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# WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

## Reading the obits

Pleasanton's first female planning commissioner. A school district trustee before unification. A former City Council candidate. A downtown bar and restaurant owner.

Those may be the headlines from among the dozen or so obituaries that have caught my eye on our Lasting Memories webpage or in our print edition this fall, but there is so much more to each individual story.

They are people of family, people of service, people of heart, people of community. Their lives are part of the fabric of the Tri-Valley — and beyond.

Let's get to learn a little more about these impactful residents and the remembrances from their loved ones. (And special shoutout to Ken MacLennan at the Museum on Main, Pam Ott in the Pleasanton city offices and Patrick Gannon at Pleasanton Unified School District for helping me get some additional context.)

I was saddened to hear that Joyce Shapiro died on Nov. 2 after suffering a stroke. She and husband Bob had been such great supporters of the Pleasanton Weekly, along with so many community organizations and initiatives.

Her obituary was illuminating; she packed so much into her 82 years. Focusing just on her accomplishments in Pleasanton, Joyce (Getty, her first married name) was the first woman appointed to the city's Planning Commission, serving from 1978 to 1985 — she was also designated as a standby City Council member in case of emergency in 1980.

She was also former president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Pleasanton Downtown Association (which she helped establish) and the California Downtown Association. Shapiro gave back to the Pleasanton 2000 Committee, Firehouse Arts Center, Senior Center and the Committee for the "Great Race". She and Bob shared the Mayor's Award and the Weekly's Couple of the Year honor.

Another late resident whose fingerprints — maybe more literally — are all over Pleasanton was J. Jack Bras, who passed on Nov. 9 at 95 years old.

Oklahoma-born before the family migrated to California in the Great Depression ("a childhood straight out of 'Grapes of Wrath'"), Bras and wife Florence settled in Pleasanton in 1964 and he opened an architecture office on First Street.

Bras designed or remodeled many recognizable buildings in town: The Cheese Factory, Pleasanton Hotel,

The Adobe Plaza, the fairgrounds' amphitheater and the Pleasanton Police Department, to name a few. His obituary also said he even stepped in to influence the city against removing the then-shabby Pleasanton Arch.

He also held elected office, serving on the old Amador Valley Joint Union High School Board of Trustees from 1981-85, not long before unification occurred in 1988.

Going back a few papers ago, George Bowen's family remembered him close to his birthday in October. An insurance man who always had music in his heart and found a second career building guitars died on Aug. 19 at 69 after battling ALS. Voters may also recall Bowen bid for Pleasanton City Council in 2014.

Restaurateur John Luevano, the palette and soul behind Pairings in downtown Pleasanton, passed following a "hard-fought fight with cancer" on Sept. 21 at age 64. "His delicious Bolognese became a local favorite, much like the man himself — rich, comforting, and filled with heart," his obituary stated.

On Page 18 in this week's paper, you can read more about the life and legacy of 73-year-old Ed Heuer III, who spent his career in wastewater treatment. Golfers at Callippe Preserve might recognize him from his retirement gig as a course marshal for some 15 years.

There are so many other fascinating tales near the top of our Lasting Memories page: Dan Stober was a journalist for years with the San Jose Mercury News and Stanford News Service; 103-year-old Fred Weakley had careers in hatmaking and real estate; Sandra Manifesto was attendance secretary at Bishop O'Dowd High School; and Ron Otvos "will always be remembered for his generosity of time, his kind words, and his ability to bring people together."

Even as I was getting ready to write this column on Wednesday, two new obituaries arrived online for me to approve.

Barbara Jean Davis passed peacefully in Manteca last Friday surrounded by family at the age of 78. During her full life, the former Danville resident had a connection to our industry, working for years at the Valley Times in Livermore.

And Pleasanton resident Shirley Roehl, a retired teacher primarily at Briar Elementary in Fremont, died back on Oct. 8 at the age of 95. "She impacted many lives in a positive and lasting way. She is greatly missed," her daughter wrote in the obit.

Learn more about all of these wonderful folks online at obituaries.pleasantonweekly.com. ■

## About the Cover

The Kristi Yamaguchi Ice Rink helps Tri-Valley residents get into the holiday groove at City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon now through Jan. 5.

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# Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

## What will you be expressing gratitude for at the Thanksgiving table this year?



**Sonia Hilde**  
Medical assistant

We're expecting a very difficult Thanksgiving because we've experienced a lot of loss this past year. We're going to try our hardest to be grateful for absolutely every single thing we still have.



**Victor Nguyen**  
Data analyst

I'm heading down to SoCal to spend Thanksgiving at my sister's house in San Diego, with my family including my parents. I'm so grateful that although my parents are aging, they are still able to participate in our beautiful family gatherings.



**Taylor Melville**  
Family services coordinator

I'm grateful for the ability to be a theatrical artist and to have access to funding and grants that allow me to pursue my art of telling ethical stories through theater, while working full time.



**Eleanor Toscano**  
Scheduling coordinator

I'll be expressing gratitude toward my "chosen family". I'm so thankful for our ability to age and grow together and to mutually provide for one another a constant source of acceptance and compassion.



**Connor-Leo Hamel**  
Behavioral technician

I'll be expressing gratitude toward the LGBTQIA+ community. On account of the outcome of the recent election, we are needing to, and really have, come together to be there for and support one another. It's more important now than ever before, as we head into a time of trauma and so much uncertainty.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Storm drain prep

With the first major rain-storm of the season forecast to roll through the region this week, Pleasanton officials recently highlighted the city's storm drain maintenance efforts to prepare and get through the rainy season as safely as possible.

Officials also encouraged residents and businesses to be proactive in doing their part with flood-prevention tasks such as proper disposal of leaves, preventing blockages in gutters or streets, and responsible landscaping.

"From November to February, residents may notice leaf pickups taking place prior to street sweeping days. This early collection helps clear the majority of leaves from roadways and gutters, allowing street sweepers to focus on smaller debris," officials said. "By managing leaves and debris properly, we can help maintain clean streets, prevent flooding and protect our community."

Learn more at [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov) or call 925-931-5500.

### Turkey Drop

The ninth annual Mony Nop Turkey Drop, which benefits families in need through Tri-Valley Haven, is set to take place this Sunday (Nov. 24) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Livermore City Hall parking lot at 1052 S. Livermore Ave.

Organized by Realtors Mony Nop and Sophie Mao, the effort encourages people to donate a frozen turkey (or gift cards or cash) to support Thanksgiving meals for local families.

In addition to the drop-off event, people can also make contributions at the Grocery Outlet stores on Railroad Avenue in Livermore and on Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton at any time this month.

To learn more, go to [trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org).

### PG&E grants

PG&E Foundation recently awarded \$5,000 grants to 154 small- and medium-sized restaurants throughout its 30-county service area, including two in the Tri-Valley.

Of the 38 restaurants selected between Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the list includes Gotta Eatta Pita in Pleasanton and The Great Impasta in Danville. ■

### Correction

The subhead of last week's Pleasanton Preps column on the Sports page incorrectly referred to Foothill volleyball's postseason status. The girls' team was eliminated from the North Coast Section tournament but would still qualify for the CIF State NorCal Division I competition. The Weekly regrets the error.

## Pleasanton council confronts rumors regarding city's financial situation

Members, staff review report showing 2023-24 was better than budgeted but future still tenuous

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Pleasanton city councilmembers and administrators took a stern tone on Tuesday as they addressed rumors alleging the city was hiding information on the past fiscal year's budget and talked about how even though the city saved some money last year, that doesn't change Pleasanton's high-level financial challenges ahead.

Outgoing Councilmember Valerie Arkin particularly called out those who have been pushing a narrative that the city was holding out on 2023-24 budget results while voters

decided whether to approve Measure PP — the half-cent sales tax increase measure that failed on Election Day.

"I can't even go there with what happened in this community," Arkin said during the meeting. "For everybody that took (part) in that, shame on you ... for what you did to this city."

For months, folks on the No on Measure PP committee questioned why the city hadn't released its unaudited budget report for the past fiscal year before placing the half-cent sales tax increase measure on the Nov. 5 ballot. One of the main

arguments made was that residents should know more about the state of Pleasanton's finances before voting on a measure to raise taxes in order to balance the budget in the future.

It wasn't until last week as Measure PP continued to trail significantly in the still-uncertified election results that the city released ahead of the council meeting its 2023-24 budget actuals, which reflect the city's final financial results for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

Mayor-elect Jack Balch, who was the lone PP critic on the council, acknowledged Tuesday night that the

unaudited actuals always come out during this timeframe, which Arkin used as a point of reference when talking about the timing of when the report came out and how it shows that the city is following procedure and not lying about anything.

Arkin also echoed Balch's previous comments about how even though the city's finances can be difficult to fully comprehend, she did not like how people in the community were claiming the city hasn't been transparent about its finances — or lack

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JEANITA LYMAN

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price conceded her campaign to stay in office at a press conference Monday amid election results showing the measure to recall her garnering approximately 2:1 support.

## County DA concedes recall election, announces temporary successor

Price touts accomplishments during her tenure; chief assistant Roberts to take reins in short term

By **JEANITA LYMAN**

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is set to be under new leadership, with Pamela Price formally conceding her recall loss and announcing the temporary appointment of her chief assistant district attorney to lead the office ahead of the Board of Supervisors' appointment of a permanent successor through 2026.

Price gathered with her supporters and the press at noon Monday in downtown Oakland for a news conference in which she sought to highlight work she was proud of during her less than two years, affirm her commitment to ongoing criminal justice reform work and officially recognize the results of this month's election.

"I am heartened knowing that

when I leave this office, I will do so immensely proud of the work we've done both to improve the office and move criminal justice reform in Alameda County forward," Price said.

While some ballots remain to be counted and election results are not yet certified, a vast majority had been counted as of

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## Commission endorses Garaventa Hills plan

Controversial project heads to Livermore council next week

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

The long-debated housing project on Garaventa Hill appears one step closer to development, following unanimous support by the Livermore Planning Commission at a special meeting last week.

Their votes hinged on whether the projects latest recirculated partial environmental impact report fully explored the no-project alternative, including potential funding sources that could be used to maintain the site as open space.

That EIR determined keeping open space was unfeasible due to limitations like an unwilling landowner, high acquisition costs and the site's long-time residential designation.

As such, the commissioners agreed on Nov. 12 that the recirculated partial EIR was complete and the project abides by all laws and standards. Their approval green-lit the project for City Council's consideration, which is expected to come forward at a regular meeting next Monday (Nov. 25).

If the councilmembers also find that the EIR is complete and the project is law-abiding, then they too must support the housing development, according to Steve Stewart special projects coordinator in the

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# Jim's Restaurant founder killed at racing event in Mexico

Reports: Trophy truck driver arrested after hitting bystanders in mechanical inspection area

By JEREMY WALSH

James "Jim" Goff, the down-home restaurateur whose namesake diner has been a staple in Pleasanton for three decades, was one of two bystanders killed by a vehicle during the famed Baja 1000 off-road racing event in Mexico last week.

Goff's son Dustin, who took over Jim's Country Style Restaurant from his father several years ago, confirmed the news "with heavy, broken hearts" to the Pleasanton Weekly on Sunday.

"The Goff family is overwhelmed with grief but are comforted by the love and support of family, friends and the community that Jim loved so dearly," Dustin Goff told the Weekly. "Because this is an extremely difficult time for the Goff family, we ask for privacy and prayers."

Founded by Goff in 1994, Jim's Country Style Restaurant built a reputation as a popular destination for American-style breakfast

and lunch. Located on a prominent corner in the Oak Hill Shopping Center along Sunol Boulevard, the diner celebrated its 30th anniversary this year and was a frequent winner in the Weekly's Readers' Choice contest over the years, including earning Hall of Fame status for Best Breakfast.

Remembrances began to pour in this week as news of Goff's death began to spread in the Tri-Valley.

"My heart aches for his family. He was such a good man, and a great kid, as we have been friends since we went to Kindergarten together in Castro Valley. My deepest condolences to his family," Janeen Rubino-Brumm wrote on the Weekly's Facebook page.

"Jim's has meant so much to so many people and for so many reasons. My thoughts and prayers are with their family, in every sense of the word," Michelle Newbould also said in a comment on Facebook.

Several San Diego-area and racing

industry media outlets reported on the fatal collision, which is now making international headlines in part after video of what transpired on Nov. 14 started to spread on social media, but those initial articles misidentified Goff's name.

The video shows an orange trophy truck in a slow-speed procession losing control after the driver revved its engine multiple times, propelling into bystanders on the spectator-lined roadway in Ensenada in Baja California, Mexico. CBS 8 in San Diego reported that the crash occurred in a mechanical inspection area of the Baja 1000 off-road race.

CBS 8 reported that four people were hit by the truck, and two of them were later pronounced dead at a nearby hospital — with the TV station and other media reporting the victims' names as Fred Goff James and Esteban Velázquez. The Goff family confirmed to the Weekly that it was in fact



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The late Jim Goff founded Jim's Country Style Restaurant in Pleasanton in 1994.

Livermore's James Fred Goff who died that day.

Juan Tintos, general manager of race organizer SCORE International, told The Drive that "The incident was due to the imprudence of a member of a competing team, which is why the vehicle was confiscated and the person

responsible was arrested." He described the truck as the No. 79 Jimco Trophy Truck out of Kansas City, Mo., and owned by Buehler Motorsports.

Tintos and other SCORE International representatives did not respond to the Weekly's request for comment. ■

## Sunflower Grace secures \$5M affordable housing loan from Dublin

City Council crafts contingency to help guarantee low-income count stays at 59 units

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Dublin City Council this month agreed to loan \$5 million to developer Sunflower Grace LP to carry out a 59-unit affordable housing project for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

On the off-chance the developer — nonprofit Sunflower Hill, in

partnership with Satellite Affordable Housing Associates — slashes the number of affordable units to 29, the city would immediately take back half the loan due to an edit in the agreement pushed by Councilmember Jean Josey at the Nov. 5 meeting.

But after the meeting, Sunflower Hill founder Susan Houghton confirmed that there will not be any

market-rate units.

"In our particular case, that's not going to be an issue because Sunflower Hill only builds affordable housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. So we would never build anything that is not affordable housing," Houghton said.

