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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Take in a show

Before we get too swept up in the upcoming holiday performance season, the theaters in the Tri-Valley have an intriguing variety of shows outside of the winter/Christmas realm on their dockets in the coming weeks.

Tribute acts are one common theme.

I may have mentioned it in a prior column, but the Bee Gees are among my favorite artists ever. Songs by Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb from throughout their decades-long career remain close to my heart — “Stayin’ Alive”, “Tragedy”, “Our Love”, “One”, “Gotta Get a Message to You”, “For Whom the Bell Tolls” and “Fanny” (which is now “Franny” in my house, after adapting it into a lullaby for my son).

Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center offers the chance to scratch that musical itch next Sunday (Nov. 23) with You Should Be Dancing — A Tribute to the Bee Gees. Here’s hoping they get to some of those tunes from my list.

My favorite all-time song, though? Well, a performer covering that artist’s greatest hits is coming to the Firehouse two nights earlier ... but I doubt my No. 1 will be on that setlist.

Billy Nation: A Tribute to Billy Joel will take over the city’s black-box theater in downtown next Friday (Nov. 21), playing the music of the “Piano Man” himself. I won’t take it personally if “Captain Jack” doesn’t make the cut for Billy Nation, but it’s a song that continues to speak to me every time I hear it (especially when I dust off my vinyl version).

The cold cut sandwiched between those two during the Firehouse’s upcoming cover weekend is inspired by a more modern band ... that is probably closer to throwback than a lot of us in Gen Y would care to admit. Trouble — The Music of Coldplay takes the stage on Saturday evening.

Covers will also feature prominently at Pleasanton Youth Theater Company’s Cabaret “Singer’s Choice” on Dec. 5. And early in the new year, “Stealin’ Chicago” courtesy of Aja Vu Band will play the songs of Chicago and Steely Dan on Jan. 9.

In neighboring Livermore, the Bankhead Theater welcomes three tribute acts before the holiday shows kick in, plus one more right in the middle.

Uptown brings to the stage this Friday night “top-tier vocals and wall-to-wall choreography ... with their blend of contemporary radio hits and classic Motown music”,

according to Livermore Valley Arts — which notes only a few tickets remain available.

Two evenings later, Dustbowl Revival and Hot Club of Cowtown are teaming up for a concert celebration of Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson. Curtain goes up at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Then next Thursday (Nov. 20), I’d expect to hear songs like “Magic Man”, “Barracuda”, “Crazy on You” and “Alone” to be belted in the Bankhead during The Ultimate Tribute to Heart.

And next month, the music of Foreigner and Journey will come together with Forejour on Dec. 27.

Come to think of it, familiar music will also feature prominently in four other concerts at the Bankhead this month: Brass Over Bridges this Saturday afternoon, acoustic guitarist Luca Stricagnoli with special guest vocalist Meg Pfeiffer on Saturday night, acclaimed pianist Keiko Matsui returning next Friday and Pajama Party with Michael McNevin next Saturday morning.

For jazz lovers, San Ramon offers two concerts to listen to renditions of classics: Lady K and the Kings of Swing - The Best of Big Band Jazz on Sunday afternoon (Nov. 16) at Front Row Theatre, and Allan Harris — “vocalist jazz meets poetry” — at the city’s Main Library on Saturday night (Nov. 15) as part of the San Ramon Library Foundation’s Jazz Series 2025. (Chris Cain Band also plays in the library Jazz Series on Dec. 6.)

While not exactly a tribute, songs we’ve worn out in my house will be the centerpiece of a special show at the Bankhead next Wednesday (Nov. 19): Disney’s Moana Live-to-Film Concert. If the mere mention of the movie is making the earworms settle in, you’re welcome.

Another Disney animated soundtrack features full volume 14 times in Danville between this Saturday and Dec. 20, as the I Can Do That! youth performance troupe presents “The Lion King KIDS” in the historic Village Theatre downtown.

Film nostalgia will also be the vibe at the Bankhead for back-to-back presentations on Black Friday, with The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes on the calendar for 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 28.

Most of the rest through New Year’s are holiday shows. Curious about those? Our 2025 Holiday Happenings feature is scheduled as our Cover Story next week, so look for it then. Don’t forget to remember. ■

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A snapshot of the Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Concert held last Sunday in downtown Pleasanton. Photo by Chuck Deckert.

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What do you consider to be your very best purchase so far this year?



Lauri Thomas
Retired

My husband and I went to a concert at someone's private home in San Francisco, with only 25 other people, where the performer was American singer-songwriter Shawn Mullins. We sat just a few feet away from him and had an opportunity to chat with him. He's one of our favorite artists, so I'd have to say those tickets were my greatest purchase so far this year.



Devin Ruiz
Operating room assistant

Definitely the bottle of water I bought at a recent music festival. Because right after I purchased it, I noticed a kid overdosing on drugs. I rushed up to him and insisted he drink the water in my bottle. I then stayed with him and cared for him until the medics arrived. I believe he survived.



Owen Shane, with Millie
High school student

Tickets to a metal concert in San Francisco. The band, which is my most-favorite band ever, is a Swedish metal band called Meshuggah. (The lady who interviewed me for this column told that "meshuggah" means "crazy" in Yiddish. And that makes perfect sense to me.) Meshuggah performs extreme metal, so as a drummer myself, the whole experience was just unbelievable to me!



Melissa Whitley
Bartender

I actually haven't made any major purchases this year, which makes me feel so incredibly fortunate. I have absolutely everything I need and don't need to buy another single thing.



Gary Thomas
Sustainability consultant

Definitely the tickets I bought for the "When We Were Young" festival. It was an emo and rock music festival in Las Vegas. It was headlined by Panic! At The Disco and blink-182. We brought our adult children along with us, and it was absolutely fantastic.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Mr. Amador

The Mr. Amador nonprofit organization, which is led by Amador Valley High School boys, will be hosting its annual fundraiser next week where people can donate \$5 for an entrance fee to watch the students face off against the Amador girls' varsity volleyball team.

All of the proceeds from the event will help support and fund vital medical care, programs and services at the George Mark Children's House, a pediatric palliative care center in San Leandro that provides comprehensive care for terminally ill children and services for their families.

The charity volleyball game will take place on Wednesday (Nov. 19) starting at 7 p.m. in the AVHS large gym.

Express award

The Express, Las Positas College's student newspaper, was recently named a Pacemaker in this year's Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) Fall National Convention, MediaFest25, which was held in Washington D.C. from Oct. 16-18.

This is the first time the student newspaper earned the coveted award in its 37-year history, according to a press release from the school.

"The Pacemaker is the association's preeminent award," ACP Executive Director Laura Widmer said in the press release. "It honors only the best of the best."

Interfaith service

Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley — a group of community members and clergy in the Tri-Valley — will be collaborating with the Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association to hold the annual interfaith Thanksgiving service next Sunday (Nov. 23) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Located at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore, the service will "feature a variety of ways different faiths and cultures express gratitude." The service will be followed by a reception until 5 p.m. where light refreshments will be served and attendees and presenters can converse. ■

Correction

The Oct. 3 cover story "Is Cab Franc the future of the Livermore Valley wine industry?" referenced incorrect history for Cabernet Franc production in the Livermore Valley. Fenestra Winery was the first winery to label and sell a local Cab Franc in 1999 and the first to name the varietal with a single vineyard with its 2006 Cabernet Franc Ghielmetti Vineyard. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the errors.

Council denies resident's bid for backyard tennis court lights

Split vote marks end of neighbors' years-long dispute over 15-foot-tall fixtures

By Christian Trujano

A neighborhood disagreement over a family's application to install six, 15-foot-tall tennis court lights in their backyard came to an end last week after a split Pleasanton City Council voted not to uphold the Planning Commission's previous approval of the project.

The 3-2 council decision came almost three years after the applicant, Ashish Choudhary, and his family took the first steps to build the full tennis court on their property. While lights were not part

of the initial project application, when Choudhary went back to the city later to get approvals to install them, some of his neighbors were quick to oppose.

"When it gets to this point and it's neighbor versus neighbor — on any issue of contention — it's never great," Mayor Jack Balch said during the Nov. 4 meeting. "It is the hardest decision we ever make."

The project dates back to August 2023 when the planning commission originally reviewed an application related to a partially built tennis court located in the backyard

area of 2207 Martin Ave.

The construction of the tennis court without lights was approved by the planning commission and the council, with certain conditions and a recognition of intent by the applicant to pursue light installation at a future date.

Following the approval of the tennis court application, Choudhary returned to submit a separate administrative design review (ADR) for the installation of lights over 8 feet tall. Any light fixture 8 feet tall or less does not require going through the city permitting process,

according to city staff.

In May of 2024, the planning commission denied Choudhary's first ADR for lights over 8 feet due to a lack of analysis on the impact of the light fixtures. That decision came after neighbors expressed concerns regarding the height of the light poles and potential traffic hazards, among other issues.

The commission clarified at the time that the applicant could return again with a more detailed analysis on the impact of the lights, which

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CHUCK DECKERT

PUSD Board of Trustees President Justin Brown is seen talking to parents, teachers and students outside of the Nov. 6 board meeting.

'These are all painful cuts'

PUSD board refines priority list of reductions, seeks to minimize direct impact on students

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees identified about \$7.5 million in budget cuts last week, mostly related to operational services, professional development, and district and school site administrators.

The trustees have been discussing potential budget reduction options for several months, with a list of identified cuts that they're working to fine-tune. A key part of these discussions involves applying weighting criteria to prioritize each item based on its impact on students. Items with the highest priority, which are least impactful to students, will be included in the final list of reductions.

Parents, students and district employees packed the school board meeting room on Nov. 6 after holding a rally beforehand in opposition to many of the proposed cuts that the board has been debating in recent months, several of which were specialist job positions in the elementary, middle and high schools.

After listening to over two hours of community members' pleas, as well as taking into consideration the overall impact to students, the school board agreed that for now, it does not need to prioritize cutting from programs like music, science and physical education.

"It was really powerful to see families from all elementary

schools coming together, with engaged speakers and kids participating. Our collective presence truly made a difference," said Marina Vidigal Brandileone, one of the organizers for last week's rally. "We also look forward to seeing a concrete medium- to long-term revenue plan from the district so that we don't find ourselves in this situation again," she told the Weekly.

Last month, the school board held multiple budget workshops and public hearings to discuss the upcoming cuts and reductions. According to the district, the budget reductions are needed to address a projected \$8 million to \$9

East Bay Parks GM suddenly resigns

'Disappointed' Landreth claims bad board left her with no option

By Jeremy Walsh

East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Sabrina Landreth stepped down last week and her deputy Max Korten has been installed as acting general manager, the district announced following a special board meeting Saturday morning.

Landreth's sudden departure came two days after her performance was the subject of a closed-session evaluation during the Board of Directors' regular meeting — which lasted more than seven hours overall and included pushback on multiple proposals from the general manager in open session.

"The Board of Directors is incredibly thankful for Ms. Landreth's service and her numerous substantial contributions to the operations of the Park District," Board President John Mercurio said in the district's news release just before noon Saturday.

EBRPD declined to release Landreth's resignation letter



Sabrina Landreth

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Dublin day care cited on same day as toddler died

Despite staffing violations, state agency deems 'questionable death' allegation unsubstantiated

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Building Kidz of Dublin is facing citations from the state over alleged insufficient staffing and inadequate supervision on the day that a 2-year-old was found unresponsive after nap time and later died.

While the California Department of Social Services report doesn't directly connect the alleged insufficient staffing on April 15 to Matthew Bonneau Jr.'s death, the agency's investigation that led to the citations stemmed from allegations made against Building Kidz the very next day. Additionally, the report specifies a lack of sufficient supervision during nap time on the day of the tragic incident.

The CDSS findings — obtained by the Pleasanton Weekly days after news of the boy's family suing the day care over his death — were based on interviews, record reviews, physician's interviews, video surveillance analysis and staff interviews, according to the agency.

The day care facility, located at 6351 Dublin Blvd., has appealed both citations related to staffing as well as a third citation wherein the CDSS discovered an alleged discrepancy in the record of an unnamed child.

The CDSS report states there was one staff member in a classroom with 14 children during nap time April 15. Of the 14 children, 12 kids were napping and two were awake. Two other teachers were on lunch break.

At the time of the "incident" the assigned staff member was in the northeast corner of the room redirecting the awake children.

Video surveillance shows that the staff member was engaged in craft preparation and was not observed physically checking on the children, according to the report.

"At one point, the staff member hung children's artwork on the classroom windows directly above C1's cot but did not notice that C1 was experiencing a medical emergency," the report states.

Since the staff member was busy hanging art supplies and supervising awake children, they were not able to properly supervise all of the children, including the child that experienced a medical emergency during nap time, the report states.

"The lack of visual supervision resulted in a delayed response to a medical emergency, which poses an immediate risk to the health, safety and personal rights of the children in care," the CDSS report says. As

an immediate risk, the CDSS issued a Type A citation to the facility.

The staffing at Building Kidz April 15 also did not comply with the required staff-to-child ratio of 1:12 and noncompliance lasted for a total of 26 minutes, according to the report, which resulted in a Type B citation.

"This staffing arrangement poses a potential risk to the health, safety and personal rights of the children in care," the report states.

A spokesperson for Building Kidz defended the day care's staffing levels that day to the Weekly.

The teacher was "directly supervising the children" and multiple times standing above the child who "appeared to be sleeping and did not observe any signs of distress," the spokesperson said.

"At no point was the child or any other students left alone during the nap period," they added, maintaining that the facility acted in compliance with California licensing regulations.

The spokesperson said the facility was in compliance with the regulation which states that "a teacher-child ratio of one teacher supervising 24 napping children is permitted provided that the remaining teachers necessary to meet

the overall ratio specified in Section 101216.3(a) are immediately available at the center."

However, the CDSS report indicates that the regulation was violated during nap time because two children were awake and active, which placed the teacher out of ratio.

The third citation relates to a "discrepancy in the documentation related to the Toddler Program Option maintained in Child C1's file."

