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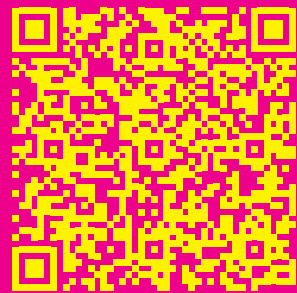
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# WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

## 'The need is great'

Sunflower Hill continues to make remarkable headway in its mission to provide residential, vocational and experiential opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in the Tri-Valley and beyond.

Still relatively early on their laudable and daunting journey, the nonprofit's leaders and volunteers have accomplished so much in recent years, and 2025 has been no different: increased programming at its Irby Ranch community in Pleasanton, growing yields at its garden at Hagemann Ranch, and more movement toward solidifying new housing in Lafayette and Dublin.

A demonstration of what's possible, but also a reminder of the need and the effort.

"Sunflower Hill has provided many programs free of charge to our community for the last 13 years — but we're just not able to continue to do that without donor, grant and corporate support," Susan Houghton, founder and board president, told me Monday. "We hope the community will understand that and join us in our efforts to raise the visibility and needs of individuals with I/DD."

I had the chance to catch up with Houghton and development director Jennifer Oxe by email in recent days after attending Sunflower Hill's Mardi Gras Gala at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin last month.

The room was a who's who of current and former elected officials, business executives and Tri-Valley community leaders, in addition to Sunflower Hill families, volunteers and staff.

Three of whom were honored during the evening, with former Dublin mayor and current BART Director Melissa Hernandez and Sunflower Hill Garden co-founder Lynn Monica receiving the 2025 Rainmaker Awards and Jennifer Crandall, a Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch resident and a "consistent and enthusiastic" participant in its programming, taking home the Spirit Award.

NBC Bay Area morning meteorologist Kari Hall delivered a heartwarming and heartwrenching keynote speech about being a mother raising two kids on the autism spectrum with her husband.

And the reveal of a special promotional video to the tune of Josh Groban's "Granted", including a personalized message from the singer-songwriter, added a jolt of excitement toward the end of the evening.

Not only was the event successful from community building and awareness perspectives, it was

financially so too — the nonprofit reached its goal of \$180,000 net, according to Oxe.

The Sept. 27 gala arrived one day after a major news announcement for Sunflower Hill.

Lafayette city officials confirmed that Gov. Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Housing and Community Development selected Sunflower Hill's "949 Moraga" project in downtown Lafayette to receive \$19.5 million in Super NOFA funding.

Although there are many financial, legal and development steps before construction can begin on the proposed 48-unit affordable housing complex for adults with I/DD, the state award is an important boost for Sunflower Hill and partner Satellite Affordable Housing Associates.

Lafayette intends to donate the surplus city property downtown, currently a parking lot, to the project, and Sunflower Hill and SAHA have an exclusive negotiating rights agreement in place with the city for the land, provided they secure full funding.

Sunflower Hill also has two projects in the works in Dublin.

Grace Pointe, also a partnership with SAHA, aims to build 60 units at Dublin Boulevard and Brannigan Street in a "full supportive living model" similar to the flagship Irby Ranch community Sunflower Hill that opened in 2020.

The Francis Ranch project on the east side of town is a project with Eden Housing, which has agreed to set aside 20 of its affordable units for people with I/DD — but the site won't be Sunflower Hill-branded.

"And so hopefully that means we might be constructing two new communities at the same time in the next few years," Houghton said. "But the need is great. As we said in Josh Groban's video, there are 26,000 individuals with I/DD in the greater East Bay and 80% still live with their family members or parents."

As the new year beckons, Houghton said top priorities include locking up more project funding, growing programming at Irby Ranch and the garden, and recruiting for a new permanent executive director (a position that has been vacant for more than a year and a half).

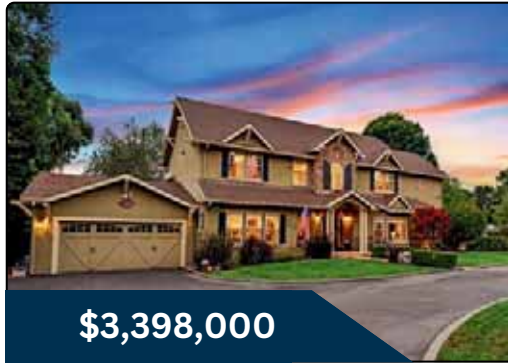
"We're excited for 2026 — but also grateful for the strong community support we've received in 2025," she added. "It sounds cliché to say 'it takes a village' — so we'll suggest that 'it takes a lot of 'sunflowers' — essentially all of us in the greater community, standing strong, facing the sun and working together to help our I/DD community grow and move forward." ■

### About the Cover

"The Rocky Horror Show" is coming to the stage at Las Positas College for a two-weekend run that will coincide with an Oct. 24 appearance by original cast member Nell Campbell at the Bankhead Theater for a screening of the movie version upon its 50th anniversary. Photo by Aaron Burg. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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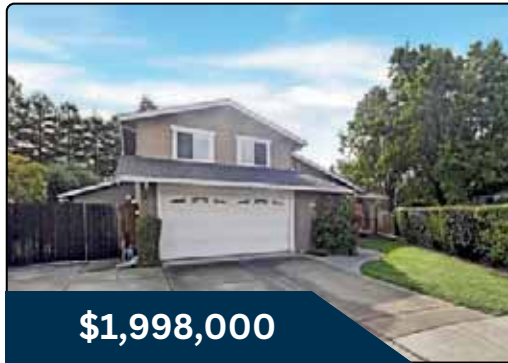
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## When do you think it is appropriate for store owners to start displaying Halloween decorations and products?



### Jessica LaLuzerne

Accounting consultant

I think mid-September is the perfect time for stores to start putting out Halloween decorations. It gives everyone plenty of time to get in the spirit without feeling rushed. August just feels way too early; summer should come to its natural end first, before we are thrust into the fall.



### Ulises Eufrazio

Server

I think the beginning of October is the perfect time because that way, there is the entire month of October to enjoy our favorite places all decked out for Halloween, and to enjoy all of the festivities and activities when they should actually be happening.



### Guin Van Dyke

Property manager

I say Sept. 6 — just after Labor Day! October is my favorite month of the year because I love orange and the fall season. I don't want to see Halloween in August, but I'm happy to welcome it by early September.



### Cynthia Carroll

Elementary school teacher

Personally, I feel that the spooky Halloween season belongs to crisp air and falling leaves, not summer heat. Therefore, late September strikes me as the right time to break out the decorations and bring out the pumpkins and Halloween products.



### David Ritter

Retired

I think a 30-day window beforehand is appropriate, so end of September, I'd say. Displaying decorations and merchandise during August when it's still summer seems wrong; you want more of a fall feeling in the air before Halloween-themed decorations and merchandise go on display.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis



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## DIGEST

### Active Aging Week

Stoneridge Creek, a senior living community in Pleasanton, was recently recognized nationally by the International Council on Active Aging for how the residential community keeps its residents active.

The award was announced during Active Aging Week (Oct. 6-12), which is a worldwide initiative launched by the council that encourages aging adults to remain active.

The national recognition comes a year after Stoneridge Creek was named as the top senior living community in the East Bay by Diablo Magazine.

According to its programming, Stoneridge Creek recently hosted a myriad of events to keep its residents active including a wonton cooking and folding demonstration, pickleball lessons with a USA pickleball ambassador and a community cookbook release party where residents shared their family recipes.

### Governor Ritter

Longtime Pleasanton resident and former chair of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Herb Ritter was recently selected to serve as the district governor for the Rotary District 5170, which is made up of 63 Rotary clubs in the greater Silicon Valley region.

According to its website, the Rotary District brings together a “global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges.”

According to a press release, Ritter has been involved in the Rotary world for more than 36 years and has served in many leadership roles, including serving as the past president of non-profit Sunflower Hill and as a former city planning commissioner.

### City ofrendas

Pleasanton’s Library and Recreation Department is currently looking for volunteers to create and display ofrendas for the city’s upcoming Día de Los Muertos ceremony at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Nov. 1.

Ofrendas are traditional altars that, in Mexican culture, are built leading up to Día de Los Muertos to honor loved ones who have died. The ofrendas typically feature photos of those who have passed away and are surrounded by objects and food that the deceased loved when they were alive.

Those who wish to have their altars featured in the city’s upcoming Día de Los Muertos ceremony exhibition must submit an application to the city by no later than next Thursday (Oct. 23) at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org). ■

## Council OKs water rate increases as part of new utility fee structure

2.7% COLA approved for wastewater service too, but full sewer rate study coming down the line

**By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**  
Beginning in the new year, Pleasanton residents will see yet another increase in their utility bills following the City Council’s unanimous vote Tuesday to amend the city’s fee schedule and adjust the city’s water, sewer and recycled water rates.

According to the city, 52% of the overall bimonthly water bills will increase by \$20 to \$40 in the first year depending on how much

water customers use. Increases for the three years following 2026 will vary depending on other factors but, in some cases, residents in year four could see the difference jump to over \$80 compared to their current bills.

The council also approved the annual cost-of-living adjustment of 2.7% for sewer rates, but the city will look to conduct a separate sewer rate study to determine any other necessary rate adjustments.

While councilmembers said they didn’t enjoy raising the rates, they also acknowledged how aging infrastructure, a financially challenged Water Enterprise Fund and plans to improve the city’s water system are all reasons why the increases were necessary — particularly given that the city has also seen low water rates for decades.

“No one wants to pay more for water rates,” Mayor Jack Balch said during the Oct. 7 council meeting.

“But we have to be honest with ourselves and where we are at and where we are going with the (water) system.”

Two years ago, the council at the time adopted emergency rate increases — a 30% increase in 2024 and a 12% increase for 2025 — as a way to address what City Manager Gerry Beaudin said was an underfunded Water Enterprise Fund.

The enterprise fund, which gets See **RATE INCREASE** on Page 10



COURTESY SHANTY GUPTA

Since being denied insurance coverage for a minimally invasive treatment of breast cancer, 36-year old Shanty Gupta and her family have turned to fundraising to help pay for the treatment and medical aftercare.

## Dublin mom battles breast cancer and coverage denials

‘Health care kind of chooses decisions based on insurance and not for the health of the person’

**By JUDE STRZEMP**  
A Dublin mother diagnosed with breast cancer earlier this year has turned to the public for help since being denied insurance coverage for her selected treatment.

Shanty Gupta aims to receive cryoablation, a minimally invasive procedure. But without coverage, Gupta’s treatment has been put on hold as she and her family

stare down an out-of-pocket cost totaling approximately \$100,000.

“A lot definitely goes through my head, especially having two little ones,” Gupta, 36, said of her diagnosis. “Now when you start dealing with insurance and having to wait — I feel like that added a whole load of stress, right on top.”

On March 31, Gupta’s life changed forever. That was the

day she was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma.

More specifically, the cancer was found to be hormone receptor-positive, meaning cancer growth is stimulated when hormones attach to specific receptors on the cancer cells, according to the American Cancer Society website.

The diagnosis was scary,

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## Stage set for key east side meetings

County, city hearings next week; input session Oct. 28

**By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

The Alameda County Planning Commission is set to vote next week to certify an environmental impact report and approve a vesting tentative tract map subdivision for the Arroyo Lago residential development project, which aims to build nearly 200 single-family homes in East Pleasanton.

As the leading agency with oversight on the proposed housing project — the site is located in unincorporated Pleasanton near the city limits — the county’s Planning Commission continued the item from its Sept. 15 commission meeting in order to allow county staff to work more with the the project applicant and an environmental consultant on addressing specifics regarding the proposal.

However, according to Monday’s Alameda County Planning Commission agenda report, staff still anticipate that Pleasanton will annex the project site as the developer continues to pursue the project both with the county and the city. That annexation would still need to be approved by the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission.

According to the city, there will be another community meeting on the East Pleasanton Policy Framework on Oct. 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the city’s Operations Services Center on

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# Appellate court sides with city in Eden Housing case

Opinion reverses trial court ruling in favor of group's challenge to previous Livermore council decision

By CIERRA BAILEY

The yearslong journey to building a 130-unit affordable housing complex in downtown Livermore forges ahead following the state appellate court's ruling last week that favored actions by the city aimed at moving the project forward.

Community group Move Eden Housing had challenged the city's 2024 re-adoption of a development agreement with Eden Housing, Inc. for affordable workforce housing to be built at the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and L Street, with the exception of provisions pertaining to Veterans Park.

The trial court initially sided with MEH, determining that the city had acted prematurely in approving the resolution that was nearly the same as a 2022 resolution the city had repealed moments before.

On Oct. 7, the appellate court issued an opinion reversing the trial court's decision.

"We reverse. Consistent with the scope of the referendum power, we conclude that section 9241 did not prohibit the City from adopting the 2024 Resolution, which involves only administrative acts implementing prior legislative determinations not challengeable by referendum," the published court opinion states.

The appellate court's ruling was welcomed by the city and Eden Housing.

"The city is pleased by the Appellate Court's thoughtful evaluation of the law and looks forward to the construction of Eden



JUDE STRZEMP

View of the future project site where 130 affordable housing units are set to be built by Eden Housing, Inc. in downtown Livermore.

Housing's long overdue affordable housing project," city officials told Livermore Vine.

MEH has been on a quest for several years to have the project relocated away from downtown to an undetermined location and for a community park to be built on the current project site instead. However, the city purchased the land back in 2008 with funds designated for affordable housing. The latest installment of the ongoing saga started on June 24, 2024, when the Livermore City Council rescinded a 2022 resolution authorizing the execution of an amended and restated the disposition, development and loan agreement with Eden Housing that included language to allow the construction of and improvements to Veterans Park.

The decision to rescind that 2022 resolution came after a court battle with MEH over the group's

referendum petition not being processed. While the administrative acts in that resolution were deemed not subject to referendum, the legislative acts related to construction of Veterans Park were referendable, according to a prior ruling by the state appellate court. Therefore, the council was left with the options to either rescind the resolution or bring the issue before voters in an election.

Councilmembers chose to rescind the 2022 resolution and immediately afterward — during the same meeting — they approved a new resolution containing virtually the same exact language from 2022, but omitting the section on Veterans Park.

Move Eden Housing objected to that move, taking the city back to court. The group argued that the city was misinterpreting the appellate court's opinion and violating a

section of Election Code that states if a city council "repeals the ordinance ... the ordinance shall not again be enacted by the legislative body for a period of one year after the date of its repeal".

While the community group may have celebrated a victory on that front last November in trial court, the city and the affordable housing developer have prevailed in their appeal as of last week.

"In the present case, it is undisputed that the legislative decisions about the Project that are implemented by the administrative provisions in both the 2022 and 2024 Resolutions were made long before adoption of the 2022 Resolution and were not challenged by referendum," the appellate court opinion states.