Slated for a 1.83-acre site at Dublin Centre, the Sunflower Hill at Grace Pointe project is set to join hundreds of other housing units and 265,000 square feet of retail and commercial space already included in The DC development plans.

In addition to the 59 affordable rentals, there will be one unit for a manager, according to the agreement.

The loan is being covered by the city's affordable housing funds.

"I think this project is fantastic. I think we've all been looking forward to it coming forward," Josey said after pulling the consent item for discussion on Election Night.

But during the meeting, Josey also suggested there was a hole in the drafted loan agreement.

If the project does not receive funding to qualify it for exemption from a California constitutional provision, usually requiring voter approval for public housing projects, then Sunflower Grace could maintain the full amount of the loan while only offering 29 affordable-rate units, the draft said.

"That gives me slight pause because \$5 million of our affordable housing fund for only 29 units would

be a pretty hefty per-unit subsidy from us," Josey said during the meeting. "I don't think that's going to happen, but that is a clause that is within the deal terms."

In response, the council decided to add language to the loan agreement to ensure the developer would only maintain \$2.5 million if it offered 29 affordable units.

"I think the City Council just wanted to be able to have that as a stop-gap measure that, should something happen with the project, they would be able to retain at least \$2.5 million of the funds that were allocated back," Houghton said.

During the meeting, the council also reviewed other terms of the loan like its usage: \$3 million will go toward predevelopment costs like engineering and design and \$2

million will go toward construction. Additionally, the developer — including its contractors and agents — is required to pay prevailing wages for the project creation, according to the agreement.

The loan has a 3% interest rate, which kicks off as soon as the money is taken out. Once construction is completed, payments are set to begin and they will continue for the following 30 years.

As for the next steps, Sunflower Grace will complete predevelopment work over the next couple of years, Houghton said. The developer will then submit its plan to the Dublin Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Next it will seek out additional funding.

"We appreciate the dedication of the city of Dublin to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disability and their housing needs," Houghton said. "This is a great opportunity for those who need affordable housing to be able to have a potential place to live at Sunflower Hill at Grace Pointe." ■

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# Livermore airman's remains accounted for from WWII

U.S. agency says Lt. Kelly will be buried in his hometown next year

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The body of a Livermore native and U.S. Army bombardier who died during World War II was recently accounted for after his remains, along with the others killed in the same aircraft explosion, were originally designated as non-recoverable, federal officials announced Friday.

U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Thomas V. Kelly Jr. was a Livermore resident who died in 1944 at the age of 21, according to a press release from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). Kelly was assigned to the 320th Bombardment Squadron, 90th Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force before he was deployed to what is present day Papua New Guinea.

According to the DPAA, Kelly left Papua New Guinea on March 11, 1944 in a heavy bomber aircraft



Thomas V. Kelly Jr.

— which was named “Heaven Can Wait” — along with the rest of his crew as part of a “bombing mission against enemy positions at ... located along the northern coast of New Guinea.”

While in the air, fellow aircraft crews who were in the same formation as the “Heaven Can Wait” witnessed as flames erupted from Kelly’s plane, according to the DPAA press release. As the fire spread, the plane was seen “pitching up violently before banking left and crashing down into the water.”

“It is believed anti-aircraft fire hit the plane, causing un-dropped ordnance to explode,” according to the DPAA press release. “Several aircraft circled the crash site in hopes of locating any possible survivors, but none could be seen.”

When the war ended, the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) — a military unit that investigates and recovers missing soldiers — conducted extensive searches of the area but were unable to locate the remains of the Livermore native or any other of the

“Heaven Can Wait” crew members.

Then in October 2017, Project Recover — a DPAA partner organization — located the wreckage of an aircraft exactly the same as the “Heaven Can Wait” plane while it was scanning the area using sonar, according to the DPAA.

The agency said that in 2019, a DPAA underwater investigation team surveyed the wreckage several times before an underwater recovery team excavated the crash site in 2023. During the excavation process from March to April 2023, the recovery team recovered “possible osseous materials and various material evidence, to include life support equipment and identification tags.”

That evidence was reviewed and analyzed by DPAA scientists who — through the use of dental and anthropological analysis as well as material and circumstantial evidence — were able to identify Kelly’s remains. According to the agency, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System also used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) and Y-chromosome (Y-STR) DNA



Livermore native Lt. Thomas V. Kelly Jr., who can be seen circled in red, poses for a photo with his fellow “Heaven Can Wait” crew.

analysis to identify the Livermore native.

Kelly was officially accounted for by the DPAA on Sept. 25. He is set to be buried in his hometown of Livermore next spring, on May 26.

“Kelly’s name is recorded on the

Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, along with others still missing from WWII,” according to the DPAA press release. “A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.” ■

## RECALL

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the most recent update from the county as of Nov. 15, with each update continuing to be nearly 2 to 1 in support of the recall measure.

Although the pro-recall campaign, Save Alameda For Everyone (SAFE) claimed victory less than a week after the Nov. 5 election, Monday marked the first time that Price and her supporters had offered public remarks on the results since Election Night.

“I thank you for the honor of serving you as your district attorney, and I applaud you for going to the polls in 2022 and believing in the possibility of reforming the criminal justice system after a hundred years here in Alameda County,” Price said.

Price concluded her remarks with the announcement that she was tapping the office’s chief assistant DA, Royle Roberts, to take the helm as she steps down next month after the election results are certified — with Roberts now serving in the role on an interim basis ahead of the appointment of a permanent successor by the Board of Supervisors, which is expected early in the new year.

“I feel confident that with Chief Roberts at the helm, the DA’s office is in good hands until my successor is in place,” Price said.

Roberts began his current position with the office when Price took the reins of the DA’s office at the start of 2023, departing his previous position as general counsel with the Peralta Community

College District, having served in other positions at the district prior to that, and as director of operations for the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center from 2015 to 2017.

Price said that she was committed to making the leadership transition in the office as seamless as possible, and that this was in contrast to the previous leadership transition when she was elected in November 2022 and took the reins from her longtime predecessor Nancy O’Malley.

“My team and I are working internally to ensure a smooth transition and with the responsible County officials to provide my successor with as much information as possible,” Price said. “I will not abandon the residents of Alameda County as my predecessor did by simply walking away. I appreciate the opportunity to serve my community and to have made history in Alameda County, and I leave this office in a much better place than how we found it.”

Amid ongoing and escalating criticism from the recall campaign and its supporters, Price sought to emphasize Monday and in other public statements during election season that the office was in disarray when she took the reins from O’Malley at the start of last year, and that addressing issues discovered under the previous leadership had been a focus of Price’s during her short tenure.

A primary example of this, according to Price and her campaign, was finding and addressing decades worth of prosecutorial misconduct during and prior to O’Malley’s

12-year tenure — which Price highlighted at an in-person press conference hours after O’Malley held a media availability announcing her endorsement of the recall campaign.

“We created a public accountability unit and exposed decades of prosecutorial misconduct excluding Jewish, Black and LGBTQ residents from juries,” Price said Monday. “This huge constitutional scandal was glossed over by my predecessors, and there is evidence of an attempt to cover up the misconduct by discrediting the whistleblower who first exposed it back in 2005.”

Price and her supporters also sought to highlight the charges she announced last week against nine sheriff’s deputies — seven of whom have since been placed on leave — and two employees at Santa Rita Jail in the death of Maurice Monk, who was found in his cell at the jail in 2021 after being deceased unnoticed for at least three days. Monk’s family reached a \$7 million settlement agreement with the county in a wrongful death lawsuit in the time since then.

They also pointed to the recent sentencing of former sheriff’s deputy Devin Williams Jr. to 50 years to life after a jury found him guilty in a criminal trial for the 2022 murders of Maria Tran and Benison Tran at their Dublin house.

“This is a moment to ask ourselves how many more Maurice Monks are out there right now,” said Laurie Manning, reverend at Skyline Community Church. “How many more children of God are

lying unattended, uncared for, unseen? When did feeding the hungry become optional? When did caring for the sick become someone else’s job?”

In addition to highlighting the fruits of reform efforts that Price said she has taken pride in during her short tenure — and which were a pillar of her campaign platform in 2022 — Price and her campaign sought to fire back against ongoing characterizations of her time in office as having been “soft on crime” compared with her predecessor.

“My team and I prioritized reducing gun violence, the fentanyl drug crisis, and tackling human trafficking,” Price said. “We prosecuted murderers and other violent persons at a higher rate than my predecessor and processed more than 12,000 cases.”

Psychologist and professor Tony Jackson, a longtime supporter of Price’s, noted that the recall campaign and critiques of Price had been launched nearly immediately after she was elected in 2022, and said the rhetoric of the recall campaign was part of a broader, ongoing backlash against criminal justice reform.

“These same millionaires and billionaires spent money on propaganda against national healthcare for Black and poor workers, against a social safety net for Black and poor workers, and those same millionaires and billionaires that fund propaganda against criminal justice reform, and to maintain the status quo, to continue to use public funds to feed the prison system, rather than to divert resources to stopping

crime, which is exactly what Pamela Price is doing,” Jackson said.

“This is the essence of the attack on Pamela Price,” Jackson added. “This is why they attacked her even before, and those plans of attack were crafted before she even got into office. This is why they continue to hide their intentions behind cute acronyms like SAFE.”

Nonetheless, supporters of the recall campaign continue to see the passage of the ouster as a victory for public safety in Alameda County, and a brighter future ahead without Price in office.

“Congratulations Alameda County, we have a safer future ahead of us,” SAFE said in a statement last week.

The margin sits at 63.13% in favor of the recall to 36.87% in support of retaining Price.

Despite the success of the recall campaign, the organization added that they “still have many bills to pay” and asked for supporters to continue donating. As of the most recent campaign finance report filed ahead of the election, the campaign was \$130,775.63 in debt despite more than \$1.25 million in total campaign contributions as of that point.

The pro-recall campaign is also seeking potential candidates to succeed Price to recommend to the Board of Supervisors, who are set to appoint an interim successor early in the new year to hold the office through November 2026, at which point voters will elect a permanent replacement to serve through the expiration of Price’s original term in 2028. ■

# Meadowlark Dairy looking to open location in Livermore

With business booming in Pleasanton, second store would help better serve customers, owner says

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

One of the owners of Pleasanton's famous drive-thru ice cream store Meadowlark Dairy confirmed with the Weekly that they are planning to submit their plans soon to open a new location in Livermore.

Jesse Takens — who along with his wife took over the family business from his parents Bruce and Patti — said they are still in the early stages of getting their second shop, which would be located in the former Bank of the West building at 2287 Second St. in Livermore.

But he said after some initial conversations, the city of Livermore is “open minded and excited to see if it would work out or not.”

“Meadowlark Dairy's decision to open in Livermore is an exciting addition to our downtown. They'll

offer a unique experience for residents and visitors,” Livermore City Manager Marianna Marysheva said in a statement to the Weekly. “We look forward to seeing their plans come together and welcoming them to Livermore.”

City public information officer Stephanie Egidio confirmed that staff met with the Takens family and that their “short-term objective is to focus on interior demolition and tenant improvement work to open for walk-in business as soon as possible.”

Takens said some of the details, like whether there will be a drive-thru aspect, for the Livermore location are still in the air — one of the key issues he noted with the drive-thru is traffic in a congested area like downtown Livermore. However, he is aiming to open the new Meadowlark

Dairy in Livermore by mid to early spring.

“Meadowlark does not intend to use the building's drive-thru at this time, though they may reassess that later. Their intent is to open in spring 2025,” Egidio said.

Takens tossed April as a goal, although he noted that anything involving construction could take longer than anticipated.

Takens said there were many reasons why he wanted to open a new store in Livermore — one being that the Pleasanton location keeps seeing its customer base grow more than the West Neal Street shop's infrastructure can sometimes handle.

“We bring a lot of people with our business,” Takens told the Weekly. “You're packing a whole lot of people into a space that wasn't built for that many people.”

Business has been booming, Takens said, as more people continue to come from all across the Bay Area — some having driven all the way from San Francisco. But more business also means longer lines and longer wait times.

“It's great that they're coming here and I would love for them to be in Pleasanton ... and enjoy the dairy,” Takens said. “But at the same time, at what expense.”

He said he sometimes sees customers frustrated with the long lines, which is why he hopes the new location will help even out the traffic so that people — both long-time customers and new ones — aren't discouraged by the queue of cars.

Takens also said Livermore has its own history with dairies, which is another reason why he wanted to bring the Meadowlark Dairy

to Livermore. Holdener Park, on Hansen Road, was actually named after a family who operated a dairy in Livermore from 1931 to 1980.

“This used to be a normal thing,” Takens said about drive-thru dairies in the past.

That's why he said he's not so concerned about working out whether the new location will have a drive-thru as much as he's concerned about opening the new store and bringing back a part of Livermore's — and the Tri-Valley's — history.

“We'll see about the drive-thru later on,” Takens said.

But at the end of the day, he said he just wants to expand the Meadowlark Dairy's reach so that people across the Tri-Valley and the rest of the East Bay can continue to enjoy his local business — “even if it's not exactly the same as the original.” ■

## BUDGET

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thereof in this case.

“Yes, this is hard to understand and it's hard for the public to understand, I absolutely agree with that,” Arkin said. “But (for) the city and the council, it's one of our duties to inform the public, to educate ... and I think we've all done a really good job. It's just unfortunate that it became politicized ... that we are hiding money, that we're lying about stuff.”

City Manager Gerry Beaudin called staff's 2023-24 year-end operating budget report a “snapshot in time” of the city's budget because the report doesn't give the city a chance to fully delve into the entire budget breakdown.

And while the newly released 2023-24 unaudited budget actuals shows a better outcome compared to the previously approved budget, Beaudin said the report's overall message remains the same as past budget presentations — city revenues are flattening while expenditures continue to go up.

He used an analogy of a dam where they are plugging holes with temporary budget fixes but the entire dam is still leaking from way too many areas.

Every year, the city presents its year-end financial report to the City Council for approval, which adds up the actual numbers for the city's operating budget compared to the amended budget that the council approved. As Balch noted, the city reviewed last year's report around the same timeframe of late November and December.

The numbers presented to the council on Tuesday were unaudited because the city is still working on its annual comprehensive financial report, which should be complete in December or January.