The version of the form obtained during an investigation by the Investigations Bureau was different from the version provided to the police department, according to the report.

"This discrepancy raises concerns regarding whether the form was signed during the enrollment process or after the incident occurred," the report states.

The 2-year-old boy who died after being found unresponsive April 15 was identified by his family as Bonneau Jr. They filed a legal complaint against Building Kidz Oct. 13.

Police deemed the incident non-criminal in nature, Capt. Miguel Campos previously confirmed to the Weekly.

However, the family's civil

lawsuit against the day care and related business entities alleged that the child died due to the facility's negligence.

The CDSS determined that an allegation of "questionable death of daycare child in care" was unsubstantiated due to a lack of evidence to prove the allegation, a report from the agency states. The conclusion was reached upon a record review, Investigation Bureau investigation, interviews, video surveillance, medical records, law enforcement reports and autopsy findings wherein the toddler's cause of death was deemed "probable complications of influenza B viral infection."

"While the allegation may have occurred or is valid, there is no preponderance of evidence to prove the alleged violation," according to the report.

It is not clear whether the CDSS has completed its investigation of Building Kidz of Dublin surrounding the death of the child, as the department has not yet responded to questions posed by the Weekly.

However, investigation by Dublin Police Services is closed with no charges pending, Campos said. "The investigation can be reopened at any time if new evidence is presented," he added. ■

City appoints land-use veteran as assistant director

New role in Community and Economic Development Department hopes to streamline planning process

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The city of Pleasanton has selected a former Union City planning manager to serve as the assistant director of its Community and Economic Development — a brand-new position that aims to help streamline the city's planning process.

Derek Farmer, a 27-year veteran in land-use planning and development in both the public and private sectors, started his new role with the city on Monday, according to a press release from the city that day.

"As someone who has both lived and worked in Pleasanton, I am excited to return," Farmer said in the press release. "I look forward to working with city staff and the community to support thoughtful growth and continue building a vibrant and welcoming city."

According to city communications manager Heather Tiernan, the City Council early last year identified economic development as a "key strategic priority for staff". That's why she said the city, during its budget process, merged its Economic Development and Community Development departments.

Prior to the merger, Melinda Denis served as the deputy director and planning and permit center manager who oversaw the planning team and the permit center. However, following the merger, the city separated those duties, creating the need for someone to help run



Derek Farmer

things as assistant director.

Denis now oversees the permit center and economic development team as the deputy director of community and economic development, leaving Farmer in charge of the planning team as the planning manager and assistant director of community and economic development.

"Essentially, this position exists to enable the city to provide additional resources to Economic Development efforts and streamline our planning processes," Tiernan told the Weekly. "So, yes, there is one new position in that department, and it was included in our two-year budget as a strategy to enhance our Economic Development."

According to the city's press release, Farmer has directed many

planning divisions throughout the Bay Area where he has "managed complex development projects, modernized zoning ordinances and worked closely with economic development staff and business leaders to support local vitality".

Farmer's LinkedIn profile shows he has held positions in the planning departments of several local municipalities, including Union City and the towns of Moraga and Orinda. He has also worked at a handful of private sector companies like Tetra Tech, an engineering consultant based in San Jose.

"Derek's broad experience in both public and private sector planning will be a great asset to Pleasanton," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said in the city's press release. "His collaborative approach and familiarity with Tri Valley communities will

support our ongoing efforts to plan thoughtfully for housing, pursue economic development opportunities, and address the community's long-term needs."

In his new role, Farmer will help guide Pleasanton's policy development and oversee anything related to planning and development review, according to the city. He will also help support "strategic economic development initiatives".

"This position will play an important role in advancing the city's community and economic development priorities, including efforts to improve service delivery, enhance clarity and predictability in the development review process, and strengthen engagement with residents, businesses, and project applicants," the city's press release states. ■

Dozens of quakes strike in San Ramon

Swarm started with back-to-back at 3.8 and 3.7

Seismic activity rattled the Tri-Valley on Sunday, with a swarm of more than three-dozen earthquakes, including an earlier temblor that was revised upward to a magnitude of 3.8.

A total of 40 earthquakes were

recorded between 9:38 a.m. and 5:33 p.m. with epicenters in the San Ramon Valley, with nearly all located within the city limits of San Ramon, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The largest quakes were the first

that were recorded in the series, which were a 3.8 magnitude quake and a 3.7 magnitude quake in San Ramon that struck at 9:38 a.m. and 9:39 a.m., respectively.

One other Bay Area quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 2.8,

struck about 27 miles east of San Jose in Patterson, an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County. Another at 1.3 magnitude occurred several hours later in nearby San Martin.

There were no initial reports of

damage or impacts in Contra Costa County, according to Contra Costa Fire Protection District assistant chief Tracie Dutter. ■

— Story by Bay City News Service and DanvilleSanRamon editorial director Jeremy Walsh.

City removes aging trees in downtown

Spokesperson cites unsafe conditions, says every single tree will be replaced

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The city of Pleasanton is in the process of removing nearly two dozen Purple Robe Locust trees in and around downtown due to them declining and being unsafe as they age, a city spokesperson said.

According to Communications Manager Heather Tiernan, the city will work on replacing each of the removed trees.

“Replanting will begin within a few months of removal and will include a more diverse mix of species

to support a healthier and more resilient tree canopy downtown over time,” Tiernan said.

Tiernan said the tree maintenance in downtown is a result of a recommendation from a certified arborist who, through their assessment, identified 22 Purple Robe Locusts trees that are “declining or structurally compromised and need to be removed.”

According to Tiernan, these types of trees tend to have a shorter lifespan. She said she could not answer why the trees were planted

in the first place.

In regards to the removal of all 22 trees, Tiernan said the work is being done in phases to minimize disruption and that the work is scheduled to finish ahead of the holiday season.

“This work reflects the City’s ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, welcoming, and beautiful downtown for residents, visitors, and businesses,” Tiernan said. “We appreciate the community’s understanding as this work moves forward.” ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Pleasanton is currently undergoing a process to cut down 22 trees in downtown Pleasanton which were deemed unsafe by a certified arborist.

Pleasanton council greenlights city assessment

Staff say organizational evaluation could lead to efficiencies, cost savings in future

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council last week authorized City Manager Gerry Beaudin to sign an agreement with a consultant to develop a comprehensive citywide assessment designed to streamline the city’s organizational structure and identify cost savings.

Following the 4-1 vote, the consultant — Citygate Associates — will begin reviewing documents and data; interview city leadership and employees; and compare Pleasanton’s current practices against industry best standards as well as other municipalities.

All of the information will culminate in a report that will include cost-effective recommendations and cost-saving measures, which Beaudin said could all help the city prepare for future budget discussions.

“We’re trying to find out how we can support and learn about what you do ... and how we can better equip you to do what you do better.”

Chad Jackson,

Citygate Associates president

“We are looking for efficiency constantly but we are running the organization at the same time,” Beaudin said during the Nov. 4 council meeting. “So to have an outside, independent, third-party assist us with an evaluation of our overall operations at a time when we’re going through budget challenges ... is going to be a really helpful framework for the council as we move into the next round of budget discussions.”

According to the staff’s presentation that night, the city issued

a request for qualifications this past July and received proposals from 10 different firms. After conducting two rounds of interviews with the top three firms, the city decided to recommend awarding the nearly \$250,000 professional service agreement to Citygate Associates.

Some of the reasons cited for that decision — apart from the price and timeline for completion — were the Folsom-based consultant’s extensive experience with other state municipalities, the strong methodology used when conducting the comprehensive assessment, its proven track record and a focus on using data and analysis during the process.

“It’s really important that you get the most out of everyone and that they feel a sense of renewed vision and purpose and this is actually feasible to do,” Chad Jackson, president of the firm, told the council during the meeting. “And to do so we’re going to have to make sure we’re the most efficient, we’re leveraging technology appropriately, we’re not focusing on tasks that are unnecessary and that bring little value to the city and the community.”

Jackson added that while he understands \$250,000 seems like a lot of money right now, it really is an investment because through the assessment, they can find ways for the city and its employees to be more effective and save money.

He also noted, after hearing some concerns from the council, that doing the assessment doesn’t necessarily mean they will be looking immediately at cutting jobs.

“We’re not going out trying to find whose job we can axe — that’s not how we do this,” Jackson said. “We’re trying to find out how we can support and learn about what you do ... and how we can better equip you to do what you do better.”

He said one way they would do that is by introducing tiered recommendations starting with cost-saving measures that would cost the

city no money, such as redeployment of tools and staff; consolidating programs; and other low-hanging fruit that could be addressed almost immediately. The higher the tiers go, the more analysis would be presented regarding the pros and cons of what the consultant would be recommending for cost-saving measures.

Some issues raised by the council also had to do with the timing of the assessment given the greater context of work that city staff are currently doing.

Councilmember Craig Eicher said his biggest concern is making staff take part in such a venture with everything currently also going on within the city’s purview, such as having to implement recent organizational changes following this summer’s budget cuts.

“When you’re in flux, is that the best time for the assessment? Eicher asked. “Or do you wait until you stabilize a little bit before you have that assessment?”

However, Beaudin said that he “absolutely think it’s the right time for us to do this” and that he doesn’t think waiting another two years will help.

“There is no better time than now, other than two years ago,” Beaudin said. “This is a necessary step, in my professional opinion. And it is an opportunity that we can forgo tonight, but I think that when we get to the next two-year budget we’re going to regret forgoing.”

Beaudin said that given the skepticism he saw from the community during the city’s last two-year budget development process about the work that is coming out of the city,

it is important to have an assessment of how the city operates and what the city needs before they head into the next budget cycle.

Councilmember Julie Testa was the lone No vote on the item. She said while the assessment seems like a valuable tool, she was a bit skeptical about the city being able to afford it.

But Beaudin doubled down that the assessment is an investment and will yield savings over time and find efficiencies they are not finding currently in the organization. He also said that the city made a commitment to the community that it would be focused on an organizational assessment after the last round of budget discussions when there were a lot of questions surrounding organizational needs and services. ■

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LHS named model for mental health programming

Recognition awarded for 2024-25 school year by nonprofit Erika's Lighthouse

By JUDE STRZEMP

Livermore High School was recently recognized as a 2025 Peggy Kubert Model School in Mental Health Excellence.

The inaugural award granted by nonprofit organization Erika's Lighthouse — a provider of free programming for suicide prevention and mental health education — recognizes schools that promote mental well-being across their campus-wide community.

LHS was one of 25 recipient campuses recognized across 14 states for the 2024-25 school year, according to an announcement of the winners Sept. 18 by Erika's Lighthouse.

"We would like to thank Livermore High School for their dedication to supporting youth mental health," said Katie Conklin, vice president of programs at Erika's Lighthouse. "It's an important initiative that they're doing to



COURTESY LHS

A Wellness Center on campus is among the resources available at Livermore High School to promote students' health.

create an inclusive school culture and support young people."

Last school year, LHS utilized a staff training program from Erika's Lighthouse as well as an unaffiliated program regarding the signs

of suicide, Conklin said.

LHS also offers programs through its Wellness Center, peer counselors, culture keepers and teen mental health initiatives, LHS principal Roxana Mohammed told

Livermore Vine.

Additionally, Mohammed attested to the care shown by teachers and counselors on a daily basis.

"These efforts ensure that students not only have access to resources, but also feel seen, heard and supported by a network of caring adults and peers," Mohammed said.

Named after the first staff member at Erika's Lighthouse, Peggy Kubert, the award honors her belief that all schools should have access and support to implement high-quality mental health programs, according to the organization website.

Emotional well-being goes hand in hand with academic success, Mohammed said.

A particular strength of LHS is that it's a space where students can seek help without stigma, Mohammed added.

"At the same time, we recognize that this work is ongoing,"

Mohammed said. "We're always looking for ways to strengthen early intervention systems, expand peer leadership opportunities and deepen our trauma-informed practices so that every student feels safe and connected."

To receive the Peggy Kubert Model School award, schools must apply via self-assessment. Eligibility is restricted to tier one schools that serve their entire student population with evidence-based programming, but using resources from Erika's Lighthouse is not necessary for eligibility.

"This honor is a testament to the dedication of the entire LHS staff and community," Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District officials wrote on social media in September. "Thank you, Livermore High, for your unwavering focus on student mental health and well-being. We are so proud of this well-deserved recognition!" ■

PARKS

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without a formal public records request, which the Pleasanton Weekly is pursuing.

Landreth revealed her side of the story in a press release of her own Sunday morning, alleging the board "constructively terminated" her by asking her to take actions that would violate the law and harm her reputation. She said she is mulling legal action against her now-former employer.

"The Board was demanding that I compromise my integrity and values. I would not do that," she said, without providing specifics on the circumstances. "I stand by my values and my reputation as a professional administrator for the past twenty-five years."

Formerly city administrator in Oakland and city manager in Emeryville, Landreth was hired by EBRPD in March 2021 to become the 10th permanent general manager in district history — and the first woman to ever hold the position overseeing the largest regional park system in the U.S.

In its three-paragraph news release late Saturday morning, district officials praised Landreth for "coming into the position during the pandemic and immediately working tirelessly to improve the Regional Parks, make key acquisitions including Pt. Molate in Richmond, and ensure parks are accessible and welcoming to all members of the community. Under Landreth, the Park District modernized and strengthened the agency's leadership infrastructure, assembling talent across all Divisions to ensure the agency is well positioned for a bright future."

But tensions ebbed and flowed during the five-hour public portion of the board's regular meeting Nov. 4 in Oakland.

The tone of the two-hour-plus closed session earlier that day remains known only to those officials in the room — Landreth's performance evaluation and a conference on labor negotiations were the two agenda items. Mercurio, a Concord resident whose Ward 6 includes the San Ramon Valley, later told the public audience there were no announcements out of closed session.

Landreth was present for the full public session, which started out with three EBRPD employees speaking during open comment to criticize the district's return-to-work policy and advocate for telework flexibility.