"Although the referendum challenging the 2022 Resolution had the effect of delaying the administrative acts in the resolution as well as the new legislative approval of Veterans Park, the referendum power does not justify Move Eden's effort to frustrate the City's ability to take administrative actions to move forward with previously approved aspects of the Project following repeal of the 2022 Resolution," the court added.

Move Eden Housing told Livermore Vine in a statement that the group "strongly disagrees" with the appellate court's ruling.

"The opinion reverses a ruling last November by the trial court that the City of Livermore violated the writ of mandate requiring it to

process MEH's referendum petition in compliance with the California Elections Code," the group said in its statement.

"In doing so, the opinion ignored a key argument made by MEH: that the City cannot remove Veterans Park from the downtown housing project proposed by Eden Housing. Although the opinion enables the City to avoid a referendum, MEH will continue to fight for democracy," the statement reads.

The appellate court's final opinion last week followed a tentative ruling issued back in August after MEH declined oral arguments, which had initially been scheduled for Aug. 21.

Despite choosing not to move forward in the appeals process, MEH doubled down on its opposition to the ruling and asserted that the group "is not backing down".

"MEH believes the Court of Appeal misinterpreted the law in coming to these conclusions and is evaluating its options to address the Court's opinion," MEH wrote in a statement. "Given the importance of uniformity in state election law, MEH is considering a petition for rehearing of the Opinion, a petition for review in the California Supreme Court, and other options."

MEH also maintains in its statement that its members are supportive of affordable housing; however, they reiterated that the current location of the project is at the center of their concerns as they deem the site "not appropriate for residential uses". ■

## Students mobilize to help tribe gain federal recognition

Muwekma Ohlone tribal chairwoman hopes they can purchase 50-100 acres near Pleasanton

By ALY BROWN /  
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

What started as a research project for one San Jose high school student has recently transformed into a nonprofit organization with hundreds of members and chapters throughout the nation, all advocating for a shared cause: to address systemic inequities facing Indigenous communities.

In San Jose, where it all started in 2023, that advocacy involves lobbying for the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe to gain the federal recognition the tribe says it lost due to a clerical omission in 1927, which some elected officials and the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs have disputed.

For Aaron He, a senior at private high school Bellarmine College Preparatory, the impetus for founding the Indigenous Justice Coalition — which gained nonprofit status in June — was learning that the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe was one

of many unrecognized tribes across the state.

"I found this to be deeply connected to me, because almost all my daily activities were on land that is unrecognized by the federal government," He said. "One of the guiding principles for why I got involved with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe is that if you can take away rights of one community, you can take away the rights of all."

Federal recognition, as Indigenous Justice Coalition co-vice president Ayush Iyengar explains, is important to the tribe's culture and land rights.

"If the tribe is not officially recognized as having ownership over the land that they've inhabited and lived on for years, then in the modern day, they don't get protections over that land," Iyengar said. "It allows anyone to go to their burial sites and sites that are very crucial to their culture and history and essentially just build buildings over it, completely erase it to the ground,

because technically, it's not officially recognized as their land."

He and a handful of his peers who joined the Indigenous Justice Coalition have since visited Washington, D.C., to rally support from elected officials, launched 30 student-led Indigenous Justice Coalition chapters, organized numerous events and advanced research partnerships with professors at Stanford and Santa Clara universities to compile archival documentation and produce an academic paper to correct the historical record.

They have also written grant proposals and secured over \$500,000 in funding to support Native student internships and to build an air quality app that will provide environmental updates and recommendations to tribal members.

Caleb Wang, Indigenous Justice Coalition co-vice president, said his own family's experience as Indigenous people who had escaped Taiwan made him feel called



COURTESY AARON HE VIA BAY CITY NEWS

Members of the Indigenous Justice Coalition with Charlene Nijmeh (center left), Muwekma Ohlone Tribe chairwoman, in Washington D.C. in June 2025. The group is advocating for the California Tribe to gain federal recognition.

to support the Muwekma.

"I joined Indigenous Justice Coalition to help these fellow Indigenous people," Wang said. "We're not the same, but we're in this similar situation that my family was in the past. And through developing relationships with them — getting to know how their mothers

and fathers fought this fight, how their kids down the line will continue to fight this fight — that really motivates me to continue helping."

For Leo Billante, the nonprofit's outreach officer, justice can only be measured by how well society treats

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# Former DSRSD director Duarte returns to fill open seat

Division 2 vacancy came as result of Johnson's midterm resignation

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors formally appointed familiar face Ed Duarte to serve as the board's representative for the southwest region of San Ramon.

He was sworn in during the Oct. 7 board meeting. His appointment follows the early resignation of Division 2's former director, Ann Marie Johnson.

Duarte, who previously served on the DSRSD Board of Directors from 2012 to 2020, will serve the remainder of Johnson's term set to end in December 2026.

"I'm honored to return to the DSRSD board and appreciate the trust the board has placed in me," Duarte said in an Oct. 10 DSRSD press release. "I'm excited to serve again and continue supporting the great work happening at DSRSD."



COURTESY DSRSD

Newly-appointed Dublin San Ramon Services District Division 2 Director Edward (Ed) Duarte is officially sworn in to his seat during the Oct. 7 DSRSD board meeting.

According to the press release, Johnson resigned in late August following her professional retirement — she was first elected to the board in 2018 and then again in 2022.

After her resignation, the DSRSD

board met on Sept. 9 to decide what to do about the vacant position.

DSRSD staff presented three options, including calling for a special election next year to fill the seat, conducting an application and interview process or

appointing someone directly to fill the position.

According to the Sept. 9 meeting minutes, the directors voted to go with the third option because they agreed filling the seat by appointment would cost less than a special election. The board also agreed a special election next year would "significantly shorten the elected board member's term ending in December 2026."

During that meeting, DSRSD Board Vice President Richard Halket suggested Duarte as the appropriate appointment due to the fact that the former director currently lives in Division 2 and because Duarte is amenable to serving out the shorter term.

"The board members agreed it would be beneficial to fill the short-term vacancy with an experienced and knowledgeable appointee who

could quickly re-assimilate to the role and address key matters the board will consider during the remainder of the term," the Sept. 9 minutes stated. "They reflected on Mr. Duarte's prior service on the board and supported Vice President Halket's proposal."

According to the DSRSD press release, Duarte has lived in San Ramon since 1979 and worked as a general engineering contractor for more than 50 years before he retired in 2022. Prior to retirement, he also owned and operated a construction firm that specializes in public works projects.

Duarte is also a member of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce and has previously served on the San Ramon Citizen's Advisory Committee for Redevelopment and the San Ramon Valley Rotary Club. ■

## CANCER

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particularly when thinking about her two children, 3-year-old Mila and 1-year-old Leonzo, Gupta told Pleasanton Weekly.

It was also an unexpected discovery at 35 years old, as she typically associated the diagnosis with older women.

According to the American Cancer Society website, only a "very small number of women" diagnosed with breast cancer are younger than 45 years old. Meanwhile, the median age at the time of diagnosis is 62 years old, the website states.

'She gives so much of herself every day, and now it's time we surround her with the same love and care.'

Steven Pacheco,  
Husband

Upon researching treatment options and finding a support group online, Gupta discovered cryoablation.

The treatment does not require large cuts through the skin. Instead, the procedure kills cancer cells by freezing them with thin metal probes, according to the Mayo Clinic website.

Cryoablation can be a helpful treatment for cancers of the bone, breast, kidney, liver, lung and prostate, according to the Mayo Clinic website. The procedure is typically used when people can't have surgery to treat the cancer, and it may be useful for people who have other health conditions that make surgery unsafe, the website states.

The treatment option appeals to Gupta as a chance to preserve her breast while avoiding the effects of major surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

According to a study published in 2024 by Springer Nature, breast cryoablation presents a promising alternative to surgery in select patients by offering the benefits of a minimally invasive procedure with minimal risks, although further studies are encouraged.

Upon discovering that her regular doctor did not perform cryoablation on breast cancer, Gupta requested insurance coverage for a consultation with an outside provider who could perform the procedure.

In April, her coverage request for the consultation was denied.

Nevertheless, Gupta went on to meet with a surgeon who performs cryoablation. The doctor approved her treatment and submitted a request for coverage of the procedure to Gupta's insurance provider, she said.

The surgeon's request was later denied, Gupta added.

According to the Dublin mom, she submitted appeals to her insurance provider a total of four times.

But the procedure and any follow-up are not considered standard of care, Gupta said of the insurance provider's response.

Instead of cryoablation, she was recommended a mastectomy, chemotherapy and hormone blockers.

In their denials, representatives of the insurance provider pointed to the treatment's lack of FDA approval at the time, according to Gupta.

Representatives also claimed that she required a breast reduction based on an incorrect diagnosis of breast hypertrophy, meaning excessive growth of breast tissue, Gupta added.

"In a way, health care kind of chooses decisions based on insurance and not for the health of the person," Gupta said.

Through discussions with other women online, Gupta found many who shared a similar experience of being denied coverage for breast cancer treatment.

"On top of the stress of having to deal with cancer, now they're financially also having to deal with that stress," she said.

Gupta did not state the name of her insurance provider out of concern for future retribution.

Out of pocket, cryoablation itself costs about \$50,000, Gupta said. Taking into account follow-up imagery, labs, supplements and IV therapies, she expects the total cost of care to be approximately \$100,000.


"I'm just ready to get my treatment and get things going," Gupta said. "I just want this to move past me."

But for now, Gupta and her family are waiting on financial assistance to pay for her treatment, she said.

"Shanty isn't just fighting cancer — she's fighting to watch Mila and Leonzo grow up, to celebrate birthdays, graduations, first loves and all the milestones in life," Gupta's husband Steven Pacheco wrote on a GoFundMe page for her procedure and medical aftercare. "I want to spend my life with her, and we dream of her being healthy and strong by my side."

As of Oct. 14, the family has collected nearly \$12,000 toward their fundraiser goal of \$50,000.

"Shanty is strong, loving, and the heart of our family," Pacheco said. "She gives so much of herself every day, and now it's time we surround her with the same love and care." ■



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# LGBTQ+ History Month celebrations in Livermore

Annual Pridefest, seminar on drag history among lineup of activities on horizon

By JUDE STRZEMP

In honor of LGBTQ+ History Month, Livermore Pride is gearing up to host its annual festival next weekend for a day of live music, entertainment and shopping.

Pridefest is a public and family-friendly gathering that offers a space for community-building and honoring diversity, Livermore Pride officials said in a statement.

“(It) is more than just a festival, it’s about fostering LGBTQ+ connections every day,” organizers wrote on their website.

Attendees of the sixth annual Pridefest can expect to see a drag show featuring Ava LaShay, Avery Night and Mia Fierce; live performances by Cindi Hagley, Amber Fornoles and Elderflower Band; lawn-sized and tabletop games hosted by Roll for Inclusion; dozens of local vendors and artisans; and community organizations showcasing services and support for the LGBTQ community, according to Livermore Pride officials.

This year’s theme, “Rooted in Pride” brings attention to the connections within Livermore’s LGBTQ community that uplift local talent, small businesses and the allies who promote inclusion year-round, Livermore Pride officials said.

Rodney Wilson, founder of



COURTESY LIVERMORE PRIDE

The sixth annual Pridefest in Livermore is scheduled to run from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Bankhead Plaza.

LGBTQ+ History Month, congratulated Livermore Pride this year for hosting Pridefest.

“I always love seeing how different people take the concept and put their own mark on it, as you do in Livermore,” Wilson said.

“Knowledge of that which came

before us — history — is a vital foundation for making a good life in the present and protecting that good life into the future,” Wilson said. “This is especially the case for marginalized communities whose history has been neglected, even intentionally erased, as we still

witness today.”

Pridefest is scheduled to run from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 18) in Bankhead Plaza in downtown Livermore.

The celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month is set to continue into the following week with a ticketed

seminar about the history of drag.

During an evening of storytelling, LaShay, Livermore drag queen, performer and Livermore Pride board member, is set to share the history of drag as an art form, including its cultural roots and its ongoing role in self-expression and community empowerment.

After the presentation, LaShay and Livermore Pride board chair Brittni Kiick are set to host a Q&A session with the audience.

The event is part of Omega Road Winery’s seminar series dubbed “Unfiltered”, in which experts share ideas over beverages and small bites, according to the winery website.

“The History of Drag featuring Ava LaShay” is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday (Oct. 23) at Omega Road Winery.

In addition to the October celebrations, Livermore Pride has brought back and expanded its “Pride Passport”, a year-round guide to Livermore’s local businesses and community organizations that have affirmed their support of the LGBTQ community.

For more information about either event, visit the Livermore Pride website at livermorepride.org. For tickets to the seminar, visit omegaroadwinery.com. ■

## Zone 7 receives AAA bond rating from S&P

Status could allow water agency to borrow future funds at lower interest

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Zone 7 Water Agency recently announced that it had received the highest possible bond rating from Fitch Ratings, which could lead to lower interest rates when the agency looks at borrowing funds in the future.

Zone 7 was one of 12 water agencies in California that received the

AAA rating from Fitch, according to a Sept. 29 press release. Zone 7 also previously received a AAA credit rating in 2023 from Standard & Poor’s (S&P) Global Ratings.

“We are extremely proud of receiving Fitch’s highest rating,” Zone 7 Board of Directors President Kathy Narum said in the Zone 7 press release. “Paired with the S&P ‘AAA’

rating, this demonstrates the agency’s commitment to operating in a transparent, cost-effective, and efficient manner.”

In its report detailing the reason for the high rating, Fitch Ratings noted Zone 7’s “exceptionally low leverage and strong operating risk profiles”, along with how well the agency is positioned to “absorb potential

increases in leverage if financing becomes necessary for large capital projects in the future”.

“This (rating) upgrade reflects the board’s leadership and our staff’s commitment to strong financial practices and maintaining a resilient water supply portfolio,” Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor said in the press release.

The water agency also stated in its release that the top ratings help establish Zone 7 as “one of the most financially resilient and well-managed water agencies in the state”.

“These positive rating actions allow Zone 7 to borrow funds at lower interest rates, making it possible to finance important infrastructure projects more affordably,” Narum said. ■

## Rare plant discovered in East Bay after 68 years

EBRPD confirms caper-fruited tropidocarpum in Vasco Hills Regional Preserve

By RUTH DUSSEAULT /  
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A yellow-flowered California native plant that has rarely been seen for 68 years has been rediscovered in Vasco Hills Regional Preserve on the edge of the Tri-Valley.

The caper-fruited tropidocarpum (*Tropidocarpum capparideum*) was found on March 3 by botanist and environmental consultant Heath Bartosh. Bartosh was searching for the plant on local ridgetops for the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy when he and his colleague rediscovered the endangered species.