Despite the final budget showing better numbers than what the city originally projected in the amended budget, city staff continued to emphasize the comparison of results year over year as opposed to the approved budget.

The amended 2023-24 budget from the beginning of the fiscal year projected \$146.4 million in general fund revenues and just under \$148 million in expenditures — that compares the 2022-23 year-end actuals of \$152.7 million in revenue and \$133.5 million in expenditures.

The 2023-24 general fund actuals recorded \$151.7 million in revenue (about \$5.3 million, or 3.6% higher than the amended budget) and \$142.5 million in expenditures (about \$5.5 million, or 3.7% less than the amended budget).

But when compared to actuals from the year before, the 2023-24 actuals show revenues almost flat — actually 0.7% down — and expenditures went up by roughly 6.7%.

City finance director Susan Hsieh told the council there were a few reasons the actual budget numbers are slightly better than the projections in the previous amended budget. She said apart from practicing conservative budgeting, which is a common practice for city governments, and property tax revenue being 0.1% higher than budgeted, the main reason why the city saved some money this year was due to several cost-saving measures the city recently enacted.

This included freezing city positions, deferring purchases of equipment and reducing contract services. Hsieh also said the city's hotel and business tax was higher and the city used rainy day and general fund program reserves to help balance the budget.

But even with money saved in 2023-24, Hsieh said it is still not enough to address future projected

deficits that could range anywhere from \$13 million every year to \$22 million depending on if a recession hits.

She said that sales tax revenue is still 2.3% lower than budgeted, certain enterprise funds are still operating at a deficit and expenses continue to outpace revenues.

She and Beaudin explained that the crux of the issue lies in the details, and the details are that cities have to balance the city's budget every year, which means they will always aim to have a surplus.

But just because this year's budget shows a surplus, Hsieh said that doesn't mean the city is swimming with extra cash and that the extra money will not help address the structural deficit the city had wanted to tackle by using the revenue generated from the failed Measure PP.

“(Surplus) is the term we use but actually it's not a surplus,” Hsieh said.

She said other cities have also seen in past years positive budget actuals but still had to deal with significant budget challenges and that if Pleasanton continues to dip into its reserves just to balance its budget every year, the city is heading straight to bankruptcy.

“Having positive financial results does not mean we don't have financial challenges,” Hsieh said.

Vice Mayor Julie Testa said there was an “enormous amount of confusion” around understanding that principle and that eventually led the conversation to talking about the future and how budget cuts may be on the horizon for the new incoming council.

Outgoing Mayor Karla Brown wished the next council luck but she did express concern that Measure PP did not pass and said she is sad to see how the city will have to deal with the fallout of future reductions to city services.

“Going forward this is going to be

a tough road,” Brown said. “You'll start seeing things worn down, you'll start seeing grass not cut, you'll start seeing responses from your emergency responders extending and it won't be the same Pleasanton it was now, but we'll still be Pleasanton and we'll still be proud to live here.”

Part of Tuesday's unanimous acceptance of the report included

one-time adjustments totaling \$7.9 million to be allocated from the general fund to various funds that “either have negative or inadequate fund balances” as a result of the 2023-24 actuals.

That includes rebuilding the rainy day fund reserve and restoring reserves in the city's insurance and repair and replacement funds. ■

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# VHS pauses dog programs in Livermore schools

Impetus for district's policy modification: Insurance rules or alleged bite on campus?

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District recently updated its rules regarding dogs on campus, derailing aspects of Valley Humane Society's Canine Comfort Pet-Assisted Therapy program.

The policy adjustments, which included parent notification and insurance requirements, was meant to detail the process of having dogs on campus, according to LVJUSD coordinator of community engagement Michelle Dawson.

But the protocol also bans emotional support animals from carpeted areas in schools, including libraries and wellness centers where students and dogs typically interact for VHS programs.

Given the therapy dogs' incorrect classification, the policy has reduced the local nonprofit's program in Livermore to scraps, according to Valley Humane Society President Melanie Sadek.

For a group that has served LVJUSD students with pet-assisted therapy for over 20 years with a spotless track record, the policy change has come as a shock to VHS, Sadek said.

But, according to LVJUSD Superintendent Torie Gibson, the whole thing is a misunderstanding, as the district intends to change



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Valley Humane Society's programs in Livermore schools came to a screeching halt after the district modified its policy regarding dogs on campus.

nothing about the VHS program.

"For our purposes at Valley Humane, we're really just fighting for pet-assisted therapy animals because they're well trained, they're there to provide a service," Sadek said. "It's not just like a 'fun to have' on the campus."

At the center of this conflict is a policy Gibson emailed to LVJUSD staff on Oct. 30.

It says that interactions with emotional support dogs must occur outdoors or in a multipurpose room, away from food services. The indoor area must be sanitized after every visit.

Though not included in the message to staff, the policy also says that

service animals can accompany individuals with disabilities on school premises.

"The modifications to protocols are about what we are doing internally and will not affect the VH volunteers," Dawson told Livermore Vine.

She added, "In doing so, there was some concern from Valley Humane that this would impact their Paws to Read program, however, after recent conversations between Dr. Gibson and Ms. Sadek, they have been reassured that the program will continue as it has."

Sadek agreed that parental approval and notification as well as insurance coverage are reasonable

parts of the protocol.

But rules on therapy animals are not included in the policy and it appears they've been misclassified as emotional support animals, she said. In reality, therapy dogs are not considered service animals or emotional support animals, according to the American Kennel Club website.

Already on hold as a result of the rules is Paws to Read, a part of VHS programming that allows struggling students to read to therapy dogs in the library.

Paws to Read has historically been hosted with librarian supervision and cannot be moved into the multipurpose room, Sadek said. Relocating would require carting books, finding school staff to oversee the program and the sometimes difficult task of reserving the space, she explained.

"Schools just are opting to not do Paws to Read right now because they can't figure out the logistics to make it happen," Sadek said.

Similarly, visits to special counseling sessions have stopped, according to Sadek, who explained that a multipurpose room is not equipped for pet-assisted therapy sessions, as these confidential meetings require privacy.

"Some of our programs could continue, like we could do finals weeks because that's outside, but for the

most part a lot of our programs have had to stop based on this existing policy," she added.

When asked why the policy changed, Sadek said Gibson blamed a bite by a non-VHS, certified dog at Marilyn Avenue STEAM Academy.

Dawson denied to Livermore Vine the allegation of a dog bite. Instead, the district says insurance requirements are at the root of the policy update.

The alleged bite sparked involvement by the district's insurance provider Keenan and caused the company to reevaluate the presence of dogs on campus, according to Sadek.

The principal of Marilyn did not respond to a request for comment as of Tuesday afternoon.

At a school board meeting on Nov. 12, Gibson attempted to reassure everyone that insurance requirements were behind the district policy shift.

"One of the biggest pieces for us is we do need to provide an opt-out for students and we now have that in place, so I'm confident that we will be able to come up with a game plan so that we can carry on — mostly — with how you're used to doing business, but also being in alignment with our insurance," Gibson told the VHS volunteers who spoke during public comment that night.

Sadek and Gibson are set to discuss the policy again on Dec. 2.

"We greatly value the partnership between the Valley Humane Society and our district and look forward to continuing to work together," Dawson said. ■

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Livermore planning division.

The Garaventa Hills project has brought on public scrutiny and even elicited threats from the public, following a recent hearing for the draft version of the recirculated partial EIR. Amid those threats, Planning Commission Chair Jacob Anderson made clear the role of the government body.

"As the Planning Commission, our responsibility is to determine whether or not the project meets the legal standards. It's not to make any judgments about the project as a whole or our opinions on the project," Anderson said.

The meeting kicked off with a presentation lasting about 30 minutes to review the project history and the recirculated partial EIR findings.

It is the same 44-unit single-family housing subdivision the Planning Commission recommended approval of in 2018, later receiving City Council approval in 2019 — before ultimately being overturned because of the courts.

As for the EIR, it concluded that the project would cause no significant and avoidable impacts. The potentially significant impacts were reduced to "less than significant" through mitigation measures,

Stewart said.

Among the topics investigated, the EIR expects no significant effect on water quality, flooding or the hydrology of nearby wetlands, given the project's stormwater handling and pollution prevention measures.

On the biological front, the EIR states that an 85-acre mitigation site will provide compensatory habitat for any disturbed on the project site, as the site may be used for special status species such as the California red-legged frog and the California tiger salamander.

Also, given the natural occurrence of oil seeps in the vicinity the applicant conducted borings. But no evidence of hydrocarbons was found on the site.

Public feedback on the partial EIR has been considered, though the EIR already addresses them, Stewart said. All parts of the project's EIR do not need to be recirculated to the public for comment and updating because there is no significant new information under the California Environmental Quality Act, according to Stewart.

He also reminded the commission and public, "Recirculation of an EIR to address a limited issue, like the potential funding for preserving this for open space, is not grounds to revisit issues laid to rest in prior analysis upheld with the court."

In exploration of the no-project

alternative, the EIR rules out possible methods of land acquisition.

It found that the property owner is not a willing seller, so the land cannot be purchased using open space funds like the Altamont Landfill Open Space Fund or the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement funds. Using eminent domain to obtain the property is also out of the question because legal defense would cost millions of dollars and is contrary to the City's regular practices. Finally, the site has been designated as residential land for decades.

It concludes the maintenance of Garaventa Hills property as open space is not feasible.

After the presentation, David Ragland, president of Lafferty communities and applicant Livermore LT Ventures, said only about 9 acres of the site's 32 acres will be impacted due to this development.

"We're preserving the beauty of the site, the hills, the natural rock outcroppings, the trails, the meadows, the flowers. That will be something the community will enjoy in perpetuity," he said.

At this point, there is no going back to make this site a permanent open space, said Alicia Guerra, land-use counsel for Lafferty. "That train has left the station," she added.

Yet, the project is an ongoing sore-spot for many Livermore residents.

One commenter in particular,

Daryl Reed, has opposed the project since co-founding Save the Hill at 12 years old. This was the group that challenged the city's certification of the EIR and approval of the project in the Alameda County Superior Court in 2019, according to the recirculated Partial Final EIR.

"This project has been repeatedly turned away due to poor planning and I think that it is in Livermore's best interest to hold builders to a higher standard," Reed said.

Reed also voiced concern about the impact to PG&E reliability as well as neighborhood traffic and safety following the construction of 44 houses.

The two other public commenters also opposed the development.

They questioned the relevance of the environmental reporting because years have past since parts of the EIR were created. They also worried about potential water contamination with oil and the project's potential contribution to a nearby alkaline sink.

Commissioner Steven Dunbar questioned staff in response to the commenters' concerns.

Stewart said drilling on the site went down 62 feet and found no signs of oil. But if hydrocarbons were encountered during the project, then they would not reach the storm drain because they would be separated.

Also the primary draining area for the Springtown alkalized sink (also

known as the Springtown Open Space) is north of the site; the site itself contributes minor amounts of drainage to the adjacent wetlands.

On the traffic front, expected volumes are well within the design capacity of residential streets in that area, Stewart said. Though the added transit will contribute to the wait times at the intersection of Laughlin and Northfront roads.

Dunbar expressed sympathy for the commenter concerns, but said he can't address them from the position of commissioner.

"Within the scope of what I am allowed to do here, I can also make findings that this meets the requirements for the recirculated draft EIR and that the subdivision and site plan design review is appropriate and meets our standards," Dunbar said.

Finally, the commissioners unanimously agreed to recommend the project to council for its approval.

"Some of us received direct threats after the August 20th meeting. And that is also why we have a representative from LPD here tonight," Commissioner Tracy Kronzak said. "So I want to thank both LPD but I also mostly want to thank the community for the generosity, kindness and civility of your comments this evening. That is appreciated more than you could possibly imagine as someone who has a family in this town." ■

# Dublin school board grapples with pending vacancy

Contentious vote sets application process after shoo-in new trustee backs out before term starts

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The Dublin Unified School District is set to fill an expected vacancy for the Area 3 trustee seat by a provisional appointment in December, following a split vote on how to address the anticipated opening at a school board meeting last week.

‘We will have a vacancy on Dec. 17, so I think it’s important that we live in that reality and plan towards it.’

**Kristin Speck,**  
DUSD trustee

The upcoming gap in leadership is a result of Jeff Clark’s resignation from the position in October. But because he announced his departure before even taking office, there is technically no vacancy until the organizational meeting where DUSD trustees are seated on Dec. 17, according to the meeting agenda.

Board members in favor of advertising a provisional appointment lauded the benefits of a swift process, given its approaching budget decisions. Meanwhile, dissenters argued that it is premature to promote a vacancy and seek applicants because the vacancy has not yet occurred.

But Superintendent Chris Funk assured the trustees of legal counsel: The resignation letter from Jeff Clark is sufficient to pass a resolution to post the open seat.

“We will have a vacancy on Dec. 17, so I think it’s important that we live in that reality and plan towards it,” Area 2 Trustee Kristin Speck said at the board meeting Nov. 12.

As the only candidate who filed to run for DUSD Board of Trustees in Area 3, Clark was set for an automatic win without even needing to appear on the ballot.

Clark’s decision to back out in October, which came in before the election but after the deadline to remove his name from the process, mixed up the regular proceedings because his resignation cannot take place before he assumes office, according to the DUSD agenda.

“I’m writing as a follow up to the e-mail I sent to Registrar of Voters on September 13th where I advised that due to a personal matter I would be unable to serve as Trustee on the DUSD Board. It is my understanding that is (sic) e-mail was sent after the official deadline to withdraw. With this is mind (sic), I’m writing to formally resign from the board effectively immediately,” Clark wrote in an email to Funk dated Oct. 16

“I wish you, the board and all

DUSD teachers and students all the best and look forward to staying in touch,” Clark added.

It then became up to the school board to decide whether to fill the position through a special election or provisional appointment lasting two years.

But based on a collaboration between Funk and the majority of the board, the option before trustees last week was a resolution to give notice of a vacancy in Trustee Area 3 and declare the board’s intent to fill Clark’s position by a provisional appointment.

Dan Cherrier, Area 5 trustee, was the first to express his hesitation regarding the resolution.

“Technically right now there is not a vacancy,” Cherrier said. “There’s nothing to resign from immediately.”

