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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## History Makers

The Museum on Main is honoring three people with longstanding impacts on the Pleasanton community later this month.

The 2025 History Maker Awards will be presented to Hacienda visionary Joe Callahan and Make A Difference, Today & Always collaborators Jerri Long and W. Ron Sutton during the museum's annual Wines & Valentines gala.

The fundraiser from 5-10 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard at Rubino Estates Winery in Pleasanton features a four-course meal, live and silent auctions, wine pull, fund-a-need, music and dancing to benefit the activities of the Livermore-Amador Valley Historical Society at the museum in downtown Pleasanton.

"Our Wines & Valentines event is more than just an elegant evening — it's a celebration of the incredible individuals who have shaped our community. We're excited to honor Joe Callahan, Ron Sutton and Jerri Long this year and invite everyone to join us for an unforgettable night that supports the Museum on Main's programs," Tony Cruz, the museum's first-year executive director, told me earlier this week.

January is a busy month for the museum, which is opening its newest exhibit ("Imagination Expressed 2025" in partnership with the Pleasanton Art League) and is about to unveil the full lineup for this year's Ed Kinney Speaker Series. A lot of positive energy headed into the gala.

Part of the momentum-building for Wines & Valentines included highlighting this year's History Makers in an email to museum members and an extended press release for folks like me.

You certainly can't tell the history of Pleasanton in the last 50 years without a chapter on Callahan.

In the late 1970s, Callahan partnered with Prudential Insurance Co. to purchase and develop land in North Pleasanton into Hacienda Business Park — a move that not only changed the city's course in terms of corporate and commercial growth, but improved transportation, flood mitigation and housing

conditions in that area in the years and decades that followed.

Among his efforts behind the scenes in the community, Callahan supported a number of projects including an important one for the museum itself, paying for a full-time carpenter for a year to help transform the former police station into the Museum on Main.

A fascinating article in our archives by Bob Thomas on Sept. 22, 2000 provides an intriguing checkpoint in hindsight into "The Hacienda that Joe built". Look for the link in the online version of this column.

Of course, if you look through our web archives, you'll find a slew of articles mentioning Sutton and Long — plus a few penned by the latter.

Sutton, who owns stopwatch and pedometer manufacturer ACCUSPLIT, and Long, the retired public information officer for the Pleasanton Unified School District (and occasional freelancer for the Weekly), have worked together on many popular and impactful community projects.

Those efforts include the likes of the Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival, the Fourth of July Celebration and the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards — which all now fall under the umbrella of the nonprofit Make A Difference, Today & Always.

Sutton also helped create the Walk 'n' Talk in Pleasanton outings and the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn benefiting the Rotary Club of Pleasanton North.

To see Callahan, Long and Sutton receive their History Maker Awards, purchase a seat for the Wines & Valentines gala — tickets tend to sell out quickly for this fundraiser that's so vital to the museum.

The Museum on Main is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. To learn more, visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

*Editor's note: Jeremy Walsh is the editorial director for the Embarcadero Media Foundation's East Bay Division. His "What a Week" column is a recurring feature in the Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Vine and DanvilleSanRamon.com.*



Joe Callahan



Jerri Long



Ron Sutton

### About the Cover

Make A Difference, Today & Always — a local nonprofit founded over 25 years ago — is getting set to host its Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival on Jan. 18. The festival is a free, yearly gathering of dozens of Tri-Valley nonprofits offering volunteer opportunities for adults, families and teenagers. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXV, Number 50




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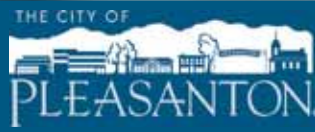


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ASKED AROUND TOWN

**What is something you feel comes easily for you that many other people struggle with and find challenging?**



**Nalani Scates**

*Probation officer*

I'd have to say self-confidence and self-love. I've taught myself to love myself and to surround myself with people who love me. I can't be of any use or help to anyone else if I don't take care of and love myself, first.



**Robert Rosas, with Lola**

*Computer services*

Helping people comes so easily to me. Almost to a fault. I never hesitate to jump right in and lend a helping hand whenever someone appears to be in need. I know that for many others, they find it difficult to get involved and prefer to remain safely on the sidelines.



**Jenny Gosselin, with Penny**

*Middle school teacher*

As a teacher, I need to — and am able to — assess potentially problematic and sensitive situations with my students and to react swiftly and accordingly. It's not easy, and some people find it very difficult, but I find I'm always able to do it.



**Ruth Olguin**

*Business owner*

I find it easy to work under pressure and to provide good customer service even when things are very busy. I see others having a difficult time with this. But I've been working in customer service for my entire life in one capacity or another. I truly enjoy it.



**Lauren Fairchild**

*Sales and cybersecurity*

I find that truly listening to others, and really hearing and understanding what they're really saying, and the feelings they're expressing, comes easily to me. I'm able to do this without passing judgment and feel that this is a quality that makes people feel comfortable to approach and engage with me.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis



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## DIGEST

### Why no Cop Log

The Pleasanton Police Department is changing its online system for publicly reporting data related to service calls and arrests in the city, which is why its online "Police Blotter" has not been updated since Dec. 16.

The Weekly, which relies on the blotter for its Cop Log in the newspaper, has not been able to publish the popular feature in several weeks as a result — and the future of the Cop Log remains in question, depending on the accessibility of data once the city's new system comes online later this winter.

"The police department is rolling out a system update, and the crime map and blotter are being replaced with a new, easy-to-use service called Citizen RIMS. It's an interactive map that will display crime and other calls for service in our community," PPD spokesperson Teri Yan told the Weekly on Tuesday.

"We apologize for the inconvenience, and we anticipate both resources will be back online by late February," she added. "Until the new Citizen RIMS is live, we recommend using the PRA portal to request information about recent arrests."

### New parade host

Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Parade is in new hands, with the Rotary Club of Dublin announcing this week that it has taken over operations of the annual event with the previous host, the Dublin Lions Club, folding in 2024 due to low membership.

"We are so excited that we can continue this annual tradition in the community," Dublin Rotary President Christy Li said in a press release Monday.

"The Rotary Club will work closely with the City and plans to keep all of the parade elements those have come to expect. We also want to take this opportunity to thank the longstanding volunteers from the Lions Club who have been instrumental in putting on this annual event," Li added.

Applications to participate in the March 15 parade are now available at [rotarydublin.org](http://rotarydublin.org).

### Water art contest

The inaugural "Tri-Valley Water Conservation Art Contest" is accepting submissions through March 3 from students in kindergarten through 12th grade in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon's Dougherty Valley.

The theme is "Habitat Heroes: Transforming Lawns into Vibrant Native Gardens". Learn more at [zone7water.com/artcontest](http://zone7water.com/artcontest). ■

## City, Zone 7 staff provide update on joint groundwater well project

Test drilling set to finish this month at Del Prado; Tennis and Community Park will be next

By Christian Trujano

The city's joint project with the Zone 7 Water Agency to test viable locations in West Pleasanton for two potentially new groundwater wells outside of a PFAS plume is going as planned, with the test drilling coming to an end soon at Del Prado Park in Pleasanton this month, according to officials with both agencies.

However, members of the Pleasanton Public Works Department told the Weekly they still have two parks to study as part of the "Regional Groundwater Facilities Project" before

determining whether the city can drill the new wells in order to address the city's PFAS issues — which might leave residents wondering: what happens if none these sites are viable?

Well, according to public works director Siew-Chin Yeong, all they can do is wait, analyze the data from these next few months of testing and go from there because anything else is simply speculation.

"In the past council (meetings) we did talk about 'what if this is not the solution, what is Plan B?'" Yeong said. "I understand the community really has a lot of 'what if"

questions, but ... I think the best thing is for us to collect the data, like we're doing right now ... and then we make decisions based on engineering data instead of making assumptions."

But Yeong said there still is always a chance of encountering PFAS during their test drilling, which as Zone 7 communications specialist Alexandra Bradley noted, could be a strong possibility.

"Our monitoring has shown a PFAS concentration in West Pleasanton, which is in the upper aquifer," Bradley told the Weekly.

She said while the agency's

monitoring "has not shown a PFAS concentration in the lower aquifer which is what we are studying for the regional groundwater project," the project will continue to keep an eye on the two aquifers.

"The feasibility study and test wells will help us to understand any potential interaction," Bradley said.

PFAS, otherwise known as forever chemicals, is an acronym that many Pleasanton residents have come to know and familiar themselves with over the past few years.

The city first discovered the

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CHUCK DECKERT

A crane crew lifted the new bridge into place on the Valley Course at The Club at Castlewood on Tuesday.

## Heavy lift

Castlewood members turn out to watch bridge installation

By Tim Hunt

After running into unexpected challenges that delayed the process, workers using a huge crane lifted and swung the 250-foot steel bridge over the Arroyo de la Laguna into place at The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton on Tuesday.

Work crews had planned to put the new bridge in place midday Monday, but ran into hiccups that delayed the lift until the next morning. In an email, John Vest, Castlewood general manager, wrote that the grand-opening ceremony will take place Jan. 25. The bridge decking and other finishing touches need to be completed as

well as a paint job.

The bridge is a much longer and bigger structure than its predecessor that was damaged in the New Year's Eve 2022 storms. That was driven by Alameda County's requirement that the replacement bridge be built outside of the flood plain.

The new bridge arrived in three sections that were bolted together on site before the huge crane was assembled by a smaller crane. It also arrived in three pieces. The weight of the bridge was so much that the counterweights on the crane were many 10-ton disks.

After the storm damage, the club allowed play on holes three and

four that run along and across the arroyo, but closed both when construction began on both sides of the creek. Members could not use the existing bridge for safety reasons, so members will be delighted to have 18 holes back with the bridge. Until construction began, Valley Course golfers had to backtrack after teeing off on the par-3 fourth hole and go back over the Castlewood Drive bridge and then go up the third fairway to the fourth green.

Members gathered both midday Monday and early Tuesday morning to witness the lift and swinging the bridge into place.

The replacement cost \$3.7 million. ■

## Foothill student dies in car crash

'He touched the lives of many with his contagious smile'

By Christian Trujano

A local teen has been identified as the driver who died Saturday along Del Valle Road after colliding with a tree at high speeds, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

A spokesperson with the bureau told the Weekly on Monday that Daniel Hernández Alvarado, 17, was the driver involved in this weekend's fatal crash.

According to an online fundraiser that was created the day after the crash, he was a Pleasanton resident and student at Foothill High School.

"Daniel was a bright and kind-hearted young man whose life was taken far too soon," the GoFundMe post stated. "He touched the lives of many with his contagious smile, compassionate nature and incredible potential."

Pleasanton Unified School District director of communication Patrick Gannon told the Weekly



Daniel Hernández Alvarado

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# Council adopts new CIP framework due to tight budget

Also: Vice Mayor Nibert calls out discrepancies in committee assignments

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

During the last meeting of the year, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously adopted a new framework for the city's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) so that staff could systematically prioritize various city projects in a way that best aligns with community needs amid ongoing budget challenges.

City staff said during the Dec. 17 meeting that the new framework — dubbed the Capital Improvement Program Process and Prioritization (CIPPP) strategy — will help them effectively allocate funding and resources as they make data-driven decisions on which projects to fund during this next budget cycle.

City Manager Gerry Beaudin said the CIPPP mirrors similar strategies from surrounding Bay

Area cities and that with a ranking and prioritization system in place it “allows us to be much more focused with the limited resources that we have relative to the needs that we have.”

“This has been a concept that we've been discussing in light of the fact that we had to go back and re-review our capital improvement spending several times over the last couple of years,” Beaudin said during the meeting.

In Pleasanton, the CIP budgeting for each two-year budget cycle involves prioritizing the funding for proposed projects based on revenue projections for the upcoming two-year budget period. The council then adopts the CIP two-year budget along with the city's operating budget — the council will be doing the same this June.

According to the Dec. 17 presentation, Pleasanton — like many other cities in the Bay Area — has aging infrastructure and a significant backlog of deferred maintenance projects. Facilities such as the police department and certain fire stations, pavement, water and sewer pipes and many other things across the city are all in need of repair or replacement.

The CIP typically guides the city's decisions regarding the construction, repair and replacement of those city assets, but this year the city is dealing with a structural deficit that is forcing departments to look for ways to save money as the city's expenditures continue to outweigh revenues, which is why staff brought forward the CIPPP in December.

“With the city facing financial challenges, with limited funding

availability and constrained staff resources, it is more important than ever to have a structured, well defined strategy that is data driven and aligned with (the) One Pleasanton strategic plan and the valuable input that we have received previously from the community,” public works director Siew-Chin Yeong said.

Yeong said the CIPPP strategy will look at all of the city's various needs — anything from aging city infrastructure to community amenities — and determine how each should be prioritized so that the city can figure out what needs to be funded based on its limited budget.

The CIPPP strategy is broken down into six categories that will be used as the city prioritizes its CIP project list over the next few months. Those categories — in order from most important to least — include health, safety and regulatory compliance; partnerships, collaboration and grants; equitable community benefits; environmental sustainability and conservation; economic prosperity; and asset condition, infrastructure maintenance and improvements

Adam Nelkie, a senior civil engineer for the city, said recent community survey results and the city's five-year strategic plan, One Pleasanton, also helped shape the six categories.

Nelkie said health and safety ranked the highest based on community input and that the city's overall goal is to create a safer and healthier community for the residents and businesses.

However, as Councilmember Craig Eicher pointed out during his closing comments, the council will ultimately still have the final decision on what projects should be funded, regardless of what staff present in June based on the new CIPPP strategy.

Another major change to the CIP process thanks to the unanimous council approval was the addition of a sunset clause that states after five years on the CIP list, all un-funded projects or projects that have not met their funding target will be removed from the list.