Native plants are important for

supporting a more diverse ecology of butterflies, birds and other animals, including humans.

The plant was first documented in 1888 by botany professor Edward Lee Greene of University of California, Berkeley. At that time, Greene wrote that the species was “very common in the low alkaline valley lands skirting the San Joaquin River in Contra Costa County.”

“We have come a long way from the days when E.L. Greene said caper-fruited tropidocarpum was a common species,” said Bartosh. “Since the late 1880s, non-native species have become more abundant, outcompeting native species. This find highlights how crucial

public land conservation and stewardship are to native plants.”

“Finding and documenting this new population required a thoughtful survey approach and persistence because annual plants may not germinate every year,” said East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy executive director Abigail Fateman. “This small population will be a high priority for monitoring and management for our team.”

The Vasco Hills Regional Preserve is located south of Brentwood, and the land is part of 14,000 acres in eastern Contra Costa County managed through a partnership with the conservancy and the East Bay Regional Park District. ■



HEATH BARTOSH VIA BAY CITY NEWS

A *Tropidocarpum capparideum* commonly known as caper fruited tropidocarpum, an annual herb native to California that is classified as rare, threatened or endangered, grows in the Vasco Hills Regional Preserve.

# All-wheel pump track project breaks ground

‘Long-awaited’ amenity expected to open spring of 2026

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Construction of a new all-wheel pump track is currently underway at Sunken Gardens Skate Park, following a yearslong delay spurred by additional project requirements, according to officials at Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

The concrete track will join the skate park's pre-existing amenities including ramps and a stunt course for bicycles, skateboards and scooters, according to LARPD spokesperson David Weisgerber.

In addition to the forthcoming track, the approximately \$1.9 million project at 3800 Pacific Ave. will include ADA-accessible pathways and other site improvements such as shaded seating, gathering areas and synthetic turf.

LARPD aims to open the pump track during spring 2026, following

four to five months of construction, Weisgerber said.

“The pump track will create an active recreation hub for riders of all ages and abilities,” Weisgerber told Livermore Vine. “It’s designed to be fun, safe, and accessible, giving families and riders another great place to gather, learn and play.”

Previously in November 2022, the LARPD Board of Directors approved an agreement to build the pump track and limited site improvements for \$839,344.

Prior to the entitlement and permitting process, LARPD aimed to begin construction during spring of 2023, Weisgerber said.

Subsequently, the project scope and cost grew while its timeline was extended.

The project was expanded to include the design and construction

of ADA-accessible pathways as well as additional site and drainage improvements, Weisgerber explained.

Along with the widening of the project scope, it became more expensive due to stormwater mitigation fees, select price increases as LARPD worked through the entitlement and permitting process as well as costs related to the property title transfer of a city-owned, park parcel to LARPD.

The city’s parcel includes the skate park and parking area, Weisgerber said.

As the project progressed through the entitlement and permitting process, the project was delayed to allow for the completion of additional requirements such as the parking study, stormwater management approvals and the property title transfer, Weisgerber said.

“Those steps took extra time but



COURTESY LARPD

A groundbreaking ceremony for the pump track was held on Thursday, Oct. 9 to celebrate the kick off of its construction.

were important to make sure the project met all requirements and standards,” Weisgerber said.

On Oct. 9, LARPD held a groundbreaking ceremony for the project with agency board members, city officials and staff as well as community partners.

“There was a lot of excitement and pride in seeing this long-awaited amenity move forward,” Weisgerber said of the event.

The city anticipates approving a purchase and sale agreement to

transfer its parcel of the park to LARPD this winter, according to city spokesperson Sonia Lee.

The parcel will serve as a pedestrian access to LARPD’s adjacent pump track, Lee added.

“We are incredibly excited about the new pump track coming to Sunken Gardens,” Lee said. “Working together with our partner agencies is how we consistently prioritize quality of life, and we anticipate the facility will become a regional draw.” ■

## EAST SIDE

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Busch Road where city staff will introduce the policy framework to the public.

Members of the public will be asked to provide input during the open house format on “key issues for East Pleasanton, and ideas about future potential land uses (including both development and open space

uses) in the Study Area.”

“Public input from this meeting will help to inform the policy options and analysis to be developed for future Council consideration,” the city stated in a newsletter.

The Arroyo Lago project and East Lakes Project — another housing development that could see up to 600 units depending on final designs — are the two main land-uses up for consideration at the city meeting.

The Pleasanton City Council will also be discussing and providing staff with direction on a pre-annexation and development agreement with the project applicant for the Arroyo Lago project, 330 Land Company, during its regular meeting on Tuesday (Oct. 21)

In August 2024, the Pleasanton City Council instructed city staff to look into what the pros and cons would be if the city annexed two

properties in unincorporated East Pleasanton where developers are looking to build the new housing.

Both developments would be located in the East Pleasanton planning area, which is a 1,100-acre area located east of Valley Avenue and Busch Road, north of Stanley Boulevard and south of Arroyo Mochó. Both properties are owned by SteelWave LLC — a San Mateo-based real estate developer.

The Arroyo Lago project aims to

develop 194 single-family homes and 49 accessory dwelling units.

The main difference between the county version of the project and the version being discussed at the city level is that the county version maintains the originally proposed 194 homes while the city’s version of the project proposes to build 189 single-family homes, according to the Pleasanton City Council agenda packet. ■

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the most disadvantaged.

“It’s heartwarming to see that there are hundreds of other students that have the same kind of sentiment,” Billante said. “We share an ethos of humanity.”

### A history of petitioning for recognition

The Muwekma Ohlone Tribe has been through a longstanding fight for recognition. Its members once identified as the federally recognized Verona Band of Alameda County, which the Muwekma maintain was wrongly omitted from a Bureau of Indian Affairs field agent’s list of California Indians in 1927. Decades of inconsistent recordkeeping followed before the BIA produced an official list in 1978.

BIA documents record the tribe as having submitted a letter of intent to petition for federal acknowledgment in 1989 before the petition went through a full review starting in 2001. In 2002, while conceding that the Verona Band was identified as a tribal entity, the BIA rejected the Muwekma petition on the grounds that the modern group did not meet all seven mandatory criteria to

become federally recognized.

The official determination states that the tribe “was not identified by external observers as an Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis, does not comprise a distinct community at present, and has not demonstrated that it maintained political influence or authority over its members at any time since 1927.”

The tribe challenged the decision in the 2011 federal court case *Muwekma Ohlone Tribe v. Salazar*, which upheld the BIA’s decision. When the tribe appealed, the U.S. Court of Appeals also sided against them in 2013.

Another source of resistance has been the concern that the tribe’s federal recognition could open the door to gaming. A 2023 letter signed by U.S. Reps. Anna Eshoo, Zoe Lofgren, Eric Swalwell, Ro Khanna and Jimmy Panetta — and addressed to Charlene Nijmeh, chairwoman of the Muwekma Ohlone — stated that they didn’t want casinos in their congressional districts due to concerns that gambling would negatively impact the communities they represent. The letter further asked whether the tribe would support legislation with a prohibition on gambling.

During an interview with a reporter, Nijmeh confirmed that the tribe is

not currently looking into building a casino but didn’t want to give up the rights to do so, as she called gaming an economic tool that can help tribal communities. However, she pointed out that even with federal recognition, such a business venture would need to be approved locally.

The tribe, she said, is more concerned with its members gaining access to the benefits offered to other federally recognized tribes, including college tuition, housing, health care and the ability to purchase

and protect sovereign land — with one of the biggest priorities being repatriation.

“Tens of thousands of our ancestors and artifacts are sitting at UC Berkeley, and we don’t have access to them,” Nijmeh said. “We cannot repatriate them back into the ground where they belong because you have to be a federally recognized tribe to claim cultural affiliation under the Native American Graves Protection Act.”

She hopes that through federal

recognition, the Muwekma Ohlone can purchase 50 to 100 acres near Pleasanton or some other contiguous open space in Alameda County to build affordable homes for her living tribal members and bury the ancestors currently on display in museums.

“We’re still here. And we will keep fighting to be seen and to be heard in our community,” said Nijmeh. “We won’t stop. We teach our children just like we were taught to pick up the mantle and continue forward.” ■



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# Dozens face layoffs at Stanford children's hospital

Lucile Packard plans to cut 87 positions due to 'ongoing economic uncertainty'

By Gennady Sheyner

Facing financial challenges and economic uncertainty, the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital is preparing to reduce its workforce by 87 positions in December, according to a notification that the Palo Alto medical institution filed with the state this week.

The hospital at 725 Welch Road submitted on Oct. 10 a notice with the state Department of Economic Development listing the 87 positions that will be eliminated by Dec. 12, 2025. According to an accompanying letter from N. Christopher Comma, vice president for human resources at the hospital, the employees will remain on the payroll with benefits until that time.

"The hospital continues to operate and is not closing as a result of these layoffs," Comma wrote.

The vast majority of the 87

positions that are being eliminated are non-unionized positions, though the list also includes 13 positions that are represented by the Service Employees International Union and six that are represented by the Committee for Recognition of Nursing Achievement, the union that represents hospital nurses.

The positions include clinical pharmacists, case managers, application architects, administrative assistants, housekeeping specialists, food service workers, clinical pharmacists and a chaplain, according to the list provided by the hospital.

The children's hospital, which is affiliated with Stanford Health Care, is one of many medical institutions across the nation that are facing financial pressure as a result of recently enacted federal policies and legislation, most notably the "One Big Beautiful Bill." In Santa

Clara County, officials are projecting an annual loss of about \$1 billion in revenues because of the recent federal actions.

"Ongoing economic uncertainty in 2025 has created serious operational and financial challenges for academic medical institutions," Comma wrote in the letter. "At Stanford Children's, anticipated changes in regulatory headwinds are expected to have significant budgetary consequences."

"These developments, along with rising operational costs, shifts in funding sources, and programmatic changes, have resulted in this workforce reduction."

In addition to the cuts at the hospital, Stanford University has also been reducing the workforce on its academic campus. Earlier this year, the university announced that it is laying off 363 employees, a workforce reduction that took effect on Sept.



VERONICA WEBER

The Dunlevie Garden at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital features a large, kid-friendly space with plenty of room for play, with many animal-themed sculptures.

30, according to documents filed with the state.

Comma noted in his letter that affected employees who are

subject to permanent layoffs will be provided with severance benefits, continued health insurance and career transition services. ■

## RATE INCREASE

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most of its revenue from the utility rates, financially supports certain water system related repair and replacement projects but because the city hadn't increased its rates between 2011 and 2022, the fund was spending more money than it was receiving.

That's why, after the council adopted the two-year rate increases in 2023, the city began looking at the water system as a whole and at ways it could change the rate structures so that it could replenish the enterprise fund and ensure its stability for the future.

"We are on a path toward stability and a renewed focus on the functionality of our water program," Beaudin said. "We're having major failures every week or two with our water program currently ... This is a revenue-generating fund, but it's not a profit center for the city. The money we collect goes back into the system to maintain it."

Another factor in the city's decision to pursue new rates was the fact that the city has been dealing with PFAS, or forever chemicals, in the city's groundwater system which has led to the city having to purchase 100% of its water supply from the Zone 7 Water Agency.

Over the past year, the city has been working with Water Resources Economics — a consultant that had worked with the city to develop the previous rate increases in 2023 — to determine the new rate increase and what the future of the city's water system should look like in regards to how it generates revenue and how that revenue should be used.

WRE President Sanjay Gaur briefly went over what Balch called

an extensive and transparent rate-setting process that started with the consultant conducting a comprehensive water rate study that recommended cost-based and fair rates and connection fees to ensure the Water Enterprise Fund's long term financial sustainability.

The proposed rates were then presented to the council a couple of times this year before the council accepted the water rate study and settled on the now-adopted rate increases.

One of the goals during the entire process was to also develop a funding plan for the city's long-term Water System Management Plan costs, which identified more than \$73 million in infrastructure, operations and maintenance needs for Pleasanton's water system and established a financial framework to prioritize and fund future projects.

According to staff, the new rate structure not only helps ensure stable revenue streams for those long term costs, but it also helps ensure immediate funding increases to help address aging infrastructure that needs to be repaired or replaced.

"We don't have adequate reserves in that account currently and we're not able to maintain the water distribution infrastructure that the community relies on," Beaudin added. "So that has a ripple effect for disruptions to our customers but also to the business community ... It's really incumbent upon us to be good stewards of this infrastructure and to invest in it appropriately as we go."

"Delivering reliable, safe, clean drinking water is a core responsibility that the city has and that's what this funding allows us to do," Beaudin added.

Following Tuesday's vote, the city will now change its water rate

structure from a tiered system to a uniformed one where very low water users will see their bill more than double by the end of four years, which several people at the meeting were not happy about.

In addition to one resident who voiced his concerns regarding this topic, Councilmember Julie Testa also said she has heard a lot from the city's low water users and how the uniformed rate structure will bump their bills up from their current bills of roughly \$85 to \$115.

"When conservation is our target, our goal, and very large water users now have a big reduction in their water bill, it's just really hard to see that our lowest water users are getting hit so much more," Testa said. "I want them to understand that we didn't do that because we wanted to but we did that because we were required to."

**'The sustainability of what we have with our current rates is just not feasible.'**

**Craig Eicher,**

Pleasanton City Council member

However, WRE principal consultant Nancy Phan noted as she went over the water bill comparisons regionally that the proposed bills for Pleasanton are the lowest in the region when looking at the bimonthly water bills for low and average water users.

For very high users who use 70 ccf in a single family, 5/8 inch meter, the proposed Pleasanton bills will be more in the middle, with Dublin San Ramon Services District being the highest and

Livermore being the lowest.

For recycled water users, the impacts will be a bit different depending on usage level but for the average user, they would be seeing a roughly \$170 difference in their bills. The most impacted users would be ones with very high usage of nearly 2,000 ccf — those users would be seeing an almost \$490 difference from the current bills to the proposed bills following the approval of the new rate structures.

Drought rates and connection fees were also a large part of the overall rate-setting discussion and final rate structure approval.

Drought rates, according to Phan, are temporary surcharges applied on top of regular water rates during water shortage emergencies like drought, earthquake or situations where they have to limit water use, which would reduce revenues and costs.

Under the new drought rates, average users could see anywhere from a \$16 increase to a nearly \$30 increase depending on the severity of the drought, with the caveat that if the same customers use less water than before, their bills will actually go down by roughly \$20 if they are typically using 24 ccf.

In regards to connection fees that developers pay to the city when building new projects — which require the build out of new water system connections — Pleasanton's current fee is \$2,177 but thanks to the newly-adopted structure, Pleasanton will be increasing its fee to \$5,269 which is on par with Livermore's \$5,462 fee but much lower than Dublin's, which is over \$15,000.