Cherrier pointed to the rules of resignation, wherein he said the letter must be submitted to the superintendent of schools of Alameda County for there to be a vacancy.

Funk agreed that there is no vacancy to fill at this time, but noted the board is not taking action to fill a seat. There is no code stopping an announcement of that vacancy before commencement day on Dec. 17, he added.

Next, Area 4 Trustee Gabi Blackman inquired about filling the position via a special election, a possibility not included in the resolution.

But the option seemed impractical to outgoing Board President Kristin Pelham, who deemed it unlikely for someone to run in a special election, since the most recent election only garnered one candidate.

When the conversation circled

back to Cherrier, he said, “I would rather wait and make this decision when the vacancy actually occurs. I feel we’re jumping the gun here.”

Speck disagreed, saying that announcing a vacancy and seeking applicants follows board policy.

“We want to have this seat filled. We want to have this area represented,” Speck said. “So I think if we do the provisional appointment, for the two-year period, that seems appropriate after offering this time and no one wanted to run.”

Funk jumped in to say, even if the board decides on a provisional appointment, Area 3 constituents would have 30 days to file a petition to reject that appointment and call for a special election.

He added, if someone is not seated on Dec. 17, then they are no longer a trustee. No letter of resignation is required at that point.

Blackman added another point of opposition to the conversation. The participation of current Area 3 Trustee William Kuo in deciding how to fill an expected vacancy of his seat troubled Blackman.

“My concern right now is we’ve actually involved Trustee Kuo in a decision to put forward on the agenda the option only to appoint. And that would seem outside the norm,” Blackman said. “If the position was truly vacated, he wouldn’t be part of the conversation to put this on the agenda, so he’s already in fact impressed upon the board his point of view, which, he should not have a vote on how we proceed moving forward to replace Mr. Clark.”

Kuo, who opted to not seek re-election this year, agreed that he

should not decide what happens in December.

“But I am appreciative of the fact that we are making this announcement so the community knows - instead of waiting until Dec. 17 - and get this thing rolling,” Kuo said.

He hedged his approval on the fact that the Area 3 electorate could rescind the appointment.

Pelham doubled down on the impracticality of a special election, arguing that the time and cost associated with holding a special election would be a disservice to the district.

On the opposite side of the argument, Blackman warned members of potential legal ramifications of skirting codes and laws in this process.

Funk jumped in, “Legal said that the letter is sufficient to pass a resolution to actually post the vacancy, not to take action. The board cannot take action until after the election is certified and it’s the second Friday of December.”

The debate then moved onto whether or not Kuo should be able to vote on the matter.

Blackman and Cherrier were against Kuo’s participation. Meanwhile Kuo, Pelham and Speck were supportive.

“He’s not resigning. His term is ending,” Pelham said of Kuo. “I feel like it would be trustee Clark that couldn’t be voting on this.”

The board then approved a provisional appointment 3-2 with supporters Kuo, Pelham and Speck.

But upon the supporters’ attempt to schedule the provisional appointment, Blackman called for a point of order.

The date for provisional

appointment should have been included in the original resolution, Blackman said. Since it was not, there were no more actions to make on the item.

Supportive trustees then struck the previous motion to discuss the appointment schedule.

Once the resolution was back up for discussion, Cherrier added, “I would probably not be able to vote for anybody until I was assured we have a vacancy.”

But Cherrier said he would be ready to vote if Clark submitted a resignation letter to the county, effective Dec. 17.

As presented, the new resolution specified Dec. 17 as the date of provisional appointment, pending a new resignation letter to the county superintendent with the appropriate date in December.

Board members held their ground in a 3-2 vote, with the supporters being Kuo, Pelham and Speck.

The deadline for Area 3 residents to apply for the trustee position is Dec. 6. ■

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## Possible bird flu case reported in child in Alameda County

Source of exposure unclear; kid had mild symptoms, low levels of infections

BY KILEY RUSSELL / BCN

A possible human case of bird flu has been reported in Alameda County, according to the California Department of Public Health.

The report involves a child who is experiencing mild respiratory symptoms and is recovering at home, CDPH officials said in a news release Tuesday.

The child has had no known contact with infected animals but might have been exposed to wild birds.

“It’s natural for people to be concerned, and we want to reinforce for parents, caregivers and families that based on the information and data we have, we don’t think the child was

infectious — and no human-to-human spread of bird flu has been documented in any country for more than 15 years,” CDPH Director Tomás Aragón said in a press release.

Currently, 26 cases of bird flu have been reported in the state since October, all of which involve mild symptoms in people who came into contact with infected dairy cows.

No one has yet been hospitalized in the state due to the illness, according to the CDPH.

In the Alameda County case, the child’s positive test showed a low-level of the virus present in their body, with no flu detected after four days. They were also positive for other respiratory

viruses that could be the cause of their symptoms, CDPH officials said.

The test specimens were sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for confirmation.

So far, no one who came into contact with the child has tested positive for bird flu, including family members and people at their daycare facility.

Bird flu symptoms include cough, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting, headaches, fever and other cold- and flu-like unpleasantness.

For more information on the national response to bird flu, people can visit [cdc.gov/bird-flu](http://cdc.gov/bird-flu). To learn more about the bird flu situation in California, people can visit [cdph.ca.gov](http://cdph.ca.gov). ■



Special moments mark the season in the Tri-Valley from Thanksgiving through New Year's

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**T**hanksgiving is back next week, with Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Giving Tuesday right on its heels. Then before you know it, Christmas celebrations, Hanukkah festivities and New Year's events are here.

The Tri-Valley has so many special activities on the schedule all season long in the spirit of the holidays. Here's our overview of the "Holiday Happenings" on the calendar so far in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville from now through New Year's weekend:

#### Photos with Santa at Stoneridge

The ultimate holiday tradition, pictures with Santa Claus, now through Dec. 24 at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton. For available dates and times, visit [simon.com](http://simon.com).

#### Holiday Ice Rink at City Center

The Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Rink at City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon is open now through Jan. 5. Tickets are purchased per 90-minute session. Visit [citycenterbishopranch.com](http://citycenterbishopranch.com).

#### City Center Tree Lighting

Kick off the season with the

holiday tree lighting and Santa arrival. Performances by the Monte Vista High band, singers and dancers. The event runs from 6-7 p.m. this Friday (Nov. 22) at City Center Bishop Ranch.

#### Earlier Than The Bird

The pajama shopping tradition is back. Boutique shops will be open with steals, deals and giveaways to make you the best gift giver ever this holiday season. 7-10 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 23).

#### Church Holiday Boutique

Stop by for holiday shopping where

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Top: The City Center Bishop Ranch tree lighting is set for this Friday evening. Above: Pets can take photos with Santa Claus on Dec. 1 at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

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vendors will be selling unique items. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 23) at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton.

**Mony Nop Turkey Drive**

Community members are invited to drop off a frozen turkey, gift card or cash donation to help local families facing economic hardship. The Mony Nop Turkey Drop is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 24) in the Livermore City Hall Parking Lot, 1052 S. Livermore Ave.

**Tri-Valley Turkey Burn**

Join Pleasanton North Rotary's 10th annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn, 5K/10K, run, walk, stroll. Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28, at Ken Mercer Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Drive in Pleasanton. Visit [trivalleyturkeyburn.org](http://trivalleyturkeyburn.org).

**Tri-Valley Community Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner**

Join for a traditional sitdown dinner serving families, seniors, military, singles and anyone in need. 12-4 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 28) at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Free and no reservation required. To volunteer by donating food, supplies or cook a turkey, go to [tvc-thanksgiving.com](http://tvc-thanksgiving.com).

**Twas a Girls Night Before Xmas**

Guaranteed to resonate with anyone who has survived the holiday season, from the long visits with in-laws to the overcrowded malls, this musical includes classic Christmas songs and contemporary hits that will have everyone singing and dancing along. The show is 7:30 p.m. next Friday (Nov. 29). Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**Danville Lighting of the Old Oak Tree**

Watch as Father Christmas and the Snow Angel sprinkle a little magic dust on the Old Oak Tree and bring it to light. Stroll downtown Danville and enjoy refreshments, entertainment and holiday shopping through the festively decorated streets 5:15-8 p.m. Friday (Nov. 29). Visit [danville.ca.gov](http://danville.ca.gov).

**Visits with Santa at the Square**

Visit Santa on Black Friday and every weekend in front of the large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree for a magical holiday experience filled with joy, a photo and a free gift from Santa from 12-4 p.m., through Dec. 22 at City Center Bishop Ranch.

**Small Business Saturday**

A day dedicated to supporting local businesses that make the community thrive. Throughout the day, downtown Pleasanton will feature

special offers, extended hours and giveaways, perfect for holiday shopping. Nov. 30. Visit [pleasantondowntown.net](http://pleasantondowntown.net).

**Deacon Dave's Christmas Display**

The 40th annual Deacon Dave's Christmas Display begins Nov. 30 to Jan. 1. Visit [casadelpomba.com](http://casadelpomba.com).

**Holiday Youth Music Festival**

Performed by the High School Music Collaborative, this festive event at 2 p.m. Nov. 30 promises to fill the heart with holiday cheer and musical joy, featuring a delightful mix of original and classic holiday songs. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

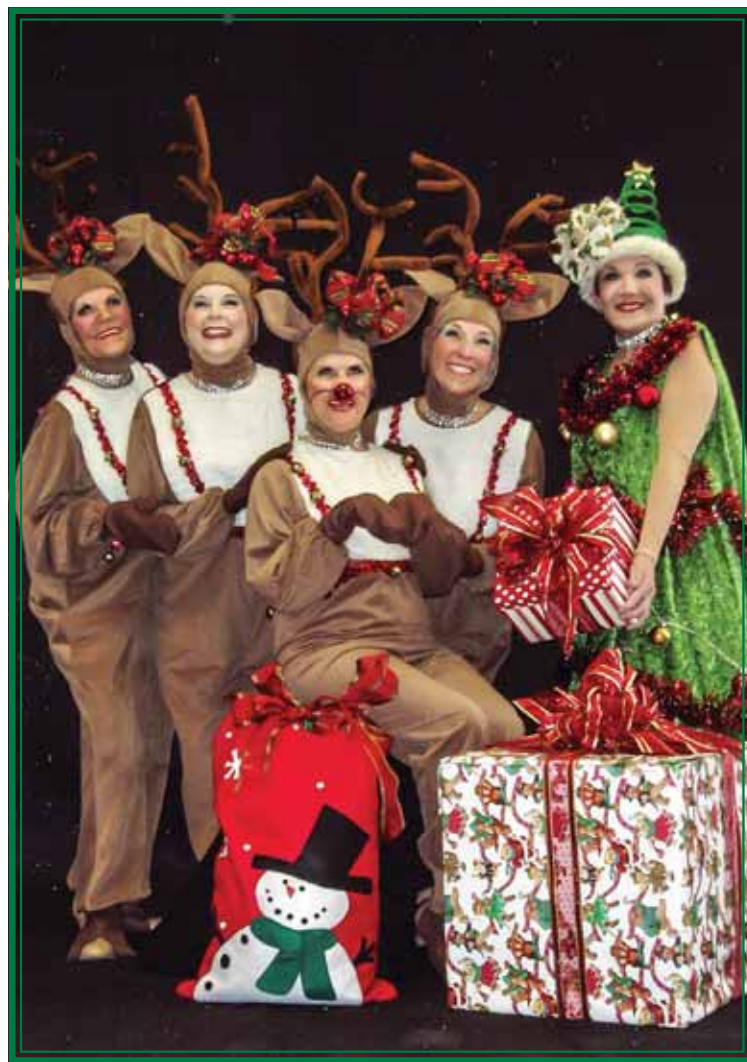
**The Best Intentions Holiday Concert**

Join for an evening of pure entertainment and soul-stirring melodies with irresistible harmonies, captivating choreography and a repertoire spanning across decades of Motown classics, old school favorites and contemporary R&B hits. Set for 8 p.m., Nov. 30 at the Village Theatre in Danville. Visit [danville.ca.gov/226/Village-Theatre](http://danville.ca.gov/226/Village-Theatre).

**God is a Scottish Drag Queen - Christmas Special**

This show on Nov. 30 at the Bankhead Theater blends together

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“It is up to all of us to support our local media or to live with the consequences of an unchecked government.”

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Embarcadero Media Foundation Board of Directors member and Pleasanton resident

When I was invited to join the board of the Embarcadero Media Foundation, I found myself weighing the importance of local media against the impact on my personal life – one more commitment to community service meant saying no to other aspects of my life. However, with my wife’s support, I accepted the invitation, driven by my growing concern over the fragile state of government at all levels.

I have deep appreciation for those who serve in elected or appointed positions. Their roles are crucial to the functioning of our society. But equally crucial is that these public officials be held accountable for their actions. This accountability is at risk without a strong, local press.

Without local journalism, transparency in government could diminish, and decisions may be made out of the public eye, fostering an environment ripe for corruption. When local reporters are present, shining a light on the discussions and decisions made, they keep citizens informed and provide the transparency necessary to hold government accountable.

There is a reason why the press is explicitly protected by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Without a functioning press, government operates unchecked, and that is a risk our society cannot afford to take.

I contributed to my local Embarcadero publication before it became a nonprofit and I have increased my financial support since they did. The traditional funding mechanism for journalism has virtually disappeared. It is up to all of us to support our local media or to live with the consequences of an unchecked government.

*Bio: John is a tax and accounting expert with more than 30 years experience in public accounting, now leading his own firm. At home in Pleasanton, he won the prestigious Mayor’s Award and was named Pleasanton’s Man of the Year for his work as board chair during Valley Care Health’s merger with Stanford Health. He is former chair of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.*



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the nostalgia of holidays gone by, a hilarious and laugh-out-loud look at the holidays of today and a heart-warming and perfectly sweet peek at holidays yet to come. For more details, go to [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Pet Photos with Santa

Bring pets to pose with Santa at Stoneridge Shopping Center, located on the lower level. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Dec. 1. Visit [simon.com](http://simon.com)

### Holiday Sing-A-Long

Join The East Bay Musical Society for a matinee filled with classic holiday songs to ring in the festive season at the Firehouse Arts Center at 2 p.m. Dec. 1. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### Handel's Messiah

Pacific Chamber Orchestra's performance of Handel's Messiah is a perfect way to welcome the holiday season. Be awed by the soaring, rich vocal tones, the acclaimed soloists and the thunderous 50 voice chorus at the Bankhead at 3 p.m., Dec. 1. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Tri-Valley Haven Holiday Donations

Requested donations of cash, gift cards, new toys and gifts for children, teens, women, men and seniors are needed. Drop off 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 2-6 and 9. A tax-deductible receipt will be provided. Go to Asbury Church, 4743 East Ave. in Livermore. Visit [trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org).