Staff also said projects on the reserves list will be reviewed for removal every four years, all non-restricted funds in the CIP will be re-allocated after four years and previously deferred or unfunded projects will be removed from the current CIP.

Nelkie, however, said that those same projects can still be resubmitted and added that they probably should be resubmitted if it's been in the CIP list for too long.

Apart from adopting the CIPPP

strategy, the council also agreed to approve a list of annual core capital projects that staff said are crucial for the city to fund every year. These projects that have to do with maintaining the city's core infrastructure — street repavement was one example from staff — will be excluded from the CIPPP strategy.

The council also approved excluding the city's enterprise-funded CIP projects — projects related to the city's water and sewer systems — from the CIPPP.

While the entire council more or less agreed with Beaudin in that the strategy is a positive step forward for the city's planning purposes as it gets set for difficult budget decisions in the future, Councilmember Julie Testa did express some concerns about projects that benefit the community, but that might not rank as highly as other infrastructure projects.

“I question what the role of the city is,” Testa said. “It isn't only just about needs ... it is quality of life and some of those are not necessarily needs.”

Testa said she doesn't want a “process that excludes that,” but ultimately she said she thought the new strategy is needed and important given where the city is at financially.

Mayor Jack Balch also agreed with Testa in that he wants to make sure quality of life projects also stand a chance within the new CIP process — staff made the point earlier that certain projects could fall under multiple categories, which would help move them up in the priority list.

## In other business

In a 3-2 vote, the council approved the boards and commissions appointments for 2025, which included the appointment of Jeff Nibert as the new vice mayor.

The item was originally pulled from the council's consent calendar, which are items considered routine in nature and are typically approved by a single vote, by the new vice mayor not because of his new role, but because of his other appointments.

“My understanding was that the final list would be largely balanced, which admittedly is a subjective standard,” Nibert said. “My name in the proposed list has the fewest membership assignments and the most alternate assignments.”

Every year, the mayor assigns themselves and the rest of the council to various council subcommittees as well as local or regional boards and committees.

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# Cities poised for uneven enforcement of new parking law

'Daylighting' rule bans parking near crosswalks statewide; citations allowed as of Jan. 1

By JUDE STRZEMP

Tri-Valley drivers may now be cited for parking, stopping or standing their vehicle within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk on the traffic approach side, in accordance with a newly enforceable state law called Assembly Bill 413 which intends to increase visibility and reduce collisions at intersections.

Under the rule, also called the "daylighting" law, the parking prohibition shrinks to 15 feet where a curb extension is present.

It was signed into law on Oct. 10, 2023, but before 2025 police officers could only issue a warning for violating the law. Now, a driver can be cited for violating AB 413 even if a curb or painted lines indicate a parking spot. However, local

authorities can permit bicycles or motorized scooter parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

According to the bill, an exception to the parking rule can also be given to commercial vehicles for loading and unloading as long as the areas are marked with paint or signage.

As for leniency on the 20- or 15-foot parking distance, a local authority may establish a different distance if that distance is justified by established traffic safety standards and marked at the intersection using paint or a sign, according to the bill.

The new legislation arose from the dangers of parking near intersections, where almost half of all traffic injuries occur, according to the Federal Highway

Administration. The risks include reduced visibility of pedestrians about to cross the street, traffic signals and oncoming traffic, according to an analysis by the state senate on Sept. 8, 2023.

The California Research Bureau found that removing vehicles near crosswalks reduces collisions.

Despite the legislative head-up, Tri-Valley municipalities are a mixed bag when it comes to proactive street markings as well as enforcement of the law and citation fees.

The Pleasanton Police Department plans to give courtesy citations, which do not carry fines, for violations of AB 413.

The city is also set to assess intersections with the highest pedestrian risk "to prioritize enforcement



JUDE STRZEMP

Parking is now prohibited within 20 feet of marked or unmarked crosswalks, but in locations like downtown Livermore with a curb extension present the distance shrinks to 15 feet.

efforts", PPD spokesperson Teri Yan said.

Regarding measures taken to inform the public about this law, Yan

said Pleasanton will focus primarily on "education through various

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## WELLS

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synthetic chemicals in its groundwater Well 8 back in 2019. After shutting it down, the city then discovered similar chemicals in Well 5 and 6, which were later shut down and then allowed for use only if necessary during peak demand.

Even though both Zone 7 and Pleasanton staff continue to assure the public that the synthetic chemicals are not in their drinking water, the city's groundwater wells contribute up to 3,500 acre-feet per year of water — approximately 20 to 25% — of the city's total water supply needs.

That's why the previous council greenlit the Regional Groundwater Facilities Project.

The overall goal of the project is to construct new water wells within the Bernal subbasin, which according to the city's website is "believed to be outside the existing PFAS plume based on Zone 7 testing and groundwater modeling".

The city has been funding these recent efforts through its water enterprise fund, but Yeong also said the city is working with the state to finalize securing a \$1 million grant to continue funding future costs. Communications manager Heather Tiernan also told the Weekly that the water rate increases that the previous council approved are also helping fund these efforts.

Back in June 2024, the council entered into an agreement with Zone 7 to evaluate the possibility of jointly building and operating these new groundwater wells, which is what the two agencies have been doing over the past few months.

According to Bradley, they are currently in the "exploratory drilling phase" which involves installing test wells at the three sites the agencies deemed viable locations: Del Prado Park, Pleasanton Tennis

and Community Park, and Hansen Park.

"These are small wells that will run for a short period of time," Bradley said. "We will run pumping tests to estimate the potential production capacity at the location and take water quality samples."

That information will also be used to evaluate potential impacts to nearby Zone 7 wells; find out if there is any PFAS footprint; and run groundwater model scenarios which will analyze even more potential impacts these new wells could have in the area.

"If PFAS and/or any water quality issues are detected at any of the test well sites, staff will inform both the Zone 7 Board and the Pleasanton City Council of the findings along with recommendations based on model results," Bradley said.



COURTESY ZONE 7

The test drilling facility that the city of Pleasanton and the Zone 7 Water Agency temporarily built at Del Prado Park in order to test the viability of a new groundwater well at that location.

Separately, the water agency has also been monitoring PFAS levels in the city through separate monitoring wells at Ken Mercer Sports Park that it constructed in early 2024.

Utilities planning manager Todd Yamello told the Weekly the next steps, should the sites be deemed viable, would be to draw up infrastructure designs for the new wells and then actually construct them, which the city aims to complete by early 2029.

He said just like the two agencies are sharing costs, both will continue to separately analyze the data from the upcoming test wells. After finishing up at Del Prado this month, Yamello said they plan to go to Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park either at the end of the month or in February.

Hansen Park will be the last stop as the two agencies plan to wrap things up by August in order to present their respective findings to each governing body.

And while Yamello said everything has been going well at Del Prado Park, he and Yeong said there is always the possibility of finding the forever chemicals at either one of the three park sites.

However, Yeong said they believe those locations are the best and have the highest probability of being successful.

"A lot of the things that I think the community is worried about, we take it to heart and we take it very, very seriously," she said. "But we do need to collect the data ... that tells us which way we are heading before we make the decision." ■

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# Patelco faces lawsuit alleging fake charges during breach

Plaintiffs claim Dublin-based credit union is holding them responsible for fraud amid cyberattack

By JEANITA LYMAN

Months after a weeks-long outage spurred by a ransomware attack this summer, Patelco Credit Union is continuing to face aftershocks from the incident in the form of multiple lawsuits in federal court, one of which could go to trial in 2027.

In a complaint filed on Sept. 30, Contra Costa County residents Mae Aquino and Donte Brown Jr. allege that they incurred \$14,373 in fraudulent charges that put their account \$10,000 in the red in early

July at a time when they could not access their account due to the on-line banking outage following the ransomware attack on June 29.

According to attorneys from the Southern California-based Loker Law office, Patelco ignored the latter fact and others in proceeding to determine that the charges were not fraudulent, and that the plaintiffs are liable for them. They allege in the complaint that the charges consisted of 26 different transactions via Apple Cash, that the plaintiffs had never used Apple Cash for that

account previously, and that nonetheless Patelco ultimately upheld the charges as valid at the conclusion of the dispute process.

“Defendant knowingly and willfully concluded that Plaintiffs’ account was not in error when such conclusion could not reasonably have been drawn from the evidence available to Defendant at the time of its investigation,” attorneys for the plaintiffs wrote

A trial date of Jan. 4, 2027 was set for the case, with status conferences due every 60 days until then, the first

of which is scheduled for Jan. 16.

However, a handful of other federal cases filed against Patelco in the aftermath of the data breach are not currently moving forward. This includes two class action lawsuits filed in early July that allege the credit union failed to take proper measures to protect their customers’ private data and banking information despite knowledge of the data breach and the risks posed for its customers.

There were six total class action cases which were all voluntarily

dismissed by the end of July, with no class action lawsuit related to the breach currently active in federal court.

Another case filed weeks ahead of the data breach on June 10 has been referred to an alternative dispute resolution process. The suit also alleges that Patelco violated the Electronic Funds Transfer Act by failing to take action on fraudulent charges and holding the customer — also represented by Loker Law — liable for \$10,000 in charges they say they did not authorize. ■

# Former Pleasanton city manager dies on Christmas Eve

Jim Walker had been living out dream of being rancher in New Mexico after retiring in 1990

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

James “Jim” Walker, one of Pleasanton’s former city managers who was involved in the development of the Hacienda Business Park and other projects in the 1980s, died on Christmas Eve while in hospice care in New Mexico. He was 85.

His wife, La Vern Walker, told the Weekly on New Year’s Eve that they both enjoyed their time in Pleasanton and that she couldn’t have asked for a better life with her childhood sweetheart.

“It’s been a good life with Jim,” she said. “I’m very blessed to have that.”

Walker was born in Alamogordo, N.M., on July 14, 1939 and grew up in Truth or Consequences

— a city originally named Hot Springs before its residents petitioned to rename it after a radio show — before moving to California with his parents at the age of 10.

It was at that age that he met La Vern. He was just a little kid with a cowboy hat at the time, but even then she knew she had met someone special.

“He was just a wonderful person,” she said.

After having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1965, Walker graduated from Sacramento



Jim Walker

State University in 1967. That same year, he learned about a job working for the city of Pleasanton during a family visit.

During the following 12 years, Walker moved through the ranks of the finance department before eventually becoming the director of finance. After that, he served as the assistant city manager before officially becoming the city manager in 1980.

According to an old newspaper article from September 1989, Walker was highly regarded in his role and that without him, the Hacienda Business Park development might not have gone through.

La Vern said she and her husband loved everything about Pleasanton during their time there and that

her husband loved his job as the city manager.

But even though he loved his job, Walker had a bigger dream — to be a rancher. That’s why the two retired in 1990 and moved back to New Mexico where they lived their lives on a cattle ranch.

From having to use kerosene lanterns to hauling their own water, the two lived on their ranch until 2010 when they then retired that lifestyle for a quieter one in their home in Elephant Butte, N.M., where La Vern currently lives.

She said during the 66 years of marriage and over 70 years of knowing her husband, she couldn’t think of just one good memory because she felt as if every day with him was a blessing.

“He was a very, very good, kind, gentle, just a high quality person,” she said. “(He) just always wanted to do the best and think the best of people.”

She said in the end, she was happy knowing her husband was now at peace after he spent his last years in hospice care and that she will treasure all the years she was able to spend with him.

“They’ve been wonderful years,” she said.

Walker is survived by his wife, La Vern Walker, and his sister, Kim (Walker) Lucero.

There will also be a celebration of life event planned for him on Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Truth or Consequences, N.M. ■

## STUDENT

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that the district is also “devastated by the loss of a member of our Foothill High School community.”

“The district is focused on providing needed support to the family, and will have additional counselors and support staff for any members of our Foothill community as we return from break,” Gannon said on Monday.

Foothill principal Sebastian Bull also issued a statement to the community where he provided a list of

resources for students and families and noted that the school will also provide resources for students on campus.

“I know that each of you join me in extending heartfelt sympathy and compassion to Daniel’s family during this difficult time,” Bull said in the statement on Monday where he also confirmed Alvarado was a Foothill Falcon. “The loss of one of our students is incredibly difficult news to share, as well as to process ... Please know that we care deeply about each and every member of our community.”

On Saturday around 5:30 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers responded to a high-speed crash involving a BMW 535i that struck a tree on Del Valle Road, CHP Officer Tyler Hahn told the Weekly.

The vehicle was traveling northbound on Del Valle Road and crossed the southbound lanes before colliding head on with a tree on the right shoulder of Del Valle Road heading south, Hahn said. The exact location of the crash was south of Mendenhall Road and south of the Del Valle Regional Reservoir entrance booth.

“The solo 17-year-old driver from Pleasanton was pronounced deceased on scene,” Hahn said. “The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed.”

Hahn said CHP does not know why — apart from speed — the vehicle left the roadway.

According to the GoFundMe campaign, the money raised through the fundraiser will help the family with covering any immediate expenses for the funeral along with other related costs.

“As we try to process this unimaginable loss, we come together

as a community to offer support to Daniel’s family during this incredibly difficult time,” the post states. “The financial burden that comes with the loss of a loved one can be overwhelming, and we want to help ease some of that weight so that his family can focus on healing and honoring the life of this very special young man.”

Hahn also said CHP are looking for any witnesses to the crash and asked if anyone has any information, to call their office at 925-828-0466 or to email him at thahn@chp.ca.gov. ■

## PARKING

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social media initiatives.”

Similar to Pleasanton, “Dublin Police Services will be focusing on the education side of this law and likely will issue warnings when appropriate,” said Capt. Miguel Campos at the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, which operates DPS by contract with the city.