Two of Landreth's proposals on the consent agenda — items deemed routine and typically approved with little-to-no fanfare — were separated for individual discussion and received pushback from multiple directors.

The board ultimately approved in split votes, with either abstentions or outright oppositions, the general manager's requests to hire San Leandro city clerk Kelly B. Clancy as EBRPD's new clerk of the board and to approve of the district creating a new board services program supervisor position.

The directors and staff then launched into a three-hour conversation about the district's budget and capital improvement program proposals for 2026. At the end of the workshop, Ward 2 Director Lynda Deschambault still felt like another extra session was needed, urging her colleagues to

create a new meeting this month to focus on the CIP outlook.

"You have three more meetings coming up," Landreth responded to the board. "So if you have additional questions, please send them our way and we have offered up, made ourselves available, to do meetings with anybody that would like them."

Also in her comments toward the end of the meeting, Landreth said, "I just wanted to go ahead and say thank you to all the staff today. This was a tremendous amount of work that went in to all of these staff reports, all of these presentations, all of the analysis, all of the questions. Incredible amount of work, and I just really want to say thank you to everybody."

Landreth resigned as general manager two days later on Nov. 6.

In her statement issued Sunday morning by Singer Associates Public Relations, Landreth said she "could not perform my job under a Board of Directors which was not exercising appropriate governance and operates without adequate checks and balances."

The press release claimed EBRPD elected directors "demanded she take actions — which she refused — that would have violated open government and personnel laws, and harmed her professional and personal reputation." Specifics were not shared about the allegations, but Landreth vowed she was seeking legal counsel and considering legal action against the district.

"I am proud of my accomplishments during my EBRPD tenure," Landreth added. "There were many projects I had started and am disappointed not to complete because my time was cut short by

the Board."

After the resignation, the directors called a special meeting for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, at which they appointed Korten as acting general manager. "Next steps on the hiring process are yet to be determined," the district said in its news release.

Korten joined EBRPD in October 2024 as deputy general manager after working the previous 10 years at Marin County Parks, including nearly eight years as director and general manager. An East Bay resident, Korten also had prior professional

experience with the Conservation Corps North Bay, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

He is now tasked with being the stopgap leader for EBRPD, which manages 73 parks, 55 miles of shoreline and more than 1,330 miles of trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and has its own police and fire departments. Notable district properties in the Tri-Valley include Pleasanton Ridge, Shadow Cliffs, Las Trampas and Del Valle regional parks and the Iron Horse Regional Trail. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Pumpkins unite! Neighbors on Pecan Court in Pleasanton do not stray far from home during Halloween. Instead, they prefer to channel their creative side and present unique, decorative pumpkins for pure enjoyment of the season. "First featured in Pleasanton Weekly in early COVID shutdown, our Gathering of the Pumpkins still continues. A good reminder (and excuse) to check in with neighbors, exchange/update contact information and see how everyone is doing before the rush to end of year," Jane Berry said. Their 2025 display included a witch, Beetlejuice, Steph Curry and more!

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County eyes more robust response to ICE crackdown

Two proposals won't be passed along to full Board of Supervisors until more vetting by departments

BY KILEY RUSSELL /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A pair of proposals designed to protect Alameda County residents from President Donald Trump's aggressive mass deportation policies will remain in the development phase for at least the next month or so.

Following a committee hearing on the items last week, supervisors Nikki Fortunato Bas and Elisa Marquez decided not to pass them on to the full Board of Supervisors until they can get additional input from various county departments.

One of the proposals would direct County Administrator Susan Muranishi to draft a "response plan" for federal immigration enforcement activity and the other would establish "ICE free zones" in properties owned or controlled by the county.

While Fortunato Bas appeared ready to move the proposals out of committee for a hearing in front of the full board as early as next week, Marquez thought the other three

supervisors would be more likely to support them following a more thorough vetting by county staff at the committee level.

"I'm just really concerned that our colleagues will not be ready without us fully exploring those other department heads," Marquez said.

At the Alameda County Together for All committee meeting on Nov. 6, which is composed of just the two supervisors, representatives from the Alameda County Health and Social Services agencies were on hand to discuss existing policies about interactions with federal immigration officials — some of which are still in the early stages of development — and the need to do more staff training as those policies are fleshed out.

For example, some of the guidelines that currently exist direct county staff to contact managers when interacting with law enforcement and to rope in county lawyers when presented with warrants from federal agents.

The committee will now solicit

similar input from other county departments, potentially at an early-December meeting, including from the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the General Services Office, which manages all of the county's properties and facilities.

Currently, the proposal to draft an immigration enforcement response plan includes several provisions, including the need for "rapid coordination" between county departments and community groups "to protect individual rights, ensure access to services, and promote public safety."

Such a plan would also include strategies for safeguarding county workspaces and health care facilities and providing staff training on compliance with state and county laws that prohibit "collaboration with federal immigration enforcement and development of preparedness plans on what to do if immigration enforcement activities take place at work."

The "ICE free zones" proposal would restrict "the use of all county-owned and county-controlled properties for immigration enforcement activity," including for "staging, processing, or surveillance."

To accomplish this, the county would, "where appropriate," use physical barriers like locked gates to limit access to parking lots, vacant lots or garages, for example, and post signs declaring such properties off limits to federal immigration agents.

The establishment of "ICE free zones" and the development of immigration response plans has already happened or is underway in several other jurisdictions locally and around the country, including Santa Clara County, San Jose and Chicago.

In addition to supporting the proposals during the public

comment portion of the meeting, several people urged the supervisors to find a way to prevent or discourage the federal government from using the now-empty former women's prison in Dublin as a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility.

Fortunato Bas said that she will check in with the community groups spear-heading that effort to see how their concerns might be incorporated in this or future board actions.

"While this administration's mass deportation agenda is spreading fear, causing trauma, and separating families, I'm really proud that our county is showing up for each other, that our communities are demonstrating courage, resilience and an unshakable commitment to organizing and keeping each other safe," Fortunato Bas said. ■

Citing shutdown, Stanford stops telehealth visits

Hospital system expects to keep video appointments paused until end of November

BY RILEY COOKE /
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

Stanford Health Care and Kaiser Permanente are just two health care providers in the Tri-Valley that are pausing certain telehealth visits for Medicare patients as a result of the ongoing federal government shutdown, which is now the longest in U.S. history.

That's because pandemic-era telehealth waivers expired on Oct. 1 after Congress failed to pass a spending bill in time, shutting down the federal government and the possibility of extending telehealth flexibility. The waivers previously saw bipartisan support and were extended and retroactively paid after prior government shutdowns, according to the California Medical Association. Physicians can still choose to bill Medicare for telehealth services, but for now, there is no guarantee that providers and hospitals that do so will be paid.

The California Medical Association advised providers to consider pausing telehealth visits and switching to in-person visits when possible — and it seems that the former is a more popular alternative among local hospitals.

Stanford Health Care paused new scheduling of Medicare telehealth visits from Oct. 14 through Nov. 30, according to a statement provided by senior media relations manager Lisa Kim. If the shutdown ends

sooner than that, Stanford will "adjust these dates as necessary."

"We remain fully committed to ensuring continuity and quality of care and are contacting each patient whose visit needs to be rescheduled," the statement reads.

While Stanford provides health care to many in the greater Bay Area, patients on the peninsula and in the Tri-Valley have taken to platforms like Nextdoor to share concerns about appointments being cancelled.

"My experience so far is doctor's offices are not aware of this," wrote one Menlo Park user on Nextdoor.

Kaiser Permanente also operates several medical centers throughout the Bay Area. According to a statement provided by senior media relations representative Antonia Ehlers, Kaiser paused telehealth visits on Oct. 1. For patients who have Medicare Advantage through Kaiser, telehealth visits are still available.

Sutter Health, which operates the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, did not respond to a request for comment about the status of telehealth visits at its medical centers.

However, several patients on Nextdoor wrote that they successfully completed scheduled telehealth visits at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, which is an affiliate of Sutter Health, as recently as mid-October.

There are a few exceptions that allow a Medicare patient to

continue receiving telehealth visits despite the shutdown. Patients seeking telehealth treatment for mental health and substance use disorder and rural patients are still eligible, according to the California Medical Association.

Additionally, patients enrolled in Medi-Cal, the state's name for federal Medicaid, will not be impacted, the California Medical Association clarified.

"According to the California Department of Health Services, Medi-Cal payments are not affected by the shutdown at this time," the CMA statement reads. "Medi-Cal telehealth claims are also not affected by the expiration of the federal waivers, as telehealth parity is written into statute and is not tied to Medicare."

But that still leaves millions of mostly older adults nationwide who rely on telehealth visits vulnerable to lapses in their health care.

In California, more than 300,000 Medicare patients accessed telehealth in the first quarter of 2025, around one in five of all Medicare recipients, according to data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

As the federal shutdown drags on, it remains unclear when the telehealth waivers will be reinstated, and whether providers who billed Medicare during that time will receive any backpay for their work. ■



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Choudhary ultimately did in June of this year when he submitted a second application.

The city's zoning administrator conducted a public hearing regarding the matter on July 18 and approved the second application to install the lights. This decision prompted neighbors Ray and Michelle Peterson to submit an appeal.

That appeal made its way to the Planning Commission on Sept. 10 where the commissioners voted to uphold the zoning administrator's decision to approve the application.

However, the appellants were not present at that meeting to make their

case as they were out of town and following the commission's decision, the Petersons filed another appeal which put the final decision in the hands of the council.

During the Nov. 4 council meeting, one of the complaints centered on Choudhary pouring concrete to construct the tennis court in the first place before notifying the city. The Petersons claimed doing so was in violation of city code, while Choudhary maintained it was not.

"All we have asked for, from the very beginning of this project, is that the planning department acknowledge the circumstances surrounding the construction of this project and then enforce the appropriate development standards," Ray Peterson

said during the meeting.

Choudhary said he was told that initial work did not need to go through the city. Additionally, it was noted during the meeting that the city did not have any codes or design standards to regulate sport courts.

Another point of contention during the meeting had to do with the setbacks on the tennis court, which the appellants said meant the lights would have been much closer to their property.

Choudhary told the council that he and his family had done everything to conform with the city's permitting process and to minimize the impact to their neighbors by planting vegetation, making sure their light fixtures would have little to no

spillover and trying to reach out to their neighbors to find compromise.

"We have complied with all the codes and the standards that the city enforces. We have gone above and beyond ... we've gone through great details to make sure that this is compliant," Choudhary said, noting that the lights would have been compliant in other cities that do have standards for sport courts.

"Has this tennis court ever been in a situation where it was built without the approvals? Not a single day," he added. "Not a single day we have been out of the code or any code violation whatsoever."

Despite Choudhary and even some of his other neighbors asking for the council's support in approving the

light application, Councilmember Julie Testa made the motion to deny it. Vice Mayor Jeff Nibert seconded the motion.

Balch and Councilmember Craig Eicher were the two dissenting votes as they supported the project moving forward. Councilmember Matt Gaidos ultimately cast the tie-breaking vote.

Gaidos, who had past knowledge of the overall project as a former planning commissioner, said he couldn't vote to approve the lights given the overall history of the neighbors' dispute and that the applicant seemingly changed his mind on installing the lights after not including them in the initial project application. ■

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million budget deficit for next year.

PUSD has attributed the structural deficit to several factors including declining enrollment, expiration of one-time state funds, low state funding and rising costs for compensation, insurance, health care and special education services.

In its Sept. 25 resolution committing to fiscal solvency approved by the board, the district noted that it will need to make ongoing budget reductions — and look for potential revenue enhancements — that will net a total savings of over \$8.15 million in the 2026-27 fiscal year and just over \$737,000 in the 2027-28 fiscal year.

That commitment was made to the Alameda County Office of Education as a condition of the district budget's approval after PUSD found a \$3.5 million variance from

last fiscal year's budget that pushed the district's reserves below the state's minimum 3% and has left the district in a position where it has to make millions of dollars worth of cuts to next year's budget.

ACOE Superintendent Alysse Castro spoke to the board during last week's meeting, thanking the trustees and staff for their continued work on addressing the district's budget challenges. However, she also noted that failure to resolve the issue could result in state intervention and a loss of local control.

The in-depth budget discussions kicked off on Oct. 16 with the school board reviewing the ongoing structural deficit, a 2026-27 budget reduction analysis tool and a preliminary list of potential budget reductions that totaled about \$13.5 million in cuts.

During its Oct. 23 regular board meeting, the trustees continued the discussion by reviewing the

district's updated reductions list, which totaled about \$15 million.

The reduction range came up during the Nov. 6 meeting after Trustee Mary Jo Carreon said that her hope was to not go over \$7 million in cuts after hearing many conflicting numbers of the total amount of cuts the district should be aiming to make.

"We have heard different numbers," Carreon said. "We have heard \$8.9, \$10.4 and \$11.2 (million)."

She said a lot of the cuts that the board might still need to consider making will be difficult

"A lot of these things left over are things that I am having a really difficult time cutting because I value relationships, I value health and safety and mental and counseling," Carreon said. "I think that we just need to say 'let's find \$500,000 (more) — I don't want to get to \$8 million because I don't want to go through all of these because these



CHUCK DECKERT

Parents, students and district employees pack the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 6 to show their opposition to many of the proposed cuts to the 2025-26 budget.

are all painful cuts."

However, Superintendent Maurice Ghysels clarified that while the absolute minimum the board needs to cut is \$8.9 million — as required by the county's conditional budget approval — the \$11.2 million target is more of a suggestion based on various contingencies.

"I think it's disingenuous to say that staff is changing the number. What they're showing you is the impact of the variables in the equation," Board President Justin Brown said. "Based on the last financials, based on the estimated COLA from the state, based on the numbers of enrollment ... that is the number."

During last week's meeting, the board also reviewed many of the contentious items that may not have been prioritized to be placed on the final list of potential cuts, but would be next in line if the board finds itself needing to make additional cuts.

Some of those highly debated positions on the chopping block include health service assistants and secretaries across the district.