### Handling the Holidays

For those who have experienced the death of a loved one, the winter holiday season can be painful. Hope Hospice offers a free workshop to

discuss healthy coping strategies from 6-7:30 p.m., Dec. 4. To register, call their Grief Support Department at 925-829-8770.

### Dublin Holiday Tree Lighting

Experience the festive energy and lighting of the holiday tree at the Dublin Civic Center where local school choirs and bands set the stage with amazing performances, starting at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at 100 Civic Plaza.

### Downtown's Magical Holiday Evening

Stroll Downtown Pleasanton's Main Street and enjoy shopping specials, dining, live music and free photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Museum on Main. Embrace the festive spirit and create unforgettable moments with family and friends at this enchanting event. 5-8 p.m., Dec. 6.

### Holiday Village in the Park

Join Livermore Downtown Inc. as they transform Carnegie Park into a magical holiday village. Like a Hallmark Christmas movie, but real. 4-8 p.m., Dec. 6. Visit [livermoredowntown.com](http://livermoredowntown.com).

### Holiday DanceEscape

Kick off the season with friends at the Dublin Senior Center's annual holiday dance social featuring The Cool Tones Big Band. 6-9 p.m., Dec. 6. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/380/Special-Events](http://dublin.ca.gov/380/Special-Events).

### Adopt a Senior for Christmas

Needed donations are non-slip socks, puzzle books, lap blankets, chocolates, butter mints, mesh bags for chocolates and Christmas-themed items. Donate by Dec. 6 to CityServe of the Tri-Valley, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Visit [cityservecares.org](http://cityservecares.org).

### Deck the Homes in Dublin

Registration for Dublin's "Deck the Homes" holiday decorating contest is open until 4 p.m., Dec. 6. Winners will receive a gift card to a local business, yard sign and certificate of recognition from the Dublin City Council. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/289/Holiday-Events](http://dublin.ca.gov/289/Holiday-Events).

### Lights of Livermore Holiday Tour

Join for a magical evening of wine tasting and a tour of Livermore Valley's holiday lights aboard the Wine Trolley, operating from Dec. 6-23. Visit [livermorewinetrolley.com](http://livermorewinetrolley.com).

### Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Celebration

The city of Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Celebration begins at 5 p.m. Dec. 7 with a parade of floats, marching bands, community groups and more. 6:45 p.m., tree lighting with musical entertainment and a special appearance by Santa.

### Livermore Sights and Sound Parade

Enjoy floats and performances by local businesses, bands, schools, clubs and more with tree lighting to immediately follow. A Livermore tradition not to be missed at 6 p.m., Dec. 7.

### Festive Fairy Tales

Join the Livermore-Amador Symphony for an evening full of joyful sounds of the holiday season. Music to warm the heart for the holidays. 8 p.m., Dec. 7. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus is coming to Dublin and families are invited to enjoy a hot pancake breakfast served with sausage, fruit, coffee and juice, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. Santa will pose for holiday photos following each session. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., Dec. 7. Shannon Community Center. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/289/Holiday-Events](http://dublin.ca.gov/289/Holiday-Events)

### Bah Humbug! 5K Fun Run, Walk & Kids

Get up, get out and get in the holiday spirit on this family run or walk through the streets of San Ramon. Dress in a holiday costume or a favorite exercise outfit. Set for 8:15 a.m., Dec. 7. Register online at [SanRamon.ca.gov/FitnessRaces](http://SanRamon.ca.gov/FitnessRaces).

### Valley Concert Chorale Christmas Celebration

Celebrate the holiday season with traditional favorites in a variety of arrangements inspired by music from around the world. Shows at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Asbury United Methodist Church and at 4 p.m. Dec. 8 Trinity Lutheran Church. Visit [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org).

### Holidays in the Vineyards

Join for a Livermore Valley Wine Country tradition and celebrate with Holidays in the Vineyards, and Toys for Tots, where wineries showcase



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The Doo Wop Project Holiday Show comes to the Bankhead Theater on Dec. 8.

decorated tasting rooms with special wines, arts, crafts, holiday music, activities and more. 12-4:30 p.m., Dec. 7 and 8. Visit [lvwine.org](http://lvwine.org).

### Caring Santa is Coming to Stoneridge

Exclusively for children with special needs. Reservations are required for this private photo experience. Schedule your photo today. 9-10:30 a.m., Dec. 8. Visit [simon.com](http://simon.com).

### Doo Wop Project Holiday Show

Join in the fun as these talented boys spread holiday cheer with their smooth harmonies and infectious energy, making it a jolly good time for everyone at 3 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Bankhead. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide

Step back in time and embrace the holiday spirit at a Victorian Yuletide celebration at Ravenswood Historic Site for a festive day that captures the essence of a bygone era. 12-4 p.m., Dec. 8. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

### Senior (50+) Holiday Luncheon

Enjoy the holiday season by attending this annual catered luncheon which includes door prizes, a festive sweater contest, Santa pictures and live holiday music by Ryan Scripps from "The Voice". Set for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Dec. 10. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

### Americana Christmas

Join Pleasanton Senior Center's VIP Travel to see "Americana Christmas" at Sierra Rep Theatre

in Sonora. This show brings favorite Christmas music with a country twist, as well as some classic bluegrass, gospel and even an original or two with help from the audience. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 11. To sign up, visit the Travel Desk.

### A Christmas Carol at the Library

Livermore's community theater group, Encore Players, will present a spirited reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" for the whole family. Admission is free, and attendees are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite holiday attire. Show at 7-8 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Civic Center Library.

### Holiday Social Sing-a-Long

The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center presents this Holiday Social featuring pianist and entertainer Noam Elsen. Join for an afternoon of lively entertainment and delicious desserts. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Dec. 12. To register, call 925-931-5365.

### Comfort & Joy-Advent Concert

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents the ultimate concert of the season, "Comfort & Joy", featuring award-winning Catholic composers and musicians Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13. Suggested donation \$20, children under 18 free at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave.

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Christmas with Ballet Roots is set for 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Firehouse in Pleasanton.

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### Letters to Santa

Write a letter to Santa and he'll write back. Drop off at Robert Livermore Community Center and write the child's name and address clearly so Santa knows where to mail his letter. 4446 East Ave. 8:30 a.m. to 6 pm, Mondays to Fridays through Dec. 13.

### Sensory Santa: A Gentle, Sensory-Friendly Holiday Event

Sensory Santa allows children with autism and other disabilities to meet Santa in a fun, inviting and sensory-friendly environment that suits their unique needs from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 13 in Livermore. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

### A Season to Celebrate

Join Livermore High School's holiday concert and listen to songs that celebrate the season including many holiday classics. Free admission though donations to music boosters' organization are gratefully accepted. 6-8 p.m., Dec. 13. Livermore High School Theater.

### Sing-It-Yourself Messiah

The holiday tradition continues as Valley Concert Chorale hosts its annual Sing-It-Yourself Messiah open to singers of all ages in the community. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Visit [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org).

### Diablo Women's Chorale

Diablo Women's Chorale Presents "Feel'n' Good!" This festive program is filled with jazzy, cool and seasonal music showcasing vibrant and uplifting harmonies celebrating the



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The Meadowlark Dairy float is always popular in the Pleasanton holiday parade.

beauty of life's simple pleasures. 7 p.m., Dec. 13 and 3 p.m., Dec. 15. Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church. Visit [diablowomenschorale.org](http://diablowomenschorale.org).

### Toys for Tots Holiday Toy Drive

Drop off new/unwrapped toys at Robert Livermore Community Center through Dec. 13. Toys are donated to the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

### Donuts with Santa

Join for a morning of holiday cheer at the Robert Livermore Community Center to meet the

Grinch and take pictures with Santa, enjoy donuts, adopt-a-stuffed pet to take home and more. 11:30 a.m., Dec. 14. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

### Spirit & Sweater Stroll

The Spirit & Sweater Stroll is the perfect opportunity to soak up the festive atmosphere and connect with the community where guests enjoy spirits and craft cocktails at a number of downtown Pleasanton locations. 5-8 p.m., Dec. 14. Visit [pleasantondowntown.net](http://pleasantondowntown.net)

### The Nutcracker

Valley Dance Theatre's full production of "The Nutcracker" at the Bankhead Theater is accompanied by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra and entertains with elaborate sets, skilled dancers and beautiful costumes. Performances are Dec. 14-15, 20-22 in the Bankhead. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Rusty Relics Holiday Ride

Meet at Norm's Barber Shop for cookies and hot cocoa then bike to Candy Cane Lane. Prize awarded for most decorated and lit up bike. All ages welcome. 6 p.m., Dec. 14. 164 Main St., Ste. B, Pleasanton.

### Christmas with Ballet Roots

Featuring The Academy of Danse Libre, this entertaining holiday show is sure to delight audience members both young and old with the usual array of dances, ranging from classical to contemporary. 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Dec. 15. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### Boleros De Navidad

Enjoy this festive Latin holiday celebration blending Christmas classics and beloved Bolero standards. Get ready to sing along and embrace the holiday spirit. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 16. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Kings Return Holiday Show

Be mesmerized by this Grammy-nominated acapella group known for their seamless harmonies and captivating vocal chemistry. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Sister's Christmas Catechism

Retelling the story of the nativity, as only Sister can, employing her own scientific tools, assisted by a carol singer as well as a gaggle of audience members at the Bankhead, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Hanukkah Celebration

Join the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' Hanukkah Celebration where the menorah will be lit and latkes fried. Spin the dreidel and enjoy games and crafts with this warm, welcoming community. 5-7 p.m., Dec. 21. For an evite, email [culturaljews@gmail.com](mailto:culturaljews@gmail.com) or call 925-399-8029.

### Ho Ho Ho Holiday Carnival

Join LARPD and some of Santa's helpers for a holiday carnival at Sycamore Grove Park. There will be Midway games, festive arts and crafts, holiday treats and a special meet-and-greet with Santa himself. 5-7:30 p.m., Dec. 21. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

### A New Orleans Christmas

Celebrate the holidays in style with Jeff Bordes & Friends where this holiday extravaganza brings a unique and festive twist to favorite Christmas classics, infused with the vibrant sounds of New Orleans jazz, funk and blues. Show at the Firehouse at 8 p.m. Dec. 21. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

### Chanukah at Chabad

Chabad of the Tri Valley in Pleasanton is observing Chanukah

with services and special activities from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2. For a schedule of events, visit [jewishtrivalley.com](http://jewishtrivalley.com).

### Shabbat Hanukkah at Beth Emek

Join in person or online for the annual Shabbat Hanukkah service and celebrate the third night of Hanukkah with a joyous, song-filled service. If joining in person, arrive early to set up your Hanukkah menorah. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 27. Visit [bethemek.org](http://bethemek.org).

### Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Kick off the New Year early with family-friendly fun at this event at LARPD. Join for a lively celebration with games, crafts, dancing and light refreshments with a balloon drop at noon. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 31. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

### Jeff Bordes and Friends: Swinging in the New Year

Get ready for an unforgettable New Year's Eve with a performance that promises to set the stage for a memorable start to the New Year at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Bankhead. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

### Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

The 24th annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign gets underway next week and will run until mid-January. With your contributions, the Weekly and its Embarcadero Media Foundation will give grants to 10 nonprofits serving the needs of children, adults and families in the Tri-Valley area. All funds will be held by the foundation and will be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Donate at [PleasantonWeekly.com/holiday\\_fund](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/holiday_fund). ■



COURTESY MONY NOP

Livermore Realtors Mony Nop and Sophie Mao are hosting the ninth annual Mony Nop Turkey Drop on Nov. 24.

## TRI-VALLEY TURKEY BURN CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Thanksgiving morning family fun run again supports Pleasanton North Rotary youth services

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JIM BRICE

Nothing validates a novel idea better than watching it pass the test of time.

Now in its 10th year, the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn Family Fun Run has done just that. True to its original vision, an estimated 2,500 registrants will again participate in a 5K or 10K run, walk or stroll in Pleasanton's Ken Mercer Sports Park before sitting down for traditional Thanksgiving dinners later in the day.

"The Turkey Burn has become a community tradition," said Michael Cherman, 2024 organizing committee co-chair. Participants have returned year after year to enjoy the sports park's autumn setting, the exhilaration of a morning walk or run, and to wear the event's iconic racing bibs, which have become a key part of Turkey Burn's appeal. It attracts families, couples, circles of friends, individuals, infants in strollers and obedient dogs on leashes.

The bibs, first suggested by Turkey Burn co-founder Ron Sutton, are especially popular with children, although most adults decorate and wear them as well. Even one of the oldest participants at a recent Turkey Burn event wore a bib that announced, "I am thankful for ... being 80 and still running in this race!" Her husband's bib read, "Me, too!"

The bibs are one of several reasons that Tracey and Sean Ford and their sons Clark, 12, and Grant, 10, have attended the event six times since the boys were infants.

"We love every year reading what people are grateful for. That is just



fun. Some make you laugh. Others make you think. It is a great way to get insight into people's lives and what they are going through," Tracey Ford said.

As life-long Pleasanton residents, the Turkey Burn has been a great way for the Fords to reconnect with old friends and classmates who gather at Mercer Park for the fun run/walk when they return home for Thanksgiving.

It has also been a measure of how their sons are growing up. When they were younger, Tracey and Sean carried Clark and Grant on their shoulders to see the race from start to finish. "Now they run it, and we can't keep up," she said.

The Pleasanton North Rotary organizers have kept the Turkey Burn affordable by using its members for on-site volunteer support. The need for police and park department

services was minimized by containing all but a short section of the 5K and 10K courses within the park and along the Arroyo Mocho Trail.

