoom meeting features speaker Paula Nadelstern whose quilts have achieved international recognition for the innovative and complex designs inspired by the bilateral symmetry of kaleidoscopic images. 1:30-3:30, Sept. 14. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress).

**AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH EDITH GALT WILSON** Edith Galt Wilson was the second wife of Woodrow Wilson, and some considered her as the first woman President as in his second term Wilson suffered a stroke which paralyzed his left side. 2 p.m. and

7 p.m., Sept. 17. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PANEL** Hear from influential women leaders from the California Credit Union League, Pacific Service Credit Union, Patelco Credit Union and Valley First Credit Union as they share their insights, experiences and perspectives as Women in Leadership. 5 p.m., Sept. 18. Tickets \$50. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**FREE WALKING TOURS** Join the Museum on Main staff and learn about Pleasanton's long and varied history in this free walking tour. Learn about the architecture and backstories of some of the town's most notable buildings. 9 a.m., Sept. 21. Rain or shine. 603 Main St.

**MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES** "Understanding and Managing Problematic Anxiety in Children and Adolescents" is the subject of this webinar by Wendy Silverman, Ph.D. She will provide an overview of the core clinical features of anxiety and its disorders in children and adolescents. 5-6 p.m., Sept. 24. Register by Sept. 23. Visit [alanhufoundation.org](http://alanhufoundation.org).

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP** Join for a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Workshop and learn essential steps on how to safeguard family and home in case of an emergency. Whether a natural disaster, power outage, or other emergencies, being prepared can make all the difference. 6:30-8 p.m., Sept. 24. Pleasanton Library.

**HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS** Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club meets in-person and virtually via Zoom. Overcome fear of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visit [haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org](http://haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Festivities

**SIP WITH US LIVERMORE** Celebrate California Wine Month in Downtown Livermore with No Corkage Fees. Bring a favorite bottle of Livermore produced wine and the first bottle's corkage fee is waived. Sept. 1-30. Visit [livermoredowntown.com](http://livermoredowntown.com).

**FORKFUL - DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON** Join downtown Pleasanton's renowned restaurants as they come together to serve the "perfect forkful" of their signature dishes. Don't miss out on this opportunity to discover new flavors and satisfy cravings. 3-5 p.m., Sept. 7. Tickets \$60.54. Visit [pleasantondowntown.net/forkful-2024](http://pleasantondowntown.net/forkful-2024).

**ART IN THE PARK** The Livermore Art Association presents Art in the Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 8. Carnegie Park, 2155 3rd St., Livermore. Visit [livermoreartassociation.org/art-in-the-park](http://livermoreartassociation.org/art-in-the-park).

**PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES END OF SUMMER BBQ** The Pleasanton Military Families

## PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

### Meet Rob Mayeda

Today's forecast is mostly sunny with a chance of snuggles! With big golden eyes and gray fur, this week's Pet of The Week is a silver lining personified. Sunny days are ahead with one of Valley Humane Society's favorite felines, Rob Mayeda. "Weather" you're ready to adopt Rob or just want to meet him, visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org) to learn more or email [info@valleyhumane.org](mailto:info@valleyhumane.org) to start the process.

End of Summer BBQ is 6 p.m., Sept. 11. New members welcome. Amador Community Park. For more information, visit [pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org](http://pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org).

**PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK AND MEDIA SALE** Proceeds from the book sales and membership fees go directly toward the library. Sept. 12-15. Visit <http://friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org>.