“As with all traffic-related offenses, these will be handled on a case-by-case basis,” Campos said.

If cited, a violation of the law will cost a motorist \$25 in Dublin.

In the future, Dublin plans to utilize social media platforms to inform the public about this law, among others.

In Livermore, “(AB 413) will be enforced but education is always our first step,” said Azenith Smith, spokesperson of the city’s police department.

The cost of a parking citation in Livermore is set by the Alameda County Superior Court, Smith added.

As for indications of the law, Livermore has begun blocking striped parking spaces downtown that are in violation of AB 413 with temporary no parking signs, according to city spokesperson Stephanie Egidio.

The signs will be removed once curb extensions are installed and or the parking spaces are permanently removed, according to the city’s website.

The city of Livermore is also scheduled to paint red curbs downtown and over 200 locations

near schools within the next few months, Egidio said.

Meanwhile in Danville, the police department will enforce all applicable laws “for the good of public safety” town spokesperson Jenn Starnes said.

The parking citation in Danville carries a fee of \$45.

Regarding the current and future changes to parking spots in the town, Starnes said, “The curb extensions added along Hartz Avenue as part of the Downtown Master Plan Catalyst Project comply with the law, in that curb extensions

reduce the amount of necessary ‘daylight’ parking for AB 413 compliance to 15 feet.”

Similarly, the San Ramon Police Department enforces all laws within the city, according to Lt. Mike Pistello.

Pistello said he was not aware of the citation fine amount, changes made to parking as a result of the new law, plans to update parking and curb colors nor the enforcement of the law for drivers parked in marked spots that violate AB 413, as of early January. ■

# Dublin voters pass council term limit extension

Measure JJ also ushers in new governmental transparency rules after runaway victory

By JUDE STRZEMP

Measure JJ passed with flying colors during election season, signifying Dublin's first anti-lobbying regulation and an increase to its City Council's term limits.

Referred to as the Government Accountability Act, the measure received over 75% supportive votes, according to official results certified by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Under the rules, councilmembers and commissioners cannot accept any gifts from lobbyists or city contractors; lobbyists cannot sit on the city commissions and the city must post contracts as well as monthly financial statements on its website for public review, according to the measure.

It also increases the maximum number of consecutive years in

office from the equivalent of two terms (eight years) to the equivalent of three terms (12 years) combined between mayoral and council time. The longer term limits do not apply to members of the council at the time of the election.

Following the passage of Measure JJ, former Dublin mayoral candidate Tom Evans maintains his opposing stance, arguing the measure obscured a term limit extension with transparency-related items.

The city declined to comment on claims that the measure was deceptive.

"(The ordinance) promotes transparency, reduces potential conflicts of interest, and adds to state and local measures already in place that hold public officials to standards of ethical conduct,"

city officials said after the measure passed.

On Nov. 7, 2023, Dublin council agreed to place Measure JJ on the ballot by a 3-2 vote, choosing verbiage staff considered likely to pass.

At that meeting, city attorney John Bakker explained that recently, California voters haven't typically passed measures to increase term limits when voting on that single item.

"I told Linda (Smith, then Dublin city manager,) 'Look, most of these get smoked. They go down in flames if it's just a straightforward ballot measure,'" Bakker said at the meeting last year. "But we did identify a couple of ballot measures in two cities — one in Oxnard and one in Temple City in Los Angeles County. And those were styled, as

this proposed Option 3 is styled, where the changes are accompanied by some other government accountability-type provisions. And they tended to do much better and in fact passed."

Councilmembers Jean Josey and Kashaf Qaadri considered the accountability items of option 3 as distractions to the intention of extending term limits.

In the end, then-mayor Melissa Hernandez, Qaadri and Michael McCorriston voted in favor of moving the proposed measure to the ballot. Opposition included Josey and then-vice mayor Sherry Hu.

City officials confirmed the city already followed the transparency rules laid out in the measure, prior to the council's decision last year.

Following approval by Dublin voters, Evans said, "The authors

of this measure took advantage of public fear and added the three sweeteners to the extension of term limits, knowing that most people would jump on the protection aspect of it without digging into what the measure was really about."

The rules included in Measure JJ officially took effect on Dec. 27, following its adoption by the council on Dec. 17.

"Many citizens are sick and tired of (the) government being influenced by lobbyists and entities who are out for a buck at the expense of the public," Evans said. "As far as why I think JJ passed, it was presented to the residents of Dublin as protection from corruption but in reality did very little other than extend term limits for future City Council members." ■

## 15 applicants line up to replace ousted DA

Board of Supervisors set to pick top finalists next week

By KILEY RUSSELL / BCN

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will have a list of 15 applicants to choose from when they take up the task of picking who should run the District Attorney's Office.

After the county's last top prosecutor, Pamela Price, lost a Nov. 5 recall election, the office is being temporarily run by Chief Assistant District Attorney Royle Roberts, who did not apply to take the job permanently.

The deadline for submitting applications ended Monday evening and it now falls on supervisors to select Price's replacement.

The next stage of the process starts Jan. 16 when the supervisors will pick finalists from the applicants.

After that, on Jan. 21, they will interview the finalists during a

public meeting and then on Jan. 28 they will deliberate publicly and make their final selection with the intention of getting the new interim district attorney into the office by no later than Feb. 4.

Whoever the board selects will only serve until the next regularly scheduled election in 2026. The winner of that 2026 election will serve the rest of Price's term, which was extended to 2028 by a recent change in state law.

The candidates, many of whom have extensive current or past experience with the Alameda County office, include:

- Kwixuan Maloof, Alameda County assistant district attorney, long-time San Francisco public defender.
- Scott Tsui, retired private attorney, former assistant district attorney in Santa Clara County.
- Alameda County Superior

Court Judge Ursula Jones Dickson, formerly an Alameda County deputy district attorney.

- San Francisco prosecutor Amilcar "Butch" Ford, former Alameda County deputy district attorney and vocal critic of Price, who he said filed a misdemeanor charge against him as an act of retaliation. State prosecutors dropped the charge.

- Venus Johnson, chief deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice, former director of Oakland's Department of Public Safety, former legal and policy advisor to Kamala Harris when she was state attorney general, former chief assistant district attorney in Contra Costa County.

- Annie Esposito, Contra Costa County assistant district attorney, former senior assistant district attorney in Alameda County.

- Latricia Louis, deputy county

council in Alameda County, former Alameda County assistant district attorney.

- Yibin Shen, city attorney for the city of Alameda
- Elgin Lowe, senior deputy district attorney in Alameda County
- Jimmie Wilson, deputy district attorney in Alameda County
- Ocean Mottley, private attorney
- Simona Farrise, senior assistant district attorney in Alameda County's Consumer Justice Bureau
- Miiko Anderson, former

Fresno County senior deputy district attorney

- Arvon Perteet, deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice, former prosecutor in San Francisco and Contra Costa counties and a former federal prosecutor.

- Ian Seth Steward, executive director at the Crucible, an industrial art studio and education center, was former Oakland city councilmember Dan Kalb's chief of staff, former prosecutor in San Francisco and Portland, Oregon. ■

## FRAMEWORK

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According to the 2025 assignments, Nibert will have a permanent seat on one of the 12 council subcommittees — the Dublin Liaison Committee. The only other council subcommittee he will be on this next year is the Pleasanton Unified School District Liaison Committee; however, he was assigned as the alternate member, which means he would step in if either Balch or Councilmember Matt Gaidos cannot make the meeting.

He will also be on six local and regional board and committees,

according to the appointments document.

Nibert argued during the meeting that due to his skills and experience, he would have preferred to at least be a permanent member on the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Committee or the Zone 7 Liaison Committee. He had previously served as the alternate on the transit authority committee and as the permanent member on the Zone 7 committee.

Testa agreed with Nibert and said she thought the two more recently elected council members — Eicher and Gaidos — seemed to have more meaningful assignments compared to Nibert who, even though he has been on the

council for two years, has not been moved up from the alternate assignments.

Due to those concerns Testa voted no on the appointments, along with Nibert.

"I think Councilmember Nibert has a legitimate concern," Testa said.

Balch said he did try to balance the assignments out as evenly as possible and believed he did a fair job in doing so, which is why he moved to approve the assignments as they were instead of entertaining Nibert's motion to revise.

Before their vote, Gaidos did offer to trade assignments with anyone but no one accepted his proposition. ■

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# LVJUSD eyes employee reductions amid \$6M deficit

Special meeting on proposed cuts followed board's approval of first interim budget report

By JUDE STRZEMP

As the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District faces an impending budgetary shortfall, its Board of Education grappled with the idea of cutting staff time among other cost-saving measures to address the \$6 million deficit outlined in the district's first interim budget report.

During a special meeting on Dec. 19, staff also recommended shifting the source of some funds, adding up to about \$5 million in cumulative savings to the general fund.

The solutions proposed at the meeting came just days after the district marked its first interim budget report as qualified, meaning it may not meet the 3% reserves requirement for the current or two subsequent years.

As a preliminary discussion, trustees did not take any action on the proposal, according to district officials.

The special meeting was described by officials as "an opportunity for staff to share rationale behind some restructuring and reductions that have been identified

thus far, and for board members to ask questions or express their thoughts and/or concerns with what has been identified to date."

The board will have another chance to deliberate on reductions in the coming weeks, where about \$1 million in additional savings must be identified for the district to reach its 3% reserve requirement.

Among proposed reductions of round one, staff suggested eliminating 26 full-time equivalents.

Regarding the possibility of employees losing their jobs,

spokesperson for the district Michelle Dawson told Livermore Vine, "Preliminary layoff notices are issued no later than March 15th to any certificated or classified employees whose services may not be required for the following school year." These would inform employees about the possibility of a layoff.

"Natural attrition, retirements, resignations, alternate reductions, and/or new revenue could all contribute to some March notices not resulting in final notices," Dawson added.

Staff also suggested shifting funding sources away from the general fund to grants and/or other restricted funds.

Additionally, staff suggested district reorganization as a means of saving money. This could take place before the start of the 2025-26 school year, including cabinet restructuring approved at a regular board meeting on Dec. 17, Dawson said.

Round two of recommended reductions will be presented to the board and the public at a special meeting on Jan. 16. ■

## Environmental assessment out for Valley Link

Officials hope to begin first phase of regional rail project this year

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Federal Transit Administration and the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority recently issued a notice of availability to let agencies and the public know the environmental assessment for the Valley Link rail project is available to view and provide input.

The assessment, which is pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, analyzes "potential environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the Valley Link Rail Project."

According to the notice of availability, the project's environmental assessment has been public since Dec. 10 — project representatives held two public meetings last month in Tracy and Livermore so that residents could provide comments. Written comments can also be submitted until 5 p.m. this Friday (Jan. 10).

The full Valley Link rail project aims to construct a 42-mile rail line linking the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station to the North Lathrop ACE Station in San Joaquin County.

The first phase of the project

— which is slated to begin this year — will start off with a new passenger rail service along a 22-mile corridor between the existing Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station and a proposed Mountain House Community Station in San Joaquin County.

"The proposed project would provide an all-day bi-directional passenger rail service at frequent intervals using zero-emission multiple unit vehicles," according to the notice of availability.

The notice states that the project includes the construction of a new Dublin-Pleasanton station near

the existing BART station; a new Isabel Station within the Interstate 580 median with adjacent parking on a 24-acre site along East Airway Boulevard south of I-580 and east of the Isabel Avenue I-580 overcrossing in Livermore; and a Southfront Road Station also in Livermore on a seven-acre site along Southfront Road between McGraw Avenue and Franklin Lane.

Finally, a Mountain House Community Station would be constructed north of Interstate 205 on an approximately 54-acre site west of Mountain House Parkway.

"The alignment would be constructed within a combination of the existing I-580 freeway median, the existing transportation corridor owned by Alameda County (formerly Southern Pacific Transcontinental Railroad alignment), existing Caltrans right-of-way (ROW)

adjacent to westbound I-580, and new ROW to be acquired for the proposed project," according to the notice.

As for the environmental assessment, its findings have determined that construction and operation of the new rail project could result in a myriad of potential environmental impacts to things like agriculture, air quality, geology and much more, according to the notice.

However, the notice also states that "avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures have been identified, where relevant, to avoid or reduce potential adverse impacts to meet federal requirements and/or state and local requirements."

To view the full environmental assessment and to provide written comments on the Valley Link rail project, visit [www.getvalleylinked.com](http://www.getvalleylinked.com). ■

## State predicts higher allocations to water agencies

Zone 7 among 29 suppliers served by State Water Project set to see increase

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Following a series of storms that moved through Northern California in recent weeks, the California Department of Water Resources announced it has increased its water allocations to the 29 public water agencies that are served by the State Water Project, which includes the Tri-Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency. Zone 7 supplies treated drinking water to retailers serving over a quarter million people in the Tri-Valley, including the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and — through special agreement with the Dublin San Ramon Services District — to the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon.

The State Water Project is a 700-mile network of canals and dams that spans from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California. The allocation has increased to 15% of requested supplies, up from the

initial allocation forecast of 5% announced in early December.

"While we typically wait to provide an update until January, we felt it important to let our State Water Contractors know of the increase as soon as possible to allow them to better plan their water supply for the year ahead," DWR Director Karla Nemeth said in a statement last week.

The two largest agencies that contract water through the State Water Project serve rural and urban needs. The Kern County Water Agency serves 882,200 residents over 8,163 square miles and the Metropolitan Water District serves 19 million residents over 5,200 square miles in greater Los Angeles.

The requested supplies are based on the contracts that the water agencies have with the State Water Project and 100% of those contracts set a maximum amount of water that they can receive, according to DWR spokesperson

Ryan Endean. The allocation is a percentage of that maximum.

Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack, rainfall, and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June. New percentages are announced throughout the year, with the last 100% allocation happening in April 2023, according to state records. The 2024 water year, which began Dec. 2023 saw allocations of no more than 40%.

"California is still in the early months of our wet season and as recent history has shown, conditions can change quickly," said Dr. Michael Anderson, State Climatologist. "While Northern California has benefitted from early season storms, dry conditions in the new year can leave us with below average totals when warmer weather arrives." ■

Story by Ruth Dusseault of Bay City News, with Pleasanton Weekly editor Cierra Bailey contributing.

## TAKE US ALONG



### Spider in Canada:

Angelo and Marion Madrigal toured four capital cities in Canada for their 55th anniversary last year, including this stop under artist Louise Bourgeois' "Maman" spider statue in front of the National Art Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [editor@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:editor@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.



# Make a plan to Make A Difference

Annual volunteerism festival  
returning to Pleasanton  
Senior Center next weekend

STORY BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO / PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

If one of your new year's resolutions is getting more involved in your community, then next weekend's Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival might be the event for you.

Curated by Make A Difference, Today & Always — a local nonprofit cofounded by community members W. Ron Sutton and Jerri Long over 25 years ago — the festival is a free, yearly gathering of dozens of local nonprofits offering volunteer opportunities for adults, families and teenagers.

"The purpose is to encourage and foster community service in Pleasanton," Ken Mano, a longtime local volunteer leader, told the Weekly. "This is a great opportunity for nonprofits to let people know what volunteer

opportunities they have and how people can help."

Mano, who has helped organize the festival for over a decade, said last year they saw over 500 people attend the festival and that the over 40 nonprofit organizations received a lot of signups, which is why those organizations tend to return to the festival.

"For those who want to be involved in community service, it's a wonderful place to talk to a lot of volunteer organizations and discover the type of volunteer opportunities that are available in a lot of different areas and sign up to help," Mano said.

Sutton told the Weekly that this year, there will be 50 tables set up for the different nonprofits — and they are trying out a few new things.



One of the main improvements to the festival, Sutton said, is distinguishing the nonprofits who offer community service hours for high school students. Members from those organizations will be wearing a special necklace so students know to go directly to those tables for their volunteer hours.

He also said that this year, the festival will offer an opportunity for teenagers to sign up in advance

to get an hour or two of community service credit on the spot by helping out with various tasks set by several nonprofits.

Those tasks include sorting color crayons for The Crayon Initiative, which melts them down to make new crayons for children in hospitals; tying fleece blankets for people without homes; creating greeting cards for the Pleasanton Military Families nonprofit to send

to troops; and assembling sets of safety pins to use at the next Tri-Valley Turkey Burn in November.

Apart from all of the different volunteer opportunities, residents will also be able to get valuable tips about safety, emergency preparedness and wellness. According to a press release for the festival, visitors can find out how to prepare a 72-hour survival kit, store water, protect important documents and



A snapshot of last year's Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival, which was held at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Organizers said over 500 people attended and over 40 nonprofits looked for volunteers.

prepare for the next earthquake.

Representatives from the Pleasanton Police Department will also provide police dog demonstrations throughout the festival, and there will be several wellness exhibits from the American Red Cross, Alan Hu Foundation and Donor Network West.

Sutton said he has always admired both citizens and nonprofits coming together to solve issues in the community and that even if they reach only a few people at this year's festival, he hopes they can continue to get as many people involved in their community as possible.

"It may only reach 50 people this year ... 200 people, but it's admirable to see these things occur," Sutton said. "And that's one of the things that I've learned over all those years of working with Make A Difference and community service, is how ... active community members can be a very valuable asset in the community."

He added that visitors will be encouraged to take the "50/50 Pledge," which according to the Make A Difference press release states, "I pledge to spend at least 50 hours in community service, and to spend 50 more hours with my family in the next year."

"You're here to get connected to your community and then stay connected," Sutton said.

The festival will be hosted at the Pleasanton Senior Center — located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. — next Saturday (Jan. 18) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking and entry is free. For more information, visit [www.mad4p.org](http://www.mad4p.org). ■



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**Ken Mano,**  
Longtime local volunteer leader



### Who will be there

Here's a snapshot of the organizations scheduled to attend the festival to recruit volunteers, based on early registration:

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| ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Programs      | NAMI Tri-Valley                                    |
| Agape Villages                            | Open Heart Kitchen                                 |
| Alameda County CASA                       | PG&E   |
| Alan Hu Foundation                        | Planting Love Project                              |
| Amador Valley Lions Club                  | Pleasanton Community of Character Coalition        |
| American Association of University Women  | Pleasanton Library & Recreation                    |
| American Red Cross                        | Pleasanton North Rotary                            |
| Assistance League of Amador Valley        | Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation    |
| Be SMART for Kids                         | Pleasanton Police Department                       |
| Big Bay Ray                               | Pleasanton Puppy Raisers/ Guide Dogs for the Blind |
| Blankets for Kids                         | Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association      |
| Culinary Angels                           | Pleasanton Unified School District                 |
| Donor Network West                        | Special Olympics                                   |
| Eden I&R                                  | Spectrum CS  |
| Goodness Village                          | Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley                    |
| Go Green Initiative                       | Sunflower Hill                                     |
| Hively                                    | Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve (EBRPD)         |
| Just Serve                                | Sutton Family Make A Difference Programs           |
| Just Serve High School Clubs              | The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints    |
| Little Miracles, Inc.                     | Three Valleys Community Foundation                 |
| Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club       | Tri-Valley Haven                                   |
| Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department      | Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance                      |
| Lynnewood United Methodist Church         | Tri-Valley REACH                                   |
| Make A Difference, Today & Always         | Valley Humane Society ■                            |
| Make A Difference for Pleasanton Programs |  |
| Museum On Main                            |  |

Apart from different volunteer opportunities, residents will be able to get valuable tips about safety, emergency preparedness and wellness. This year's festival on Jan. 18 will also focus on providing students with more opportunities for community service hours.



*Celebrate classic hits  
at the  
Bankhead*

**TVTC aims to showcase and respect beloved '80s songs in jukebox musical 'Rock of Ages'**

COURTESY TVTC

Rehearsals are winding down for Tri-Valley Theatre Company ahead of opening night this Saturday for its production of "Rock of Ages" at the Bankhead Theater.

By JEANITA LYMAN

Songs that make up the soundtrack of the 1980s for those who lived through the era — and that continue to be ubiquitous in the present day — are set to be featured in the upcoming musical set for a three-weekend run at the Bankhead Theater this month.

Tri-Valley Theatre Company's take on "Rock of Ages" is set to run from this Saturday (Jan. 11) through Jan. 26, promising to transport audiences "back to the time of big bands with big egos playing big guitar solos and sporting even bigger hair," according to organizers.

"It's a story of nostalgia of the '80s," TVTC artistic director Brian Olkowski told the Weekly. "The music is just a lot of fun regardless of your age. If you lived through

it or not, you still hear that music everywhere."

Notably, "Rock of Ages" is a jukebox musical, in which the story and production are inspired by existing songs rather than being developed in tandem with the soundtrack as is the case for most traditional musical theater.

While the soundtrack is one of the main attractions in the show, including hits such as "Wanted Dead or Alive," "We're Not Gonna Take It," and "Hit Me With Your Best Shot," Olkowski emphasized that beneath the glitz, glamor and big hair is a heartfelt story that explores a range of nuanced characters and timeless lessons.

"It's about people following their dreams — one character comes out from Kansas to make it big in LA, to

become an actress, another character wants to be a rockstar, and different things happen on the way," Olkowski said. "They miss their dreams and they find new dreams, so it's about being open to new things and new experiences."

This openness has also been a feature of the cast and crew, according to Olkowski, who have developed and deepened their relationships with one another throughout the rehearsal process.

"I've never seen a cast bond and just get along so well," Olkowski said. "It's been amazing to watch them taking chances and expressing the characters, expressing the story. They all want to be together outside of rehearsal. It's a lot of fun to see a cast that's so close, and I think you see that on stage as well, that they're having fun and they're loving what they're doing."

While some members of the cast of 18 already knew each other through previous productions, including some through TVTC, Olkowski said the chemistry between them and the closeness they've developed during rehearsals are a phenomenon of their own — further amplified and showcased by the talents of the show's director, Ryan Lee.

"He was big on making sure this wasn't a mockery of the time period, and really explores the characters and is really celebrating the time and not just laughing at it," Olkowski said.

"There is humor in the show, but we also want to bring that authenticity, and that sense of nostalgia and respect for the era."

This approach is in contrast, he said, to how the show is typically produced.

"From what I remember, I think a lot of the productions of this kind of play it more almost as a mockery of the time, where I think ours has more heart, but that's just our production," Olkowski said. "It's always fun seeing shows through different lenses."

While the often over-the-top sights and sounds of music in the 1980s lend themselves to a comical approach, Olkowski noted that there is more to the story when it comes to "Rock of Ages."

"There's almost a clown-like element if you look at it, so I think you need to look beyond that into that and see what the times are and why that was happening and things like that," Olkowski said. "We want people to have a great time with this music, but we also want to see the respect and nostalgia, and just honoring that."

Olkowski added that he is among those who grew up with the classic songs featured on the show's soundtrack, at a time when the face of the music industry was drastically changing.

"I was 6 through 16 in this era," Olkowski said. "This was an era I grew up in, and I love the music. You

always kind of turn to music in this era — it was the era of MTV, and just watching crazy music videos and things like that, so a lot of fun."

The upcoming production is seeking to capture the visuals of the early days of MTV and the rise of extravagant stage performances, special effects, and over-the-top costumes via stage effects.

The end result is set to be a show that holds space for the lyrics of the 25 long-beloved songs on the soundtrack — as well as the relationships between the cast and crew, the storyline, and the varied experiences of audience of a range of ages, with the show recommended for audience members 14 and up.

TVTC's production of "Rock of Ages" is set to debut on Saturday (Jan. 11) at 7 p.m., with opening night featuring an ASL interpreter for those who might not be able to hear the music, but still want to experience the show.

Opening weekend is set to continue with a matinee performance at 1 p.m. on Sunday (Jan. 12). The second weekend will also feature a 7 p.m. showtime on Jan. 18 and a 1 p.m. matinee on Jan. 19. The third and final weekend will consist of a Saturday matinee at 1 p.m., followed by an evening performance at 7 p.m. on Jan. 25, before the final performance at 1 p.m. on Jan. 26.

Tickets and more information are available at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■



COURTESY TVTC

"Rock of Ages" runs for three weekends at the theater in downtown Livermore.

# ‘The Wizard of Oz’ takes stage at college

Production by Tri-Valley’s Royal Theater Academy spans next two weekends at Cal State East Bay

By JUDE STRZEMP

Audiences can follow Dorothy along the Yellow Brick Road during multiple performances of “The Wizard of Oz” this month at the Cal State East Bay theater.

In these shows, the Kansas-dwelling protagonist is whisked away to a magical land where she teams up with a scarecrow, tin man and cowardly lion and must discover a way home.

Put on by the Royal Theater Academy, a family educational theater company based in Dublin, the shows combine a classic story of friendship and courage with futuristic elements.

“We wanted to create something truly special for our audience,” RTA director Trenton Torain said in a statement. “As we all strive to change and grow, the story of ‘The Wizard of Oz’ teaches us that embracing our true selves can lead to extraordinary adventures.”

As the company’s largest production yet, its two casts are composed of about 110 performers across multiple generations. Meanwhile, RTA’s

average production has a total of 70 to 80 people.

The massive cast equates to high-energy performances, board director and performer Mary Grace Gomilla explained.

“There’s a lot of life in the show because there are so many people giving life to the scenes,” Gomilla said.

Following an excess of signups, RTA switched its performances from Livermore High School — where it has held shows in recent years — to Cal State East Bay.

In addition to extra room, the college’s professional-level theater allows RTA to implement more effects into the show.

“With our return to Cal State East Bay, we’re able to explore more creative possibilities and offer a visually stunning experience,” Torain said in a statement. “This fusion allows us to honor the classic story while also pushing the boundaries of traditional community theater.”

One of the tech highlights is projection mapping, a method used to cast images that mirror an actor’s movements, Gomilla said.



COURTESY RTA

“The Wizard of Oz”, by Dublin’s Royal Theater Academy, takes the stage at Cal State East Bay during the second and third weekends in January.

The production will also feature flying performers, colorful costumes and intricate set designs with original backgrounds created by graphic artist Dave Werner.

Of particular interest to Gomilla

— who is cast as The Wicked Witch — the jitterbug scene is especially exciting. During that scene members from both casts bring energetic dance to the stage.

Six productions of “The Wizard of

Oz” are scheduled at Cal State East Bay between this weekend (Jan. 11-12) and Jan. 17-19. The performance on Jan. 17 will be ASL-interpreted. Tickets are available for purchase at [royaltheateracademy.com](http://royaltheateracademy.com). ■

## ‘Gift of Three Words’ honors late literacy pioneer Colvin

Exhibit at Livermore gallery this month

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Public Library will cast the new year’s spotlight on inspirational phrases at the Civic Center Art Gallery, dedicated to the late adult literacy trailblazer Ruth J. Colvin.

To Colvin, it was the little things — like small phrases — that help people get through life. By collecting and sharing three-word expressions, she hoped to help others and inspire them to find meaning in their own trifecta, according to a statement from the library.

Following in her footsteps, adult learners, volunteers and friends of the Livermore Public Library Literacy Program created phrases for the “Gift of Three Words” exhibit. Members of the public are welcome to add their three words to the display with Post-it notes too.

Rooted in Colvin’s words, Civic Center literacy coordinator Carey Jones said, “Never too late ... to learn, never too late to do anything!”