Registration costs \$15 for adults over 18 years of age, \$10 for youth 10 to 17 years old, and \$5 for children under 10. For details, visit the Turkey Burn website, [www.trivalleyturkeyburn.org](http://www.trivalleyturkeyburn.org).

Sign-in starts at 7:30 a.m. next Thursday (Nov. 28), with the 10K race getting underway at 9 a.m. and the 5K following at 9:10 a.m.

Donations to the Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry are another tradition. Participants are urged to bring canned or boxed goods, or non-perishable food items for collection at the Tri-Valley Haven truck at the staging area entrance.

Corporate sponsorships are essential to the Turkey Burn's success. This year's event is again presented by Elation Real Estate. Other major sponsors include Aura Advisors, BNJA Insurance and Financial Advisors, Inc., Cal Water, ENT Networks and Big O Tires, Pleasanton.

Net proceeds will be distributed as grants to local youth-oriented service organizations and to support PNR's own youth service programs in the Tri-Valley. The Turkey Burn raised \$34,600 in 2023 for these programs.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotary International Youth Exchange are especially noteworthy, according to Turkey Burn co-founder Kevin Greenlee.



The Tri-Valley Turkey Burn's popularity was well-established by 2023 when more than 2,200 walkers and runners passed the starting line.

RYLA is a week-long summer camp, run by Rotary District 5170, which provides guidance to PNR and 62 other Rotary clubs located in a wide arch from Oakland to Santa Cruz to Palo Alto.

RYLA teaches leadership skills to about 200 high school students annually. Using Turkey Burn funds, PNR has awarded about seventy prized scholarships to Tri-Valley high school students.

"The RYLA experience is invaluable," Greenlee said. "I've seen numerous examples of RYLA becoming a life-changing experience."

Rotary's International Youth Exchange has also been influential for the 24 Tri-Valley students who have received monthly stipends drawn from Turkey Burn funds to spend a year living and studying abroad or to roughly the same number of foreign students who received assistance from Rotary clubs in their home country for similar experiences in Pleasanton.

Outbound students to six European and South American countries have gained fluency in second languages and adapted to foreign cultures in school and

the homes of their host families, Greenlee said. Students from 10 European and Asian countries have enriched the learning experiences of their classmates at Foothill High while experiencing adventures of a lifetime.

Laura Klein, a well-traveled 26-year-old teacher near Mainz, Germany, and former exchange student, exemplifies the benefits of the Youth Exchange experience.

"Moving to a different country at the age of 16, at a time when young adults are forming their identities, helped me become the open-minded, independent, curious and ambitious woman I am today," she wrote in response to an inquiry for this article.

Klein's experience is one of many successful stories that originated with funding from the Turkey Burn. Ask anyone associated with the event in its first 10 years, and most will admit it is a novel idea, one they expect will endure for many years to come. ■

*Editor's note: Jim Brice is a Pleasanton-based writer, photographer and member of Pleasanton North Rotary.*



The enthusiasm for the Turkey Burn's "I am thankful for ..." bibs helped propel its evolution into a community-wide event.



The Turkey Burn's modest start in 2014 with 13 walkers joining co-creator Ron Sutton in black cap and showing a thumbs-up sign.

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### 9 deputies, 2 civilian employees charged in 2021 death of Santa Rita Jail inmate

Seven active Alameda County sheriff's deputies charged in the death of Santa Rita Jail inmate Maurice Monk have been placed on administrative leave, according to Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez.

The seven deputies, along with two former deputies and two civilian jail employees, were charged by District Attorney Pamela Price in connection with Monk's 2021 in-custody death.

Sanchez said she's disappointed in Price's decision and believes the charges aren't justified.

"I have an obligation to my agency personnel to ensure their health and wellbeing as we navigate these challenges," Sanchez said in a news release Nov. 14. "I remain confident in the criminal justice system and have

faith this case will go through its fair due process."

Facing one felony charge each of dependent adult abuse are Deputy Donall Chauncey Rowe, Deputy Ross Ohalloran Burruel, Deputy Robinderpal Singh Hayer, Deputy Andre Gaston, Deputy Syear Osmani, Deputy Mateusz Laszuk, Sgt. Christopher Haendel, along with former deputies Troy Hershel White and Thomas Mowrer, Alameda County Behavioral Health Dr. Neal Edwards and Wellpath nurse David Everett Donoho.

Wellpath is a private company that the county contracts with to provide medical care at Santa Rita.

If convicted on the abuse charge, the defendants would face a maximum four-year state prison sentence.

Hyer, Osmani and White are also charged with one count each of falsification of an official document and could be sentenced to a maximum prison term of five years if convicted on both charges, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Monk, 45, who had mental health

and other health care needs, was found in his cell on Nov. 15, 2021, after apparently being dead for at least 72 hours.

He was in jail after an arrest about a month earlier on suspicion of disorderly conduct for allegedly refusing to get off an Alameda-Contra Costa Transit bus and failing to appear on a misdemeanor warrant for another alleged altercation on a bus, according to prosecutors.

Monk's family lawyers said multiple jail guards and Wellpath medical staff saw him lying face-down in a puddle of bodily fluids for days but failed to provide aid.

His family settled a wrongful death lawsuit with Alameda County for \$7 million and their lawsuit against Wellpath is still pending.

"We're happy to hear that the people who were involved in this tragic but preventable loss of life are going to be held accountable," said attorney Adante Pointer, who is representing Monk's family in a civil case against Wellpath.

"It's important to the family that the people we trust as a community to take care of our loved ones when they're in custody do their job," Pointer said.

After the initial news of the charges broke earlier this month, Sanchez criticized Price — who filed the charges on Nov. 8, just days after facing a recall election that she would lose by a wide margin.

"I am deeply disappointed by District Attorney Price's decision to pursue charges, as I do not believe they are justified," Sanchez said on Nov. 11. "I will continue to support our staff throughout this

challenging process."

The president of the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Alameda County, Sgt. Shaughn Park, also criticized Price, said his organization is standing behind the deputies and expressed hope that they'll receive due process.

"This is an unprecedented thing to charge all these deputies for this incident," Park said. "The D.A. has had contempt for law enforcement her whole time in office and even campaigned on that and it feels

like an abuse of power after she's been recalled."

Spokespeople for Price's office and Wellpath didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

"The family has endured a lot and had to fight every step of the way to get the truth because these deputies and jail employees, not only did they contribute to his loss of life, but they also fabricated reports and did things to cover it up," Pointer said. ■

—Kiley Russell, Bay City News



JEREMY WALSH

Maurice Monk was found dead in his cell at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin almost exactly three years ago.

## Edward August Heuer III

February 26, 1951 – October 14, 2024

Edward August Heuer III passed away on October 14, 2024 in Pleasanton, California, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on February 26, 1951, in Yankton, South Dakota. His family moved to Downey California in 1961, where he grew up, met and married his high school sweetheart. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Holly, 3 children, Jennifer (Srouji), Paul and Christopher Heuer and 8 grandchildren, Mason, Gianna and Hudson Heuer, Aidan, Ella, Ashley Srouji and Sierra and Hunter Heuer. He also leaves behind his brother Kurt and sisters Karen and Karyl, a large extended family and countless friends.



Ed joined the National Guard in 1971 and fulfilled his duties in 1976. He then started his career in Los Angeles county, in waste water treatment. In 1980 he moved his family to Pleasanton, CA, along with a new job. During the next several years, he worked for Contra Costa Sanitary District, South Bayside System Authority and then retired from Oro Loma Sanitary District as Director of Water Quality Services in 2006. Upon retirement, Ed continued in his chosen field as a consultant for the Dublin San Ramon Services District and The City of Pleasanton Operation Services and Water Utilities. He also enjoyed a part-time job at Pleasanton's Callippe Preserve Golf Course, as a marshal for 15 years.

Ed was a man of deep faith and cherished his family and friends. He touched the lives of many with his zest for life, great sense of humor, kindness and desire to help others through volunteer work. He loved golf, travel, camping, Bible study (also taught Bible study), all sports (watching, coaching and participating) and tending to his yardwork. His favorite pastime was hanging out with his family. He was also very proud of his German heritage and would, on occasion, proudly don his lederhosen. Ed was fun to be around, telling a joke or just spreading cheer. It all came easy to him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He made a difference in the world.

A Celebration of Life for Ed will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 1:00 PM at:

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries  
1385 So Livermore Ave  
Livermore CA. 94550

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations in loving memory of Ed, be made to:

-Our Savior Lutheran Ministries  
1385 So Livermore Ave  
Livermore CA. 94550  
-Open Heart Kitchen  
1141 Catalina Drive # 137  
Livermore CA 94550

link: <http://www.openheartkitchen.org>

The family wishes to thank everyone for all the heartfelt condolences and prayers.

PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Nov. 14

#### Fraud

■ 8:32 a.m. on the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

#### Theft

■ 9:10 a.m., 4200 block of Diavila Avenue; auto theft

■ 9:19 a.m. on the 4200 block of Diavila Avenue

#### Vandalism

■ 10:41 a.m. on the 4300 block of North Hacienda Drive

#### Domestic battery

■ 1:11 p.m. on Owens Court

### Nov. 13

#### Shoplifting

■ 2:39 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

■ 5:04 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Nov. 12

#### Vandalism

■ 11:29 a.m. on the 3100 block of Gach Court

#### Drug violation

■ 5:42 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

#### DUI

■ 6:31 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Safreno Way

#### Theft

■ 7:20 p.m. on the 2700 block of Huff Drive

■ 10 p.m. on the 3800 block of Keneland Way

### Nov. 11

#### Shoplifting

■ 2:21 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Vandalism

■ 5:39 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

#### Warrant arrest

■ 7:47 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

### Nov. 10

#### Assault/battery

■ 1:13 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 9:52 p.m. on the 4200 block of Valley Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 1:34 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:17 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

#### Theft

■ 9:04 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

■ 3:09 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:22 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 8:42 p.m., 7500 block of Canyon Meadow Circle; auto theft

#### Burglary

■ 3:12 p.m. on the 4900 block of Middleton Place

#### Robbery

■ 6:43 p.m. on the 4700 block of Hopyard Road

### Nov. 9

#### Burglary

■ 6:44 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

■ 6:19 p.m. on the 1200 block of Shady Pond Lane

#### Drug violation

■ 10:39 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

#### Fraud

■ 11:30 a.m. on the 1400 block of Brookline Loop

#### Vandalism

■ 11:45 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

#### Theft

■ 3:35 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 11:04 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

# Foothill girls' volleyball gets revenge on Folsom in NorCal semis

Also: Amador Valley football set for showdown with Windsor for berth in D-II final

In an absolutely incredible week, the Foothill High girls' volleyball team went 3-0 in the CIF State NorCal regionals to advance to one step from playing for a state title.

The Falcons came into the Division I Regionals the No. 5 seed after losing two games in the North Coast Section Open playoffs.

Nothing was easy in the first two rounds.

In the opener, the Falcons hosted Christian Brothers of Sacramento and jumped out to a 2-0 set lead before Christian Brothers took two straight, forcing the fifth set.

Foothill righted the ship and roared to a 15-7 win and a spot in the semifinals.

Highlights came from five players with double-digit kills: Kaycie Burdick (18), Paige Nelson (13), Sophia Burdick (13), Lulu Hoenninger (12) and Kait Vogel (10). Brooke Stedman added 23 assists and Olivia So led the team in digs with 21.

That sent them to James Logan



COURTESY FOOTHILL VOLLEYBALL

Foothill celebrates after advancing to the NorCal finals after beating top-seeded Folsom.

for the second round, a team the Falcons had lost to twice this year, including the NorCal Open third-place game.

So, when the Falcons fell behind 2-0 in sets, things didn't look great. But back they charged back and took set three 25-5, keeping the season alive.

After trailing 20-16 in the fourth set, they were forced to rally again

— and did just that, winning 25-22 to square the match. A 15-11 win in the fifth set sent Foothill to the semifinals.

This time it was Kaycie Burdick (24 kills, 16 digs), Nelson (40 assists, 6 blocks, 2 aces), Sophia Burdick (10 kills, 4 blocks) and Hoenninger (8 kills, 7 blocks) that got it done.

That brought the semifinals on Saturday when Foothill had to travel to top-seeded Folsom, a team that had beaten Foothill earlier in the season.

The Falcons started great, taking the first set 25-19, but Folsom drew even with a 25-23 win in the second set. This time Foothill surged, taking the next two sets 25-18, 25-13 to advance to the NorCal finals.

Highlights came from Kaycie Burdick (27 kills, 16 digs), Nelson (51 assists, 5 service points), Hoenninger (12 kills, 3 blocks) and Vogel (15 kills, 11 digs, 9 service points).

The win sent the Falcons to the statewide semifinals, where they will host No. 6 seed Redwood, a team Foothill beat 3-1 in the first round of NCS. The match was Tuesday night, with results and recap pending as of press time.

### Football semis

The NCS Division II semifinals sees No. 2 Amador Valley (7-4) hosting No. 3 Windsor (8-3), with a 7 p.m. kickoff Friday night (Nov. 22).

The Dons have been an offensive juggernaut this year and have not scored fewer than 28 points since Sept. 23 when they beat Acalanes 24-23.

The player leading the way is senior quarterback Tristan Ti'a. Ti'a has thrown for 3,039 yards, hitting 76% of his passes and 25 touchdowns with only three interceptions.

If he can't find a receiver, Ti'a has run for 816 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Anthony Harrington has been on the other end of Ti'a's passes 69 times for 1,179 yards and seven touchdowns. Kade Robertson has been a big play receiver as he's caught seven touchdowns with only 21 receptions.

Windsor is led by sophomore quarterback Carter Vose, who has 1,025 yards passing and 11 touchdowns with seven interceptions.

Wyatt Morris has 891 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. Hayden Anderson is the top receiver with 31 catches for 655 yards and 10 touchdowns.

### Winter sports starting

It's almost time to step fully into the winter sports season, which means time to ask for some help getting results for our hard-working athletes!

You can send everything by Sunday at noon, or throughout the week. Either works great by me; just send to [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).

Finally — please don't be that person that only sends results when you win! A simple question: Are the kids any less worthy when they lose a game?