"Being an administrative secretary at both a middle school and a high school here, we cannot do without our health services assistants," Trustee Laurie Walker said. "They need to be full-time. I cannot support reducing any of them."

But much of the discussion last week centered on proposed cuts to the elementary, middle and high school specialists for certain programs.

"If this board truly believes in the value of education, then prove it. Show us that you're willing to protect it, even when it's hard," Beth Thompson, a parent of a Donlon Elementary School student, said during public comment. "Show us that you're willing to rethink, revise, and respond — not retreat behind uncertainty and dismissal. Because our children deserve better and this community demands better."

The board moved a number of items, which total \$1.56 million in savings, to a second tier of potential reductions which would be tapped if the board needs to still add to its finalized list of reductions.

It identified a little over \$3 million in cuts that were placed in a third and final bucket, which includes items that the majority of trustees agree are too important to cut and that would have negative impacts on students, such as the fifth grade Outdoor Education Program.

The board still needed to weigh out and reach consensus on just under 10 items, which it was set to do at its next regular meeting Thursday, with results pending as of press time.

After finalizing the complete list of prioritized reductions, staff will review those options and prepare for upcoming labor discussions — as some of the proposed cuts involve changing bargained contract language — and further budget reporting next month. ■

Visit Tri-Valley unveils new visual branding

Aims to depict region as 'warm, welcoming, adventurous and authentic'

By JEREMY WALSH

Visit Tri-Valley, the destination marketing organization for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville, has introduced a new look — a set of refreshed logo designs presented to be as "warm, welcoming, adventurous and authentic" as the region itself.

Representatives of the 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization said the new color scheme, font styles and design elements revealed in October sought to better "capture the welcoming spirit of the region and reflect the experiences visitors can expect."

"With this bold step forward with our refreshed visual palette and identity, we remain committed to our mission of helping visitors discover unforgettable moments here in the Tri-Valley," President and CEO Tracy Farhad



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said in a press release.

Visit Tri-Valley pursued the branding redesign to attract potential new visitors — particularly overnight visitors — by visually highlighting the beauty of the region, officials said.

The rebranding press release, which was sent to a wide audience to tout "California's Tri-Valley" and its "captivating blend of small-town charm and seasonal magic,"

calls attention to the region's wineries, culinary offerings, cultural arts scene, lodgings, brew pubs and retailers.

Visit Tri-Valley is funded primarily by an assessment charged on hotel bills per room per night in the three cities and the town of Danville. (San Ramon separated 10 years ago to create its own, city-specific tourism improvement district now called Discover San Ramon.) ■

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Honoring service

Downtown Pleasanton hosts annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Concert

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Downtown Pleasanton paid tribute to former military service members during the annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Concert on Sunday afternoon. With residents watching on both sides of Main Street, dozens of veteran groups, community organizations, elected officials and others walked or drove in the procession held two days before the national holiday. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band performed patriotic music for the occasion outside the Veterans Memorial Building. Enjoy this snapshot of photographs from Pleasanton Weekly freelancer Chuck Deckert.



7 authors, 1 book: ‘Success Beyond the Backyard’

Pleasanton neighbors chronicle their journeys in respective industries to inspire others

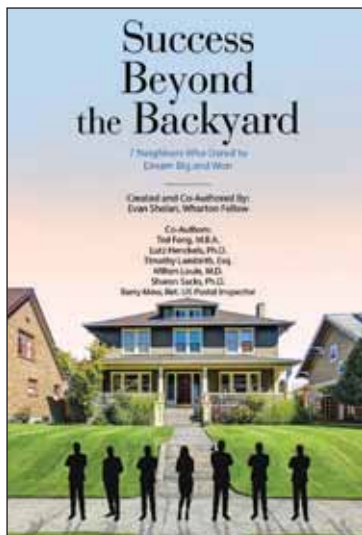
BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A group of Pleasanton residents who have had to overcome hardships such as blindness, stuttering, war and a global pandemic are now sharing their stories and tips on conquering obstacles in their new book titled “Success Beyond the Backyard: 7 Neighbors Who Dared to Dream Big and Won”.

The book was co-authored by seven residents who live in the Village at Ironwood senior neighborhood with one main goal in mind: helping others thrive in life.

“Our hope is that these stories will reach people that are facing personal obstacles, personal problems, professional problems and show them that any challenges that they have can become a stepping stone ... to success,” Evan Shelan, one of the book’s co-authors, told the Weekly.

According to Shelan, the idea



COURTESY EVAN SHELAN

Book jacket for “Success Beyond the Backyard”.

of writing a book almost came up spontaneously.

Shelan relocated to Pleasanton almost nine years ago, but before that

he was a big name in the financial technology industry after he exchanged nearly \$1 billion in foreign currency and helped lead the first blockchain payment from the U.S.

Upon moving, Shelan said he loved to talk to people so that he could get to know his neighbors better. That’s when he quickly found out his neighbors were some pretty interesting people with exemplary backgrounds and stories of how they never gave up when faced with professional and personal challenges.

“They were able to solve problems like I did, and it was intuitive,” he said. “They just knew they had to do it and quitting was never an option.”

Over some time, he began formulating an idea — a possibility — of getting all of those neighbors together to write a book, which was something he personally never thought he would do.

Then, as the synergy between the seven neighbors grew, Shelan said their stories really began to resonate with him. So much so that he asked them if they were interested in writing some of their stories down.

Some of those stories include Sharon Sacks’ journey of growing up blind and being told she would never amount to anything, only to go on to become superintendent of the California School for the Blind. Other stories include Tim Lambirth’s tale of working through his stutter to become a civil trial advocate and Lutz Henckels’ journey from being a World War II refugee who later built NASDAQ-listed companies.

“Plowing through those obstacles, becoming strategic thinkers,



COURTESY EVAN SHELAN

The seven authors of the book, which is set for an official launch event on Friday.

continuing to get more education and thinking outside the box is what got them through those obstacles and that’s what got me through my obstacles,” Shelan said.

So after getting all seven authors on the same page, Shelan said the group spent about a year and a half drafting their chapters and going over the material.

The main goal behind the book, he said, was not just to capture the amazing stories the seven residents had to tell, but it was to use those stories as a way to educate and hopefully inspire others to turn their obstacles into opportunities.

So after compiling all of the stories into a draft of the book, Shelan said he sent an email of the draft to Archway Publishing who spoke with Shelan the following day and told him they wanted to publish immediately, which further

cemented his notion of having a worthwhile product.

“I knew I had something good,” Shelan said. “I knew we had something that people could learn from and we had something that could help people.”

And according to the numbers, others in the country seem to agree with that notion.

Shelan said within three days of launching the book last month, it hit No. 1 in Amazon’s newest release list. Within that week, the book also got “overall best” in several other categories related to careers and jobs.

Now, the group of authors are getting set to host their official book launch on Friday (Nov. 14), which will be held at the Village at Ironwood, where they will host a panel and a question-and-answer session. ■



COURTESY EVAN SHELAN

Evan Shelan brought together six of his Village at Ironwood neighbors to write about their life experiences and share their wisdom with others.

Travel treasures make up ‘Greetings from Everywhere’

Souvenirs – and the stories they tell – fill Museum on Main through new year

BY JEREMY WALSH

Sharing the experience of travel with others — by sharing the souvenirs that help the travelers remember their trips — is at the heart of the new exhibit at Pleasanton’s Museum on Main.

“Greetings from Everywhere,” which opened last week and continues into the new year, features an eclectic collection of mementos Tri-Valley residents brought back from their journeys away from home, highlighting the items themselves and the stories they represent.

“Many of these objects came from vacations or other pleasure travel, some from family visits, some from business trips, but the common thread unifying them is that they all carry memories of the places they came from and the things people

did while they were there,” museum officials said in a press release over the weekend.

The museum called out several noteworthy displays, including a set of 170 stones and soil samples collected by Patrick Leary at sites of natural, historic and personal significance; two molas (appliqué blouse panels) made by the Kuna people that Gary and Pat Kirscher bought during a trip to Panama’s San Blas Archipelago; ticket stubs, brochures and other documents from Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan’s trip to Central Europe; and a collection of antique moose-head cream pitchers from various parts of the U.S. contributed by Cheree Hethershaw.

“In addition to the objects lent by friends of the Museum, ‘Greetings from Everywhere’ includes a

selection of souvenir items from the 1939-40 Golden Gate international expositions, collected by various Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore residents who attended it, as well as a vintage slide projector filled with vacation slides from earlier generations of Tri-Valley travelers.”

“Greetings From Everywhere” is the main exhibition in the museum from now until Jan. 3. Additionally, the student-developed poster exhibit “Coming to Pleasanton: Exploring the Immigrant Experience in the Amador-Livermore Valley” will remain on display through the end of the year.

The Museum on Main is located in the middle of downtown Pleasanton at 603 Main St. For hours of operation and more information, visit museumonmain.org. ■



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Various memorabilia from the 1939-40 San Francisco World’s Fair.

Intervention specialist dives into ‘Psychology of Cults’

Ashlen Hilliard to host educational presentation, Q&A at Bankhead next weekend

BY JUDE STRZEMP

What is a cult? Why do people join them? Why do they leave?

Taking on these questions is cult intervention specialist Ashlen Hilliard, who is set to present a live, educational show at the Bankhead Theater this month dubbed “Psychology of Cults.”

Hilliard will walk audiences through a timeline representing one’s entrance into and exit from a cult, equipped with a master’s degree in the psychology of coercive control and nearly eight years of experience working with cult survivors.

But beyond discussing infamous groups like Jonestown and NXIVM, Hilliard connects everyday life to the subject of coercive control — an intentional pattern of abuse inflicted over time aimed at gaining power.

The forthcoming show at the Bankhead on Nov. 23 marks the last stop on Hilliard’s nationwide tour.

“I’m really trying to take them into the experience of someone who has been in a cult, so that they better know not only how to protect themselves, but also how to see others who



COURTESY LVA

Presenter and cult interventionist Ashlen Hilliard.

have been in cults through the lens of less judgement,” Hilliard told the Pleasanton Weekly.

She began working in the field as a case manager helping those who were exiting diverse, fundamentalist Mormon polygamous groups including Warren Jeffs’ Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Currently, she serves as a consultant and educator supporting cult survivors with resources and resource-navigation as well as families who have a loved one in a cult.

Through her work in the field, she has seen that there is no agreed-upon definition of a cult.

Hilliard defines a cult as “a group that is united by a particular cause, person or idea that involves thought-reform, coercive control and a restriction of autonomy.”

As few as two people can be considered a cult, she added. For example, domestic violence relationships where someone is an abuser and controller over somebody else can be a very cult-like relationship.

“We have more documentaries now than ever on cults and so we

have more literature out there, but oftentimes this subject matter is still very misunderstood or stigmatized as to who can get in them,” she said.

It’s a common misconception that people are stupid or uneducated for joining cults, she said.

“I want to de-stigmatize the fact that anyone can actually end up in a cult,” Hilliard said.

Early in the timeline of one’s involvement with a cult, there is an introduction to new ideas that may seem appealing, Hilliard explained. There may also be a charismatic leader or community that offers the individual a lot of attention.

If the individual is being introduced to the group by a trusted person, they may not be alert to red flags, Hilliard explained.

Through video and audio of well-known groups, Hilliard illustrates to audiences a variety of experiences in cults.

As for someone’s departure from a cult, an individual may be financially broke, disillusioned, abused, kicked out or simply not interested any more, she said.

Coercive control is subtle and often difficult to recognize, she said.

It can look like isolation from support, financial abuse, emotional harm and physical harm, she added.

“I hope that they take away from the show tools and education to further empower themselves so that they know how to look for red flags in relationships and groups,” Hilliard said. “I think this is a really timely topic right now because of how polarized people are right now in this country.”

After the presentation, Hilliard is set to hold a Q&A session with the audience.

The most frequent question on the tour so far, she says, has been: Is MAGA a cult?

But the term cult can be a thought-terminating cliché, she said, meaning it can be wielded against a group



COURTESY LVA

Hilliard is set to present “Psychology of Cults” at the Bankhead Theater next Sunday.



COURTESY LVA

Hilliard holds a master’s degree in the psychology of coercive control and has worked with cult survivors for nearly eight years.

ultimately causing defensiveness and a shutdown of critical thinking.

“It can be more beneficial for people to be able to recognize what are the harmful or cultic dynamics at play that can exist within MAGA, for example, so that they can analyze it and also to protect themselves from being harmed,” Hilliard said.

“Psychology of Cults” is set to begin at 3 p.m. next Sunday (Nov. 23)

at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

The show contains graphic and disturbing content and is intended for mature audiences only, according to the Livermore Valley Arts website.

For tickets, visit livermorearts.org. For more information about Hilliard’s work as a cult interventionist, visit her website at peopleleavecults.com. ■



COURTESY LVA

The Bankhead show is the last stop on Hilliard’s nationwide tour.

Del Valle Fine Arts presenting Brass Over Bridges

Award-winning quintet ‘passionate about supporting students and music education’

BY JEREMY WALSH

The “warm and expressive” musical stylings of Brass Over Bridges is coming to the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore this weekend as part of the 46th season of performances for Del Valle Fine Arts.

The Bay Area quintet is “committed to traditional brass repertoire, forging new musical paths and connecting with diverse audiences ... Their wide-ranging program bridges

music from the Italian Renaissance to Jazz to Leonard Bernstein’s Broadway ‘West Side Story’ to a ‘San Francisco Pastorale,’” DVFA reps said.

The award-winning group features trumpet player and composer Ari Micich, Joseph Brown on trumpet, Erika Miras on French horn, Esther Armendariz on trombone and Will Baker playing bass trombone.

“Beyond performances, Brass Over Bridges is passionate about supporting students and music education,”

DVFA reps said. “From collegiate-level masterclasses to performances for middle school students, the ensemble designs programs to educate and inspire young musicians at all levels.”