During the meeting, a handful of residents voiced their opposition to the new rates citing issues such as

fixed incomes for seniors and the overall impact these increases will have on rate payers.

Residents had until the close of the public hearing of the water rates item to submit a written protest but after the public hearing closed, the city only tallied a total of 19 written protests.

Testa said that while she doesn't like the fact that the city has had to raise its rates, she thought it was important to mention how even with the previous two years of increases and the newly adopted ones, Pleasanton continues to have lower rates compared to other Tri-Valley cities.

"We have to keep a healthy Water Enterprise and the priority being to make sure that we have quality and available water for our community and that requires us to really reinforce our enterprise system with these funds," Testa said.

Councilmember Craig Eicher added that the city needs a healthy, well-run system and he felt obligated to take care of the community through these difficult, but necessary, rate increases in order to address current water infrastructure improvements for the city's water system as well as future projects.

"The sustainability of what we have with our current rates is just not feasible," Eicher said. "I'm not an advocate of raising fees, I'm not an advocate of putting additional burdens onto our community when it's not absolutely necessary. However, in this case, I think (WRE) have made an extremely compelling argument to increase rates ... I think this is a very reasonable plan and some reasonable rates moving forward, still putting us below what our neighboring cities are paying in water rates." ■

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Elderly couple mourned after dying in car crash

A Pleasanton couple in their 90s died from injuries sustained after their vehicle crashed through an Interstate 580 interchange and landed perpendicular to the ground last month, the Weekly has learned.

Joan and Joseph Patti, who lived in the Stoneridge Creek senior community for years in retirement, were remembered for “always fostering connection and joy” in a family obituary online.

“Joan was known for her warmth, wit, and charm — a natural conversationalist who could light up any room. Joe, quieter by nature, was equally beloved for his kindness, humility, and steady presence,” the obituary stated. “Together, they were a perfect complement.”

The couple, who first met in high school in Massachusetts and were married for nearly 70 years, are survived by four children and 12 grandchildren. Their son Christopher Patti, a prominent attorney in Berkeley, was killed in a hit-and-run while bicycling in Sonoma County in 2017 — a story that made regional headlines at the time.

The crash blocks away from Stoneridge Creek on Sept. 25 that ultimately claimed the lives of Joe and Joan Patti was not publicly reported in detail by Dublin Police Services until the Pleasanton Weekly inquired Tuesday.

DPS deputies responded to the intersection of Fallon Road and I-580 for a single-vehicle crash just before 1:30 p.m. that day, with California Highway Patrol and Pleasanton Police Department officers already at the scene, according to Capt. Miguel Campos. Dublin police ultimately took jurisdictional oversight of the accident at the freeway interchange near the cities’ borders.

The initial investigation revealed the Pattis’ vehicle exited westbound I-580 and was making a left turn onto southbound Fallon Road toward the overpass headed to Pleasanton, but the vehicle failed to complete the turn and hit the western curblineline of Fallon Road, Campos said.

“The vehicle drove down the grassy easement and flipped forward in the drainage ditch just prior to striking the westbound I-580 wall,” Campos told the Weekly. “The vehicle came to rest perpendicular to the ground with the front of the vehicle in the ground and the roof smashed against the concrete wall.”

Emergency personnel extricated Joe Patti, who was the driver, and passenger Joan Patti from the vehicle that was up against the concrete wall on the north edge of

the freeway and transported the critically injured couple to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, the captain said.

Joan Patti, 92, was pronounced dead that afternoon. Joe Patti, 91, died at the hospital two nights later, on Sept. 27, according to the Alameda County Coroner’s Bureau.

The cause of the crash has not yet been confirmed, and the circumstances remain under investigation by the DPS traffic unit, according to Campos.

The family’s obituary, which referenced the crash, remembered the Pattis’ “lifelong love story” that began at Revere High School in suburban Boston and “blossomed into a rich partnership filled with devotion, family, and shared purpose.”

After college, Joe Patti served in the U.S. Marine Corps before a long career in the federal government that moved the family across different parts of the country before he ultimately became western regional director for the Office of Personnel Management, according to the obit. Joan Patti was a public school teacher and church organist.

“They created a home filled with love, music and laughter” while raising their five children, the obituary stated.

The Pattis relocated to Pleasanton in their later years, becoming “vibrant and beloved members” of the Stoneridge Creek senior community, according to the obit. Among their many activities there, Joe Patti was a leader in the Italian club and managed the bocce team and Joan Patti sang in the choir and played bridge and bocce.

They are survived by their children Susan Lewis and Jennifer Duffy, both of Colorado, John Patti in Massachusetts and Steven Patti, who lives in Mill Valley, their 12 grandchildren and “a wide circle of extended family and dear friends whose lives they deeply touched,” the obituary stated.

Their late son Chris Patti, who worked as chief campus counsel for the University of California at Berkeley, died Aug. 27, 2017 after being hit by a driver while stopped roadside while cycling on Highway 116 west of Guerneville, SF Gate reported at the time. Chris Patti was 59.

A celebration of life for Joe and Joan Patti will be scheduled at a later date, according to the family.

— *Jeremy Walsh*

### Two dead after CHP chase

Two people were killed and three were seriously injured, including two CHP officers, after a pursuit ended with two crashes last week-end in Alameda County.

CHP officers tried to pull over a white Mercedes sedan for allegedly

speeding at about 3:40 a.m. Saturday on westbound Interstate 580, east of Eden Canyon Road in Castro Valley, according to the CHP’s Dublin Area Office.

The driver allegedly refused to stop and drove into San Leandro, onto westbound Interstate 238, where they tried to exit at East 14th Street and crashed into the soundwall.

The pursuing CHP cruiser, which had two officers in it, also crashed into the soundwall following the Mercedes’ collision. The two vehicles never collided, according to the CHP.

The driver and a passenger in the Mercedes were pronounced dead at the scene, according to the CHP. Their names have not yet been released publicly. Another passenger in the vehicle was hospitalized with serious injuries, as were both CHP officers.

The CHP’s Golden Gate Division Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team was investigating the crashes Saturday.

— *Bay City News Service*

### PPD cannabis tax grant

The Pleasanton Police Department will be using state grant money to purchase two new vehicles to support traffic safety efforts and impaired driving enforcement, officials announced last week.

According to a press release last week, PPD will specifically be buying a fully equipped police vehicle and a police motorcycle with funds awarded to the department through the California Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program.

“Keeping our roadways safe remains one of our top priorities,” PPD Lt. Chris Niederhaus said in the press release. “This grant allows us to expand our resources, strengthen impaired driving enforcement and continue protecting the community from the dangers of DUI-related collisions,” he added.

PPD received a total of \$150,000 through the grant program.

In addition to the proactive patrol and safety efforts, a portion of the funds will be allocated to conduct a DUI checkpoint in December, PPD officials said.

The department will also use some of the money from the grant to support community outreach and education campaigns which aim to ensure residents — particularly young drivers — are informed about the “risks of impaired driving and the importance of making safe choices.”

The grant program was created thanks to funding from the 2016 voter-approved Proposition 64, which requires the state to set aside money for CHP. The agency then uses those funds to award grants to government agencies and other

organizations, according to the CHP website.

— *Christian Trujano*

### Pedestrian dies on 580

A fatal collision involving a pedestrian on I-580 last week has prompted an investigation by the CHP’s Dublin Area Office.

The crash took place at approximately 8:58 p.m. Oct. 9 on eastbound I-580, just east of Foothill Road in Pleasanton, CHP officials said in a statement.

Approximately one minute after the incident, the CHP Golden Gate Communications Center began receiving reports of a pedestrian lying in the freeway’s eastbound traffic lanes, according to CHP officials.

Preliminary investigations indicate that the pedestrian ran into the lanes of traffic and was struck by a passing vehicle, CHP officials said. After the initial impact, the decedent came to rest in the traffic lanes and is believed to have been subsequently struck by multiple vehicles, they added.

The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Any potential witnesses or anyone with information related to the incident can contact the CHP Dublin Area at 925-828-0466.

— *Jude Strzemp*

### Person dead inside vehicle in garage fire

A person was found dead inside a vehicle during a garage fire after reportedly crashing into the building in Danville on Monday afternoon, according to authorities.

The situation unfolded at about 1 p.m. with a call reporting a structure fire on Oneida Court, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District deputy chief Jonas Aguiar told DanvilleSanRamon. The property is located near Bay Club’s Crow Canyon Country Club and close to the Crow Canyon Road and El Capitan Drive intersection.

“Upon arrival crews found heavy smoke and fire in the garage and initiated an aggressive fire attack,” Aguiar said. “Despite suppression efforts one fatality was discovered inside of the vehicle in the garage.”

Danville police arrived at the scene at 1:13 p.m. to assist SRVFPD. “It was reported that the vehicle crashed into a garage and the driver was trapped,” police told DanvilleSanRamon. “After the fire was contained, the fire department confirmed the driver was deceased.”

There were no other people inside the vehicle or the residence at the time, police said. The flames were contained to the building of origin, Aguiar said.

The circumstances of the fire remain under investigation by

SRVFPD and the Danville Police Department.

“A full investigation is currently underway by fire investigators. We have no further details at this time,” Aguiar added.

The decedent’s identity has not yet been released publicly by the Contra Costa County Coroner’s Division. “The deceased is not being identified at this time,” police said.

— *Jeremy Walsh*

### Home burglary arrest

A Tracy man was arrested in the central valley Oct. 1 for allegedly stealing several “high-end” watches the previous week from a Livermore residence, city police said.

The 37-year-old man was taken into custody in Manteca on a Ramey arrest warrant for the residential burglary in the Springtown neighborhood, according to Livermore Police Department officials.

“Some of the stolen high-end watches were successfully recovered,” LPD officials said.

Livermore detectives conducted the arrest with assistance from Manteca Police, according to LPD officials.

Prior to the arrest, LPD responded to the residential burglary at about 8:30 a.m. Sept. 23, where the watches were allegedly stolen, police said.

The suspect was identified through an investigation by LPD’s criminal investigations bureau in coordination with LPD patrol, LPD real-time awareness center and the Tracy Police Department, Livermore police said. ■

— *Jude Strzemp*



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My name is Esther Wojcicki. For decades, I've had the profound privilege of teaching journalism at Palo Alto High School, building a program that grew from a small group of students into the largest and most distinguished scholastic media programs in the nation. My journey in journalism began even before that, as a professional journalist myself, and it instilled in me a deep conviction: clear writing helps you think clearly, and communicate effectively. It also provides an invaluable service to the community. I always taught my students that journalism is critical to the effective functioning of a democracy.

That belief is more relevant than ever today, especially when it comes to local journalism. For me, teaching journalism wasn't just about reporting; it was about empowering students with critical thinking, research, and communication skills and providing the community with news. We treated our classroom like a real newsroom. They learned that quality journalism requires effort, persistence, and a dedication to getting it right, and it takes multiple revisions.

Today I serve on the board of the *Embarcadero Media Foundation*, the nonprofit parent organization of the *Pleasanton Weekly*. This ethos of rigorous, community-focused reporting is precisely what the *Pleasanton Weekly* provides. It's the vital source for understanding what's happening right here in our communities – from city council decisions to school board meetings, from local events to the stories of our neighbors. Without dedicated journalists asking questions and presenting analyses, how would we stay informed and engaged in the issues that directly impact our lives?

The traditional models that once funded local newspapers are changing, and the advertising revenue they relied on is diminishing. This isn't just an economic shift; it's a critical moment for the future of local journalism and our country. If we want to continue to have a vibrant, independent, and professional news source that holds local institutions accountable and reflects our community's values, we, the readers, must step up.

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# DOUBLE FEATURE

# A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

## Tri-Valley Life

What's happening around the Valley in music, theater, art, literature and more

**LAS POSITAS PRESENTING  
'ROCKY HORROR' MUSICAL ON  
COLLEGE STAGE; 'PICTURE SHOW'  
SCREENING WITH ORIGINAL CAST  
MEMBER AT BANKHEAD**



**L**yvermore is set to be at the center of local celebrations of "Rocky Horror" in both its stage and screen versions, with this month marking the movie's 50th anniversary on the heels of the original stage production's 52nd anniversary in the summer.

Las Positas College's theater department is currently in the final days of preparation for its rendition of the original stage production. Meanwhile, Nell Campbell — an original cast member of both the play's first run and the cult classic film — is set for an appearance at the Bankhead Theater next week for a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in honor of its 50th anniversary.



**Nell Campbell**

"Rocky Horror" is more than just a show, it's an experience," said Dyan McBride, director for the Las Positas production in a press release earlier this month. "We're inviting the audience to let loose, dress up, and be part of a performance that breaks all the rules and celebrates freedom of expression."

While audiences throughout the country and world have been celebrating the film more than ever this year, as it marks five decades since its debut, Campbell said that although she and

the film's cast had been proud of their work, the tone for them amid its debut was more one of bewilderment than celebrations in 1975.

Following the worldwide success of the stage production that initially debuted in June 1972, Campbell and her castmates underwent a rapid-fire, 18-month filming schedule, with the movie debuting shortly after it wrapped — only to flop at the box office, despite its success on stage.

"We were all surprised," Campbell told the Pleasanton Weekly in an interview this fall. "The (stage) show had opened now in a dozen countries around the world, and it was a roaring success at the time."

The film's disappointing theatrical run had never occurred to her or her castmates during production, Campbell said. It was all the more painful given that the film marked the first on-screen acting roles for her and a majority of the original stage cast.

The box office failure for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" was in stark contrast, Campbell noted, to another classic film that debuted at the same time: "Jaws".

"So at the time, everyone was far more interested in sharks," Campbell said.

She noted that publicists for "Rocky Horror" had sought to both satirize and capitalize on the wild success of "Jaws" with a promotional poster featuring a closeup



of castmate Patricia Quinn's mouth and the caption "A Different set of Jaws".

But it was a different publicity move that would lead "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" to the cult following and worldwide success that have only continued to grow 50 years later — the decision to launch a series of midnight screenings that would continue into the present day.

Cynthia Lagodzinski, the producer for the upcoming Las Positas stage production, said that she was among the final generation that had grown up with regular midnight screenings of the film, which continues to run in limited release. However, it wasn't until researching in preparation for auditions at Las Positas that she learned several key points about the production's history.

"I only saw it live

a couple of times, but of course I didn't participate enough to even understand that it came out as a musical first," Lagodzinski said. "I found that so fascinating right off the bat. And then as I was doing a little more digging on the show right before we started auditioning, to find out that one of the main characters in the show was its creator."

The show's writer, Richard O'Brien, performed double duty in both the original stage production and the film as the story's creator and in the role of Riff Raff, the eccentric butler and right-hand man to its gender-bending anti-hero, Dr. Frank N. Furter. O'Brien has come to publicly express his identification as transgender, using masculine pronouns but considering his gender to be outside the binary.