**CORGI CON** Spend a day with fluffy stumpers and celebrate all things Corgi at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 14. Tickets \$9-\$12. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**CULTURA POETRY & ART FEST** Write poetry, share your own poetry, listen to bilingual poetry and enjoy art from various artists in this family friendly event which encourages literacy, community engagement and art appreciation. 1 p.m., Sept. 21. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**GARBA DANDIYA NIGHT** Join this ultimate Garba Dandiya extravaganza featuring artist Jigardan Gadhavi on a night filled with pulsating beats, vibrant dance and festive fun. 6:30-10 p.m., Sept. 21. Tickets \$25.99, children 5 years and under free. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**GHOST WALK TICKETS ON SALE** This family-friendly tour is led by a team of ghost hosts to visit nine haunted locations around downtown. Tours begin at Museum on Main and leave every thirty minutes from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Oct. 11-12, 18-19. For more information visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

## Outdoor Rec

**RANGER PROGRAM AT LARPD** Let's Talk Bears is the subject for this LARPD Ranger Program. Learn about all the different species of bears, including the largest extinct bear species. 6-7 p.m., Sept. 14. Sycamore Grove Park, Wetmore Entrance. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**TOOTH TIME RANGER PROGRAM** Join LARPD to discuss all the teeth the natural world has to offer. Learn about different animals just from their teeth and the amazing impact evolution has on tooth design. 2-3 p.m., Sept. 15.

Sycamore Grove Park, Reservable Picnic Area. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

## Fundraisers

**BRILLIANCE AT THE BANKHEAD STARRING KATHARINE MCPHEE** Join this fundraiser event featuring Katharine McPhee accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony which includes a gourmet dinner and live music on the Plaza before the show, as well as an exciting raffle and live and silent auction items. 5:30 p.m., Sept. 7. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**EVENING AT THE OASIS** Join this magical giving event for Tri-Valley Reach which raises funds to build and maintain inclusive communities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live independently in the community. 6 p.m., Sept. 12. McGrail Vineyards. Tickets \$125. Visit [trivalleyreach.org/events](http://trivalleyreach.org/events).

**ENCHANTED GARDEN GALA** Join Sunflower Hill for their biggest fundraiser of the year and experience an unforgettable evening filled with magic and wonder. Step into the beauty of an Enchanted Garden where dreams blossom and possibilities are endless. 6-10 p.m., Sept. 21. Tickets \$175. Blackhawk Museum. Visit [paybee.io/in-person-event/sunflowerhil/5](http://paybee.io/in-person-event/sunflowerhil/5).

## Farmers' Market

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

**LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS' MARKET** The Livermore Thursday Night Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m. at Carnegie Park with over 60 vendors. Rain or shine. 2155 3rd St.

**LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET** Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St. and L St.

# Auditions

**HARMONY FUSION OPEN REHEARSAL**  
Harmony Fusion, a women’s a cappella vocal ensemble, will host an open rehearsal guest night to welcome new singers from around the Bay Area. 7-9:30 p.m., Sept. 23. Hill and Valley Women’s Club, 1808 B St., Hayward. For more information contact Joanne Morrison at 925-784-2950.

**AUDITIONS FOR VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE**  
The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills. The 15-minute appointment includes basic sight-reading and a rhythmic exercise. Singers commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals held

at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Sept. 9 and 16. Call 925-866-4003.

# Government

**PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Sept. 12. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL**  
Pleasanton City Council Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 17. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 9. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

**LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Regular meetings are in the Boardroom at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 17. Visit livermoreschools.org.

# Seniors

**SENIOR CENTER NEWCOMERS WELCOME**  
Discover the great offerings and fun at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Receive a tour, a

bag and treats. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sept. 12. Register at 925-931-5365.

**LUNCHES AT THE SENIOR CENTER**  
Senior lunches (60+) are served in the Main Hall 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. weekdays. Call Open Heart Kitchen at 925-500-8241 for more information. Pleasanton Senior Center.

**WOOD CARVING AT THE SENIOR CENTER**  
This drop-in program is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays. All experience levels are welcome. The club provides a knife, safety equipment, gloves and leather thumb guard. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50NR.

**PLEASANTON PEDALERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER**  
Pleasanton Pedalers

Cycling is 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The Tuesday ride is 30-45 miles and the Thursday ride is 25-30 miles for cyclists who want a slower pace. For more information contact pleasantonpedalers@outlook.com.