Thanks, and have a great season! ■

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## Employment

Safeway Inc hiring Sr. Staff Engineer Software/ IT Digital Loyalty (App. design guidance & consultation) in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$198,807 - 231,154.20/yr. Email resume: [TA.Applications@albertsons.com](mailto:TA.Applications@albertsons.com), Attn M. Varona Ref# 1010SD

Lead Clinical Systems Analyst (Palo Alto & Pleasanton, CA). Support core functions of hospital's Epic s/ware modules & ancillary systems. Implmt, administer, & support facility-rtd IT systems, incl s/ware upgrade initiatives. Bachelor's in Info Tech, Comp Sci, Electrical Engg, Health Info Mgmt, or rtd field. 5 yrs progressive IT exp in healthcare industry, incl prior involvement in 2 major Epic upgrades or Epic implmnts. Solid exp in each: project mgmt; change mgmt; s/ware release mgmt; risk mgmt; interfaces; dsgn'g, leading, & executing testing processes for s/ware & techn'l envrmts; providing Tier-2 Support encompassing incident mgmt, maintenance, enhancements, & requests. Ability to strategize, plan, & execute large-scale, complex IT projects. Excellent written & oral communication skills. Current or previous certification in Epic Security, EpicCare Ambulatory, or EpicCare Inpatient. Hybrid sched permitted, w/in CA. \$186,284.80 - \$209,081.60/yr. MUST send CV & cvr ltr to [jhurtado@stanfordhealthcare.org](mailto:jhurtado@stanfordhealthcare.org) or Josefin Hurtado, Stanford Health Care, 1850 Embarcadero Rd, Ste B, Palo Alto, CA 94303 w/in 30 days & ref Job #W2022-688.

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## Giants hire SRVHS alum

Randy Winn named VP of player development

By JEREMY WALSH

Former San Ramon Valley High School dual-sport star and retired Major League Baseball outfielder Randy Winn signed on last week to become the vice president of player development for the hometown San Francisco Giants.

Winn, who played for five teams including the Giants during his 13-year career, worked as a TV analyst for NBC Sports Bay Area as well as held instruction, scouting and front office roles within the Giants' organization since retiring after the 2010 season.

The hiring of Winn, which was announced Nov. 14, is among the ongoing reorganization for the Giants under new president of baseball operations Buster Posey — who also brought in ex-general



Randy Winn

manager Bobby Evans and his former agent Jeff Berry as special advisors on Tuesday, according to ESPN's Jeff Passen and others.

The Giants anointed the retired MVP catcher and three-time champion Posey to remake their

front office after firing president Farhan Zaidi near the end of the 2024 season, a disappointing 80-82 campaign and fourth-place finish in the division for San Francisco.

Winn, 50, lettered in baseball and basketball at San Ramon Valley High in Danville as part of the class of 1992. He finished his high school career as the Wolves' all-time leader in stolen bases and was inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

After competing in both sports at Santa Clara University, Winn made his MLB debut with the then-Tampa Bay Devil Rays debut in 1998. He also played for the Seattle Mariners, Giants (2005-2009), New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals during his career. He was an All-Star in 2002. ■

## Entertainment

**COI - MYSTIC TALES** Mystic Tales is a completely improvised teen improv show set in the Fantasy genre, performed by the award-winning improv troupe Creatures of Impulse. 7 p.m., Nov. 21-23 and 2 p.m., Nov. 23. Tickets \$13. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**ENCORE PLAYERS PRESENT THE CURIOUS SAVAGE** When her husband dies and leaves her \$10 million dollars, Mrs. Savage intends to give the fortune away to people to pursue their foolish dreams, unfortunately, her stepchildren strongly object. 7:30 p.m., 22-23. 2 p.m., Nov. 24. Tickets \$25. Bothwell Arts Center. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**10,000 MANIACS** Together now for more than four decades, 10,000 Maniacs remain one of America's most beloved independent bands. While new songs and recordings are always in the works, the live shows remain their place to really shine. 8 p.m., Nov. 23. Tickets \$25-\$100. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**THE ABBA CONCERT EXPERIENCE** ABBA-mania reigns supreme as this eight-piece production show performs all the greatest hits of one of the world's most beloved pop supergroups of the '70s. 3 p.m., Nov. 24. Tickets \$49-\$69. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**CHORUS ECLECTIC - SURF & TURF** Chorus Eclectic sings over land and sea in their fall concert, Surf and Turf, where they will explore how song has shaped the way in which we move around our planet. 4 p.m., Nov. 24. Tickets \$28. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**COSMIC ODYSSEY AT THE BANKHEAD** Step into the extraordinary with Cosmic Odyssey, an outer space immersive experience on stage, followed by a 15-minute post-tour discussion led by scientists in the Founders Room. Nov. 25-27. Tickets \$15-\$30. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**SING COMMUNITY EVENT** Celebrate Giving Tuesday with complimentary backstage tours of the Bankhead Theater followed by a screening of Sing (2016). Tour of the Bankhead will be available at 4:15 p.m., Dec. 2. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**HSMC CABARET - TRUE TALES** This show brings to the stage songs from musicals based on true stories. 7 p.m., Dec. 6. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**SEEDS OF MUSIC ACADEMY** Join for a night of inspiring performances by 5 hard working bands, spanning a wide age range and expansive and eclectic repertoire. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 6. Tickets \$5-\$10. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**EVOLUTION - THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO JOURNEY** Fans of legendary rock band Journey will relive the magic once more with Evolution, the ultimate tribute to Journey, recreating the powerful vocals, electrifying guitar solos, and unforgettable melodies. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13. Tickets \$28-\$38. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

## Exhibitions

**THRIFT FEST** Thrift Fest is a celebration of vintage and maker vendors featuring clothing from years gone by as well as featuring one-of-a-kind jewelry, collectibles, home goods and more. 12-6 p.m., Nov. 30. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**EXOTIC BIRD MART** The Exotic Bird Mart returns with finches, canaries, lovebirds, cockatiels, amazons, cockatoos, macaws and more on display, as well as hundreds of accessories and thousands of potential sellers and buyers. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 8. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**GREAT TRAIN SHOW** The nation's largest traveling train show includes model trains for sale, exhibitors from across the country, operating model displays, free workshops and demonstrations, activities for the kids and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 14-15. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE EXHIBIT** The Harrington Gallery welcomes back the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) for their 17th Annual Fall Members Show exhibition featuring approximately 80 works of all mediums. Now through Dec. 21. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**BACK TO THE MOON AND THE STARS BEYOND** This captivating and educational art exhibit merges space exploration history with modern advancements in astronomy taking visitors on a visual journey through time. Experience this free exhibit at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater. Now through Jan. 5.

**GADGETS GALORE EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM ON MAIN** A wide variety of gadgets, both recognizable and strange, will be on display illustrating how industrialization transformed every American household in the 19th-century. Now through Jan. 11. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

## Farmers' Markets

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

**LIVERMORE 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.

## Outdoor Rec

**WOODLAND WONDERLAND AT DEL VALLE** Join after school to learn about a plant or animal of the oak woodland. No registration,

adult participation required. 3-4 p.m., Nov. 22.

**RANGER PROGRAM: TURKEY TROT** Join LARPD and spend time learning about the beloved Thanksgiving bird, the turkey. Take a walk through the park to see the turkeys and learn about the origin of the turkey becoming a staple of Thanksgiving. 12-1 p.m., Nov. 23. Sycamore Grove Park, Wetmore Rd Entrance Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**NATIVE GARDEN WORK DAY** Volunteer at the Native Gardens at Sycamore Grove Park to help out around the garden, regardless of experience with gardening and/or native plants. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Dec. 6. Visit [larpd.org/volunteer](http://larpd.org/volunteer).

## Seniors

**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.

**POKER AT PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER** 1:00-4:00 p.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50NR. Must be familiar with the game of poker.

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

**TECH TUTORING AT PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER** One-on-One Tutoring (1 hr. appointments). Get help using the internet, email, photo editing, sending attachments, smart phones, tablets and more. Bring own device. Drop-In fees apply. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesdays.

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

**KNITTING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER** Refresh skills, pick up some new tips, share techniques, get help or just sit and knit. 9-11:30 a.m., Fridays. Drop-in fees apply.

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

## Support

**DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD** Join to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries to help with sewing, ironing and cutting. Sewing machines or sergers, irons, ironing boards and scissors are needed. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 23. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore.

**VETERANS EVENT** Pleasanton Library hosts the VA Palo Alto

## PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

### Meet Miss Betty Boo

Are you looking for a nice dog that's calm and quiet? One that is polite in the house, likes people and other dogs, walks well on leash, rides well in the car and knows basic commands? Betty Boo is your girl! She likes snuggling too, and is an all-around terrific dog. She is 5-6 years old and weighs 20 pounds, spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Learn more via the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue website at [tvar.org](http://tvar.org).

Mobile Medical Outreach team to provide veteran benefits review, enroll veterans for care with the VA Palo Alto Health System, answer questions about VA services and provide medical care and referrals for enrolled veterans. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 25.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN DUBLIN** The City of Dublin will host an American Red Cross blood drive in the Bray Community Room at the Dublin Civic Center. To make a donation, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), and use the sponsor code, "DublinCommunity". 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 6. 100 Civic Plaza.

**COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM** Open Heart Kitchen serves free meals, first come, first served, that are nutritious and freshly prepared. 12-5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays Vineyard Resource Center, 450 N. Livermore Ave, Livermore.

**SOUPER TUESDAY** Local volunteers serve warm soup during the chilly months. Grab and go or stay inside to connect with others and learn about local resources. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesdays. CityServe Care Center, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore. If interested in volunteering visit [cityservecares.org](http://cityservecares.org).

**OPEN HEART REFUGE** Open Heart Refuge is a 20-bed overnight shelter in Livermore for adults who are in crisis or experiencing homelessness, operating 7 days a week from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. and includes both a hot dinner and hot breakfast. For more information visit [openheartkitchen.org/refuge](http://openheartkitchen.org/refuge).

## Government

**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., Dec. 3. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://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., Nov. 25. Visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

**LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION** Livermore Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month

at the Civic Center Meeting Hall, Mendenhall Room, unless otherwise posted. 7 p.m., Nov. 26. Visit [livermoreca.gov](http://livermoreca.gov).

## Thanksgiving

**MONY NOP TURKEY DROP** Community members are invited to drop off a frozen turkey, gift card or cash donation to help local families facing economic hardship. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 24. All proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Haven's Holiday Program. Livermore City Hall Parking Lot, 1052 S. Livermore Ave.

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE** Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley will hold their annual interfaith Thanksgiving service featuring a variety of ways different faiths and cultures express gratitude, followed by a reception offering light refreshments. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Nov. 24. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton.

**2024 THANKSGIVING PRAYER BREAKFAST** Kick off the season of gratitude with a morning filled with inspiration, connection and community featuring Keynote Speaker Pastor Napoleon Kaufman, former Oakland Raider turned pastor. Enjoy live music and moving stories from those impacted by CityServe. 7-9 a.m., Nov. 25. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Visit [cityservecares.org](http://cityservecares.org).

**TRI-VALLEY TURKEY BURN** Join Pleasanton North Rotary's 10th annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn, 5k/10k, run, walk, stroll. Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28. Ken Mercer Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Drive., Pleasanton. Visit [trivalleyturkeyburn.org](http://trivalleyturkeyburn.org).

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT REBEL KITCHEN** Rebel Kitchen is serving free meals on Thanksgiving day for those in need. 12-2 p.m., Nov. 28. 2369 First St., Livermore.

**TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH THANKSGIVING DINNER** Join for a traditional sit-down dinner serving families, seniors, military, singles and anyone in need. 12-4 p.m., Nov. 28. Dinner is free and reservations are not necessary. St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Visit [tvc-thanksgiving.com](http://tvc-thanksgiving.com).

# Public Notices

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 417210

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):

EYE FOR DESIGN

835 Palomino Dr. #1

Pleasanton, CA 94566

FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/24/2008

UNDER FILE NO. 417210

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):

CRYSTEL MARIE SQUIER

835 Palomino Dr #1

Pleasanton, CA 94566

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An

Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on November 05 2024.

(PLW Nov 15, 22, 29 and Dec 6, 2024)

XX ESTATES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610069

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

1.) XK Estates , located at 8390 Golf Links Rd Oakland, CA 94605, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

IVAN KRAUSE

8390 Golf Links Rd

Oakland, CA 94605

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/27/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 18 2024.

(PLW Nov 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

POTSU POTSU PAPIER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610541

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

1.) Potsu Potsu Papier , located at 60 Forest Lane Berkeley, CA 94708, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

KIMBERLY LEE

60 Forest Lane

Berkeley, CA 94708

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 November 08 2024.

(PLW Nov 15, 22, 29 and Dec 6, 2024)

INFINITE IRIE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610350

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

1.) Infinite Irie , located at 3018 Modesto Ave Oakland, CA 94619, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

INFINITE IRIE LLC

3018 Modesto Ave

Oakland, CA 94619

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/5/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 30 2024.

(PLW Nov 15, 22, 29 and Dec 6, 2024)

SCHOOL OF ROCK - PLEASANTON

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610440

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

1.) School Of Rock - Pleasanton , located at 3059 Hopyard Road, Suite D, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address:

1304 Oak Vista Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

READY TO ROCK INC.

1304 Oak Vista Way

Pleasanton, CA 94566

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 November 04 2024.

(PLW Nov 15, 22, 29 and Dec 6, 2024)

QUARTERHILL USA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610379

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

1.) Quarterhill USA , located at 2142 Rheem Drive, Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 5844 John Hickman Pkwy, Ste. 125, Frisco, TX 75034

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION CONSULTANTS,

LLC

5844 John Hickman Pkwy, Ste. 125

Frisco, TX 75034

State of Incorporation/Organization:

Delaware

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/3/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 31 2024.

(PLW Nov 22, 29, Dec 6 and 13, 2024)

1ST TECHS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610488

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

1.) 1st Techs , located at 4095 Vineyard Ave Apt #8 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

CHRIS RUSSO

4095 Vineyard Ave Apt #8

Pleasanton, CA 94566

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 November 06 2024.