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Scout Del Real (top) plays the show's anti-hero Dr. Frank N Furter in the upcoming stage production of "The Rocky Horror Show" alongside Michael Patton (bottom left) as Brad and Ella Bracken (bottom right) as Janet.

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# Spooky theme for Paint Pleasanton competition

Organizers say outdoor art event is good way to bring vibrancy downtown, promote artists and their work

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton Art League is gearing up to host its eighth annual Paint Pleasanton event, an open-air art competition scheduled for next weekend.

Artists from across the Bay Area will gather in front of the Museum on Main, offering the public a glimpse into their creative process before their artwork is judged on the last day of the event.

"You get to see it come alive," PAL President Alana Shoars said. "It goes from blank canvas, blank paper, whatever it is, and then all of the sudden in two days they produce this wonderful piece of art."

PAL is a local nonprofit that has been involved in many different art shows and art-related activities since its inception in the late 1960s.

According to PAL secretary Linda Garbarino, the nonprofit has established itself in the fabric of Pleasanton's visual and performing arts scene. And while the organization is known for its many events throughout the year, she said eight years ago PAL members said they wanted to add another one.

That's when Paint Pleasanton was born.

The event is centered around

the French expression, en plein air, which loosely translates to in the open air. The plein air art event will feature artists who will be painting outdoors for the public to see their process over the course of two days before they display their final pieces on the final day for a judge to critique and for the greater public to admire.

"They get to stand there and see an artist work," Shoars said

Given the proximity of Halloween the weekend of the show, the 2025 event will have more of a spooky theme to it but other than that, there are no strict rules.

Starting next Saturday (Oct. 25), artists will register — they can also register beforehand — early in the morning for the event before setting up shop outside of the Museum on Main to begin their work. The artists will be able to leave and come back the following day but their canvases will be marked from the first day to ensure artists are working on a completely new piece of art.

At the end of the event, a best of show piece will be awarded as well as several other merits which will all have some monetary value. Richard Lindenberg, an accomplished artist who has won countless plein art shows himself, will be judging the

pieces of art next Sunday (Oct. 26).

Both Shoars and Garbarino said they are excited to partner once again with the Museum on Main because not only are they supporting another local downtown organization, but they are also, in a sense, helping the overall vitality of downtown Pleasanton by bringing more people from both in and out of the Tri-Valley to the Main Street area.

Shoars said PAL likes to partner with as many organizations, such as the National Charity League, so that more people get involved with these types of events which, in turn, brings more people to downtown Pleasanton. The National Charity League, which partnered with PAL last year, is a nonprofit that encourages community service and volunteering opportunities for mothers and their daughters in grades seven to 12.

The organization helped PAL last year with things like taking photos and other volunteer work.

But apart from helping with the vitality of downtown, both of the PAL representatives said Paint Pleasanton is more so targeted at giving these artists — most of whom might be emerging artists — a spotlight.

"Our role is to show what everyone is doing at all age levels and provide a



COURTESY PAL

One of the artists during last year's Paint Pleasanton competition works on their artwork outside of the Museum on Main.

venue for them," Garbarino said.

Shoars said the nature of the plein air show will give the public an insider's look at just how hard it can be to create art, and it allows the public to interact with these artists more directly, which could lead to more pieces being sold and an artists getting more confident in their work.

"The one thing artists want is for their artwork to be seen," Shoars said.

The event will begin early in the morning next Saturday and the

judging portion of the competition will begin at 2:30 p.m. the following day outside of the museum.

The first day of the competition will also be the first day of the PAL's 18th annual Fall Members' Show at the Firehouse Arts Center, which Shoars said means there will be a lot of artists running around downtown Pleasanton that day and a lot of chances for members of the community to immerse themselves in the world of art. ■

## ROCKY HORROR

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The exploration and celebration of gender and sexual diversity in "The Rocky Horror Show" was one of the factors that made it a hit initially, as well as continuing to resonate with audiences in the present day.

"I think 'Rocky Horror' is so important because it's a celebration of being trans, of being bisexual, of being a cross-dresser, of being homosexual — these are things to celebrate," Campbell said. "None of these people have a choice — we don't choose our sex that we identify with, whether it's on our birth certificate or not. We all need to really support the transgender community, because their journey is so hard. It's very difficult for a lot of people still. Everyone just needs to be less judgmental and kinder to each other."

The ongoing struggle for transgender rights and acceptance is also on the minds of the Las Positas cast and crew, Lagodzinski said.

"I think seeing the show come to life nowadays is so interesting, because we've got cast members who are transgender, and so I feel like the kids really have a different connection to it, and a really personal connection to it," Lagodzinski said.

As Campbell noted, the overall

message of the musical — and title of its closing number — is "don't dream it; be it" ... during which the cast in the film is donned in women's lingerie, fishnets and heavy makeup, regardless of gender, while submersed in a swimming pool.

"And it's so true — be the person you are, and be it with pride, and just whatever you do in life, try very much not to hurt anyone's feelings," Campbell said. "Because it all sort of comes back to you in the end. The kinder you are, the nicer people will treat you."

Both the stage show at Las Positas and the film screening at the Bankhead are coming the week after this weekend's Livermore Pride, and at the end of Queer History Month — which was established nearly 20 years after "Rocky Horror" debuted.

Las Positas' rendition of "The Rocky Horror Show" kicks off next Thursday (Oct. 23) for a two-week run. Tickets for all six shows remained available as of this week at [lpc.ludus.com](http://lpc.ludus.com), but Lagodzinski noted that they are selling fast.

The day after opening night, Campbell will take to the Bankhead for a screening and celebration of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" next Friday (Oct. 24) at 8 p.m. Tickets and more information are available at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■

## Beethoven, Mozart and more at PCO concert

'Works that dance, sing and shine' on Sunday afternoon in Livermore

By Jeremy Walsh

Pacific Chamber Orchestra is performing an autumn concert of music by four renowned classical composers, accompanied by a celebrated Bay Area violinist, this weekend in downtown Livermore.

"This radiant program begins with three beloved composers you may already know — Mozart, Ravel and Tchaikovsky — in works that dance, sing and shine with an expressive life of their own," PCO music director Lawrence Kohl said in a press release.

"The concert concludes with Beethoven's glorious 'Seventh Symphony' — a work of pulsing rhythm and soaring spirit," Kohl added.

Joining PCO for the first three pieces will be violin virtuoso Livia Sohn, a graduate of The Juilliard School who currently teaches at Stanford University. "This is a rare opportunity to hear her perform three contrasting masterworks in a single concert ... she brings dazzling virtuosity and deep artistry to every performance," Kohl said.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Rondo in C Major, K. 373" is known for "charm and wit"; Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Serenade Melancolique" is an example of "heart-stirring lyricism with a Slavic soul"; and "Tzigane" and "Le Tombeau de Couperin" demonstrate the two sides of Maurice Ravel's genius, "the wild ... and the refined," according to Kohl.



COURTESY PCO

Renowned violinist Livia Sohn will accompany PCO this weekend.

"The concert concludes with (Ludwig van) Beethoven's 'Seventh Symphony,' said to be one of his most rhythmically driven and joyful masterpieces," the music director added.

PCO will take the stage at 3 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 19) at the Bankhead Theater on First Street in Livermore. The orchestra will also perform the concert one afternoon earlier, at 4 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 18), at Del Valle Theater on Tice Valley Boulevard in Walnut Creek — a new venue for PCO after recent years exclusively in Lafayette and Livermore.

Kohl described Del Valle as "an intimate space with excellent acoustics, easy access, comfortable seating and plenty of parking." For tickets and more information, go to [pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://pacificchamberorchestra.org). ■

# Opinion

## GUEST OPINION

BY CHRISTINA NYSTROM

### 'All' does not mean 'all' in PUSD

We pride ourselves on having top-rated schools in Pleasanton — best in the state. At the Sept. 25 board meeting, Superintendent Maurice Ghysels listed off several accolades, including PUSD being the 11th best school district in California. "All" students do not benefit from our accomplishments.

One of PUSD's "bold" goals is: "All students, regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or gender will be proficient/advanced and college/career ready upon graduation."

We are educating our African American students (230 students) just as well as the state of California as a whole. We greatly exceed California with almost every other population.

For example, for English language arts: PUSD overall is 67 points above standard, PUSD Asian students are 96 points above standard, PUSD white students are 47 points above standard and PUSD African American students are 57 points below standard.

The difference between African American students and PUSD as a whole is 124 points. African American students in overall California are 58 points below standard. Our 11th best school district in California isn't educating these students as well as everyone else in the state.

We educate our homeless (100 students) and Pacific Islander (30 students) students significantly worse than California. Our Hispanic students continue to perform better than the state of California, but still 22 points below standard for ELA.

I pulled and analyzed this data myself. When compared to San Ramon Valley Unified School District (a like district), I found that while their overall scores don't get as high as ours, they also don't get nearly as low as we do in any demographic.

I am tired of sitting in meetings year after year hearing the same — albeit worse — data. The gap between our high achievers and low achievers continues to get wider.

The same populations of students continue to struggle. How are we OK with this?

I have been on the school site council for every level of school — and we talk about this every single year. This year I am on the Local Control Advisory Committee and, yet again, I see the same data.

It's time to think outside of the box to find solutions. Let's look into small group tutoring (Kumon-style), mentoring programs, financial incentives for attending tutoring, etc. Our inclination is to be defensive or instantly cite financial concerns. That has not been effective.

Anyone in our community that had a Black Lives Matter sign up in their house or car or office should be aware of this. Most Pleasanton parents are concerned with the number of AP classes offered and ability to increase GPAs, while getting private tutors and college counselors for their kids. Fair does not mean equal.

What we have been doing is not working.

We are very quick to pat ourselves on the back for having accomplished students. We need outside-of-the-box thinking to truly say that "all means all". If you want to be a part of the solution, as I do, please reach out: allmeansall.pusd@gmail.com ■

*Editor's note: Christina Nystrom is a Pleasanton Unified School District parent, alum, volunteer and advocate.*



## GUEST OPINION

BY BOB WOERNER

### A legacy of harm: The shameful war on Livermore's affordable housing

Opponents of the downtown Eden Housing development have focused on one single-minded goal: Exploit whatever means are available, including filing a succession of bogus lawsuits, to delay the project.

The Appellate Court has hammered what is, hopefully, the final coffin nail into their misguided and outrageously expensive campaign.

A pair of community groups, primarily funded by the wealthy owner of The Independent, have doggedly fought all aspects of the housing project. The first legal challenge, brought by Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) in 2021, centered on whether the design codes and environmental rules were properly followed. The courts ruled they were proper, and fined SLD \$500,000 for filing a frivolous lawsuit designed to delay affordable housing.

Following SLD's failed lawsuit, Move Eden Housing (MEH) was formed to continue opposing the project. It gathered signatures for a referendum seeking to overturn a 2022 Council action to implement the housing project and build Veterans Park.

Lengthy legal battles recently

came to an important inflection point with the Appellate Court ruling that the city's administrative actions to implement the housing cannot be subject to referendum. The court noted that the Veterans Park part of the project was the only portion of the city's actions that could be legitimately subjected to a referendum. In its ruling in favor of the City and Eden Housing, the Appellate Court called MEH's legal arguments "absurd".

Throughout it all, MEH has professed a commitment to affordable housing. If this is the case, then why does MEH persist in subjecting this process to continued legal action?

If MEH really wanted affordable housing they would be cheering the City's development on a site the city purchased with funds specifically designated for this purpose, not wasting money on legal actions against the project and the community.

Our downtown and business community desperately need housing for the employees that keep our local economy thriving!

Over the years, this same group of many names has also sponsored political action committees to engage in a seemingly endless effort to

prevent important progress in our downtown. They've fortunately been largely unsuccessful, despite spending millions on elections. Thankfully our local leaders remain committed to a vibrant downtown and a community that is welcoming to all.

The net result is a shameful legacy of harm to those families deserving the housing. Had SLD and MEH not engaged in these actions, the housing would have been built and occupied. Instead, millions of dollars that could have benefited our community have been spent sowing division and preventing the creation of desperately needed workforce housing.

Kudos to the current City Council and Eden Housing for staying the course. We can't let bullies win. ■

*Editor's Note: Bob Woerner is a longtime Livermore resident and former mayor. He spent over a decade on the City Council and steadfastly supports the approved downtown vision, including the housing.*



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## LETTERS

### Kudos to city engineering team

I'd like to send a shout out to the city of Pleasanton's quick response to a road safety issue.

One of the stop signs at an intersection near my house was largely hidden behind branches of a street tree. The intersection is a minor residential one, but it's pretty heavily used twice a day by people — mostly kids — walking or driving/being driven to or from Amador Valley High School or Harvest Park Middle School.

I called in my request to the city on a Thursday for the tree to be trimmed back, and the obscuring branches and leaves were gone by the end of the following week.

This is just a note of appreciation for the folks who keep our city running safely.

— Glenn Evans

### Strengthen support for local seniors

The Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality

of life for seniors in Pleasanton, proudly announces a renewed commitment to supporting the city's aging population through expanded programming, volunteer opportunities, and community partnerships.

Founded to ensure that older adults in the Pleasanton area have access to vital services, social activities, and wellness resources, the Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center works in close collaboration with the Pleasanton Senior Center to provide funding, advocacy and outreach.

"Our mission is simple: to enrich the lives of our senior citizens," said Amy Jones, president of Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center. "Whether it's through helping fund wellness programs, hosting educational workshops, or sponsoring social events, we're here to make sure no senior feels isolated or underserved."

As part of its ongoing efforts, the organization will be hosting a series of events this fall aimed at raising awareness and increasing

support, including its Annual Holiday Social on Dec. 11 — a community event featuring live entertainment, raffles and festive refreshments, with all proceeds directly benefiting senior programs. Registration opens Nov. 1 online through the city of Pleasanton.

How you can help: The Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center invites residents, businesses, and organizations to get involved by donating, volunteering or partnering to sponsor upcoming initiatives. Learn more at [www.seniorcenter-friends.org](http://www.seniorcenter-friends.org)

We believe a strong community is one that cares for its elders.

— Janet Burton, treasurer, Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center

### Show up for democracy

I love this country. I love that here, power is supposed to come from the people — not from one man who wants to rule like a king. But that promise only works if we're willing to stand up for it.

On Oct. 18, people across America will gather for the No

Kings rallies — peaceful, hopeful demonstrations to remind our leaders that they work for us. And right now, that reminder matters more than ever.

You might hear wild claims about these protests. The truth is, Indivisible isn't some far-off organization. It's your neighbors. It's the person who bags your groceries, the dad coaching your kid's soccer team, the nurse who checks your blood pressure. It's regular folks who love this country and want it to live up to its best ideals.

We want to make this country affordable. We want it to be safe for everyone. And we want to preserve our democracy for our children.