**POKER AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER**  
1-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50NR. Must be familiar with the game of poker.

**SOLE MATES WALKING GROUP**  
Sole Mates Walking Group is 8:45-10 a.m., Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Participants must be able to walk 2.5 miles and keep a moderate pace with the group.

# Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 606981  
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): ROW HOUSE  
ROW HOUSE PLEASANTON  
3903A SANTA RITA  
PLEASANTON, CA 94588  
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 06/05/2024  
UNDER FILE NO. 606981  
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): AP VENTURES LLC  
3512 York Lane  
San Ramon, CA 94582  
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Limited Liability Company.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on August 07 2024.  
(PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

Fremont, CA 94539.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
HLW LLC  
PO BOX 15193  
Fremont, CA 94539  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/6/2005  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 19 2024.  
(PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

DECKED OUT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608726  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) DECKED OUT, located at 3263 Vineyard Ave. Spc 99, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6342, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
EMILY WARREN  
3263 Vineyard Ave. Spc 99  
Pleasanton, CA 94566-6342  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 15 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 19 2024.  
(PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

OXFORD ROYALE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608359  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) OXFORD ROYALE, located at 2601 Warring Street, Berkeley, CA 94720, Alameda County. Mailing Address: c/o Reynolds & Rowella, LLP, 90 Grove Street, Suite 101, Ridgefield, CT 06877  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
OR EDUCATION, INC.  
c/o Reynolds & Rowella, LLP, 90 Grove Street, Suite 101  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
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 August 01 2024.  
(PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

JELLYFLAVOR  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608904  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Jellyflavor, located at 4571 Maureen Circle, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
TANVI MURUGESH  
4571 Maureen Circle  
Livermore, CA 94550  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 26 2024.  
(PLW Sep 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2024)

MAI THAI  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608533  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Mai Thai, located at 13700 Doolittle Drive, Suite 110, San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ANONTAXAY GROUP  
13700 Doolittle Drive, Suite 110  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
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 August 09 2024.  
(PLW Aug 16, 23, 30 and Sep 6, 2024)

NANABLUEBERRY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608809  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) NANABLUEBERRY, located at 34340 Platinum Terrace, Fremont, CA 94555, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
LI JIN  
34340 Platinum Terrace  
Fremont, CA 94555  
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 August 21 2024.  
(PLW Sep 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2024)

HLW VINEYARDS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608711  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) HLW VINEYARDS, located at 44400 Parkmeadow Dr, Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 15193,

WILDERNESS TAXIDERMY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 607799  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Wilderness Taxidermy, located at 4406 Enterprise Place, Unit C, Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 7239 Hunters Valley Road, Mariposa, CA 95338.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
GEOFFREY P. VASSALLO  
9329 Hunters Valley Road  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 1996  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 09 2024.  
(PLW Aug 16, 23, 30 and Sep 6, 2024)

SUPER STAR FOODS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608440  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) SUPER STAR FOODS, located at 5972 Topsfield Circle Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
PRAFULLA MUKHI PRABHU VENKATESH  
5972 Topsfield Circle  
Dublin, CA 94568  
PRABHU VENKATESH SUBRAMANIAN  
5972 Topsfield Circle  
Dublin, CA 94568  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 06 2024.  
(PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

HLW WINES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608709  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) HLW WINES, located at 44400 Parkmeadow Dr., Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 15193, Fremont, CA 94539.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
HLW WINERY, LLC  
PO BOX 15193  
Fremont, CA 94539  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/27/2015  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 19 2024.  
(PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

J ARROYO'S CONSTRUCTION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 607957  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) J Arroyo's Construction, located at 1855 Locust Street Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
JOSE LUIS ARROYO BECERRA  
1855 Locust Street  
Livermore, CA 94551

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/15/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 17 2024.  
(PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