(PLW Nov 22, 29, Dec 6 and 13, 2024)

PROFIX SOLUTIONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610548

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

1.) Profix Solutions , located at 1719 64th Steet, Suite B Emeryville, CA 94530, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

SHEILA REPUNTE

1719 64th Street, Suite B

Emeryville, CA 94530

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/07/2024

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 08 2024.

(PLW Nov 22, 29, Dec 6 and 13, 2024)

SERENE PRANA AYURVEDA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 609712

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

1.) Serene Prana Ayurveda , located at 2352 Haggerty Dr., Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

INFOSWAN INC

2352 Haggerty Dr

Dublin, CA 94568

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 October 02 2024.

(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

EMBARC DISPENSARY

EMBARC ALAMEDA CANNABIS DISPENSARY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610055

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

1.) Embarc Dispensary , 2.) Embarc Alameda Cannabis Dispensary , located at 1616 Webster Street Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company. Mailing Address: 440 N

Barranca Ave #8433 Covina, CA 91723.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

ALAMEDA PATIENTS GROUP LLC

1616 Webster Street

Alameda, CA 94501

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/23/2021

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 18 2024.

(PLW Nov 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

QUARTERHILL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610384

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

1.) Quarterhill , located at 2142 Rheem Drive, Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 5844 John Hickman Pkwy, Ste. 125, Frisco, TX 75034

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION CONSULTANTS,

LLC

5844 John Hickman Pkwy, Ste. 125

Frisco, TX 75034

State of Incorporation/Organization:

Delaware

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/3/2024

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 31 2024.

(PLW Nov 22, 29, Dec 6 and 13, 2024)

PAWS OF PLEASANTON

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610272

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

1.) PAWS OF PLEASANTON , located at 3128 Santa Rita Road, Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

PAWS OF PLEASANTON, A VETERINARY

CORPORATION

3128 Santa Rita Road, Suite B

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:

CALIFORNIA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/07/2019

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 25 2024.

(PLW Nov 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

EMBELLISHED DESIGN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610113

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

1.) Embellished Design , located at 3263 Vineyard Ave. Spc. 99, Pleasanton, CA 94566, 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

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on October 20 2024

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 21 2024.

(PLW Nov 15, 22, 29 and Dec 6, 2024)

INDUSTRY ON MAIN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610033

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

1.) Industry On Main , located at 349 Main Street Suite 204 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

ARTISTRY BY ELLA, LLC

826 Discovery Bay Blvd.

Discovery Bay, CA 94505

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 October 17 2024.

(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

IXD TRAVELINC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610202

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

1.) IxD Travelinc , located at 22480 Fuller Ave, Hayward CA, 94541, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

INTERNATIONAL X DOMESTIC TRAVELINC LLC

22480 Fuller Ave

Hayward CA, 94541

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 October 23 2024.

(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF

NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF

CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 24CV095738

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Nitish Krishna Kaveri Poompatnam Chandrasekaran filed a petition with this

court for a decree changing names as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING: 03/07/2025, 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: 10/17/2024

Thomas J Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Nov 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

# Real Estate

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 26 to Sept. 6 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Oct. 14-25 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 6497 Alford Way** Pittenger Trust to Y. & L. Huang for \$1,412,500
- 5644 Belleza Drive** Boushey Living Trust to A. & M. Desai for \$1,275,000
- 5423 Black Avenue #4** Gissendaner Trust to A. Novotny for \$830,000
- 1995 Brooktree Way** Andre Trust to Sreekant Trust for \$1,635,000
- 4069 Cid Way** K. Milne to H. & M. Triplett for \$1,412,000
- 4258 Diavila Avenue** Powleson Living Trust to Lakshmi Living Trust for \$1,588,000
- 7882 Flagstone Drive** Sullivan Family Trust to H. & J. Liu for \$1,750,000
- 2209 Goldcrest Circle** Plise Living Trust to B. & K. Kim for \$1,115,000
- 5962 Hansen Drive** Rodebush Living Trust to Lira Trust for \$1,625,500
- 3267 Kevin Court** Backman Trust to R. & P. Pareek for \$1,850,000
- 908 Mingoia Street** Liu Family Trust to Nema Family Trust for \$2,775,000
- 108 Mission Drive** J. Morrow to C. & D. Sherman for \$708,000
- 767 Saint John Circle** B. Roudsari to S. Hudson for \$1,872,000
- 51 Shore Drive** Imperiale Living Trust to M. Mohammadihashemi for \$1,150,000
- 4622 Sierrawood Lane** Bishop Trust to Y. & C. Yang for \$1,350,000
- 3196 Thistledown Court** Narlock Living Trust to M. & J. Jose for \$1,845,000
- 234 Trenton Circle** C. Kennedy to Bay Bridge Consulting LLC for \$1,150,000
- 6875 Via Quito** Vandermillier Trust to J. Schauwecker for \$1,436,000
- 3733 Angus Way** K. & D. Tan to Z. & L. Tang for \$1,780,000
- 7520 Canyon Meadow Circle #A** P. Venkata to Opendoor Property Trust for \$685,000
- 845 Division Street #D** A. Yan to Cassetta Living Trust for \$500,000
- 45 Golf Road** Plack Living Trust to Chang Trust for \$2,370,000
- 4147 Jensen Street** Branam Trust to Vifian Living Trust for \$1,325,000
- 1134 Laguna Creek Lane** Avery Family Trust to N. & S. Dangi for \$4,025,000
- 1021 Malaga Court** S. & A. Hudson to A. & A. Kotwal for \$2,040,000
- 4253 Mirador Drive** Garrido Living Trust to Property Buddies LLC for \$1,401,000
- 4066 Nevis Street** Cathcart Family Trust to Wang & Zhu Family Trust for \$1,550,000
- 3405 Norton Way #2** B. Riddle to I. & D. Mutter for \$500,000
- 399 Oak Lane** Tomlin Trust to B. Kingsley for \$2,425,000
- 6225 Robin Court** C. Wood to S. & S. Murshed for \$1,325,000
- 4115 Rockingham Drive** Whippet Trust to S. Oweis for \$1,150,000
- 2326 Sandpiper Way** Cg Survivors Trust to Y. & H. Zhang for \$1,650,000

- 5527 Sonoma Drive** R. & B. Comito to S. & D. Desai for \$1,250,000
- 7069 Valley Trails Drive** P. Spurrier to Rapid Home Solutions for \$1,005,000
- 7092 Via Quito** Frazee Trust to O'Connor Family Living Trust for \$1,702,000
- 3809 Vine Street** Opendoor Property Trust I to J. Hsu for \$788,000

### Livermore

- 1396 Buckhorn Creek Road** Raffo Family Trust to Black Trust for \$1,975,000
- 5403 Carnegie Loop** N. Munoz to L. & F. Wu for \$1,980,000
- 735 Cottonwood Court** Cosby Family Trust to N. & S. Gandhi for \$1,820,000
- 455 Covellite Lane** S. & B. Kalepp to D. & C. Prado for \$1,325,000
- 702 Daisyfield Drive** Branham Family Trust to M. & J. Villarreal for \$1,599,000
- 1939 De Vaca Way** L. & J. Ottey to L. Suwarno for \$772,500
- 1108 El Dorado Drive** Jorgenson Trust to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Group for \$1,005,000
- 5248 Lilac Avenue** Ferrick Family Trust to C. & C. Horton for \$920,000
- 884 Lucerne Street** H. Collinson to Lee Family Trust for \$1,650,000
- 4687 Nicol Common #103** B. Bush to M. & A. Bonilla for \$515,000
- 1697 Paseo Laguna Seco** A. Berlin to A. Karimi for \$631,000
- 1780 Peary Way** S. & S. Farrell to T. & N. Finnestead for \$902,000
- 2416 Sheffield Drive** Overton Family Trust to M. & D. Singh for \$2,800,000
- 694 Sonoma Court** S. Chae to S. & M. Badjatya for \$1,190,000
- 2624 Tahoe Drive** Poore Trust to C. & M. Alper for \$1,955,000
- 2741 Whitehall Court** Devries Living Trust to Bauer Trust for \$2,350,000
- 3936 Yale Way** L. Erickson to K. Klug for \$890,000
- 675 Alameda Drive** Pool Living Trust to C. Shimozone for \$390,000
- 1120 Camelia Drive** Conner Living Trust to Zca Homes LLC for \$782,000
- 1486 Chaparral Way** K. & A. Lumbard to X. & Z. Guo for \$1,375,000
- 1493 Chaparral Way** K. & S. Windsor to C. & D. Anderson for \$1,505,000
- 1375 Chateau Common** M. & M. Tennyson to A. & S. Lukezic for \$921,000
- 5448 Cleo Court** Williams Living Trust to Stewart Trust for \$1,030,000
- 5982 Cypress Point Drive** Llewellyn Trust to G. & M. Srivastav for \$1,240,000
- 3370 Gardella Plaza** Harjit & Vicks 2017 Living Trust to D & M Realty Solutions LLC for \$1,400,000
- 1170 Glenwood Street** Hale Living Trust to J. Hoehn for \$1,400,000
- 899 Havasu Court** Croxson 2016 Trust to M. & U. Jindani for \$985,000
- 173 Heligan Lane #4** J. Grant to J. Huynh for \$875,000
- 32 Meritage Common #102** M. & J. Couris to J. & J. Jang for \$799,000

- 1876 Mira Loma Street** B. Clark to C. Franklin for \$775,000
- 1625 Monterey Drive** H. Hon to S. & H. Carias for \$670,000
- 5617 Oakmont Circle** Thompson Family Trust to A. & J. Halder for \$919,000
- 5903 Ocean Hills Way** White Living Trust to S. & L. Khanna for \$1,087,500
- 1860 Rhododendron Drive** A. & D. Massingill to N. & A. Saha for \$1,140,000
- 630 Selby Lane #3** C. Gu to F. & A. Sardar for \$1,155,000
- 426 Vista Court** S. & Z. Wiedemann to J. & A. Tindall for \$1,005,000
- 637 Yorkshire Court** Guthrie Family Trust to Rahman Trust for \$1,475,000

### Dublin

- 7607 Arbor Creek Circle** Moore Trust to S. Burgess for \$597,000
- 5832 Cadence Avenue** B. Carbone to M. & H. Patel for \$1,050,000
- 11720 Corto Court** Labat Trust to Mohanty Trust for \$1,760,000
- 7237 Cronin Circle** Opendoor Property Trust I to K. & J. Justin for \$650,000
- 1999 Haggerty Drive** A. & F. Kadva to K. & A. Jagtlan for \$1,990,500
- 2915 Innisbrook Way** Chang Family Trust to H. & Z. Nagvi for \$2,675,000
- 10884 Inspiration Circle** S. Gholami to K. & Y. Chen for \$2,501,000
- 7892 Kelly Canyon Place** L. & J. Reimer to I. Virk for \$2,300,000
- 6964 Lancaster Road** R. & J. Schofield to H. & J. Yang for \$1,310,000
- 6969 North Mariposa Lane** Catapult Custodian LLC to I. & A. Gadodia for \$1,175,000

- 4528 Mirano Court** S. Yuan to C. & D. Begin for \$1,425,000
- 5672 Old Westbury Way** Y. Wu to M. & A. Gupta for \$1,480,000
- 7249 Quartz Circle** Sotelo Family Trust to S. & B. Thakkar for \$1,575,000
- 6435 Rosebay Court** Brookfield Vine LLC to D. & R. Wang for \$1,225,000
- 4860 Swinford Court** A. Koshy to P. Malneedi for \$1,050,000
- 3836 Camino Loop** A. & S. Verma to M. & M. Patel for \$1,215,000
- 5538 Castello Court** J. & K. Lad to S. & T. Ismail for \$2,680,000
- 5728 El Dorado Lane** L. Kong to N. & Y. Shah for \$1,306,000
- 4381 Markleeville Road** K. Veerannagari to Tsai Living Trust for \$1,458,000
- 5551 Metropolitan Way** W. Wu to Tsai Living Trust for \$1,548,000
- 5860 Midnight Place #C** Aozasa Family Trust to R. & P. Mahajan for \$1,335,000
- 4050 Scottfield Street** R. Fu to R. Dharani for \$1,265,000
- 2978 Stringham Way** A. Maniyedath to Tsai Living Trust for \$1,368,000
- 7423 Tehan Court** L. Distefano to I. Zomborean for \$750,000
- 4286 Trolan Lane** D. Tsang to Kalra Family Trust for \$2,312,000
- 7672 Tuscany Drive** G. & N. Alka to Liu & Yang Family Trust for \$725,000
- 5089 Winterbrook Avenue** Mahadeshwar Family Trust to K. & M. Bajwa for \$1,850,000

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Aug. 26-Sept. 6)

**Total sales reported:** 36  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$500,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$4,025,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,506,944

### Livermore (Aug. 26-Sept. 6)

**Total sales reported:** 37  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$390,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,800,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,221,837

### Dublin (Aug. 26-Sept. 6)

**Total sales reported:** 27  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$597,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,680,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,502,795

### San Ramon (Oct. 14-25)

**Total sales reported:** 35  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$525,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,799,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,393,500

Source: California REsource

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## Talking Real Estate with Doug Buenz | Compass

### If the Fed Lowered Interest Rates Why are Mortgage Rates Higher?

One of comments I hear a lot from the public is "The Fed lowered mortgage rates so the market should be better". At the risk of wading into economics, a subject most people find about as interesting as watching paint dry, it is important to clarify how mortgage rates work.

Simply put... the Federal Government does not control mortgage rates. However, the Federal Reserve ("the Fed") does set the Federal Funds Rate, which is a bell weather rate that banks charge to lend funds to other banks on an overnight basis. This interest rate influences short term rates such as the prime rate, as well as consumer loans and credit cards. More importantly, it signals the Fed's outlook on the economy and inflation, and impacts the broader investment environment.

The Fed acts as the driver of the economy, using monetary policy as a gas pedal or break depending on conditions. They accomplish this by lowering or raising the Federal Funds rate. When the economy is slowing, the fed can lower the Federal Funds rate to stimulate the economy. When the economy is too robust or inflation is higher than their target, they can raise the Federal Funds rate to slow economic growth and (hopefully) tame inflation.

The mortgage market is not controlled by the Fed, but rather is a bond market driven by investors and the interest rates they are willing to accept when taking into account inflation and the long-term economic outlook.

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