These rallies are peaceful by design — just neighbors standing shoulder to shoulder, calmly, firmly, and with courage, because we know peaceful protest is powerful protest.

So let's do what Americans have always done when democracy is on the line. Let's show up — in our town squares and on our courthouse steps — and remind the world that power still belongs to the people.

See you in the streets on Oct. 18.

— *Kat Rosa*

### Stop calling them e-bikes

I am reading your article this morning and if there's one thing I'd like to see in all of these articles about "e-bikes" is to call a spade-a-spade.

This current article is calling these bikes the youth were on e-bikes and they are not e-bikes. These are electric motorcycles. You cannot pedal them; they are purely powered by a throttle. The only difference between these bikes is often they are powered by ICE (internal combustion engine).

These bikes are powered by an electric motor with a throttle and no ability to have pedal assist, which all true e-bikes have. To continue calling them e-bikes you do a disservice to both your readers and the entire community at large.

Please stop calling them e-bikes when they are electric motorcycles.

— *Steve Long*

### Vote No on Prop 50

California voters created an Independent Redistricting Commission to draw California's Congressional Districts in 2010.

This was to prevent any one political party to draw the congressional districts to favor election of their candidates.

Now the Autocratic Governor Newsom and the Democrat lawmakers want to stamp down on the California voters and instead redraw the congressional districts to win more Democratic districts. This means that only Democratic votes count and anybody else's does not count.

Every vote should count. It's your right.

What Texas and others are doing is not right either. It's gerrymandering including California.

It destroys democracy.

Do we in California want to be like countries where the votes are fixed and the public's votes do not matter?

It is no different than some thieves looting stores; do you say, "hey let's join them"? The answer is no.

It's for you to preserve your rights, and vote No on Prop 50.

— *Rajinder Ghatoaura*

### Yes on Proposition 50

On Oct. 10, there was an opinion in the East Bay Times that had an excellent analogy which compared Proposition 50 to two soccer teams: each team has 11 players, but the opposing team cheated and got 5 more players without consulting anyone. The opposing team told the other team they had to stay at 11 players, no more.

How can 11 players beat 16 players? It's completely unfair.

Governor Abbott and Donald Trump did exactly what the opposing team did when Governor Abbott, without the consent of Texans or anyone else, redrew the districts in Texas to give five more congressional seats to the Republicans.

Governor Newsom didn't make an autocratic decision like Governor Abbott did. He is giving all of the voters of California the choice to balance the five new seats which Texas received. Please vote Yes on Proposition 50!

— *Ramona Krausnick*

### Sharing 'Indian American Stories'

My name is Shubh, and I am a senior at Head-Royce School in Oakland, where I also grew up. Oakland has shaped so much of who I am, from playing basketball when I was younger to now spending weekends at debate tournaments as part of my school's policy debate team. I first began this project in my junior year, wanting to create something meaningful and connected to my community.

Out of that effort came "Indian American Stories", a podcast where I interview Indian Americans who are making a difference in medicine, technology, politics and community life. I record the episodes myself with a simple mic setup at home, which has made the project feel very personal.

Too often immigrant voices are overlooked or misunderstood, and I wanted to create a space that celebrates identity, resilience, and belonging.

Guests so far include Gagan Biyani, founder of Udemey and Maven, Janani Ramachandran, Oakland District 4 City Council member, and Visraant Iyer, director of the innovation team for Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee. Each conversation has reminded me how much Indian Americans contribute and how much we can learn from the people around us.

I would also love to hear from other students who may want to

join me and help interview Indian Americans in their own neighborhoods. Working together, we can tell more stories that bring our community closer.

The podcast is available on YouTube at [youtube.com/@IndianAmericanStories](https://youtube.com/@IndianAmericanStories), on Apple Podcasts, and on Substack.

— *Shubh Doshi*

### Cost of poor city leadership

The cost of Pleasanton's poor city leadership from 2020 to 2024 widely criticized by some residents can be measured in several tangible ways.

Financial consequences, structural deficit: Pleasanton is facing a projected structural deficit of \$13 million per year for eight years, starting in fiscal year 2025-26. Infrastructure funding gap, that's a \$900 million short fall over the next decade for maintaining and upgrading streets, parks, public facilities.

Unfunded liabilities: the city has over \$200 million in unfunded retiree medical and pension liabilities, adding long-term financial strain.

Public safety risks: In late 2024, the city considered cutting over \$1 million from the police department, including eliminating school resource officers, ending the K9 program and closing one fire station. These proposals caused concern among residents and small business owners who cited safety as a top priority.

Economic and community impact, declining revenues: Retail and hotel tax revenues have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. While costs for personnel, utilities and insurance have surged. Rejected tax proposal of half cent sales tax measure aimed at closing the budget gap was rejected by voters in November 2024.

Business confidence: Local entrepreneurs worry over public safety and infrastructure, which could affect business viability and community trust.

Deferred services and investments: The city implemented \$2.5 million in budget cuts, including holding positions vacant, pausing new programs, deferring purchases, maintenance.

These outcomes suggest leadership decisions, or lack of decisive action during 2020 to 2024 contributed to mounting fiscal pressure, reduced public services and growing community frustration.

— *Michael Austin*

### Culture is evolutionary adaptation

Psychology and physiology are deeply intertwined, each shaping and influencing the other in ways that define human behavior. Our psychological tendencies — how we think, feel, and act — are rooted in the physiological structure and function of the brain and body.

The unconscious mind, instinctual responses, and even our emotional drives are not abstract

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phenomena but physical processes arising from neural networks, hormones, and evolutionary adaptations. What we call "human nature" is in many ways the legacy of physiology, shaped over millennia of survival in small, tightly bonded groups.

However, modern society now places us in communities of thousands or millions, a scale far beyond what evolution prepared us for. The very instincts that once protected us — such as a tendency to follow authority, conform to groups, or trust familiar narratives — can leave us vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation in large, complex societies.

This is where critical thinking plays a crucial role. Unlike reflexive instincts, critical thinking is an effortful, learned skill, and it serves as a kind of vehicle for cultural evolution.

It allows individuals to adapt beyond their inherited tribal wiring, equipping them to question assumptions, evaluate evidence, and navigate environments their ancestors could never have imagined. In a sense, cultural adaptation through reasoning mirrors biological evolution, but at a much faster pace.

It is this balance — between physiological legacy and critical reasoning — that defines the human struggle to thrive in modern environments.

In recognizing the tension between our tribal past and our global present, we see that the future depends on our ability to cultivate

and strengthen critical thought as a tool of adaptation.

— *John Williams*

### Hope

In "The Shawshank Redemption", Andy Dufresne writes to his friend Red, "Hope is a good thing..." Hope can be a powerful force that sustains us during chaotic times; like the times we all find ourselves in today.

I've witnessed acts of kindness recently that have instilled hope that we and this country will endure beyond the current dark times:

- Rep. Eric Swalwell, went to Mexico to visit his neighbor and our neighbor, Miguel Lopez, who was illegally detained and deported by ICE a few months ago and who has been separated from his family since then. Miguel cannot be forgotten.

- Some colleagues and I canvassed several businesses on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton to ask if they would display signs in their windows that read, "We support our immigrant neighbors." Almost every business said yes.

While knocking on doors to inform people of the upcoming special election and Prop. 50, I spoke to a courageous woman who had moved here from Texas. She knew about the election and supported the proposition and told me about her own canvassing days in the South for progressive ideas, where she often faced opposition and resentment.

There are more examples I could give. They happen a lot, we just need to look for them.

— *Ward Kanowsky*

## Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Software Staff Engineer/ IT Digital Customer Experience in Pleasanton, CA. Design, construct, & implement highly scalable applications, across multiple platform types. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$145,934.00 - \$198,586.60/yr. Email resume: [TA.Applications@albertsons.com](mailto:TA.Applications@albertsons.com), Attn: K. Espiritu Ref# 0904VP.

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Safeway Inc. hiring Senior Payment Data Analyst in Pleasanton, CA. Analyze performance indicators and system metrics. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$131,499-158,700/yr. Email resume: [TA.Applications@albertsons.com](mailto:TA.Applications@albertsons.com), Attn: N. Katrina Sarinas. Ref# 10025Y.

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Busy stretch for girls' volleyball, water polo

Also: Getting ready for Breeders' Cup Handicapping contest at Pleasanton OTB

The Foothill girls' volleyball team continued its late season surge, winning a pair of East Bay Athletic League matches, then going 3-1 on the weekend in the Berkeley tournament.

In league the Falcons opened with a 25-11, 25-9, 25-12 win over Livermore. The highlights came from Sophia Zhang (9 digs, 5 aces), Ilayda Caglar (7 kills, 5 service points), Serena Wu (5 kills) and Sewa Adesuyi-Fasuyi (4 kills).

The second match of the week was against California, and the Falcons came through with a win again, beating the Grizzlies 26-24, 25-20, 24-26, 26-24.

This time the top performances came from Paige Nelson (22 kills, 11 digs), Danielle Yeh (40 assists, 11

digs), Brooke Stedman (14 digs, 10 assists, 6 kills) and Olivia So (15 digs, 11 service points).

At the Berkeley tournament, the Falcons beat American (2-0), Vallejo (2-0) and Northgate (2-1). That put them in the semifinals where they dropped a 2-1 match.

#### Amador girls' water polo

The Dons have been busy the last couple weeks, traveling south for the 2025 Arroyo Grande Fall Classic, as well as playing non-league and EBAL games.

Down south, Amador finished third in the Bronze division of the Arroyo Grande event.

The first game of the tournament was a 10-9 loss to Morro Bay. Susan Swyers had four goals and Addi

Drain had three to pace the Dons. Abigail Jones and Dorian Selway had one goal each to round out the scoring.

Game two was a 17-5 win over Cabrillo, with Swyers scoring four in the first half to lead the way. Selway, Drain and Claire Kunich each got two goals. Natalie Knosp and Anusha Shelatkar scored one goal apiece.

In the third game, the Dons beat Porterville 13-8 with Swyers scoring 11 times to lead the way. Jones and Drain had one goal each. Deep Suresh had 10 saves in the goal.

The fourth game of the tournament saw the Dons fall in a tough 12-9 game to Sanger. Jones had three goals to pace the Dons, while Selway, Swyers and Drain had two goals each.



ESTHER MULLIKEN

Amador Valley girls' water polo finished third in the Bronze division of the Arroyo Grande Tournament.

In their final game of the tournament Amador fell 16-8 to Righetti. Drain and Jones each had two goals with one goal each going to Swyers, Selway, Shelatkar and Genna Schmidt.

Swyers was named to the All-Tournament team.

Back in town, the Dons beat Dougherty Valley 8-5. Drain, Swyers and Jones scored two goals apiece, with Shelatkar and Alami scoring one each.

Finally, the Dons lost 10-9 to Liberty in a non-league match to wrap up the busy week.

Swyers scored four goals, with Schmidt adding two for Amador. Drain, Suresh and Jones had one each. Suresh added 13 saves in the goal, keeping the Dons in the contest.

#### Breeders' Cup Handicapping contest

The Pleasanton Off-Track Betting continues to be open and thrive at

the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Next up in terms of events is the Free Breeders' Cup Handicapping contest on Oct. 31 to Nov. 1.

The contest involves picking the winner of all 14 races in the Breeders' Cup. The only requirement is that you must be on site at the Pleasanton OTB on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The scoring system for the picks is a 5-3-1 system, meaning your selection must finish in the top three to earn points for the contest.

The Pleasanton OTB will be open 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on both days of the Breeders' Cup, with the deadline for the contest being 2:40 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

Entry forms will be available Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Pleasanton OTB. An in-depth handicapping of all Breeders' Cup races will be available Friday, Oct. 31 in the morning.

For more information or to read my handicapping of the two-days, please go to [www.pleasantonotb.com](http://www.pleasantonotb.com). ■

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### TAKE US ALONG



**House divided, Tokyo edition:** Jennifer and Andrew Pearce put their baseball loyalties to the test at the Tokyo Dome this past May at a Tokyo Giants vs. Tokyo Swallows game.

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.

# Calendar

## Halloween & Fall Fun

### MUSEUM ON MAIN GHOST WALK

This family-friendly tour brings stories and experiences collected and documented from locals over the years. At each haunted location, groups are met by actors playing the roles of the various ghosts around town, bringing their stories and Pleasanton history to life. Oct. 17-18. For more information visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE** Tri-Valley Haven is accepting new costumes for children and teens ages 0-17 through Oct. 17. Help make this spooky season fun and memorable for local families in need. Drop off costumes, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

**SYCAMORE SCARES AT RAVENSWOOD** Step into the shadows of Ravenswood Historic Site for two nights of spine-tingling haunted tours. The later it gets, the scarier the monsters. 6-9 p.m., Oct. 17-18. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**SENSORY BOO BASH** For children and families who may experience sensory sensitivities, join for a calmer and quieter atmosphere, but still full of spooky fun. 3:15-4 p.m., Oct. 18. Cost \$16. Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**HALLOWEEN BOO BASH** Join for the Halloween Boo Bash where this hauntingly delightful gathering is perfect for families looking to embrace the Halloween spirit in a fun and enjoyable environment. 4-6 p.m., Oct. 18. \$16. Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**CREEPY NIGHT HIKE** Animals that creep in the night, zombification in nature and other frightful night tales await when an LARPD Ranger leads this special hike after dark at Sycamore Grove. 6-8 p.m., Oct. 19. \$10R/\$11NR. Register at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**LIVERMORE TRUNK OR TREAT** Join the annual Trunk or Treat event in the front parking lot of the Livermore Police Department and collect treats from decorated vehicles. Costumes encouraged and children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. 5-8 p.m., Oct. 22. 1110 S. Livermore Ave.

**ROCKY HORROR MUSICAL** Las Positas College Theatre Arts presents this outrageous, high-energy revival inviting the audience to celebrate one of the most iconic and unconventional musicals of all time. Age 16+. 7 p.m., Oct. 23-25; Oct. 30 to Nov.1. Visit [ipc.ludus.com/](http://ipc.ludus.com/).

**GHOSTS OF DUBLIN** Grab a flashlight and take a walk through the historic Dublin Pioneer Cemetery, where history has a haunted side and hear spine-chilling tales of hauntings and

## PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

### Say hello to Otis

An easygoing little guy who loves local adventures, tasty snacks and cozy cuddles, Otis is friendly with people and enjoys meeting other dogs, though he prefers a slow hello with new pals. He is active enough to brighten your day, yet not so hyper that he'll tire you out. He's the perfect balance of fun and relaxation after a busy day. Trusting, affectionate and full of joy, this 9-year-old is sure to steal your heart. Meet Otis at East Bay SPCA's Dublin campus or online at [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

recent paranormal encounters. 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 24-25. \$15/\$18NR. 6600 Donlon Way. Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

**PUMPKIN PATCH AND SPLASH** Bring family and friends for a fun-filled day where guests pick a pumpkin from the floating pumpkin patch while enjoy games and crafts. 1-4 p.m., Oct. 25. Robert Livermore Aquatic Center.