Through 107 years of life, Colvin brought adult literacy training to 26 countries across the world and was pivotal to the early volunteer adult literacy movement in the U.S., according to the library’s announcement.

“She has a remarkable story about the difference one person can make,” Jones said.

Before her death in August 2024, Colvin was granted a Presidential



COURTESY LIVERMORE LIBRARY

The “Gift of Three Words” exhibit runs all month long in honor of the late Ruth J. Colvin, an adult literacy leader who presented at the Livermore Library in the past.

Medal of Freedom in 2006 — the highest civilian award of the United States — and the President’s Volunteer Action Awards Program in 1987. She was also inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in 1993.

Not only active on the national level, Colvin was also a long-time advocate and yearly visitor of the Livermore library, according to Jones.

While visiting her daughter Lindy Webb and her family in the city, Colvin attended the library’s English Conversation Group for adults looking to improve their English speaking skills.

Even through the COVID-19

pandemic, Colvin offered her encouragement and support through Zoom all the way from her home in Syracuse, N.Y., according to Jones.

“She was always super encouraging to the adult learners, to the volunteers, to the staff,” Jones said.

Aside from volunteering her time, she authored more than a dozen books, including her memoir available at the library, “My Travels Through Life, Love and Literacy.”

The “Gift of Three Words” exhibit honoring her legacy runs until Jan. 31. For more information about the exhibit, visit [library.livermoreca.gov](http://library.livermoreca.gov). ■

## Park district launches 2025 Trails Challenge

Walk, ride or roll along five trails or 26.2 miles

By TONY HICKS / BCN

The East Bay Regional Park District kicked off the new year by launching its 2025 Trails Challenge, an annual program inviting the public to explore trails handpicked by district staff to show off the region’s stunning natural beauty.

Finishers will receive a 2025 Trails Challenge shirt, while supplies last. There are also awards, prizes and giveaways participants can earn.

“The East Bay Regional Parks Trails Challenge is a great way to explore regional parks and get to know new parks. The selected trails highlight magnificent views, landscapes, and wildlife in the East Bay,” said Mike Moran, the district’s regional interpretive and recreation services manager. “The trails challenge offers an opportunity to get away from the buzz of everyday life and connect with nature and each other in parks.”

Started in 1993, the 2025 challenge includes 20 trails of varying difficulty levels located throughout the East Bay. The list includes a number of fully accessible trails that have been evaluated and identified as usable by persons with mobility limitations.

To finish the challenge, participants need to walk, ride or roll five trails, or 26.2 total miles, by Dec. 31, 2025. Walking, biking, and horseback riding are all ways visitors can participate.

“We want as many people as possible to take the challenge and benefit from time in nature,” Moran said. “In 2025, there are even more rewards for finishers of the challenge, including monthly drawings of finishers, special categories based on age, a trailmaster patch for those who complete all 20 trails, and a 2025 challenge champion award for the person who completes all 20 trails first.”

All finishers must submit their trail log online at [www.ebparke.org/trailschallenge](http://www.ebparke.org/trailschallenge) to qualify for a special award, prize, or giveaway.

People interested in the 2025 Trails Challenge can pick up a free guidebook and T-shirt at any East Bay Regional Park visitor center starting Jan. 1. The guidebook can also be downloaded at [www.ebparke.org/trailschallenge](http://www.ebparke.org/trailschallenge).

There will also be drawings for those who post selfies on social media and tag #TrailsChallengeEBRPD.

For more information, visit the 2025 Trails Challenge webpage at [www.ebparke.org/trailschallenge](http://www.ebparke.org/trailschallenge). ■

# Community Pulse

## Sandy Egan Kabealo

February 13, 1952 – November 4, 2024

Sandra Egan Kabealo, born on February 13, 1952, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones.



Sandy was the beloved daughter of Joseph and Kathryn Egan and grew up alongside her siblings Pat, John, Tom, and Carol. A proud graduate of The Ohio State University, she pursued a career as a gifted physical therapist, dedicating her life to helping others heal and thrive.

For 46 wonderful years, Sandy shared her life with her devoted husband, Mike.

Together, they built a loving family that includes their two children, Patrick (daughter-in-law Kate) and Courtney (son-in-law Robert), and six cherished grandchildren: Liam, Mackenzie, Ashley, Ruby, Lauren, and Lizzy. Sandy adored her grandchildren and found immense joy in being a part of their lives.

Those who knew Sandy will remember her for her kindness, quick wit, and warm friendship. A gracious hostess, she never met a holiday or event she could not make special. Her loving personality touched everyone she met and left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

May Sandy's memory bring comfort to those who loved her and inspire others to live with the same grace and compassion she so effortlessly embodied.

Her celebration of life will be held Saturday January 11th at noon at St. Elizabeth Seton in Pleasanton, CA.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

PAID OBITUARY

## Paul James Calhoun

November 8, 1950 – December 16, 2024

Paul Calhoun (Pleasanton resident for 29 years) passed away peacefully in Brentwood on December 16, 2024, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was lovingly surrounded by family. Paul is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sharon, children Paula (Benitez) and Kevin, son-in-law Perry, daughter-in-law Molly (Fourie), and granddaughters Luella, Sophie, and Madeline.



A Bay Area native, Paul grew up in Oakland and attended St. Lawrence O'Toole Elementary School and St. Joseph High School in Mountain View. He also attended UC Berkeley and St. Mary's College.

Paul met Sharon in their first year of teaching. He was an exceptional educator and coach and highly regarded for his innovative teaching style. Paul later pursued a career in computer science and worked most recently for Integral Corporation as vice president of software engineering. His coworkers described him as a mentor and guiding light who led with patience and empathy.

In all areas of life, Paul always thought big, and his competitive spirit made him a force of nature. No challenge was too large for him to take on. As a husband and father, he devoted himself wholeheartedly to supporting his family, often whipping up a spreadsheet to solve any problem. Paul also coached CYO track for several years and started Pleasanton Heat. His family will miss him for his quirky, made-up jokes.

Paul will be remembered as a gentleman of strong faith, integrity, humility, unique sense of humor, and straightforward demeanor. His favorite hobbies were photography, listening to music at full blast, researching family history, playing with his grandchildren, watching and playing basketball, ballroom dancing, and taking family vacations, especially cruises.

Donations may be made to the Davis Phinney Foundation ([davisphinneyfoundation.org](http://davisphinneyfoundation.org)), The Parkinson's Foundation ([parkinson.org](http://parkinson.org)), or the Michael J Fox Foundation ([michaelfox.org](http://michaelfox.org)). Thank you.

PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE BULLETIN

### 'Gone Girl' kidnapper facing new charges in San Ramon case

A kidnapper who made national headlines following his arrest and conviction in a high-profile Vallejo case — and who was not arrested until after a Dublin home invasion months later — is facing charges in at least one other case in the Tri-Valley during the same year.

The Contra Costa County sheriff's and district attorney's offices announced Monday that Matthew Muller, the convicted kidnapper in the so-called "Gone Girl" case from 2015, is facing new charges in a previously unreported case in unincorporated San Ramon the same year.

As chronicled in the Netflix docuseries "American Nightmare" released nearly one year ago, the investigation into the 2015 Vallejo kidnapping of Denise Huskins — which police there had initially called a hoax — was cracked open by an investigation into a home invasion in Dublin the same year.

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office joined the investigation into Muller's additional crimes in December, 2024, after he reportedly confessed to a 2015 kidnapping for ransom in the San Ramon Valley.

The new charges announced on Jan. 6 by the Contra Costa County DA's Office stem from the Tri-Valley kidnapping for ransom. The crime came to light over the course of 2024 through correspondence



COURTESY PPD

The Pleasanton Police Department is asking residents for help in identifying this woman who allegedly fraudulently withdrew thousands of dollars from a bank account.

between law enforcement and Muller, during which he confessed to multiple crimes in Northern California, including the 2015 incident in Contra Costa County.

"In the spring of 2015, Muller unlawfully held two John Does and one Jane Doe for ransom, demanding that one of the captives withdraw tens of thousands of dollars from their bank account to secure the release of the others," said Ted Asregadoo, Contra Costa County DA's Office spokesperson. "After obtaining the money, Muller fled the residence. Fearing retribution, the victims never reported the crime. To this day, they have chosen to remain anonymous."

While much of the ensuing media attention and court actions surrounding Muller since the debut of "American Nightmare" have focused on other parts of the Bay Area — the Vallejo case, and now two home invasions and sexual assaults in Mountain View and Palo Alto in 2009 that he was charged with last month — it was his arrest for a home invasion in Dublin that reopened an investigation that Vallejo police had dismissed.

Muller went on to strike again in the San Ramon case in April, 2015, then on June 10, 2015 on North Terracina Drive in Dublin, during which he broke into a home and attempted to kidnap the husband and wife residing there, according to authorities. The wife was able to escape and call the police, who arrived at approximately 3:30 a.m. after Muller had fled the scene, leaving his cellphone behind.

The cellphone helped Dublin Police Services officers find Muller at a home in South Lake Tahoe at approximately 7:15 a.m. that day, where he was arrested for the Dublin home invasion and attempted kidnapping.

He was ultimately connected with the Vallejo kidnapping in the ensuing investigation, with charges announced weeks later, after DNA and video evidence were found at the scene of his arrest.

In addition to the Huskins kidnapping, the arrest came after the two 2009 cases in the South Bay that were reported and unsolved, as well as the previously unreported San Ramon case in April 2015, weeks after the Vallejo case.

"The trauma of crime can have lasting effects that some people endure for their entire lives — whether the crime is reported or not," Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton said in Monday's press release. "Muller committed serious offenses throughout Northern California, and my office will be resolute in seeking justice on behalf of the victims in Contra Costa County."

According to the DA's office, the unincorporated San Ramon case is one of "multiple crimes in Northern California" that Muller confessed to while talking to law enforcement over the course of last year.

Aside from his crimes, it's unclear what, if any, connections Muller has to the Tri-Valley.

—Jeanita Lyman

### In other news

- The Pleasanton Police Department is asking residents for help in identifying a woman who is accused of fraudulently withdrawing thousands of dollars from a bank account.

According to a social media post from the department Friday, an unidentified woman visited multiple banks on Dec. 28 and withdrew an unspecified amount of money. Police later told the Weekly that two unnamed banks in Pleasanton and one in Dublin were targeted.

PPD stated that if anyone knows anything about the incident or can help identify the person, call the department at 925-931-5162.

—Christian Trujano

- The Alameda County DA's Office filed charges against a Hayward man last week who allegedly tried to carjack a Pleasanton

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## BULLETIN

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resident back in April 2024 near downtown Pleasanton.

The suspect, 38-year-old Andres Sanchez, is facing a felony carjacking charge as well as additional charges due to the nature of the crime, according to the Alameda County Superior Court Criminal Case Portal.

A representative from the DA's office told the Weekly, "The Alameda County District Attorney's office does not comment on active cases."

On April 27, Pleasanton Police officers responded to the area of 300 Neal Street after receiving reports of an attempted carjacking. The Weekly previously spoke with the victim, Keith Bailey, whose family experienced issues with getting in touch with 911 while the criminal was outside their home.

As the Bailey family waited for the cops to arrive, the would-be carjacker fled the scene.

But during the course of the investigation, Pleasanton police detectives were able to locate DNA evidence from the scene that later identified Sanchez as the prime suspect.

Sanchez has had a long criminal history as he is currently facing multiple charges across the East Bay from various police agencies.

According to a May 3 press release from the Hayward Police Department, Sanchez had been arrested on April 30 in connection to a homicide that took place in that city on April 26 — the day before the attempted carjacking in Pleasanton.

During their investigation, Hayward police identified Sanchez as a person of interest and alleged he had already had several outstanding felony warrants. Officers then located Sanchez, who led police on a chase before he barricaded himself inside a random person's garage, according to the department.

Police were able to get him to peacefully surrender and Sanchez has since been held in custody at Santa Rita Jail on several charges including his outstanding warrants, felony evasion, home invasion robbery and murder, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Inmate Locator.

The inmate locator also shows that on Sept. 18, Sanchez was placed under arrest by Dublin police for felony charges including assault with a semiautomatic firearm, discharge of a firearm with gross negligence and second-degree robbery.

Sanchez was then placed under arrest for the attempted carjacking while he was at the Santa Rita jail for his other crimes.

In regards to his crimes outside of Pleasanton, Sanchez had two separate hearings — one pretrial and one set hearing after revocation of probation — scheduled for this week, respectively for his charges

in Hayward. He will also have a hearing on Jan. 17 to dismiss his Dublin felony charges, according to the inmate locator.

As for his charges in Pleasanton, Sanchez was scheduled to be arraigned for the carjacking this week at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin.

—Christian Trujano

- A Danville man is currently in police custody on felony battery charges following a standoff with police last week that led to the evacuation of several neighboring properties.

DPD officers arrived at the scene at the 1000 block of Hill Meadow Place on Dec. 30 at 9:11 p.m. in response to a call alleging an attack by the man living there, at which point they realized the 44-year-old man had barricaded himself inside his home, according to a statement from police the next day.

"Danville Police officers established a perimeter around the residence and out of an abundance of caution, evacuated some of the nearby homes," DPD officials said.

An hours-long negotiation process ensued, with a SWAT team from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office joining DPD officers before the man ultimately surrendered "without further incident," according to police.

"The Danville Police Department wishes to thank the community for their cooperation during this incident," DPD officials said. "The safety of our residents remains our top priority, and we are relieved that this situation was resolved peacefully."

The man was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility, as of DPD's statement on Dec. 31, on felony battery charges.

—Jeanita Lyman

- The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is seeking public assistance in solving a 32-year-old case of three males killed in Hayward.