VELVET HEAD SPA LIVERMORE  
VELVET LIVERMORE  
VELVET HEAD SPA  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 608932  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) VELVET HEAD SPA LIVERMORE, 2.) VELVET LIVERMORE, 3.) VELVET HEAD SPA, located at 2133 LAS POSITAS CT., STE. A, LIVERMORE, CA 94551, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 741 TARROGANA DRIVE TRACY, CA 95376  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
TGS MASSAGE INC.  
741 TARROGANA DRIVE  
TRACY, CA 95376  
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 August 27 2024.  
(PLW Sep 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 24CV087499  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Kristina Joy Constantino Budnik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
KRISTINA JOY CONSTANTINO BUDNIK to KRISTINA JOY TORREALBA  
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: DECEMBER 20, 2024, 9:30 am, WILEY W MANUEL COURTHOUSE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 661 WASHINGTON STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94607.  
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: AUGUST 16, 2024  
THOMAS I NIXON  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 24CV087659  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Kalena Ramos filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
KALENA RAMOS to KALENA NICOLE LUTHER  
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: 11-08-2024, 9:30AM, Alameda of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington St, Oakland, CA 94607.  
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: AUG 19 2024  
Thomas J Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Aug 30, Sep 6, 13 and 20, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 24CV084894  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Kaitlin Alexia Culata-Lontok filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
KAITLIN ALEXIA CULATA-LONTOK to KAITLIN AVYANNA MARTINEZ  
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: 11/22/2024, 9:30am, 1B of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, Ca 94612.  
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: 07/26/2024  
Thomas J. Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Aug 23, 30, Sep 6 and 13, 2024)

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- Fictitious Business Name
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**The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/legal\_notices/**

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# Real Estate

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 17-21 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Aug. 5-9 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

**2816 Calle Reynoso** L. Liu to L. & G. Kadambari for \$1,805,000  
**38 Castledown Road** Bonanno Trust to Jurich Living Trust for \$2,425,000  
**3847 Cheshire Court** Firestone 2016 Family Trust to R. & A. Mehra for \$1,685,000  
**962 Concord Street** Goble-Grimes Trust to J. & H. Huang for \$1,958,000  
**4034 Fallwood Court** Shoemaker & Elmer Trust to Z. & C. Tan for \$2,125,000  
**2033 Foxswallow Road** Hales Trust to S. & S. Puthiyadath for \$2,010,000  
**447 Mavis Drive** L. & G. Mcchesney to C. & M. Kilb for \$1,850,000  
**8150 Mountain View Drive #B** Reno Trust to D. & R. Ghera for \$630,000  
**3766 Oak Brook Court** Silva Family Trust to A. & R. Shivanandappa for \$2,270,000  
**450 Pine Hill Lane** M. Acosta to M. & T. Knuppe for \$2,300,000  
**1024 Riesling Drive** Maraschin Family Trust to S. & A. Kaul for \$1,957,000  
**2228 Segundo Court #1** Simmons Living Trust to T. Vo for \$560,000  
**3496 Serra Circle** Zhang Trust to S. & M. Kommaraju for \$1,360,000  
**7952 Spyglass Court** Pinkela Trust to Nostrand Family Trust for \$1,859,000  
**4348 Valley Avenue #D8** Lehman Trust to V. & V. Tiwari for \$905,000  
**1853 Via Di Salerno** A. & C. Ghai to P. Nguyen for \$5,100,000