**FLOATING PUMPKIN PATCH** Float in and find the perfect pumpkin at the city of Dublin's Floating Pumpkin Patch for swimming, pumpkin decorating, games and more. 1:30-3:30 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m., Oct. 25. \$20R/\$24NR. The Wave. Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

**DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON'S HALLOWEEN BREW CRAWL** This one-of-a-kind event brings together beer lovers and Halloween enthusiasts from all over the Bay Area. Receive a commemorative glass for beer tasting and sample some of the best brews while enjoying the festive Halloween atmosphere. 5-8 p.m., Oct. 25. Visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

**DUBLIN TRUNK OR TREAT** Dublin Police Services invites the community to participate in its annual Trunk or Treat event at Don Biddle Community Park. This fun, Halloween-inspired event, provides a safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. 5-9 p.m., Oct. 25. 6100 Horizon Parkway.

**PLEASANTON ROTARY HALLOWEEN SPIRIT RUN** Start and finish in Downtown Pleasanton Main St. Proceeds support scholarships for Pleasanton students and community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. 8:30 a.m., Oct. 26. Visit [pleasantonrotary.org](http://pleasantonrotary.org).

**PUMPKIN CARVING AT THE PARK** Get into the Halloween spirit with an LARPD ranger and carve a pumpkin. Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. 2-3 p.m., Oct. 26. Ranger Station Picnic Area, 5035 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Free registration at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**ENCORE PLAYERS AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY** Livermore's community theatre group, Encore Players, presents a Halloween-themed show for the whole family designed to entertain audiences of all ages.

2-3 p.m., Oct. 26. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**PIRATES OF EMERSON** Pirates of Emerson is an extremely frightening, walk-thru Haunted House. Enjoy four Haunted Houses, a virtual reality ride, games, bands and a gift shop. This highly detailed haunt is not geared for children. 7:05-10 p.m. Through Nov. 2. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**PLEASANTON TRUNK OR TREAT** If looking for a safe, fun and family-friendly place to collect candy on Halloween, join for Trunk or Treat and dress up in costume to collect candy from decorated cars at Valley Community Church. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 31. 4455 Del Valle Parkway. Visit [vc.church/event-listings/trunk-or-treat](http://vc.church/event-listings/trunk-or-treat).

**G&M FARMS** G&M Farms, Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze, is open Wednesdays to Sundays through Oct. 30. No pets allowed. 487 East Airway Blvd., Livermore. For more information, visit [gmfarms.com](http://gmfarms.com).

**JOAN'S FARM AND PUMPKIN PATCH** Activities include a corn maze, Old West Town, inflatable slide, old farm equipment and more. Through Oct. 31, closed Mondays. 4351 Mines Rd., Livermore. Visit [joansfarm.com](http://joansfarm.com).

**KR FARMS** KR Farms is all about family, fun and seasonal memories. Includes pumpkin patch, bounce houses, arcade, mini golf and more. Open daily. 5000 Arnold Road, Dublin. Visit [k-rfarms.com](http://k-rfarms.com).

## Entertainment

**EMPTY NEST AND ALL THE REST** This hilarious and heartfelt one-man comedy show asks, "have your kids grown and left? If not yet, do you wish they would?" 8 p.m., Oct. 17. Tickets \$38. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**DEL VALLE FINE ARTS FANDANGO!** One of the most exciting groups on Chicago's musical scene, Fandango! presents a spicy mix of Latin, Spanish, Sephardic, Balkan and classical sounds. 2 p.m., Oct. 18. Tickets \$35-\$57. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

See **CALENDAR** on Page 21

# Public Notices

**DV-730 Order to Renew Domestic Violence Restraining Order**

Instructions: Restraining Order After Hearing (form DV-130, JV-255, or JV-265) must be attached to this form.

**1 Protected Person**  
Name: ROBERT LATONA

**2 Restrained Person**  
Full Name: AYLA ORTIZ  
Address: 2503 SANTA RITA ROAD #49  
City: PLEASANTON State: CA Zip: 94566  
624 Enos Way, Apt #11  
Livermore, CA 94551

**3 Renewal and Expiration**  
The request to renew the attached restraining order is:  
a.  Granted.  
The attached restraining order is renewed and will (check one):  
(1)  Expire on (must be renewed for at least five years) (date): \_\_\_\_\_ (time): \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m.  midnight  
(2)  Not expire (permanent order)  
(\*Child custody and visitation, property, and support orders may have been changed (modified) and may be different from those issued on the attached restraining order.)  
SEE ALSO: A24-0082, A24-0086 - WDA

b.  Denied. The attached restraining order expires as stated in that order.

**This is a Court Order.**

Order to Renew Domestic Violence Restraining Order (CLETS-OAH) (Domestic Violence Prevention)

Case Number: MSD19-05244

**4 Hearing**  
There was a hearing on (date): 8/125 at (time): \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m.  
These people were at the hearing (check all that apply):  
 The person in (1)  The lawyer for the person in (1) (name): Barry D. Witt, Esq.  
 The person in (2)  The lawyer for the person in (2) (name): \_\_\_\_\_

**5 Lawyer's Fees and Costs**  
The person  in (1)  in (2) must pay the following lawyer's fees and costs:  
Pay to: \_\_\_\_\_ For: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pay to: \_\_\_\_\_ For: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due date: \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Service by Person in**  
(Check a or b.)  
a.  No other proof of service is needed. The people in (1) and (2) attended the hearing, either physically or remotely (by telephone or videoconference), or agreed in writing to this order.  
b.  The person in (2) was not present. The person in (1) must have person in (2) served with a copy of this order by (check all that apply):  
(1)  Mail (at the address listed on form DV-710)  
(2)  Other: 2503 Santa Rita Rd #49, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
(3)  The court has scheduled a firearms and ammunition compliance hearing. The person in (2) must have person in (2) served with a copy of this order by: Pullockheim (FL-982)  
(a)  Personal service by (date): \_\_\_\_\_  
(b)  Mail at the person in (2)'s last known address by (date): \_\_\_\_\_  
Court will email Attorney Witt with a copy of order by close of business on 8/125.

**This is a Court Order.**

Order to Renew Domestic Violence Restraining Order (CLETS-OAH) (Domestic Violence Prevention)

Case Number: MSD19-05244

**7 No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person**  
The sheriff or marshal will serve this order for free. If you want the sheriff to serve your papers, (1) complete form SER-001, Request for Sheriff to Serve Court Papers, and (2) give form SER-001 and a copy of this order to the sheriff.

**8 Attached Pages**  
All of the attached pages are part of this order.  
a. Number of pages attached to this three-page form: 18  
b. Attachments include forms (check all that apply):  
 DV-820  Other: DV-130 FILED 3-9-22, DV17, blank Proof of Service for Alternative Service, FL-982

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 08/07/2025  
Judge or Judicial Officer: WENDY COATS

Certificate of Compliance With VAWA  
This restraining (protective) order meets all "full faith and credit" requirements of the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. section 2265 (1994) (VAWA) upon notice of the restrained person. This court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter; the restrained person has been or will be afforded notice and a timely opportunity to be heard as provided by the laws of this jurisdiction. This order is valid and entitled to enforcement in each jurisdiction throughout the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, all tribal lands, and all U.S. territories, commonwealths, and possessions and shall be enforced as if it were an order of that jurisdiction.

(The clerk will fill out this part.)

Clerk's Certificate (seal)  
Certify that this Order to Renew Restraining Order (form DV-730) is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.  
Date: 8/125 Clerk, by: B. MC CAUSE Deputy  
B. MC CAUSE

**This is a Court Order.**

Order to Renew Domestic Violence Restraining Order (CLETS-OAH) (Domestic Violence Prevention)

# Public Notices

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 579925

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): PROSHRED PROSHRED SFBA PROSHRED SECURITY 5635 West Las Positas Blvd., Suite 405 Pleasanton, CA 94588 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/01/2013 UNDER FILE NO. 579925 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): MJT Ventures Corporation 732 Sunny Brook Way Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on September 24 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 610776

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): PACIFIC DAS 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 11/21/2024 UNDER FILE NO. 610776 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BOBCOMM, INC. 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

**Public Auction** - Aircraft Cessna 172R N24671 10/30/25 12:00 noon www.ashmancompany.com. Inspection of plane at American Aircraft Sales, 550 Airway Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551 on Oct 29 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Auction by licensed and bonded Ashman Company Auctioneers and Appraisers, Inc. (PLW Oct 17 and 24, 2025)

## VINEYARD ESTATES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617353

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) VINEYARD ESTATES , located at 3263 VINEYARD AVE PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PLEASANTON MOBILE HOME PARK LLC 430 S San Dimas Ave San Dimas, CA 91773 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2010

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 03 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

## CAKE DELIGHT

BITE OF JOY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 618081

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Cake Delight , 2.) Bite Of Joy , located at 147B North Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4374 Fitzwilliam Street Dublin, CA 94568 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): CAKE DELIGHT LLC 4374 Fitzwilliam Street Dublin, CA 94568 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/15/2014

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

PMS (PROFESIONAL MOVING SERVICE) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617988

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) PMS (PROFESIONAL MOVING SERVICE) , located at 25341 Cypress Ave Apt. 35 Hayward, CA 94544, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4217 Orinda Way Bakersfield, CA 93306 This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JUAN PEREZ 4217 Orinda Way Bakersfield, CA 93306 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 30 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

K. J. HERZOG INSURANCE AGENCY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 618040

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) K. J. Herzog Insurance Agency , located at 235 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): HERZOG INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. 235 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 02 2025. (PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

JOIE STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617802

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Joie Studio , located at 4024 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 , Alameda County. Mailing Address: 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by: a General Partnership. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): STANLEY DOUGLAS 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588 SIBYLLE DOUGLAS 4682 Chabot Drive Unit 10442 Pleasanton, CA 94588 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

UNION JACK LOUNGE AND KITCHEN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617381

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Union Jack Lounge And Kitchen , located at 706 Main Street Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3533 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DEMERARA DINING GROUP LLC 3533 Vineyard Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

HANDY HIVE COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617815

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Handy Hive Company , located at 4061 E Castro Valley Blvd, Ste 426, Castro Valley, C 94552, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ELIZO LLC 4061 E Castro Valley Blvd, Ste 426, Castro Valley, CA 94552 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

RH FINE CABINETRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617940

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) RH FINE CABINETRY , located at 5107 Norma Way APT#24 Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): RAUL HERNANDEZ EQUIHUA 5107 Norma Way APT#24 Livermore, CA 94550 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

MPOWER CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617931

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Mpower Consulting , located at 5112 Genovesio Dr. Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): STEVE MCCOY-THOMPSON 5112 GENOVESIO DR PLEASANTON CA 94588 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on AUGUST 25 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

BRIGHT BINS TRI-VALLEY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617849

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Bright Bins Tri-Valley , located at 830 Main St Ste B Pleasanton, CA 94566 , Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): PYT CONSTRUCTION CORP 830 Main St Ste B Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 24 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

ADD FROSTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617796

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Add Frosting , located at 525 Selby Ln Unit 1 Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MARIA DINA MAE OJEDA 525 Selby Ln Unit 1 Livermore, CA 94551 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 16 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

STRADA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617945

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) STRADA , located at 6743 Dublin Blvd. Suite 32, DUBLIN, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): KKW ENTERPRISE, LLC 6743 DUBLIN BLVD. SUITE 32 DUBLIN, CA 94568 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 3rd, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

MR. TECH DEPOT WATCHDOG IT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 618196

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Mr. Tech Depot , 2.) Watchdog IT , located at 3431 Brookdale Blvd., Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MICHAEL RAYMOND 3431 Brookdale Blvd. Castro Valley, CA 94546 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 09 2025. (PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

JST PEOPLE STRATEGY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617948

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) JST People Strategy , located at 2648 International Blvd, STE 301 #299, Oakland, CA 94601, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JST PEOPLE STRATEGY, L.L.C. 2648 International Blvd, STE 301 #299 Oakland, CA 94601 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/26/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 29 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

JOX MEDIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 618079

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) JOX Media , located at 3938 Stoneridge Dr, Apt 1, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): JOX CONSULTING INC 3938 Stoneridge Dr, Apt 1 Pleasanton, CA 94588 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 1, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

THE ENTRY EDIT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617632

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) The Entry Edit , located at 3263 Vineyard Ave. spc 99, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): EMILY WARREN

3263 Vineyard Ave. spc 99 Pleasanton, CA 94566 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 15 2025. (PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

PACIFIC DAS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617812

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Pacific DAS , located at 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): BOBCOMM LLC 5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 109 Pleasanton, CA 94588 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/23/2024 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 22 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

QUEEN'S NAILS STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617309

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Queen's Nails Studio , located at 160 S K St. Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2985 First St., Unit 1204 Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DAVID NGUYEN 2985 First St., Unit 1204 Livermore, CA 94550 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 02 2025. (PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

BEYOND BOOKKEEPING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 618067

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Beyond Bookkeeping , located at 2550 Skylark Way Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1807 Santa Rita Road H-229 Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): INTEGRITY PROCESS MANAGEMENT LLC 1807 Santa Rita Road H-229 Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025. (PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

SONG MATCHA ECOSIP SUPPLY CO BAAN THAI MOO MOO THAI HIMEJI JEWELRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 617613

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) SONG MATCHA , 2.) ECOSIP SUPPLY CO , 3.) BAAN THAI , 4.) MOO MOO THAI , 5.) HIMEJI JEWELRY , located at 1707 GRAND VIEW DRIVE BERKELEY, CA 94705, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): TANG SONG LLC 1707 GRAND VIEW DRIVE BERKELEY, CA 94705 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 15 2025. (PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

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ECOPACKS  
ARF SOURCING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 617349  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) EcoPacks , 2.) ARF Sourcing , located at 5403 Cameo Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SM3 LLC  
5403 Cameo Ct  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/10/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 02 2025.  
(PLW Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

GOLDEN SKY GRAPHICS & SIGNS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618029  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Golden Sky Graphics & Signs , located at 350 Main Street Suite H2 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1514 Calle Santiago Pleasanton, CA 94566.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
GOLDEN SKY ENTERPRISES INC  
1514 Calle Santiago  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 01 2025.  
(PLW Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2025)

MARIPOSA FREMONT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 617551  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Mariposa Fremont , located at 4022 Papillion Terrace Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 111 Pine Street Suite 1300, San Francisco, CA 94111  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
4022 PAPHILLION TERRACE LLC  
111 Pine Street Suite 1300  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
State of Incorporation/Organization: Delaware  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on December 30, 2021  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 11 2025.  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