Around 11:50 p.m. on Dec. 27, 1992, 3 males were killed in an apartment in the 21000 block of Oak Street in Hayward. The victims were identified as Oscar Villapondo, 20, David Villapondo, 18, and Richard Villapondo, 17.

According to witnesses, a young white or Hispanic man standing 5 feet 3 inches with a medium build walked away from the scene and got in a golden or yellow Chevy Nova that was parked in front of the apartment at the time of the killing.

The suspect, around 16 to 18 years old at the time, wore a Raiders-type parka with the hood covering his head, while wearing a Raiders cap.

Anyone with information relevant to the case is asked to call the sheriff's office cold case unit at 510-667-3661, or the tip line at 510-667-3622. Refer to case No. 92-20174. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Howard Allen Scott

December 9, 1954 – November 25, 2024

Howard died a few weeks shy of his 70th birthday, with his family by his side, from complications arising from the 4th heart surgery of his life. He had still been working actively in multiple fields of physics at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, from atomic physics to hydrodynamics and radiative properties.

Howard was born to Harold and Naomi Scott, and raised in Cleveland, OH, one of 4 brothers. He graduated in 1975 from Dartmouth College, majoring in math and physics, and was awarded Phi Beta Kappa membership. In addition, Howard was a talented bassoonist, studying for a term at the Austro-American Institute. A member of Phi Tau fraternity, he maintained life-long connections with friends there. He thoroughly enjoyed his college life; in extracurricular activities, he excelled as a bridge player and became an avid backpacker and skier.

As a recipient of the prestigious Churchill Scholarship, he studied astrophysics for one year at Cambridge University, before his graduate program at Cornell University. Howard received his PhD degree in astrophysics in 1982. It was at Cornell that Howard met Elizabeth (Liz) Sufit. They quickly became partners in backpacking, folk dancing, and most importantly, in life.

Howard worked at Sandia National Laboratory from 1982 to 1984, in the Inertial Confinement Fusion program, then spent 2 years doing research and teaching at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He continued his research career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1986. Initially, he worked on X-Ray Laser computer simulations for the Strategic Defence Initiative program. He expanded his field into the computational & numerical multi-physics field, developing his code to investigate and model atomic and high energy systems. This code has become one of the cornerstones to the National Ignition Facility. He authored or co-authored over 100 refereed articles and multiple book chapters. Co-workers knew that Howard kept an "open door" for questions, and appreciated his collaboration and mentorship with scientists of different generations, his responsiveness, his brilliant mind, and calm demeanor.

Deeply in love, Howard and Liz married in 1983, while she obtained a DVM degree at VPI. They settled in Pleasanton in 1986, and continued hiking, dancing, and exploring California. They raised 2 children — Hannah (1992) and Samuel (1995). Howard was a deeply loving, endlessly patient parent who was always ready to have fun, and was a consummate "dad joke" teller. They developed a close knit family of friends, joining together for camping trips, music nights, and delightful social gatherings. Everyone enjoyed his quiet, steadfast, and warm personality, as well as his wry, understated humor, his ability to thoughtfully listen and converse, and his willingness to help out, whether for kids' homework or a house project. He was also known for his cooking, particularly baking (lemons squares and various chocolate

delicacies), and for his continual penchant for wearing graphic Tees (usually designed with animals, fun science, or Celtic patterns).

Howard traveled frequently for scientific conferences and collaborations with researchers across the globe. Liz was fortunate to join

him on some of those trips in the US and Europe. Howard and Liz had some "non-physics" journeys on their own, as well as joining friends on trips both local and far away. Vacations over the years with the Scott and Sufit extended families were always treasured. Howard was a loyal and loving brother, brother-in-law, and uncle. Trips to places in the Caribbean, Mexico and the Eastern seaboard provided wonderful experiences — beach combing, swimming, and snorkeling. The seaside trips were balanced by explorations

of mountain areas: the Sierras, the Rocky Mountains from Montana to New Mexico, and up to the Canadian Rockies. Howard felt especially at home in the midst of the beauty of wilderness. Two of Howard and Liz's recent bucket list vacations were a wintertime tour of Yellowstone National Park and a land/sea excursion to Alaska.

Howard, Liz and their children have been active members and volunteers at Congregation Beth Emek, the local Reform Judaism synagogue. The congregation has been like family to them, and they have devoted many hours to programs there.

In his final weeks, Howard was under the care of the Stanford University hospital ICU/cardiac surgery teams. The family deeply appreciates the compassionate and dedicated nurses, doctors, and staff there. He was truly in the best possible place for the efforts to get him through the incredibly difficult medical challenges. They treated Howard and the entire family with respect and great kindness.

Howard is survived by wife Liz, daughter Hannah, and son Samuel. Howard was predeceased by his parents, older brother Bennett, and is survived by Bennett's wife Debbie Scott, his brothers Ronald Scott (Ina Loobeek) and Larry Scott; brothers- and sisters-in-law Robert Sufit, (Diane Wood), Carl Sufit (Beth), Susan Sufit, and his much-loved nieces and nephews. He is greatly mourned by family, and by his friends, his colleagues and scientific associates across the globe, his community at Congregation Beth Emek, and folk dancers across the US. His memory will be a blessing to us all.

Howard was interred at Gan Shalom cemetery in Briones, CA. Donations in his memory can be made to groups that he contributed to over the years: The Alameda County Food Bank, the American Red Cross of the Bay Area, the Sierra Club, the Nature Conservancy, Planned Parenthood Foundation, and Congregation Beth Emek. Donations to the Livermore Lab Foundation would be appropriate: it supports scientific education, research and innovation at LLNL. Lastly, Howard donated blood for years — but also needed many units of blood during his surgeries and procedures. In his memory, please donate blood if you are eligible.



### Consider contributing to our 2024-25 Holiday Fund

There's one final weekend left to donate to the 2024-25 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, which winds down next week.

Proceeds from our annual giving campaign will be split evenly this year among 10 local nonprofits: Axis Community Health, CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Culinary Angels, Goodness Village, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE), Sunflower Hill, Tri-Valley Haven, Tri-Valley REACH and Valley Humane Society.

We're so humbled by the strong support the Holiday Fund has received thus far, surpassing the prior year's fundraising total several weeks ago thanks to contributions this fall and winter from residents, businesses, community groups and others,

including many donating in memory of departed loved ones.

And with a push here in the final days, we could exceed our 2022-23 Holiday Fund results too. We appreciate each of you helping us provide critical funding to these vital organizations.

On the editorial side, we also relish the opportunity to share these nonprofits' stories and raise awareness about their programs and initiatives.

Like last week's cover story highlighting the affordable tiny home community Goodness Village in Livermore and its plans for future growth and community-building.

CityServe will use its Holiday Fund money to support its new Caring Hotels Network, a pilot program to provide urgent temporary

housing in local hotel rooms to individuals and families in need during these colder months.

Tri-Valley Haven has continued its important work with families during the holiday season, including with the return of its in-person holiday shopping program to spread the joy to more kids.

Axis Community Health is committing its share of the Holiday Fund to its Axis Bridge crisis intervention services, such a crucial program for our community in this day and age.

Donations will help those facing food insecurity (Open Heart Kitchen) and special nutrition needs during cancer treatment (Culinary Angels).

Our campaign also bolsters efforts to educate children via PPIE programs, to offer affordable housing

options to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities via Sunflower Hill and Tri-Valley REACH, and to nurture families and their four-legged friends through Valley Humane Society.

Your contributions make such a difference in your community.

A reminder that every single dollar donated to the Holiday Fund will be given to the beneficiary nonprofits since the program is being managed by our Embarcadero Media Foundation, which covers all administration and other expenses at no cost to the campaign. Because of our 501(c)(3) status, all donations are tax deductible and eligible for corporate matching where applicable.

Visit [pleasantonweekly.com/holiday-fund](https://pleasantonweekly.com/holiday-fund) to learn more. ■

## LETTERS

### Public vs. private school

Private schools often experience high demand compared to public schools for assorted reasons. However, this demand can vary depending on the region, the quality of the public schools in the area, and specific family needs and preferences.

Many parents believe private schools offer a superior education, with more rigorous academic standards and better resources, including smaller class sizes and more individual attention for students.

Public schools serve communities with a wide range of beliefs, values and cultural backgrounds. What is deemed appropriate or essential by one group might be controversial by another.

Private schools have a reputation for excellence, can be a steppingstone to prestigious universities, often offer specialized programs, such as international baccalaureate, or arts-focused curriculums, which may not be available in public schools.

Public school education often becomes battleground for political ideologies. Politicians and policy makers may have differing views on what should be emphasized in the curriculum, leading to conflicts and changes in policy.

Some families believe that private schools provide a safer and more disciplined environment, which can be appealing if they are concerned about issues in public schools.

There are state and federal standards that public schools must meet, which can limit flexibility. High-stakes testing further narrows the focus to subjects and topics that are

testable, sometimes at the expense of a broader education.

Many private schools are affiliated with religious institutions, which can appeal to families wanting an education aligned with their faith or values. Private schools may offer a wider range of extracurricular activities, such as sports, arts, and clubs, which can be appealing to families looking for a more well-rounded education.

Local school boards have significant authority over curriculum decisions. This decentralized system means that what is taught can vary widely from one district to another, based on the priorities and values of the local community.

—Michael Austin

### Remembering Dolores

Thank you, Jeremy, for the most wonderful article about Dolores who I will truly miss. You definitely captured some of her incredible qualities and skills including her integrity, creativity, inspiring stories and fantastic writing skills.

Several years ago, I met Dolores when she wrote an article about my daughter's dance company's annual production of the "Nutcracker". No story was too small or big. Dolores and I met again when we were guests on TV30's "In a Word". While I was incredibly nervous, she was calm, collected and full of amazing insights. We quickly became friends and colleagues.

In the years following, when Dolores was editor of the Danville Weekly, she asked me if I'd be interested in writing lifestyle stories, and she would serve as my editor, which I truly needed. I soon realized after a few interviews that these would be incredibly inspiring heartfelt stories

of courage and strength that Dolores felt needed to be told. Thankfully she helped me do this.

Dolores and I remained friends ever since, meeting once a month for "Ladies Who Lunch" whenever and wherever we could. Dolores was always positive, upbeat and encouraging even when she was not well. I will always miss her, my dear friend and colleague. Thank you for everything.

—Susan Astbury

### Thank you National Charity League

We at SPARC Theater wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the extraordinary volunteer service provided by members of the National Charity League, Livermore and Pleasanton Chapters, in 2024. We especially rely on NCL support at the Shakespeare in the Vineyards show at Darcie Kent Vineyards in Livermore and our new program at Danville's Village Theatre.

We'd like to highlight the dedication to nurturing community spirit through acts of service that NCL provides, profoundly impacting SPARC Theater programs. It's been a joy to witness such enthusiasm and commitment, and to see firsthand the difference it makes when a community comes together to support the arts.

NCL members' willingness to step in with tasks big and small, from working ArtWalk booths to ushering performances, has been instrumental in our success. These efforts have not only helped us run smoothly but enhanced the experience of every patron who walks through our doors.

As we reflect on this past year, we are especially grateful for the partnership with the National Charity League. These volunteers embody

the true spirit of community and generosity. We are fortunate to have such passionate individuals by our side and look forward to what we can continue to achieve together.

Thank you to NCL for their support, commitment, and enthusiasm for nearly a decade. We are eagerly anticipating another wonderful year of partnership in 2025.

—Audrey Brooks, on behalf of SPARC Theater staff and board

### On-site rodeo vets

California boasts the nation's most comprehensive rodeo law, Penal Code 596.7, enacted in 2000, amended in 2007 to cover the hundreds of Mexican charreadas held throughout the state.

Current law requires either an on-site or on-call veterinarian at every rodeo and/or charreada, bans the use of electric prods in the holding chutes, and requires that animal injury reports be submitted to the State Veterinary Medical Board. These reports are public record (email enforcement.vmb@dca.ca.gov).

Current law needs amending to require on-site veterinarians at all these events. The PRCA, racetracks, horse shows and endurance rides all require on-site veterinarians — so should all rodeos and charreadas. Animal injuries often require immediate medical attention — an "on call" vet doesn't fill the need.

Let your state reps hear from you: c/o The State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814; email pattern for all legislators: [senator.lastname@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.lastname@senate.ca.gov); [assemblymember.lastname@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.lastname@assembly.ca.gov). (Deadline for new legislation is Feb. 21.)

—Eric Mills, coordinator, Action for Animals

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Major League Table Tennis is latest sports barnstormer to stop by fairgrounds

New Bay Area Blasters hosting three competitors here this weekend

There have been numerous sports that have come through the Pleasanton area, with the Alameda County Fairgrounds being the host spot.

I can personally attest to events such as roller derby; professional basketball with the Tri-Valley Warriors and star Willie Wise lighting it up in the Exhibit Hall; professional wrestling with former stars like Moondog Mayne, Rocky Johnson (father of The Rock), Pat Patterson and Peter Mavia taking turns wrestling in Pleasanton; and finally, the World Horseshoe Championships.

I covered the horseshoe event about 100 years ago, and it was amazing to watch people from all over the world compete, hitting ringers at 99%. The most exciting part of each match was when someone missed and cries of “ohhhhh” filled the air over the mass of playing fields. The best in the world at that point was professional bowler Walter Ray Williams of Stockton.

This weekend, for the second straight season, we have Major

League Table Tennis taking over at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Major League Table Tennis is America’s first-ever professional ping pong league. Founded by tech entrepreneur Flint Lane in 2023, the league quickly earned rave reviews for its unique team-based format and exciting finale event: The Golden Game, where two teams exhaust all players in a race to 21 points that often decides winners and losers.