The concert is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 15) at the Bankhead. Free admission for students under 18 years old. A complimentary reception will follow the show. For more information, go to delvallefinearts.org. ■



DVFA

Brass Over Bridges is playing a concert at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Saturday.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Man shot in summer could lose his guns for threatening to 'shoot up' medical office

The city of Pleasanton and its police department have filed a joint petition for a gun violence restraining order against a resident after he allegedly threatened to shoot up a local medical office building and the family of the person who shot him just months ago.

Mark Webster, 71, was shot multiple times in a confrontation outside his home with 50-year-old Sunol resident and dog trainer Joshua Kaplan back in July.

According to the petition and the attached declaration from PPD Detective Nickolas Skaggs, a doctor at the John Muir Health Pleasanton Outpatient Center said that on Sept. 23 Webster told her that he was "going to enact 'revenge' against the other party by 'shooting him and his family'" and that he was not concerned about going to jail for the rest of his life.

The situation escalated days later on Sept. 26 when a PPD officer responded to criminal threats allegedly made at the outpatient center, according to the petition filed Oct. 15. Webster was scheduled for an ultrasound that day but became frustrated, left the imaging department and went to his doctor's suite.

That's when Webster's doctor and a clinical assistant claimed Webster made more concerning threats about Kaplan and his family, along with threats to the building, saying that he was tired and that he was "going to shoot this place up."

A clinical assistant relayed the threat to police and another colleague also corroborated the statement, according to the petition.

"Respondent made threats to commit a mass shooting, while in possession of multiple unregistered firearms and ammunition," Skaggs wrote in the document. "Coupled with his reported mental instability and personality disorder, he poses a risk to himself and others."

Skaggs also said he interviewed Webster who "categorically denied" threatening to shoot up the medical office.

PPD Lt. Nicholas Albert confirmed to the Weekly that the restraining order petition is unrelated to the ongoing criminal case against Kaplan for shooting Webster. Kaplan, who has pleaded not guilty to charges, contends he fired in self-defense.

"The associated case hasn't been resolved through the court process, so we are unable to comment further on a pending matter," Albert told the Weekly.



FILE PHOTO BY DANIEL KIM

The East County Hall of Justice in Dublin is the site of most criminal proceedings in Alameda County Superior Court.

The altercation between Webster and Kaplan stemmed from allegations of Webster abusing his dog, according to past court records. A pre-trial hearing in that case was currently set for Thursday, with results pending as of press time.

However, Skaggs wrote in his declaration that since the summer shooting incident, Webster has been hostile toward law enforcement and toward Kaplan. Webster's doctor also told police that Webster suffers from a "personality disorder and is not mentally stable."

That revelation, along with Webster allegedly owning two unregistered firearms after having told officers he did not own any additional guns, led Skaggs to his determination that Webster is "unfit to possess firearms."

"He should seek mental health treatment and anger management treatment to curb his violent tendencies," Skaggs wrote. "5 years is sufficient to accomplish the above, given the severity of his behavior."

According to the Superior Court of Alameda County Public Portal, a gun violence restraining order hearing is scheduled for Nov. 20.

— Christian Trujano

Intruder who stole credit cards from schools arrested

A Fairfield man accused of trespassing on several school campuses and stealing items throughout the Bay Area, including recently in Livermore, has been arrested.

"We are relieved that this individual has been arrested and are grateful to the Livermore Police Department for working with other agencies on our behalf to bring resolution to this matter," said Torie Gibson, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District superintendent, in a statement to the Weekly.

Fremont Police Department school resource officers arrested Christopher on Nov. 3 — exactly one month after a Fremont elementary school reported a suspicious individual walking around campus Oct. 3, according to a press release issued by Fremont PD last week.

Following that incident, Fremont SROs began receiving additional

reports of missing items from classrooms at multiple schools across the district.

Through a coordinated investigation, Fremont police identified Britton as their suspect. He was already wanted by multiple law enforcement agencies in Solano, Contra Costa, Marin, Alameda, and Yolo counties for similar thefts occurring on school campuses.

While conducting a follow-up activity in Walnut Creek on Nov. 3, a Fremont SRO spotted Britton returning a rental vehicle believed to have been used during one of the burglaries. Working in collaboration with the Walnut Creek Police Department, officers quickly moved in and arrested Britton after he attempted to flee the area, according to Fremont PD's statement.

His arrest came less than a week after LVJUSD confirmed that four of their campuses had been targeted earlier in October by a man authorities later identified as Britton.

"School safety remains one of our top priorities," Livermore PD officials said in a statement to Livermore Vine following Britton's arrest. "We appreciate the swift action and collaboration of our law enforcement partners, including the Fremont Police Department, for apprehending the suspect."

Investigators determined that Britton was specifically targeting school classrooms, stealing teachers' credit cards, and using them to make fraudulent purchases at various retail stores.

"Our schools and staff were among many across the region affected by this individual's actions, serving as an important reminder for all of us to remain vigilant and consistent in following the safety protocols that help keep our campuses safe and secure," Gibson said.

The latest string of incidents comes months after a multi-agency task force led to Britton's previous arrest in Marin back in April.

The operation included the Vacaville Police Department, Lafayette Police Department, Danville Police Department, Marin County Sheriff's Office and Dublin Police Services.

At that time, Britton was booked

into the Marin County Jail on a no-bail Marin County arrest warrant and a \$210,000 Contra Costa County Ramey warrant for several counts of burglary and fraud-related charges, according to an April statement from the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

It is currently unclear what the status of that previous case was or why he was out of custody.

Fremont PD said in its statement that the agency encourages any individuals or schools who believe they may have been victimized by Britton to contact their local police agency and file a report. Information about similar events in Fremont can be reported to their investigations unit at 510-790-6900.

— Cierra Bailey

Dublin man accused of prowling at Cal sorority

A Dublin man suspected of prowling and stealing personal items from a sorority house at the University of California, Berkeley was arrested by police on suspicion of multiple crimes, the city department said last week.

On Nov. 1, members of a sorority house in the 2300 block of Warring Street said that an unknown man was seen inside the bedroom of one of the residents. The man then fled the house through a back door at about 6 a.m.

According to investigators, other women in the sorority had reported seeing the man as early as 3 a.m. A review of security footage showed the suspect walking inside and outside of the house until about 6:35 a.m. At one point the suspect left, changed clothes, then returned in a ski mask.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that the suspect had stolen food and underwear from a resident's room and had also watched women shower in the communal shower room.

Using security video footage, detectives with the department's Sex Crimes Unit followed the evidence and investigative leads to a possible suspect — Courtney Alford, 45.

Using license plate reader technology, detectives allegedly found multiple images of Alford's vehicle in the area before and after the burglary.

An arrest warrant was issued for Alford and he was taken into custody in Castro Valley on Nov. 5.

When officers later searched Alford's Dublin residence, they allegedly found parts to assault rifle, high-capacity ammunition magazines and over 900 rounds of ammunition.

On Nov. 6, prosecutors charged Alford with burglary, prowling/peeking, invading privacy, unlawful entry, and being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

— Bay City News Service

Gun store targeted again

A gun shop in Livermore has been hit by crime for the third time in two years, according to city police — who confirmed that the oldest case, which left a Redwood City man dead, still remains an open investigation.

In the latest incident, a vehicle rammed through the glass storefront at East Bay Firearms at around 4:30 a.m. Oct. 25, and the occupants burglarized the First Street shop before fleeing the scene, according to Livermore Police Department spokesperson Azenith Smith.

Smith said store ownership reported "several firearms had been stolen," and the department's criminal investigations bureau was actively working the case. Co-owner Damon Butts told KTVU in a recent interview that three masked burglars took 32 guns total, worth an estimated \$40,000.

The break-in happened almost two years to the day after 28-year-old Freddy Mendoza was shot dead at East Bay Firearms during an alleged robbery attempt.

Witnesses reported at the time that Mendoza entered the store while wearing a mask, gloves and hoodie and was acting suspiciously before he tried to steal a gun while armed with a hammer at around 2:30 p.m. Oct. 22, 2023, police said. A store owner — whose identity has not been confirmed — fired two rounds and fatally wounded Mendoza in what police initially described as an apparent act of justifiable self-defense.

The investigation into the

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Two charged in 1993 murder of East Bay father

Victim's ex-girlfriend and her then-boyfriend arrested after new evidence comes to light

By JUDE STRZEMP

More than three decades since a 30-year-old man was shot to death inside his home in unincorporated Hayward, the longtime cold case has been solved, Alameda County Sheriff's Office representatives announced Monday.

Zachary Jackson, originally from Modesto, was found dead June 17, 1993, and is believed to have been killed three days prior, lead investigator and sheriff's detective Patrick Smyth said at a joint press conference with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Over the years, witnesses have come forward with information



Zachary Jackson

about the case, but now there is enough evidence to prove without a reasonable doubt that the two suspects are guilty, District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson said at the press conference in Dublin on Monday morning.

On Nov. 6, Jackson's ex-girlfriend Veronica Fonseca, 54, and her then-boyfriend Anthony Fox, 56, were arrested in New York and Iowa, respectively. Both suspects have been charged with the murder of Jackson as well as burglary and are awaiting extradition to California, Smyth said.

While Fonseca and Fox were both allegedly present at Jackson's killing, Fox is the one accused of pulling the trigger.

"We cannot forget that victims desire and require closure in cases. And this is a case that took 32 years to get there, but all the same, we don't stop the work," Jones Dickson



Veronica Fonseca



Anthony Fox

said. "This case will be charged and charged appropriately."

During an initial investigation, no eye witnesses were located in the 1993 murder but a neighbor reported hearing several rapid gunshots on the evening of June 13 or June 14, Smyth said.

Investigators also found that Jackson had an ongoing dispute with his landlord, a lead that took center stage in the investigation.

At the time of his death, Jackson and Fonseca split custody of their 4-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son.

Fonseca was interviewed several times by investigators but there was no indication of her being involved in the case, Smyth said.

Although investigators were aware that Fonseca and Fox were dating in 1993, Fox was not interviewed at the time, Smyth said. It is unclear why he was not interviewed, the detective added.

After a few months of investigation and no suspects, the case went cold.

About 20 years later in 2014, a caller to the sheriff's Cold Case Unit alleged that Fonseca and Fox were responsible for Jackson's murder.

Cold case investigators followed up on the lead, but the case ultimately stalled, Smyth said.

Hearsay from one individual may not be enough to prove a case beyond a reasonable doubt, Jones Dickson said. But other information and other witnesses have come out as the investigation has unfolded, she added.

In 2021, Fonseca and Fox were once again accused of killing Jackson — this time by an anonymous tipster whom Smyth subsequently interviewed.

The case gained traction this year with an investigative plan and several other witnesses who

corroborated previous reports identifying Fonseca and Fox as responsible for Jackson's murder, Smyth said.

On Oct. 27, the sheriff's office announced that they reopened the case following the discovery of new evidence. During the same month, a probable cause arrest warrant for murder was issued for both Fonseca and Fox.

Fonseca was subsequently arrested Nov. 6 at her home in Queens, N.Y. by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, according to an announcement by the Sheriff's Office. She is currently in custody at Rikers Island in New York.

On the same day, Fox was taken into custody by Sioux City Police Department in Iowa after leaving his residence on foot, the announcement states. Fox is currently being held at Woodbury County Sheriff's Office.

The case has been solved through a collaboration with the DA's office as well as many federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies, according to the sheriff's office. ■

Clifford Lee Jensen

November 11, 1939 – November 2, 2025

Clifford Lee Jensen, 85, of Pleasanton, California, passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 2, 2025.

Cliff was born on November 11, 1939 to Ray and Lucille Jensen (both deceased) in Oakland, California. Cliff has one brother, Wayne Jensen, who resides in Roseville, California. In 1957, Cliff graduated from Castlemont High School in Oakland, California. Following high school, Cliff loved to work on automobiles and eventually he and a business partner opened an automotive repair and speed shop in Hayward, California. In 1962, he married Susan Moisieve and together they raised one son, Michael Jensen. Following the birth of his son, Cliff sold his share of his business and began working at a Chevrolet dealership in Oakland, California. This allowed him more free time to spend with his family.

As a young adult, Cliff was an avid outdoorsman and embraced life to the fullest. He enjoyed racing cars, bull riding, horseback riding, dirt bike riding, golfing, camping, fishing, and hunting with family and friends. He loved to experience all that life had to offer. After 37 years at the Chevrolet dealership, he hung up his tools in favor of a fishing line, golf clubs and ocean cruises. He and Susan bought a travel trailer and boat, which they kept at Pardee Lake. This would be their home away from home, enjoying fishing and being with their friends.

Cliff was a devoted family man, always willing to help out others. He is survived by his wife Susan Jensen of 63 years, his son Michael Jensen, his brother Wayne Jensen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on December 6, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

The family has asked in Lieu of flowers, donations be made to Recreation 4 Veterans, P.O. Box 1806, Pleasanton, CA 94566. www.rec4vets.org.



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circumstances of Mendoza's death "is still under review and is not closed", Smith told the Weekly last week. It remains unclear why the 2023 case is still pending.

Another incident occurred at East Bay Firearms on Dec. 2, 2024. Smith said a 23-year-old San Ramon man entered the store pretending to be a shopper, grabbed a gun and ran out the door.

"Livermore Police, with help from San Ramon Police, identified the suspect and took him into custody several hours later," Smith said.

Butts told KTVU the 2024 suspect served only a 120-day work release for the crime.

— Jeremy Walsh

Drug arrests in Livermore

Two men on probation were arrested in Livermore in separate drug-related cases last week, police said.

On Nov. 4 at about 12:30 p.m., officers pulled over a Mini Cooper for alleged unsafe driving near Isabel and Portola avenues in Livermore. The driver, a 34-year-old Modesto resident, was found to be on felony probation, so was subject to a search.

Police allegedly found more than 8 grams of fentanyl and 34 Xanax bars packaged for sale on his person.

He was arrested on suspicion of multiple drug-related crimes, including transporting and possessing a narcotic for sale.

Then at about 3:45 a.m. Nov. 5, Livermore police made contact with a 44-year-old Castro Valley resident

in his car at a gas station on Airway Boulevard.