STORIES WE TELL THERAPY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 617636  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Stories We Tell Therapy , located at 2991 Sacramento Street #544, Berkeley, CA 94702, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
COURTNEY QUATRINI  
2991 Sacramento Street #544  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/15/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 16 2025.  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 5CV145948  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Marina Kakaulina filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
OLIVIA MICHELLE BEKHMETIEVA to OLIVIA MICHELLE PELIN  
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: 12/26/2025, 9:00am,, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St., 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: 10/02/2025  
Thomas J. Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY Case No.: 25CV125136  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Nailea Posada filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
ALEJANDRO GAEL POSADA to ALEJANDRO GAEL BERMUDEZ POSADA  
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: 10/17/2025, 9:30am, Civil of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, Ca, 9454.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
PLEASANTON WEEKLY  
Date: 06-05-2025  
Thomas J. Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY Case No.: 25CV147267  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: PACHIYANG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
PACHIYANG to PACHI YANG  
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: 12/12/2025, 9:00 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA COUNTY located at 24405 AMADOR STREET,

HAYWARD, CA 94544.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
PLEASANTON WEEKLY  
Date: 10/08/2025  
THOMAS J. NIXON  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Oct 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV144227  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Dario Francisco Motomochi Hernandez and Susana Marcela Cedillo Pliego filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
JAVIER MOTOMOCHI CEDILLO to JAVIER MOTOMOCHI  
MATEO MOTOMOCHI CEDILLO to MATEO MOTOMOCHI  
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: November 14th 2025, 9:00 am, Alameda County Superior Court 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: September 23th, 2025  
Thomas J Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Oct 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.: 25CV126150  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Vinh Thong Kong filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
VINH THONG KONG to THOMAS KONG  
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: Oct 24 2025, 9:30 AM, Fremont Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538.  
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: June 12, 2025  
Thomas J Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY Case No.: 25CV142442  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Christl Violet Bickham filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
CHRISTL VIOLETT BICKHAM to VIOLETT CHRISTL BICKHAM  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below

to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: 11/21/25, 9:00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice 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: 9/11/25  
Danielle Harbour  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 and 17, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
LYN ENCARNACION JOSON  
Case No.: 25PR129794  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LYN ENCARNACION JOSON. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Emily Rose Encarnacion Illo in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that: Emily Rose Encarnacion Illo be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on October 27 2025 at 9:45 AM in Berkeley Courthouse, Dept 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Jessica Gordon, Esq. / Oliver Morrison, Esq. Gordon Trust Law 2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90067 310-321-3646 (PLW Oct 10, 17 and 24, 2025)

Place a legal notice at  
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## CALENDAR

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**DIWALI CELEBRATION** The City of Pleasanton, Cultural Celebration Series brings the community together throughout the year to honor and experience the rich cultural traditions that make Pleasanton unique. Join this celebration 1-3 p.m., Oct. 18. Pleasanton Senior Center.

**THE MARTIN SEXTON ABBEY ROAD SHOW** Come Together and celebrate the timeless music of The Beatles; Abbey Road album, alongside Sexton's own soulful originals in a night that blends nostalgia with fresh, powerful artistry. 8 p.m., Oct. 18. Tickets \$35-\$65. Visit [livermorearts.org](https://livermorearts.org).

**PEPPINO D'AGOSTINO AND MVI** A native of Italy, D'Agostino has made his considerable international mark as a musical artist on the guitar since he arrived in America 40 years ago. Guitar Player listed him as one of the 50 transcendent guitar superheroes of all time. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18. Tickets \$48. Visit [firehousearts.org](https://firehousearts.org).

**PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND** Join this free concert by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at the Firehouse Arts Center. 5 p.m., Oct. 18. Visit [firehousearts.org](https://firehousearts.org).

**BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY No. 7** This radiant program with Pacific Chamber Orchestra features internationally celebrated virtuoso violinist Livia Sohn. 3 p.m., Oct. 19. Tickets \$25-\$85. Visit [livermorearts.org](https://livermorearts.org).

**MAFIA-ESQUE 2025** Mafia-Esque is a format based on the popular game Mafia where members of Creatures of Impulse will be secret mafia members, eliminating characters one at a time and it is up to the audience to figure out whodunit in this interactive improv show. 7 p.m., Oct. 23. Tickets \$8-\$13. Visit [firehousearts.org](https://firehousearts.org).

**ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW WITH NELL CAMPBELL** Join the original Columbia, Nell Campbell, for a screening of the original unedited movie with a live shadow cast and audience participation, costume contest and more. 8 p.m., Oct. 24. Tickets \$95-\$220. Visit [livermorearts.org](https://livermorearts.org).

**DESI COMEDY FEST DIWALI DHAMAKA** Desi Comedy Fest is the Biggest South Asian Comedy Festival in America showcasing the funniest South Asian comedians from around the world to create a unique live comedy experience for the South Asian diaspora. 7 p.m., Oct. 26. Tickets \$28. Visit [firehousearts.org](https://firehousearts.org).

## Talks

**MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES** Dr. Shaller, Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, presents, "An Introduction to Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Adolescents and Young Adults." 6:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 20. Register by Oct. 19 at [alanhufoundation.org](https://alanhufoundation.org).

## Francis Ranch community opens in East Dublin

Development will include 573 new single-family houses and townhomes at completion

By JUDÉ STRZEMP

In the hills of eastern Dublin, a cluster of new neighborhoods was recently opened to homebuyers, officials from builder Trumark Homes announced last month.

At build-out, the Francis Ranch community is set to feature a total of 573 single-family houses and townhomes across six neighborhoods. Depending on the home, prices range from the low- to mid-\$1 millions up to pricing that starts in the high \$2 millions.

The community was designed to combine the region's heritage with modern Bay Area living, Trumark Homes officials explained in a Sept. 11 statement.

"Creating the master-planned community of Francis Ranch and honoring the land's rich ranching history has been a very inspiring and rewarding journey for our team," said Tony Bosowski, President of Trumark Homes' Northern California Division.

"This thoughtfully designed community is truly shaped by its

surroundings, blending high-quality homes and modern features with the natural surroundings and scenic hillsides, to create an idyllic, one-of-a-kind environment for families and individuals to thrive," he added.

Of the six neighborhoods, San Ramon-based Trumark Homes is constructing four: Marigold, Azure, Orchid and Jasmine. Meanwhile, homebuilder Taylor Morrison is in charge of constructing Primrose and Larkspur.

The Marigold neighborhood is set to feature 98 single-family detached motor court homes, ranging from approximately 2,470 to 2,629 square feet with four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a two-car garage. Prices for homes in the Marigold neighborhood start in the high-\$1 millions.

Featuring 98 single-family detached homes, Azure residences will be approximately 3,650- to 3,941 square feet with four bedrooms, 5-1/2 bathrooms and a two-car garage. Azure homes are priced from the mid-\$2 millions.

Orchid is set to include 101 single-family detached homes of



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A model home in the Orchid neighborhood of Francis Ranch.

approximately 4,398 square feet to 4,845 square feet with four to five bedrooms, five full- and one or two half-bathrooms as well as a three-car garage. Orchid homes are priced from the high-\$2 millions.

Within the Jasmine neighborhood, Trumark Homes plans to build 100 two- and three-story townhomes ranging from approximately 1,921 to 2,072 square feet with three to four bedrooms, 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 bathrooms

and a two-car garage. Homes are priced from the low- to mid-\$1 millions.

In addition to the houses, the community will include two neighborhood parks with accessibility to a nearby trail network and city parks.

Residents will be located in the Dublin Unified School District near by Cottonwood Creek TK-8 School, Jose Maria Amador Elementary School, Eleanor Murray Fallon

Middle School and Emerald High School.

To celebrate the opening of Francis Ranch, Trumark Homes representatives hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 13 with local officials from the city, Dublin Chamber of Commerce and community partners.

"Francis Ranch is the result of an incredible combination of teamwork, innovation, environmental stewardship, and commitment, and our team could not be prouder of how this community has come together" Bosowski said. "Welcoming homebuyers to Francis Ranch is something our team has anticipated with excitement for years, and we know it will be embraced by all who call it home."

Homes are currently for sale in the neighborhoods of Azure, Orchid, Primrose, Larkspur and Marigold, according to the Francis Ranch website. The selling of homes in the Jasmine neighborhood is expected to kick off this fall. Touring of model homes is also available in most of the neighborhoods. ■

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 28 to Aug. 1 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Sept. 15-19 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 6266 Alvard Way** Zbasnik Family Trust to L. & V. Burru for \$1,301,500
- 6291 Calle Fuego** Rowson Trust to S. & K. Pillai for \$1,525,000
- 7628 Driftwood Way** Peterson Trust to I. & V. Bontha for \$1,575,000
- 5022 Foothill Road** Wiener Family Trust to King Family Trust for \$2,800,000
- 208 Heritage Lane** K. Nielsen to Holla Living Trust for \$1,713,000
- 2211 Oakland Avenue** K. & J. Bailey to S. & S. Athanikar for \$1,305,000
- 4067 Peregrine Way** Siebert Trust to S. & D. Fung for \$1,100,000
- 4166 Peregrine Way** Krishiv Inc to S. & G. Hegde for \$1,250,000
- 4265 Pleasanton Avenue #A** Daggett Family Trust to P. Li for \$639,000
- 5530 San Antonio Street** S. Shah to S. & U. Ashfaq for \$1,645,000
- 7387 Stonedale Drive** D. Wu to A. Cilento for \$995,000
- 1037 Sunset Creek Lane** Xander Group Li LLC to Sadhu Family Trust for \$3,680,000
- 2370 Tanager Drive** Enos Trust to H. & K. Qiu for \$1,185,000

Livermore

- 1391 Anza Way** C. Grimes to H. & R. Schuyler for \$1,111,000
- 2465 Belmont Drive** Brandon Family Trust to Cowles Family Trust for \$2,975,000
- 2295 College Avenue** Cicone Trust to E. & A. Reichel for \$950,000
- 5653 Dresslar Circle** A. & L. Holt to N. & S. Grewal for \$1,915,000
- 4264 East Avenue** Remi LLC to R. & A. Ghuman for \$1,174,000

- 916 El Caminito** Hage Living Trust to W. & M. Hibbard for \$898,000
- 1304 Heather Lane** K. & S. Tiedemann to Delima Living Trust for \$710,000
- 5325 Lenore Avenue** T. & T. Walbridge to Silva Trust for \$1,149,000
- 2682 Pickfair Lane** L. & J. Young to Hacker Living Trust for \$1,145,000
- 3582 Ridgecrest Way** Wolfson Family Trust to K. & M. Scott for \$1,481,000
- 1065 Rincon Avenue** A. & C. Martin to J. & D. Meyn for \$1,025,000
- 665 Sandalwood Drive #1** M. & L. Welborn to T. & K. Au for \$1,020,000
- 43 Via Del Sol** R. Moeller to N. & N. Kulkarni for \$1,405,000
- 3007 Worthing Common** S. & K. Tait to E. & B. Class for \$960,000
- 379 Yukon Way** L. Elizondo to M. & R. Shrimal for \$2,525,000

Dublin

- 2394 Amantea Way** S. Chattopadhyay to G. & V. Singh for \$2,325,000
- 7650 Arbor Creek Circle** Serang Trust to Y. Zhou for \$758,000
- 3863 Camino Loop** A. Wilkie to S. & D. Chan for \$1,050,000
- 4023 Clare Street** S. Kukkar to D. & H. Lin for \$1,170,000
- 6355 Dandelion Street** Brookfield Vine LLC to Y. & Z. Chen for \$1,225,000
- 6363 Dandelion Street** Brookfield Vine LLC to L. & S. Puppala for \$1,315,000
- 11801 Dublin Green Drive** P. & B. Hearne to L. & J. Habeeb for \$1,160,000
- 4266 Fitzwilliam Street** L. Chang to P. & O. Wong for \$744,000
- 7556 Frederiksen Lane** C. & T. Engstrom to P. & D. Singh for \$1,180,000
- 10710 Ian Lane** Vaghari-Liu Family Trust to A. & M. Fong for \$980,000

- 5699 Iron Horse Parkway #B** Lennar Homes Of California LLC to P. & A. Bhalerao for \$1,024,000
- 5699 Iron Horse Parkway #A** Lennar Homes Of California LLC to K. & M. Sodawala for \$1,115,000
- 5699 Iron Horse Parkway #C** Lennar Homes Of California LLC to R. & S. Toodi for \$1,112,500
- 4751 Mahogany Street** S. & S. Chopra to A. & K. Morita for \$1,750,000
- 4192 Preciado Drive** J. Singh to V. & S. Tanguturi for \$1,440,000
- 3463 Rimini Lane** D. & S. Chan to S. & A. Srinivasamurthy for \$1,800,000
- 4206 Sunset View Drive** J. & C. Haty to S. & D. Ananthula for \$2,000,000

San Ramon

- 3388 Ashbourne Circle** Tang Living Trust to Chokshi Family Trust for \$3,500,000
- 4298 Astor Hollow Street** J. & V. Kankipati to S. & T. Anbalagan for \$1,435,000
- 9887 Broadmoor Drive** P. Koenig to Y. Lee for \$1,122,000
- 5157 Champion Drive** Yoonas Trust to S. & V. Malladi for \$2,300,000

- 1375 Canyon Side Avenue** Brynolf Trust to A. & V. Janolkar for \$1,280,000
- 3791 Crow Canyon Road** D. Deota to I. Sheynkman for \$710,000
- 156 Dogwood Place** Richter Trust to He Trust for \$820,000
- 2537 Dos Rios Drive** Todd Family Trust to Y. & P. Kadam for \$1,476,000
- 278 Eastridge Drive** A. & K. Shintani to A. & E. Corlay for \$608,000
- 126 Eastridge Drive** Y. Manabe to A. Alvarez for \$425,000
- 2918 Morgan Drive** Janes Living Trust to P. & S. Kumar for \$2,011,000
- 137 Neptune Place** D. & Q. Tuck to K. & P. Obrien for \$780,000
- 3718 Norris Canyon Road** T. & M. Markovich to N. & S. Chawla for \$1,575,000
- 312 South Overlook Drive** Rezente Living Trust to K. Radecke for \$490,500
- 318 Paradiso Court** Fang Family Trust to A. & A. Shah for \$1,850,000
- 225 Reflections Drive #27** M. Chopra to J. Wu for \$580,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (July 28-Aug. 1)

**Total sales reported:** 13  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$639,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,680,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,593,346

Livermore (July 28-Aug. 1)

**Total sales reported:** 15  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$710,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,975,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,362,866

Dublin (July 28-Aug. 1)

**Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$710,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,325,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,302,852

San Ramon (Sept. 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 22  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$425,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,500,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,302,500

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