MLTT consists of eight member teams, including the Bay Area Blasters. Those teams feature professional players from over 25 countries around the world who have made over 40 cumulative Olympic appearances.

There are 12 players who competed in the 2024 Paris Olympics, including the Bay Area’s own Lily Zhang, a four-time Olympian and six-time U.S. champion making her MLTT Season Two debut in Pleasanton.

Four competing teams play three times per event; each event has four singles matches and one doubles match before the Golden Game.

Team matches begin at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. start times on Sundays.

Fans can stream MLTT action live on YouTube. The league has made recent appearances on ESPN, Prime Video and FuboTV.

I mean how cool is that? It’s a sport that all of us have played at some time in our lives. I watched it during the last Olympics and plan on making it down for at least one of the days this weekend.

Along with the Bay Area Blasters, the Texas Smash, Carolina Golf Rush and Princeton Revolution are the other three teams coming to Pleasanton this weekend.

Friday’s schedule has Texas facing Carolina facing off at 4 p.m. and Bay Area and Princeton taking to the table at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Texas and Princeton face off at 4 p.m., with Bay Area and Carolina at 7 p.m.

Sunday’s final day sees Carolina and Princeton starting up at 11 a.m. with Bay Area and Texas ending the weekend at a 2 p.m. start.



TW HUANG / MLTT

The Bay Area Blasters Major League Table Tennis team is back in action this weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

For more information or to buy tickets, go to [www.mltt.com](http://www.mltt.com).

#### Randy Isaacs Court dedication

I wrote last year about the passing of former Foothill basketball coach Randy Isaacs.

I also talked about how the popular former coach and teacher was going to be honored with the school naming the basketball court at Foothill “Randy Isaacs Court”.

The official dedication of the court will be this Friday (Jan. 10) before the Granada at Foothill, opening night for East Bay Athletic League action. The dedication will take place right after the JV game and will take place sometime between 7-7:30 p.m.

I will be joined on the court by former Foothill football coach Matt Sweeney and volleyball coach Dusty Collins. The three of us spent years at the scorer’s table, interacting with Isaacs as we were either announcing or working the clock.

We will each share a memory from those often-entertaining moments.

Hope to see many of you to pay tribute to a wonderful person, great coach and one incredible friend. ■

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

### Ruby Hill unveils expanded gym after \$2M+ renovations

Fitness center now features new equipment, cardio zone, group studio, recovery room

BY JEREMY WALSH

Arcis Golf recently announced the completion of more than \$2 million in renovations to expand the offerings in the fitness center at The Club at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton.

The project to bring state-of-the-art

exercise equipment along with a cardio zone, group studio, recovery room, customized programming and more aimed to cement Ruby Hill’s reputation as one of the “most acclaimed full-service private country clubs” in the Bay Area, according to Arcis officials.

“Health and wellness are extremely important to Ruby Hill’s golf fitness and athletic-minded members,” Blake Walker, founder, chairman and CEO of Arcis Golf, said in a press release last month. “This investment significantly elevates our commitment to ensure the Fitness Center is our members’ one-stop destination to attain their personal health and wellness goals.”

The 2,600-square-foot fitness center was fully renovated to add brand-new strength equipment to supplement a full range of machine and free weights, kettlebells, bikes, sleds, concept rowers and medicine balls to support “a well-rounded workout” for members, according to Arcis reps.

The cardio zone includes various machine technology from Freemotion, highlighted by the 22 SERIES cardio line. The facility also features a group studio, functional



ARCIS GOLF

Owner Arcis Golf recently welcomed the renovated fitness center at The Club at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton.

training space, access to outdoor fitness yard, men’s and women’s locker rooms, and a dedicated recovery room for use before and after workouts, they added.

“More than just a place to work out, the new Fitness Center is envisioned as a sanctuary for body, mind, and soul. Member programming and events showcase experts in nutrition, wellness and meditation ... offerings perfectly embody Arcis Golf’s motto: Live. Connect. Play,” reps said.

The center sees a team of personal trainers operate in four distinct

spaces, and the fitness programming and classes at Ruby Hill includes yoga, pilates, strength training, bootcamp, water aerobics and boxing, among others, according to Arcis.

The Ruby Hill campus in southeastern Pleasanton near the Livermore border, which Dallas-based Arcis acquired in 2015, also includes an 18-hole championship golf course, a golf practice facility, junior Olympic swimming pool, tennis, pickleball and bocce courts, wine cellar, banquet event space and a 32,000-square-foot clubhouse. ■



ARCIS GOLF

The group studio in the fitness center at Ruby Hill.

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## SUMMONS

### (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS AND RESPONDENTS:

#### (AVISO AL DEMANDO):

ALAMEDA COUNTY; ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE VALIDITY OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA'S ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-484 [ADOPTING THE CSA REVOLVING FUND] AND RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-485 [ADOPTING REPAYMENT TERMS FOR DISBURSEMENT OF THE CSA REVOLVING FUND]; AND DOES 1 - 20

#### YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF AND PETITIONER:

#### (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

CASTLEWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

**NOTICE! You have been sued. You may contest the legality or validity of the matter by appearing and filing a written answer to the complaint not later than February 3, 2025. You may seek the advice of an attorney in any matter connected with the complaint or this summons. Such attorney should be consulted promptly so that your pleading may be filed or entered within the time required by this summons.**

This reverse validation action challenges the validity of Defendant and Respondent Alameda County's ("County") October 8, 2024, adoption of the following resolutions by and through the Alameda County Board of Supervisors ("Board"):  
Resolution No. R-2024-484: Resolution Establishing a County Service Area Revolving Fund; appropriating one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) thereto; and establishing a policy for use of the County Service Area Revolving Fund ["Revolving Fund Resolution"]; and  
Resolution No. R-2024-485: Resolution approving and establishing repayment terms for a disbursement of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) from the County Service Area Revolving Fund to the funds of Castlewood County Service Area (R-1967-1) ["Repayment Terms Resolution"].  
Persons who contest the legality or validity of the matter will not be subject to punitive action, such as wage garnishment or seizure of their real or personal property.

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## CALIZENDO

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Pleasanton CA 94566

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File No.: 611021

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

1.) Spring Tide Coaching , located at 11833 Dublin Green Drive Dublin, CA 94568 , Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

PATRICIA MCMURDIE

11833 Dublin Green Drive

Dublin, CA 94568

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/12/2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 04 2024.

(PLW Dec 13, 20, 2024, Jan 3 and 10, 2025)

## THRIFT CENTER THRIFT STORES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 610633

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

1.) Thrift Center Thrift Stores , located at 1047 Serpentine Lane Suite 600 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): UNITED SALVAGE CORPORATION 1047 Serpentine Lane, Suite 600 Pleasanton, CA. 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/19/1972 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 14 2024.  
(PLW Dec 13, 20, 2024, Jan 3 and 10, 2025)

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

Case No.: 24CV104102

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Subramanya Subhash Kodnad filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SUBRAMANYA SUBHASH KODNAD to SUBHASH SUBRAMANYA KODNAD THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: April 25, 2025, 9am PST, Civil Division (Dept# 514) of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY Date: Dec 23, 2024 THOMAS NIXON JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jan 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

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

Case No.: 24CV103265

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Ryan Jitvirakbot Thlang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RYAN JITVIRAKBOT THLANG to RYAN VIRAKBOT TEK THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: 03/21/2025, 9:00 am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward California 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY Date: 12/17/24 Thomas J. Nixon JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Jan 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

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# Public Notices

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 24CV098984

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Shayla Loren Owen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SHAYLA LOREN OWEN to SHAYLA LOREN BATYAH

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: March 28, 2025, 9:30 AM, Wiley W Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington Street, Oakland, California 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: November 12, 2024

Thomas L Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Jan 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

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

Case No.: 24CV101715

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: VICTORIA THUY VY PHAM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

VICTORIA THUY VY PHAM to AMINYA

VICTORIA THUY VY MILANIYA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: MAY 2, 2025, 9:30AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: December 5, 2024

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Dec 13, 20, 2024, Jan 3 and 10, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 24CV100824

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Mary Therese Harvey Melchor and Diane Fu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ALEX JEAN FU to ALEX JEAN HARVEY FU

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described

above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 4/11/2025, 9:30, Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington St, Oakland, CA 94607.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 11/25/2024

Thomas I. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Dec 13, 20, 2024, Jan 3 and 10, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 24CV101905

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Josselyn Gil Verdin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JOSSelyn GIL VERDIN to JOSSelyn VERDIN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 02/07/2025, 9:30am, Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington St., Oakland CA 94607.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 12/06/2024

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Dec 13, 20, 2024, Jan 3 and 10, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 24CV099601

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Chloe Taylor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

CHLOE ISABELLE TAYLOR to CHLOE ISABELLE BYRON

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 4/4/2025, 9:30am, Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 661 Washington Street, Oakland, California 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: 11/15/2024

Thomas Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Dec 13, 20, 2024, Jan 3 and 10, 2025)

Place a legal notice at  
PleasantonWeekly.com/legal\_notices/

# Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

## Entertainment

**ALONZO BODDEN AT TOMMY T'S** Standup comedian Alonzo Bodden will perform at Tommy T's Comedy Club in Pleasanton from Jan. 10-12. For more information, visit [tommyts.com](http://tommyts.com).

**ROCK OF AGES** This Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical features the hits of bands including Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister and more. Jan. 11-26. Tickets \$45. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**JAZZ AT INKLINGS** Featuring guest vocalist Kenny Washington accompanied by Matt Finders Trio. 6 p.m., Jan. 17. Limited seating. Reserve at [meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society](http://meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society).

**THE TEXAS TENORS** Join The Texas Tenors for an unforgettable evening filled with new music, patriotic anthems and a captivating blend of Country and Classical melodies. 8 p.m., Jan. 17. Tickets \$70-\$100. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**BEST OF SAN FRANCISCO STANDUP COMEDY** From the producers of one of the longest running independent shows in America, Best of San Francisco StandUp Comedy, comes this comedy tour de force from some of the hottest up and coming acts in the Bay Area. 8 p.m., Jan. 18. Tickets. \$28. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**PYTC-FINDING NEMO KIDS** Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS is a 30-minute musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 Pixar movie Finding Nemo which brings a vibrant underwater world to life on stage in a story full of family, friendship and adventure. Jan. 18-19; 25-26. Tickets \$13. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

## Exhibitions

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

**FLORA IN FOCUS EXHIBIT** The Harrington Gallery welcomes back the Flora in Focus group exhibition featuring approximately 80 works of various mediums. Jan. 11 to March 8. 444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

**ADORNED: A CELEBRATION OF WEARABLE ART** An inspiring exploration of fashion & fine art, this exhibit reveals how everyday garments transform into display-worthy masterpieces. 1-5 p.m., ow through March 1. UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater.

## Talks

**AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS** This month's speaker is Rachel D.K. Clark, a contemporary folk artist,

teacher and lecturer who has been doing wearable art since 1973 and teaching on the national circuit since 1990. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jan. 11. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress).

**EARTHQUAKE RISK SIMULATIONS WITH SCIENTIST DAVID MCCALLEN** David McCallen, Senior Scientist in the Energy Geosciences Division at LBNL, will provide an overview of application of this new simulation capability utilizing the world's fastest supercomputers. 2 p.m., Jan. 12. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** Join or zoom as guest Speaker Grant Din will discuss "Finding Chinese Railroad Worker Files in the U.S." He'll describe some of the materials that exist and other sources to use to learn more. 7-8:30, Jan. 13. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Visit [l-ags.org](http://l-ags.org).

**BUILD A PERFECT PROFILE ON LINKEDIN** Attend this 1-hour workshop to learn to build a perfect profile on LinkedIn. Devices will be provided or bring your own. To pre-register email [lib@livermoreca.gov](mailto:lib@livermoreca.gov) or call 925-373-5505. 7 p.m., Jan. 14. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**MEET AUTHOR ALYTHIA CONNER** Join Towne Center Books for Discussion & Dessert with author, journalist and editor Alythia Conner. She will read from her new book, "The Runaway Offering" and answer questions. 6-7 p.m., Jan. 16. To register for this free event visit [townecenterbooks.com](http://townecenterbooks.com).

## Outdoor Rec

**FAMILY BIRD SEARCH** Bring the family to the lake and try to find as many birds as possible. Learn what noises they make, what food they eat and why they are at Del Valle. 10-11:30 a.m., Jan. 11. Del Valle Arroyo Mocho Picnic Area.

**FUNGUS AMONG US** Join an LARPD ranger at the Livermore Rincon library to have some fun with fungus through hands on exploration and experiments. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Jan. 17.

**RANGER PROGRAM: NATURE JOURNALING** Explore nature journaling with an LARPD Ranger by using a journal or paper, for all ages and abilities. 10-11 a.m., Jan. 18. Sycamore Grove Park, Ranger Station. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

## Scholarships

**ROTARY CLUB HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton invites High School Seniors who are graduating from any Pleasanton High School or are home schooled to apply for its more than \$50,000 of scholarships to be awarded in 2025. Apply through a school counselor or visit [pleasantonrotary.org](http://pleasantonrotary.org). Deadline is March 31.

**ALAN HU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** Alan Hu Foundation Scholarships for up to \$1,000 will be awarded to high school seniors from Dublin,

Livermore and Pleasanton Unified School Districts whose college majors and career aspirations support mental health. Visit [alanhufoundation.org/scholarship](http://alanhufoundation.org/scholarship). Deadline is March 9.

## Seniors

**SAN FRANCISCO MOVING MOVIE TOUR** Join the Pleasanton Senior Center's VIP Travel with Craig Smith for a San Francisco Moving Movie Tour. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 14. \$155 member / \$165 non-member. Sign up at the Travel Desk.