He was also on probation out of Contra Costa County and had an active warrant for his arrest. A vehicle search allegedly uncovered more than 80 grams of methamphetamine.

The man was arrested for his warrant and on suspicion of being in possession of a controlled substance for sale.

— Bay City News Service

Pedestrian hit in Danville

The Danville Police Department is continuing its investigation into a collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian downtown this week that left the latter with serious injuries.

Police arrived at the scene at approximately 10:45 a.m. Monday at Iron Horse Plaza at 345 Railroad Ave., where they provided initial medical aid before San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District personnel arrived and provided transportation to the hospital.

The victim was walking on the sidewalk before being struck by a vehicle that was turning into the parking lot. The driver did not sustain any injuries and is cooperating with police, according to a statement from DPD on Tuesday.

— Jeanita Lyman

ACSO probes road-rage death

Authorities in Alameda County are hoping the community can help them gather more information about an apparent road rage encounter over the weekend in Castro Valley that allegedly led to

a man's death.

On Saturday at about 7:40 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers were sent to the area of Wilbeam and North Ridge avenues in Castro Valley regarding a possible road rage incident that led to a collision.

Officers arrived and found Jason Elola, 49, suffering from apparent injuries. He was taken to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and died.

The other person allegedly involved in the collision, Martin Davis Jr., 37, called the CHP to report his involvement, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office said. Davis was told to return to the scene, which he did.

Investigators believe that a physical fight broke out between Elola and Davis after a road-rage incident, but they haven't provided more information. Davis was arrested and booked into the Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of homicide, the sheriff's office said.

The ACSO is asking anyone who may have witnessed the collision or what led up to it, or who captured any part of it on a cellphone or dashcam, to contact Detective Hammad at 510-459-8095 or the tip line at 510-667-3622.

According to a GoFundMe organized by Elola's family, he was a husband and the father of nine children.

"Jason was everything to everyone, and his absence is deeply felt by all who knew him," reads the post.

Elola's GoFundMe has a goal of \$50,000 to support funeral expenses and the family in his absence, it says. As of Tuesday night, it had raised just over \$20,000. ■

— Katy St. Clair,
Bay City News Service



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador looks to flip script on tough season

Dons earn berth in NCS Division II tournament after critical wins over Mustangs, Grizzlies

This could have easily been a season where the Amador Valley High football team was in a “what could have been” type season.

The Dons suffered an insane number of injuries to the talented senior class, which in turn led to an 0-4 start to the season.

But never did the negative thoughts creep in throughout the team despite the temptation.

“When you start 0-4, as a coach you are worried if we are going to start pointing fingers and you lose the team,” Amador coach Danny Jones said. “But we had some of that (same feeling) last year. The seniors stayed together, knowing everything is still in front of us.”

Jones was drawing reference to last season when the Dons lost three of their first four on the field but rallied to win the North Coast Section Division II title, followed by a NorCal title, and a spot in a CIF

State Championship Bowl.

The Dons lost in the state final, but they got there.

So many key players from last year’s run were hurt to start this season.

Anthony Harrington, Ismael Duenas, McKay Kenitzer, Aidan Foley and Cole Goldsworthy all missed time throughout the season. Harrington was the first back, but hampered by a nagging ankle injury.

Kenitzer came back, then suffered a high ankle injury midway through the season and appeared to be out for the year. Goldsworthy was also bothered by a nagging injury.

Jones and his staff knew the Dons could be healthy for the final couple of games. They needed some help, but if things played out right, there was a path for Amador to make the postseason.

Things did, and with the play of running back Vincent Maiorana and the continued growth of sophomore quarterback Nicco Kovacs,

the Dons did enough to keep their hat in the ring.

Maiorana has run for 1,579 yards and 18 touchdowns this year while Kovacs has hit on almost 70% of his passes with 13 touchdowns but more importantly, only four interceptions.

After their bye on Oct. 24, the Dons faced games with Monte Vista and California — no easy task.

On Halloween the Dons dispatched of Monte Vista 35-14 — Harrington had 12 catches for 285 yards and two touchdowns. That left last week’s game at Cal as the do-or-die game for the Dons.

“The last few weeks we knew the Cal game would be the game that could get us to the playoffs,” Jones said.

And just like last year, it turned into a shootout.

“We couldn’t stop them, and they couldn’t stop us,” Jones said.

Last year Cal got the 54-48 overtime win, while this year saw the Dons drive 91 yards, using up eight minutes for the score and a 42-35 lead. By the time the Grizzlies got the ball back, they only had 45 seconds left in the game.

The Dons went for and converted two fourth downs on the drive. “If we punted, (Cal) was going to score on us,” Jones said. “We knew we couldn’t punt.”

The win gave Amador the things it needed to make NCS despite a 4-6 overall record. One was a 3-2 mark against teams in their division. Second, the win gave them a 2-1 mark in EBAL Mountain play.

The Dons were seeded No. 7 in the



BRYAN KENITZER

The Amador Valley football team celebrates its win over California last Friday, which propelled the Dons into the NCS Division II tournament.

NCS D-II playoffs, a joke, yet typical for NCS as they are seeded behind Monte Vista (2) and Cal (3).

Two teams Amador beat in the last two games get higher seeds than the Dons. Monte Vista, a team that went 1-2 in the EBAL Mountain and finished behind Amador, is five seeds ahead of Amador and will host the Dons in the first round.

But the Dons are in the tournament — and most importantly, they are as healthy as they have been all season. In fact, the Dons came out of the Cal game with no injuries.

The adjustments of having all the seniors back allows the defense to return players to their natural positions, making the unit stronger. Despite the 35 points allowed to Cal, you could see differences in the

structure. And they are only going to get better this week as the players get more time playing again.

Jones, who leaves Amador after this season for a new spot in Idaho, is emotional about how the season played out.

“It’s so special — it means everything,” Jones said. “The kids wanted it so bad. I am just so fired up that we get another chance with the seniors. We felt like it wasn’t over. I am so happy for the kids — there’s nothing like football when things are going well.” ■

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

Family of injured pole vaulter sues PUSD

Attorneys allege negligence, dangerous conditions at Foothill led to teen’s paralysis

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Unified School District is facing a lawsuit from a former Foothill High School pole vaulter and his father stemming from the serious spinal injury the teenager suffered at practice last academic year.

Aman Deshmukh, who was paralyzed upon landing a vault attempt at Foothill on March 6, has been navigating his new physical and emotional reality amid months of medical treatment, according to updates on his journey online. Now, the family is looking to hold PUSD accountable financially for the boy’s life-altering injury.

Lodged on the now-16-year-old’s behalf by his father, Subodh Deshmukh, the lawsuit alleges negligence, recklessness, violation of special relationship and dangerous condition of public property for the circumstances at Foothill

that fateful day.

“High school youth pole vaulting requires specific and supervised instructional conduct by coaches to mitigate the danger of catastrophic injury to the participants,” the lawsuit states. But the actions of PUSD and its representatives “establish an extreme departure from the ordinary standard of conduct and a want of even scant care for the health and safety of the minor student pole vault athletes.”

The civil complaint for damages was filed Oct. 28 in Alameda County Superior Court by Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger, a personal injury law firm based in San Francisco.

A PUSD spokesperson told the Pleasanton Weekly on Monday that their side had not yet seen the complaint.

“The District has not yet been served with the lawsuit, but extends

its thoughts and concerns to our student and his family. We are in the process of investigating the incident and extending the support we can offer to assist the student, family, and community,” PUSD stated. “Given that the matter involves litigation and injury to a student, the District cannot comment any further.”

Aman Deshmukh was a 15-year-old sophomore at Foothill when the injury occurred — on an afternoon when the designated pole vault coach was absent on vacation, according to Deshmukh’s lawyers.

His mother Yogini Joglekar told the Weekly at the time that “Aman had a clean jump, cleared the bar and landed in the landing area on the mat,” but it was a bad landing and Deshmukh injured the C4 and C5 vertebrae in his neck.

The Weekly covered Deshmukh’s injury that spring; a key angle to the

story at the time was the family’s insurance company initially denying their desire to transfer Deshmukh to the teen-specific rehabilitation program at Craig Hospital in Colorado. Soon after the Weekly’s article and public pressure mounted, the insurer changed positions and cleared Deshmukh’s preferred treatment path.

Craig Hospital spotlighted Deshmukh’s journey through his early months in rehab there in a blog article, “A Bright Light at Craig,” recounting the teen’s experience balancing physical treatment and continuing his education, including scoring a 5 on the Advanced Placement world history exam.

Three days after the piece posted online, back in the Bay Area Deshmukh’s family filed a claim against PUSD on his behalf — which the district did not take action on

within the 45-day window, so it was deemed to be denied Sept. 29.

A lawsuit followed nearly a month later, alleging the district allowed unsafe conditions that contributed to Deshmukh’s paralyzing injury.

“No competent adult on the staff of the FHS Track & Field team was present to coach, assist, guide, supervise, mentor, or control the minor Plaintiff during the vault or landing process,” the attorneys wrote. “Only after Plaintiff lay motionless on the landing mat for a period of time after his injury did an adult respond to his paralyzed body in the vault pit.”

“The vault pit and landing pad area were not fit for use by high school pole vaulting because they were in a state of neglect, deterioration, and disrepair and they were not in compliance with the local, State and national safety standards,” the lawyers added.

The lawsuit seeks general damages, special economic damages and legal costs from the district, and demands a jury trial. ■

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 598947

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):
WHOLE LOTTA PCS
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FADED BY FONS
CASA FLORES
PCS

19062 Times Avenue
Hayward, CA 94541
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 06/26/2023
UNDER FILE NO. 598947

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
ALFONSO JUNIOR FLORES JR.
19062 Times Avenue
Hayward, CA 94541

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on October 28 2025.
(PLW Nov 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 606762

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):
ROSE WELLNESS THERAPY & CONSULTING
248 3rd Street #1100
Oakland, CA 94607
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 05/23/2024
UNDER FILE NO. 606762

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
VANESSA ROSE SHEA
248 3rd Street #1100
Oakland, CA 94607

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on October 14 2025.
(PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN NAME

I, **Vaibhav Mohan**, son of **Virendra Mohan Sinha**, aged 34 years, residing at 6845 Penn Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, USA, have changed my name from **Vaibhav Mohan** to **Vaibhav Mohan Sinha** as per affidavit dated **22nd September 2025**, sworn before Notary Public **Ammara Om** at **Dublin, California, USA (Zip Code: 94568)**. Henceforth, I shall be known as **Vaibhav Mohan Sinha** for all purposes.
(PLW Nov 14, 2025)

Web3 Pro Inc. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

On June 26, 2025, Web3 Pro Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), dissolved (the "Dissolution") in accordance with Section 275 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"). As a result of the Dissolution, the continued corporate existence of the Company has ceased (except for the limited purposes expressly set forth in the DGCL) and the affairs of the Company will be wound up. The Company is hereby providing you with notice of the Dissolution pursuant to Section 280 of the DGCL.

This notice only applies to individuals or entities that may have a claim against the Company. If you have no claim against the Company, no action on your part is required. If you have a claim against the Company, you must present such claim to the Company in writing, and such claim must contain sufficient information and supporting documentation to reasonably enable the Company to identify you and the substance of the claim and the amount thereof. All claims must be sent to:

Web3 Pro Inc
3000 El Camino Real, Bldg 4, Suite 200
Palo Alto, CA 94306

All claims must be received by the Company, at the address set forth above, on or before January 15, 2026. Pursuant to Section 280 of the DGCL, any claim not received by the Company on or before January 15, 2026 will be barred.

Pursuant to the DGCL, the Company (or a suc-

cessor entity) may make distributions to any claimant and to the Company's stockholders or persons interested as having been such without further notice to any claimant.

The aggregate amount, on an annual basis, of all distributions made by the Company to its stockholders for each of the 4 years prior to the date the Company dissolved is: \$0 in 2025, \$0 in 2024, \$0 in 2023, and \$0 in 2022.