**2865 Whitney Drive** Moore Living Trust to M. Mazouchi for \$1,355,000

### Livermore

**1561 2nd Street** Nordstrom Living Trust to A. Carroll for \$990,000  
**2160 7th Street** T. Vu to Shapiro Trust for \$1,300,000  
**456 Adelle Street** Ordaz Trust to C. & B. Dang for \$760,000  
**4294 Amherst Way** M. & T. Graves to K. & H. Gorla for \$1,001,000  
**1124 Bannock Street** H. Nassori to R. Sarabia for \$945,000  
**1179 Brookdale Lane** D. & E. Michel to S. & R. Lingakumar for \$1,221,000  
**2068 Buckskin Road** S. Kc to P. & K. Nuebel for \$1,015,000  
**1730 Catalina Court** Lee Trust to S. Nolte for \$1,075,000  
**236 Chalmette Road** R. Gomes to Bas Family Trust for \$1,425,000  
**3041 Danielle Lane** A. & J. Callahan to R. & A. Dua for \$2,900,000  
**407 Dover Way** R. Cheng to S. Sablan for \$1,281,000  
**451 El Caminito** Avery Family Trust to A. & C. Sumner for \$1,325,000  
**5811 Elder Circle** K. Kapoor to J. & A. Martino for \$2,000,000  
**211 Elvira Street** J. & L. Cook to A. & S. Bapulal for \$1,300,000  
**1517 Frederick Michael Way** Neutze Trust to B. & R. Naranjo for \$2,497,000  
**632 Hayes Avenue** L. & C. Thomas to Namani-Ganji Trust for \$2,100,000  
**1142 Lomitas Avenue** F. Lodge to D. & H. Sawas for \$1,680,000

**3850 Macgregor Common** J. & J. Shields to B. Brandt for \$935,000

**1109 Mocho Street** C. Mutimer to P. & A. Palavanca for \$1,100,000  
**372 Nadine Street** D. & G. Wilson to Sc Homes 321 LLC for \$1,025,000  
**625 Nightingale Street** M. Ledezma to P. & R. Shanmugasundaram for \$970,000  
**1712 Park Street** Lundahl Family Lp to M. & T. Trinh for \$1,620,000  
**230 Selby Lane** M. & S. Mitsumata to R. & P. Efthymakis for \$1,050,000  
**737 Travis Circle** W. Haller to J. & H. Dhama for \$2,146,000  
**971 Waverly Common** Bianchini 2008 Trust to R. & B. Trenchil for \$1,060,000  
**2206 Wedgewood Way** E. & T. Short to M. & N. Juneja for \$2,650,000  
**2016 Westbrook Lane** Jameson Trust to Threex Investments Inc for \$1,225,000

**3921 Yale Way** Hazen Family Trust to R. & J. Preciado for \$944,500

### Dublin

**6985 Ann Arbor Way** Paulson Family Trust to H. & S. Chang for \$1,450,000  
**8355 Cypress Court** Schwenz Living Trust to A. & S. Balasubramania for \$1,425,000  
**7626 Frederiksen Court** T. & J. Vasquez to B. & V. Mallampati for \$1,690,000  
**5892 Greenburg Road** Quan Trust to P. & S. Shah for \$1,651,000  
**4356 Panorama Drive** Lau Family Trust to S. & S. Singla for \$2,515,000  
**7428 Tehan Court** P. Shimpi to P. & K. Kamdar for \$821,000  
**3346 Vittoria Loop** Harrison Living Trust to J. & N. Shah for \$1,510,000

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (June 17-21)

**Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$560,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$5,100,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,891,411

### Livermore (June 17-21)

**Total sales reported:** 28  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$760,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,900,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,412,160

### Dublin (June 17-21)

**Total sales reported:** 9  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$821,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,515,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,619,222

### San Ramon (Aug. 5-9)

**Total sales reported:** 16  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$700,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,700,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,397,250

Source: California REsource

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4698 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON - \$2,995,000  
5 BED | 3 BATH | 3,373 SQFT



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543 MONTOM COURT, RUBY HILL  
SOLD \$2,872,100



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\$76,000 ABOVE  
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1045 RIESLING DR, PLEASANTON  
SOLD \$1,925,000



**SOLD**  
\$555,000 ABOVE  
ASKING!

7810 BERNAL AVE, PLEASANTON  
SOLD \$3,350,000

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