**RED HAWK CASINO** Join LARPD on a luxury motorcoach trip to the Red Hawk Casino in Placerville to enjoy gaming, \$15 free slot play, \$5 food points for treats at Verona's Coffeehouse and a buffet lunch. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 16. \$89 R/\$98 NR. To register, call 925-373-5763.

**PLEASANTON PEDALERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER** Pleasanton Pedalers Cycling is 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The Tuesday ride is 30-45 miles and the Thursday ride is 25-30 miles, for cyclists who want a slower pace. For more information contact [pleasantonpedalers@outlook.com](mailto:pleasantonpedalers@outlook.com).

**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.

## Support

**VA MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH** The VA Palo Alto Health Care System's mobile medical outreach unit will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library parking lot where medical providers will be on-site to provide examinations, consultations and referrals to veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. No appointment needed. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 16.

**FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** For families and friends who are caring for a loved one over the age of 60. 2-3 p.m., Wednesdays. Pleasanton Senior Center.

**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.-12 p.m., Tuesdays. CityServe Care Center, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

**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.-3 p.m., Jan. 18. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. For questions contact [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com).

**PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES** Volunteer with Pleasanton Military Families to make cards for their troop pack out and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Jan. 18. Pleasanton Senior Center. Visit [pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org](http://pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org).

# Real Estate

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 7-18 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Nov. 25 to Dec. 6 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

**540 East Angela Street** S. & M. Lawrence to S. & N. Sabharwal for \$1,770,000

**2113 Arroyo Court #2** K. White to A. Hoover for \$565,000

**3004 Badger Drive** S. Hassan to Z. & S. Yao for \$1,250,000

**1119 Blanc Court** Astro Ents LLC to M. & P. Anand for \$1,998,000

**1559 Calle Santiago** W. Fan to L. Gal for \$935,000

**1362 Chatham Court** Debemardi Trust to Reeser Trust for \$1,725,000

**4441 Cloveburg Lane** R. Janarthanan to S. & R. Dubey for \$1,299,000

**666 Concord Place** Susan Living Trust to T. & O. Oladehin for \$717,500

**5972 Corte Cerritos** C. Ellgas to H. & C. Lin for \$1,180,000

**4618 Del Valle Parkway** Heally Trust to I. & N. Sriram for \$1,515,000

**4205 Dorman Road** Whippet Trust to B. Manful for \$550,000

**2803 El Capitan Drive** Wenig Family Trust to Vinay-Shresta Trust for \$1,695,000

**4786 Golden Road** S. & G. Reger to D. & R. Rajagopalan for \$1,500,000

**2665 Lin Gate Court** Ca Realty Investments LLC to J. & Z. Zhang for \$2,230,000

**7694 Maywood Drive** E. & R. Coackley to D. & K. Ganji for \$2,570,000

**387 Mullin Court** C. & G. Mayorga to Gakkani-Gujje Family Trust for \$2,900,000

**141 Ray Street** Morris Family Trust to K. Harter for \$2,250,000

**2219 Segundo Court #1** Robinson Trust to C. & J. Black for \$555,000

**5205 Springdale Avenue** T. & R. Leichsening to R. Jeres for \$1,165,000

**839 Bonita Avenue** M. Clasen to E. & B. Sehgosha for \$1,667,500

**3974 Churchill Drive** Mandell Living Trust to Scg Legacy LLC for \$1,235,000

**820 Madeira Drive** Wynne Family Trust to S. & G. Singh for \$1,623,500

**5380 Mallard Drive** Gallagher Family Trust to S. & C. Enugala for \$1,880,000

**4185 Peregrine Way** Milanese Family Trust to Y. Shan for \$1,100,000

**2446 Raven Road** Nanna Trust to Stout Trust for \$2,100,000

**233 Trenton Circle** P. & S. Vonti to K. & S. Mittal for \$1,400,000

**3253 Verde Court** L. & D. Ojcus to V. & R. Janarthanan for \$1,010,000

### Livermore

**33 Agate Court** B. Sjogreen to Ctt Living Trust for \$1,237,000

**5464 Arlene Way** Hamera Trust to S. & A. Santiago for \$1,050,000

**5578 Beck Lane** Henderer Trust to Frazier Family Trust for \$1,860,000

**5616 Crestmont Avenue** Dillard Family Trust to M. & J. Pardo for \$1,000,000

**1538 De Soto Way** Gunnar Ventures LLC to C. & N. Chiang for \$1,598,000

**3660 Edinburgh Drive** C. & C. Figueiredo to Lin-Wang Living Trust for \$1,610,000

**706 El Caminito** V. & A. Dawson to N. & A. Pappas for \$1,225,000

**2635 Elston Street** Marsh Family Trust to N. Dhillon for \$1,585,000

**961 Essex Street #1** S. Wasson to V. & L. Morgan for \$1,249,000

**5547 Idlewild Avenue** L. & R. Milano to P. & A. Dutrow for \$1,000,000

**670 South K Street** Hindmarsh Family Trust to M. & A. Pogaku for \$1,700,000

**3083 Lucca Circle** Margiotta Family Trust to Mody Family Trust for \$1,910,000

**159 Obsidian Way** Sherman Trust to Sanders Living Trust for \$1,850,000

**524 Ontario Drive** Aitchison Construction Inc to G. & A. Rayavaram for \$1,400,000

**270 Prairie Way** Kannapell Trust to Salvipatel Family Trust for \$1,950,000

**1167 Aberdeen Avenue** Cozy Canopy Ca Homes LLC to S. & S. Han for \$1,200,000

**4754 Aries Court** Huang Living Trust to S. & K. Phadataré for \$1,230,000

**2335 Bluebell Drive** I. Hinton to M. & B. Heinrich for \$1,075,000

**848 Brennan Way** J. & J. Avelar to M. & V. Pericoli for \$1,070,000

**4233 Findlay Way** J. Lennon to T. & L. Pham for \$1,276,000

**649 Hanover Street** Ulibarri Trust to I. Russell for \$915,000

**845 Hazel Street** J. & K. Gryszowka to Y. & G. Syed for \$1,330,000

**1047 Lakehurst Road** Stender Trust to T. & T. Yue for \$905,000

**5256 Lilac Avenue** J. & D. Wise to G. & M. Butler for \$990,000

**930 Marcella Street** Elfin Trust to Z. & S. Wiedemann for \$1,500,000

**263 Martin Avenue** Clark Family Trust to A. & J. Jeffreys for \$899,000

**609 South N Street** R. & J. Farrell to K. & J. Morris for \$850,000

**2951 Picholine Court** G. & P. Rengaram to T. & A. Duran for \$2,550,000

**4262 Pomona Way** Cecil Trust to L. & T. Vannnguyen for \$1,065,000

**1224 Spring Valley Common** T. Arrona to S. & V. Chhabra for \$699,000

**1580 Vancouver Way** Ward Family Trust to S. & S. Tummala for \$1,370,000

**139 Windward Common #3** R. & R. Becker to G. Saucedo for \$785,000

**728 Yolo Way** J. & P. King to K. & V. Patel for \$1,151,000

### Dublin

**5319 Alagro Court** L. Kothapalli to D. & G. Rajagopalan for \$1,610,000

**4569 Brannigan Street** Poperidge Limited to S. & S. Glover for \$930,000

**4259 Midlands Court** B. & N. Kondameedi to T. & V. Ganugula for \$1,400,000

**4867 Perugia Street** S. Kumar to N. & D. Kumaresan for \$975,000

**7548 San Sabana Road** C. Luna to M. Chen for \$1,850,000

**8044 Tamarack Drive** K. Newton to T. & D. Nguyen for \$1,170,000

**3739 Central Parkway #41** H. & R. Sharma to Welihinda Family Trust for \$1,160,000

**5465 Dublin Boulevard** A. & S. Singh to K. & S. Pabolu for \$1,110,000

**5832 El Dorado Lane** T. & J. Ryan to Daybreak Investments Lp for \$1,050,000

**5556 El Dorado Lane** Mehrotra Living Trust to Lin & Yeh Family Trust for \$1,320,000

**7194 Elk Court** K. & D. Borrelli to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Gr for \$1,061,500

**5523 Gracen Way** D. Medina to Ar Katta & Sr Kor Family Trust for \$1,193,000

**5750 Iron Horse Parkway #401** S. & J. Khalizadeh to Hull Trust for \$1,600,000

**8526 Valencia Street** Miller Trust to N. Ammari for \$1,051,000

### San Ramon

**10017 Alcosta Boulevard** Reyes Trust to Valerie X Trang Ira Account for \$1,175,000

**9440 Cherry Hills Lane** Bucciarelli Living Trust to P. & N. Karunakaran for \$1,775,000

**272 Kent Place** Vanier Living Trust to V. & M. Periaswamy for \$1,510,000

**5008 Lilac Ridge Road** J. Wu to I. & S. Subedar for \$2,625,000

**9134 Tangerine Street** Morgan Living Trust to N. Abdelshahid for \$740,000

**201 Tangerine Court** Perfect Living Trust to Guild Trust for \$735,000

**8975 Alcosta Boulevard #139** A. Weiller to T. Haque for \$365,000

**509 Andreas Court** S. & F. King to S. & S. Maddi for \$2,210,000

**3063 Blackberry Avenue** Sunil Trust to U. & K. Ramanathan for \$1,160,000

**9709 Blue Mound Drive** D. Brown to D. & A. Mehta for \$2,150,000

**159 Edgeware Court** A. & J. Quon to N. & V. Manohar for \$1,699,000

**702 Fin Court** Summerhill City Village LLC to W. & K. Chung for \$1,638,000

**6201 Lakeview Circle** D. Murphy to D. & J. Duong for \$1,207,000

**70 Lansford Court** S. & M. Amoni to P. & S. Saha for \$2,411,000

**4260 Lilac Ridge Road** C. Fisher to S. & A. Ramasamy for \$2,390,500

**610 Norris Canyon Terrace** Peer Family Trust to X. Ma for \$740,000

**2880 Pine Valley Road** Huntzinger Trust to Kamalesh & Chindhu Trust for \$1,450,000

**275 Reflections Drive #14** E. Bell to Zhang Family Trust for \$560,000

**416 Santander Drive** Onyx Property Ventures LLC to N. & M. Kurapati for \$1,473,000

**3044 Sorrelwood Drive** J. & J. Castillo to Y. & Z. Yang for \$2,425,000

**214 Westvale Court** Baseri Trust to V. Kharbanda for \$1,460,000

Source: California REsource

## PET OF THE WEEK



VHS

### Take off with Jet

She could land a plane with those ears, but Jet is a runway-worthy beauty just looking for a home to hang her leash in. The 3-month-old pup has watched her littermates take off one by one, leaving her own departure delayed. Jet has soulful eyes, a playful heart and no baggage. Claim her today at Valley Humane Society! Call 925-426-8656 to arrange a meet-and-greet ETA or email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption process right away.

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Oct. 7-18)

**Total sales reported:** 27  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$550,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,900,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,495,758

### Livermore (Oct. 7-18)

**Total sales reported:** 33  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$699,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,500,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,305,575

### Dublin (Oct. 7-18)

**Total sales reported:** 15  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$930,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,850,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,134,333

### San Ramon (Nov. 25-Dec. 6)

**Total sales reported:** 23  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$365,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,625,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,310,869

Source: California REsource

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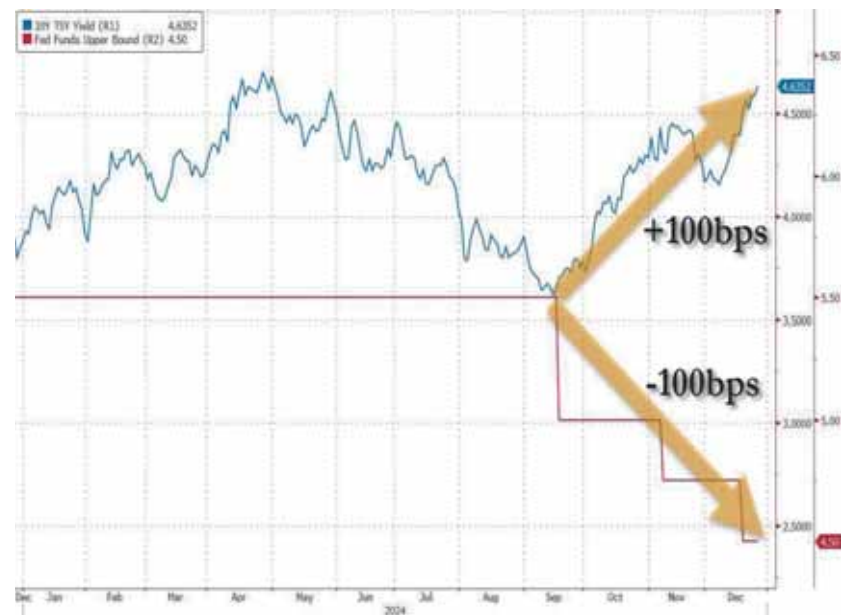
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# PLEASANTON REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE – INTEREST RATE ROULETTE

Pleasanton real estate experienced typical market conditions in December. Inventory and pending sales both lower, and prices soft but fairly steady. The one thing that housing industry experts were hoping Santa would deliver is lower mortgage rates. But apparently Santa has little to no impact on macro-economic trends in the US economy.

Speaking of interest rates... Average 30 year fixed mortgage rates rose again in December, to an average of 6.91%. This is up from the 12 month low of 6.08% at the end of September, and close to the 12 month high of 7.22% in May. This in spite of, or because of, the Federal Reserve lowering the Federal Funds Rate 3 times from 5.5% to 4.5%. In fact, if you look at the chart, mortgage rates have moved in the exact opposite direction of the federal funds rate

How can this be? The Federal Government and the Federal



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