Very truly yours,
Ari Kaufman, CEO, Web3 Pro INC
(PLW Nov 14, 2025)

USA NINJA CHALLENGE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618676

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

1.) USA Ninja Challenge , located at 6761 Sierra Ct. Ste E, 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):
KAIZENKIDZ LLC
4205 Healdsburg Way
Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 04 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

MYSTIQUE SHADOWS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618667

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

1.) Mystique Shadows , located at 20952 Baker Road Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MICHELLE OCAMPO
20952 Baker Road
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 November 04 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

KINDRED CONNECTS
SOMA CYCLES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618553

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

1.) Kindred Connects , 2.) Soma Cycles , located at 2537 Jacobs Street, Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 25444 University Court, Hayward, CA 94542.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RED ORCHIDEE, LLC
2537 Jacobs Street
Hayward, CA 94541
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/27/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 28 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

THE SIGNWORKS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618545

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

1.) THE SIGNWORKS , located at 1056 SERPENTINE LANE, SUITE B PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BENNETT GRAPHIC SIGNS, INC.
1056 SERPENTINE LANE, SUITE 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 October 28 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

T'ALAYA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618015

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

1.) T'alaya , located at 1255 80th avenue Oakland, CA 94621, Alameda County. Mailing Address:

PO BOX 14673 Oakland, CA 94614
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
FLYLADYTEE LLC
PO BOX 14673
Oakland, CA 94614
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 01 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

MLD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618366

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

1.) MLD , located at 855 Northvale Rd, Oakland, CA 94610, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MILAD DAVALOO
855 Northvale Rd
Oakland, CA 94610
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 20 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

LALAAREE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618670

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

1.) Lalaaree , located at 90 Sonas Dr. Hayward, CA 94542, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
AMT VENTURES
90 Sonas Dr
Hayward, CA 94542
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/30/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 04 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

PARADISE SENIOR CARE PLEASANTON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618652

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

1.) PARADISE SENIOR CARE PLEASANTON , located at 6839 SINGLETREE CT. PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 247 Eagle Nest Dr. Oakley, CA 94561
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LYS CARE LLC
6839 SINGLETREE CT
PLEASANTON, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 03 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

COLOR TANTRA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618469

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

1.) Color Tantra , located at 4850 Tassajara Rd, Apt 2104 Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BHAVITHRA PRIYADHARSHINI KARTHIK
4850 Tassajara Rd, Apt 2104
Dublin, CA 94568
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 24 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

BENNETT SIGNWORKS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618592

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

1.) BENNETT SIGNWORKS , located at 1056 Serpentine Lane, Suite B Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BENNETT GRAPHIC SIGNS, INC.
1056 Serpentine Lane, Suite 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 October 29 2025.
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

TIGER HOME INSPECTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618298

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

1.) Tiger Home Inspection , located at 5348 Hillflower Dr. Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SUN YI
5348 Hillflower Dr.
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 October 15 2025.
(PLW Nov 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

DELIVERUS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618609

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

1.) DELIVERUS , located at 490 43rd St Suite 200 Oakland, CA 94609, alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DELIVERUS
264 Sheridan Rd
Oakland, CA 94618
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 30 2025.
(PLW Nov 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

ENDEARING WEDDINGS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618062

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

1.) Endearing Weddings , located at 1357 Briones Court Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
STEVE JOHNSON
1357 Briones Court
Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/1/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 03 2025.
(PLW Nov 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

DESILVA GATES AGGREGATES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618352

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

1.) DeSilva Gates Aggregates , located at 11555 Dublin Blvd. 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):
DESILVA GATES CONSTRUCTION LLC
11555 Dublin Blvd.
Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 26, 2015
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 17 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

PRIYA FOOD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618490

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

1.) PRIYA FOOD , located at 1331 Valley Avenue Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PRIYA SHARMA
1331 Valley Avenue
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/24/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 24 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ACCELA I
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618377

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

1.) AccelAI , located at 1901 Buckeye Ct Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
NIKHIL NADKARNI
1901 Buckeye Ct
Pleasanton, CA 94588
MADHURA NADKARNI
1901 Buckeye Ct
Pleasanton, CA 94588
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 20 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

SHARON LOUISE COACHING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618224

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

1.) Sharon Louise Coaching , located at 1 Kelton Ct, Unit 1J, Oakland, CA 94611, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SHARON LOUISE TAGHAVI
1 Kelton Ct, Unit 1J
Oakland, CA 94611
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 10 2025.
(PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

CAREERCOACH SERVICES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 618403

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

1.) CareerCoach Services OfThe San Francisco Peninsula , located at 24 N Hill Court Oakland, CA 94618 , Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2930 Domingo Ave #128 Berkeley, CA 94705
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PAULA MEI LLC
2930 Domingo Ave #128
Berkeley, CA 94705
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/18/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 21 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

TURN8 COFFEE ROASTERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 617908

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

1.) TURN8 COFFEE ROASTERS , located at 53 Vintage Circle #3107, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EDWIN SUAREZ
53 Vintage Circle #3107
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 26 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

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YAMAHA ROAD SIDE ASSISTANCE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 617746
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) YAMAHA ROAD SIDE ASSISTANCE , located at 2345 Kennedy Ave #4 Union City, CA 94587, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
YAMA BADR
2345 Kennedy Ave #4
Union City, CA 94587
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/17/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on September 17 2025.
(PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

CHASE ELECTRIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618113
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Chase Electric , located at 3701 Old Santa Rita Rd, Suite 24 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1630 Buena Vista Avenue Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PAUL HENNINGS ELECTRIC AND COMPANY INC.
1630 Buena Vista Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/19/2015
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 06 2025.
(PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

K HANA SKINCARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618351
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) K HANA SKINCARE , located at 4230 Rosewood Dr. Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 38042 Luma Ter Newark, CA 94560
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SUNA KIM
38042 Luma Ter
Newark, CA 94560
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 17 2025.
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

KARMA FINANCIAL COUNSELING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618207
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) KARMA FINANCIAL COUNSELING , located at 777 PALOMINO DRIVE, UNIT B, 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):
GHOST DREAMS LLC
777 PALOMINO DRIVE, UNIT B
PLEASANTON, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/03/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 10 2025.
(PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

PESHA DEVELOPMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618105
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Pesh Development , located at 2930 Domingo Ave 1571 Berkeley, CA 94705, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HANNAPESHA WOLMAN-CLAPSADLE
2930 Domingo Ave 1571
Berkeley, CA 94705
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/06/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 06 2025.
(PLW Oct 24, 31, Nov 7 and 14, 2025)

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

Case No.: 25CV153035
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner:Volha Miliayeva filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
VOLHA MILIAYEVA to OLGA MILES
ALIAKSEI MILIAYEU to ALEXEY MILES
TSIMAFEI MILIAYEU to TIMOTHY MILES
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: 1/09/26, 9.00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, California 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: November 7, 2025
THOMAS J.NIXON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Nov 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

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

Case No.: 25CV150257
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Sonia Carolina Aguilar Rivas filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SONIA CAROLINA AGUILAR RIVAS to SONIA YANET CASTRO RIVAS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: December 26th, 2025, 9:00 AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, California, 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: October 23, 2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

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

Case No.: 25CV150233
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: SUZANNE REBECCA LOUISE RUSSELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SUZANNE REBECCA LOUISE RUSSELL to REBECCA LOUISE RUSSELL
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: 1/9/26, 9:00 am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 10/23/25
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

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

COUNTY
Case No.: 25CV149825
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Chardinay Alluzah Andrea Jackson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CHARDINAY ALLUZAH ANDREA JACKSON to ANDREA JUANITA RODRIGUEZ
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, 9am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 24405 Amador Street Civil Division Rm 108, 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: October 22, 2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

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

COUNTY
Case No.: 25CV146836
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Emily Leah Arshonsky filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
EMILY LEAH ARSHONSKY to EMERSON LEAH ARSHONSKY
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, 9:00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador St, 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:
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Thomas Nixon
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Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

BEETLEJUICE JR. Pleasanton Youth Theater Company presents this frightfully funny musical based on the beloved motion picture turned Broadway phenomenon. 7 p.m., Nov. 14-15 and 2 p.m., Nov. 15-16. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

UPTOWN AT THE BANKHEAD Fusing Bruno-Mars-caliber stage presence with top-tier vocals and wall-to-wall choreography, the group exudes unparalleled energy with their blend of contemporary radio hits and classic Motown music. 8 p.m., Nov. 14. Tickets \$50-\$80. Visit livermorearts.org.

BRASS OVER BRIDGES This San Francisco-based brass quintet engages audiences with music that bridges barriers of style and artistic discipline combining the warmth and expressiveness of small ensemble playing with the rich, powerful sound of brass instruments. 3 p.m., Nov. 15. Tickets \$57. Visit livermorearts.org.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Join The Element 116 Big Band, managed by Matt Finders, at Inklings. 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 15. Reservations at meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society. 530 Main St., Pleasanton.

LUCA STRICAGNOLI Internationally renowned acoustic guitarist Luca Stricagnoli returns to The Bankhead with Meg Pfeiffer on rhythm guitar and vocals for an unforgettable performance. 8 p.m., Nov. 15. Tickets \$30-\$60. Visit livermorearts.org.

DUSTBOWL REVIVAL & HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN Coming together for a unique collaboration are Austion’s beloved western swing and string band masters playing classics and deep cuts from Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson’s catalogue along with their own originals. 7 p.m., Nov. 16. Tickets \$55-\$85. Visit livermorearts.org.

DISNEY’S MOANA LIVE-TO-FILM CONCERT Experience Moana Live at the Bankhead with breathtaking visuals of the beloved film accompanied by live Polynesian orchestra. A must-see for fans of the film and music lovers alike. 7 p.m., Nov. 19. Tickets \$65-\$95. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO HEART Heartless is Northern California’s premier Heart Tribute Band comprised of six passionate musicians taking you on a musical journey from the 1970s to today. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 20. Tickets \$49-\$69. Visit livermorearts.org.

BILLY NATION: A TRIBUTE TO BILLY JOEL Billy Nation delivers a dynamic concert experience featuring Billy Joel classics with an authentic and energetic tribute to one of the best-selling artists of all time, Billy Joel. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 21. Tickets \$41-\$48. Visit firehousearts.org.

KEIKO MATSUI Internationally acclaimed pianist and composer Keiko Matsui returns to the

Bankhead Theater with her signature blend of global influences and soul-stirring melodies. 8 p.m., Nov. 21. Tickets \$35-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

TROUBLE - THE MUSIC OF COLDPLAY Experience Coldplay’s extensive 25-year catalogue with Trouble, composed of five standout SF Bay Area musicians capturing all the excitement of a real Coldplay concert. 7 p.m., Nov. 22. Tickets \$43. Visit firehousearts.org.

YOU SHOULD BE DANCING - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEE GEES This tribute pays homage to the Bee Gees at the peak of their fame, showcasing the energy, creativity, and appeal that took the world by storm with over thirty international super hits. 7 p.m., Nov. 23. Tickets \$53. Visit firehousearts.org.

Talks

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE Las Positas College hosts an Open House on campus inviting prospective students, their families, veterans, adult learners and community members to learn more about the college and its programs. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 15. To register visit bit.ly/LPCOpenHouse2025.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS This meeting is designed for members, and the community, to get to know several of TWV’s members in depth. 2-4 p.m., Nov. 15. La Quinta Inn, Dublin. Visit trivalleywriters.org.

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE WEBINAR Dr. Glenn Saxe, child and adolescent psychiatrist, presents Helping Traumatized Children and their Families with Trauma Systems Therapy as part of the Alan Hu Foundation Mental Health Lecture Series. 5-6 p.m., Nov. 18. RSVP by Nov. 17 at alanhufoundation.org/lecture-series.

PSYCHOLOGY OF CULTS Hosted by renowned cult interventionist Ashlen Hilliard, this gripping live show takes audiences deep inside the world of cults, how they form, why people join, and what it takes to break free. 3 p.m., Nov. 23. Tickets \$50-\$80. Visit livermorearts.org.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER BREAKFAST Join as community members from local churches, businesses, government, schools and nonprofits to come together to pray, celebrate and seek greater impact in our region while serving the most vulnerable in our community. 7-9 a.m., Nov. 24. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton. Visit cityservecares.org.

Outdoor Rec

BRUSHY PEAK 4-MILE SUMMIT HIKE Explore the parkland owned by LARPD known as Brushy Peak Regional Preserve which is only open to the public by ranger-led tours and hike to the top of the peak. This strenuous hike to the summit covers approximately 4-miles over dirt and

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TAKE US ALONG



Outside Notre Dame: On a recent trip to Paris, Tri-Valley Foodist Deborah Grossman was pleased to see Notre Dame in such good shape after the devastating fire six years ago. She was grateful to bask in the beauty of the awe-inspiring rose window, sculptures and paintings in the chapels, and carved wooden choir stalls with friezes above. Despite the crowds, entry was smooth with a reservation. Scaffolding was visible at the side of the building with the restoration continuing.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to 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.

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rocky trails. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 15. \$30R/\$33NR. Visit larpd.org.

EARLY BIRD WALK Begin the day bird watching and look and listen for birds on a slow-paced 1.5 mile walk. 8-9 a.m., Nov. 16. Sycamore Grove Park. Free registration at larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM An LARPD Ranger will share turkey stories, the turkey's ties to Thanksgiving and then create fun turkey crafts to take home. 12-2 p.m., Nov. 22. Ranger Station Picnic Area, 5035 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Free registration at larpd.org.

PREHISTORIC BIRDS & THE MODERN DAY TURKEY From Oscillated Turkeys to Terror Birds, an LARPD Ranger will share stories and interesting facts about these primitive birds. 2-3 p.m., Nov. 23. Ranger Station Picnic Area. Free registration at larpd.org.

FREE PARK DAY Each year, to encourage time in nature, the East Bay Regional Park District

celebrates Green Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, as a free park day in its parks. Nov. 28. Visit ebparks.org.

Fairgrounds

THE GREAT JUNK HUNT This event offers a unique opportunity to discover one-of-a-kind pieces that add character and flair to any space. Whether an avid junker or a first-time attendee, this event offers something for everyone to discover and enjoy. Nov. 14-15. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

USA BOXING REGIONAL RANKING TOURNAMENT The USA Boxing Regional Amateur Tournament is a ranking tournament designed to provide amateur boxers with a platform to showcase talents in this three-day boxing event, open to all boxers, local and international, across all weight divisions. Nov. 21-23. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

MUDDY DASH Trudge through mud, climb rock formations and be blasted by foam cannons that wash you crossing the finish line.

Employment

The Pleasanton Weekly offers employment advertising.

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm.

Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/employment_ads/.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Adorable Georgie

Georgie is a 3-year-old, male Terrier mix with a soft, tan-colored coat and big, brown, soulful eyes. Playful and fun describes this intelligent and handsome, 11-pound dog. He's quite adorable as he asks for belly rubs, and he just might request one when you meet him! Learn more about Georgie via Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at tvar.org.



TVAR

This world-class run requires teamwork, courage and endurance. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 22. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

BAMVILLE CARD SHOW Score big at the Bamville Card Show where collectors, fans and families unite for two action-packed days of trading, shopping and discovering rare finds. Nov. 29-30. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Museums & Exhibits

TRI-VALLEY PHOTO SHOWCASE Livermore Valley Camera Club presents the winning entries from its annual Click 25 photography contest at the Livermore Civic Center Library. This juried exhibition celebrates the creativity and vision of amateur photographers from across the Tri-Valley region. Through November.

FIREHOUSE LOBBY EXHIBIT This solo exhibition of Isadore Kamins, *A Colorful Life*, features nearly 20 works by the artist in this retrospective exhibition organized by his family in memory of his expansive creative endeavors. Through Dec. 20. Visit firehousearts.org.

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE'S ANNUAL FALL MEMBERS' SHOW Featuring approximately 75 works of all mediums, this annual group exhibition will showcase the diverse and talented work of PAL's members. Through Dec. 20. Harrington Gallery. Visit firehousearts.org.

GREETINGS FROM EVERYWHERE EXHIBIT This exhibit displays a wide variety of items that residents of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley have acquired on their travels sharing the stories of those souvenirs. Through Jan. 3. Museum on Main.

KNOCK KNOCK: THE ART OF WIT AND WHIMSY On display this fall & winter at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery, this lighthearted and joyful exhibition celebrates the playful side of creativity, showcasing artwork that elicits laughter, sparks delight, and nudges the imagination in unexpected directions. Through Jan. 4. Visit livernmorearts.org.

Farmers Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers Market is Saturday year-round featuring vendors with seasonal fruits & vegetables, plus artisan goods. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. West Angela Street.

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

Seniors

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

AMERICAN STYLE MAH JONGG Join for American Style Mah Jongg at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Tuesdays/Fridays, 12:45-3:45 p.m. Drop-in fees apply.

SOLE MATES WALKING GROUP This free walking group at the Pleasanton Senior Center is 8:45-10 a.m., Wednesdays.

SENIOR PLAYERS READERS THEATER This program at the Pleasanton Senior Center is 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursdays. Drop-in fees apply.

BINGO AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Join for Bingo at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Drop-in fees apply.

DROP-IN BRIDGE AT RLCC Join for Bridge, 1-4 p.m., Thursday and Friday afternoons. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Drop-In fee \$2.

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

Support

VETERANS EVENT Pleasanton Library hosts the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to provide veteran benefits review, enroll veterans for care with the VA Palo Alto Health System, answer questions about VA services and provide medical care for enrolled veterans. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Nov. 24. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

13TH ANNUAL WARM COAT DRIVE Donate clean and gently used coats to local nonprofit Hively, a social service organization which provides resources and support to families in the Tri-Valley community. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Dec. 6. RSVP at connectcahomes.com/give-back.

SUPPORT TRI-VALLEY HAVEN FOOD PANTRY Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry has seen a sharp increase in demand as recent SNAP (CalFresh) benefit cuts leave more local families struggling to afford groceries. Visit trivalleyhaven.arreva.online/donate-now.

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

CITYSERVE RIDECARE This program provides free round-trip door-through-door transportation services for Tri-Valley older adults and 18+ individuals with disabilities to locations where they

can be connected to additional service agencies, errands, medical appointments and more. Visit cityservecares.org/ridecare/.

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

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP This free Caregiver Support Group is for families and friends who are caring for a loved one over the age of 60. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays. Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

Volunteer

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD Join to make simple dresses for girls from third world countries and help with sewing, ironing and cutting. Sewing machines or sergers, irons, ironing boards and scissors are needed. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 15. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore.

VOLUNTEER FOR TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH THANKSGIVING DINNER This event serves families, seniors, military, singles and anyone needing a Thanksgiving dinner. Volunteers needed to cook turkeys, purchase food and supplies, setup & decorating, dish washing and take down. Nov. 26-28. St. Raymond Catholic Church, Dublin. Visit tvc-thanksgiving.com.

VOLUNTEER AT OPEN HEART KITCHEN Volunteers at Open Heart Kitchen help create a more food secure future in the Tri-Valley. Visit openheartkitchen.org/volunteer.

VOLUNTEER WITH NILES CANYON RAILWAY Niles Canyon Railway is looking for volunteers for all levels of skill and experience. For more information, visit ncry.org/volunteer/.

HOME TO HOME Valley Humane Society's Home To Home is an online pet placement platform that helps pet owners find permanent or temporary homes for pets. To learn more, visit home-home.org/shelters/vhs.

VOLUNTEER WITH HOPE HOSPICE Hope patient care volunteers help patients and their families in many different ways by interacting with patients, escorting a canine companion to visit patients, or helping in the office or special event. For more information, visit hopehospice.com/volunteering.

East Bay home prices mirror national upward trend

Double-digit gains in some areas last month; Tri-Valley experiences more mixed results

By Devin Davis

Even with more homes on the market, prices in the East Bay rose during October.

Strong buyer demand continues to drive local price appreciation, with some communities posting double-digit gains year-over-year. East Bay market conditions mirror a national trend that saw home prices increase 77% during the third quarter, according to the National Association of Realtors.



Devin Davis

According to NAR's latest quarterly report, the median price for single-family existing homes nationally grew 1.7% year-over-year to \$426,800. The San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward metro area maintained its position as the third-most expensive market in the nation at \$1,315,000, reflecting a 0.5% year-over-year increase.

"What we're seeing in the national data is playing out right here in the East Bay," said Tracey Esling, 2025 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors based in Pleasanton. "Prices seem to be up across most of our communities compared to last year and

even areas that may be seen as relatively affordable have increased."

NAR's report highlighted that supply-constrained markets have generally experienced stronger price appreciation, a trend that's reflected in the East Bay. While inventory increased in many areas compared to October 2024, it wasn't enough to soften prices in most communities.

"The numbers tell an interesting story," Esling explained. "We seem to have more homes on the market in October compared to last year, but prices still went up in most areas. That tells you demand remains strong. If homes are sitting on the market longer, but buyers are actively making offers, that's not just window shopping, that's serious buyer activity."

The East Bay market showed varied patterns across different regions with Oakland posting double-digit price gains, while the Tri-Valley experienced more mixed results, with some softening in higher-priced communities like Alamo, Danville and San Ramon.

"For buyers, this market requires strategy and decisiveness," Esling said. "Working with a local real estate professional who knows the neighborhood-by-neighborhood differences is essential. For sellers, the data

shows your home is likely worth more than it was last year in most East Bay communities, and there are motivated buyers ready to act. The key is pricing correctly and working with a professional who understands current market dynamics."

NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun noted that nationwide, monthly mortgage payments decreased 2.8% from the previous quarter, offering some relief to buyers. Combined with the East Bay's strong job market and diverse housing options, opportunities exist for buyers at various price points.

"Whether you're a first-time buyer trying to enter the market or a homeowner considering a move, this is a market where local expertise matters more than ever," Esling added. "The East Bay isn't one market, but it's dozens of unique neighborhoods, each with its own story. For someone looking to enter the market, working with a trusted guide is essential to help you through these nuances and help you make smart decisions about your real estate goals." ■

Editor's note: Devin Davis is a public affairs specialist for the Bay East Association of Realtors, which is based in Pleasanton.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Aug. 18-29)

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$1,050,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,801,500
Average sales reported: \$1,920,129

Livermore (Aug. 18-29)

Total sales reported: 41
Lowest sale reported: \$350,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,300,000
Average sales reported: \$1,195,414

Dublin (Aug. 18-29)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$331,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000
Average sales reported: \$1,256,833

San Ramon (Oct. 6-17)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$360,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,673,500
Average sales reported: \$1,417,500

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 18-29 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

Pleasanton

- 627 East Angela Street** H. & R. Spano to Hallock Living Trust for \$1,707,000
- 7660 Applewood Way** Lee Living Trust to Kiran & Kameshwari Trust for \$1,440,000
- 7420 Aster Court** Chapman Trust to C. & A. Kanungo for \$1,400,000
- 3025 Badger Drive** M. & S. Bhatnager to K. Kayala for \$1,100,000
- 3484 Bordeaux Place** P. & T. Benson to L. & D. Cheng for \$1,420,000
- 5927 Corte Cerritos** C. Ellgasa to P. & M. Mohta for \$1,050,000
- 6129 Crater Lake Court** C. & C. Henze to C. & S. Gupta for \$1,850,000
- 4245 Garibaldi Place** K. Mueller to D. & M. Kalita for \$1,190,000
- 3841 Kamp Drive** Ready Trust to M. & S. Kadam for \$1,630,000
- 3284 Omega Circle** Vien Living Trust to Sanders Living Trust for \$2,100,000
- 3658 Touriga Drive** L. Zhai to A. & A. Basrur for \$1,655,000
- 4374 1st Street** Evermore Capital LLC to K. Clevenger for \$1,600,000
- 4614 2nd Street** Kirk Living Trust to Mariana Trust for \$1,949,000
- 2127 Alexander Way** J. Shi to K. Chen for \$1,250,000
- 349 Brianne Court** Grewal Trust to J. Cheema for \$3,823,000
- 1196 Crellin Road** Zentner Living Trust to J. & R. Padilla for \$1,675,000
- 1001 Crellin Road** McCarthy Trust to A. & M. Sarkarat for \$1,300,000
- 1139 Deer Creek Court** ZF Spv LLC to Devjin Living Trust for \$2,525,000
- 942 Finovino Court** Y. Sun to S. & M. Weckwerth for \$2,438,000
- 3769 Florian Street** S. & G. Anderson to P. & A. Natampali for \$1,450,000

- 15 Foothill Lane** Grego Living Trust to Y. & Q. Yang for \$2,500,000
- 4182 Garatti Court** Brown 2001 Trust to G. & S. Vaidhyathan for \$1,435,000
- 3440 Gravina Place** B. Virk to C. & Y. Wang for \$2,525,000
- 6340 Inspiration Terrace** A. & T. Briggs to Um Trust for \$4,801,500
- 4190 Sharab Court** Gibbs Family Trust to N. & H. Jin for \$1,500,000
- 4666 Shearwater Road** M. & J. Obrien to D. & C. Jones for \$1,925,000
- 2839 Victoria Ridge Court** Y. Choi to Sinha Family Trust for \$2,605,000

Livermore

- 690 Alison Circle** Thompson Living Trust to M. & B. Soper for \$1,325,000
- 127 Apricot Street** V. Zambrano to Z. Zucker for \$820,000
- 427 Bernal Avenue** J. Meyer to F. & R. Gune for \$990,000
- 5135 Charlotte Way** G. Livenspargar to K. Yeung for \$1,028,000
- 1608 Fluorite Court** Point Green Home Solutions LLC to S. & M. Singh for \$2,185,000
- 368 Helen Way** B. Rendon to K. Nguyen for \$870,000
- 726 Orion Way** L. Westenhover to Thomas-Hernandez Family Trust for \$1,499,000
- 1787 Pine Street** T. Burrow to S. Omar for \$350,000
- 4801 Rhonda Lane** A. Schaffer to C. & F. Iancu for \$1,350,000
- 2026 Rovello Loop** A. & R. Barnes to H. & J. Joseph for \$1,235,000
- 5221 Roxanne Court** U. Fabre to Vargas Living Trust for \$975,000
- 5438 Scenic Avenue** K. Kalamegam to Manavalas Trust for \$1,080,000
- 218 Stratus Common** J. & L. Wickboldt to I. & N. Shankar for \$1,025,000
- 1043 Vienna Street** Barbao Family Trust to R. & A. Jha for \$1,200,000

Source: California REsource

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PLEASANTON REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE – THE FALL MARKET IS HERE

The Pleasanton real estate has entered the Fall, with lower inventory and moderate activity. The mortgage rates continued to decline to the lowest level this year. However, the data suggests that there are still mixed signals in the market.

Let's take a dive into the numbers for October:

Inventory Continues to Decline: The inventory of available single-family homes continued to decline, with 64 homes for sale at the end of October, a 20% decrease from the 75 homes for sale at the end of September and 35% lower than the 99 homes for sale at the end of July. This is also 9% lower than October of last year. It is not unusual to see lower inventory in the Fall, and this year seems to follow that trend. Lower inventory means fewer choices for buyers, and in some cases may put pressure on buyers to make stronger offers.

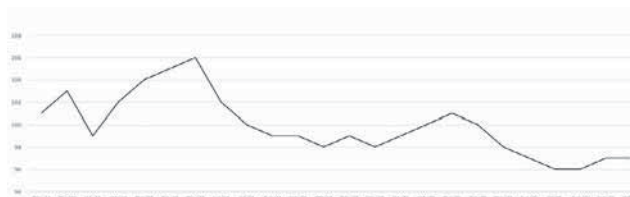
Demand is Mixed: Pending sales (homes under contract) increased in October, with 48 pending sales for the month, up 12% from September's figure of 44. This is also 6.7% higher than October of last year. However, closed sales were down 19% in October, with 43 closings, down from 52 closed sales

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Pleasanton Market Report Data for October 2025 Single Family Detached Homes

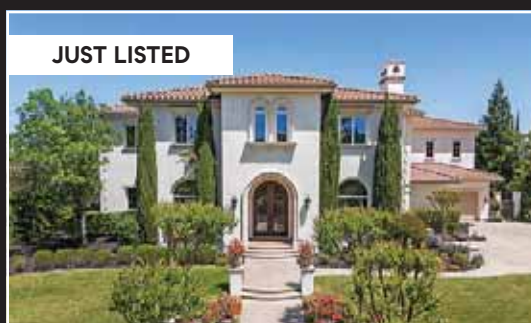
	OCT 2025	CHANGE FROM SEP 2025	CHANGE FROM OCT 2024
Homes sold	43	-19%	-10%
Homes for sale	64	-20%	-8.0%
Median days on market	14	-6%	-26%
Median price per square foot	\$795	-2.7%	-8.7%
Months of inventory	1.5	-1.4%	-2.1%
Median sold price	\$1,765,000	+1.6%	+3.1%
Homes under contract	48	+12%	+6.7%

Sales Price to Original List Price %



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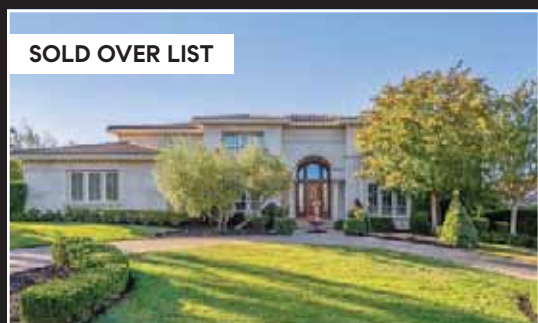
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SOLD OVER LIST

3964 Vierra St
\$4,775,000 | 5 BR | 5 BTHS | 6250 sq ft
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SOLD OVER LIST

1073 Pineto Place
\$4,775,000 | 5 BR | 4.5 BTH | 5600 SQ FT
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JUST LISTED

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