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BY JEREMY WALSH

Mussel memory

My heart almost skipped a beat when scanning the email from a reader pointing out the implications of an under-reported item from last week's East Bay Municipal Utility District Board of Directors meeting: the golden mussel is starting to spread in California.

Mere mention of the bivalve froze me in full-blown flashback.

I spent dozens of hours earlier in my life covering government meetings in Lakeport on invasive mussels and prevention efforts.

Clear Lake has always been the economic (and political) epicenter of Lake County, so maintaining the health and vitality of the watershed was a recurring subject for the Board of Supervisors. When they weren't talking about algae, weeds, water quality or flooding, the lake's overseers at that time were laser-focused on the quagga quandary.

The primary goal then, as it remains now, is to stop invasive, non-native freshwater mussels (like quagga, zebra and golden) from ever even entering your body of water — in the hopes of stopping what would inevitably come next, an out-of-control infestation.

The problem is waterways are connected, and by more than just the literal streamflow. Humans are another conduit, by way of our watercraft.

A boat traveling from one lake, river or reservoir to another that isn't properly sanitized can unknowingly transport invasive mussels to somewhere the species had never been before. The adults are smaller than a dime while juveniles are often undetectable to the naked eye, and they can attach to a boat's hull or get sucked inside the engine system.

Thus the mantra shouted by public agencies like the California Department of Water Resources: "clean, drain and dry".

That strategy is even more important after the golden mussel was found in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta near Stockton in October 2024 (the first time ever seen in North America). Within a year, the mollusk was reported as far south as the State Water Project south of Riverside as north as Rio Vista on the Sacramento River, according to EBMUD.

The State Water Project is the major potable water supply for Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and the Dougherty Valley via the Zone 7 Water Agency.

"Zone 7 is concerned about the spread of golden mussels and is actively tracking to detect and control golden mussels as they relate to the agency's water supply infrastructure," General Manager Valerie Pryor told me Tuesday. "The presence of mussels does not pose a public health and safety risk;

however, the mussels do have the potential to impact system operations if not addressed."

In addition to public water infrastructure and ecosystems, DWR calls out that the non-native mussels can damage watercraft engines and hydroelectric facilities and hurt recreation experiences and locations.

"Protecting our lakes and reservoirs from invasive mussels is essential to the health of our ecosystems and the long-term enjoyment of our parks," East Bay Regional Park District officials told me this week.

EBRPD changed its boat inspection and banding policies back in May to help protect its waterways from the golden mussel, instituting new color-coded, lake-specific, tamper-proof bands and no longer accepting EBMUD's bands. Boats without a band for that specific waterbody had to go through a full inspection and pay a fee, each time.

The change seems to have largely worked, with one asterisk in Antioch.

EBRPD lakes in the Tri-Valley (Del Valle, Shadow Cliffs and Quarry Lakes) have no recorded golden mussel activity. However, the critter was found in Contra Loma Reservoir, so boats that have been in that lake must stick there only or complete a 30-day quarantine.

A half-inch-long juvenile golden mussel was recovered at Zone 7's Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant this year, Pryor confirmed to me.

"It was turned over to DWR for examination," she said. "There has been no impact to water treatment facilities or operations. Golden mussels are effectively removed during the water treatment process and do not pose a risk to the treated water system."

As for EBMUD, its main concern has to do with protecting its reservoirs that should otherwise be clean. The district suspended all public boat launching in its recreational facilities in 2025 in reaction to the golden mussel scare.

Staff returned to the board last week and received unanimous approval of their plan to reopen certain waterways to boaters in 2026.

Camanche Reservoir in Valley Springs and San Pablo Reservoir will be open part of the year to private boats under strict inspection rules. Pardee Reservoir near Ione is too high-risk so private boats won't be eligible next year again (but rentals are available there).

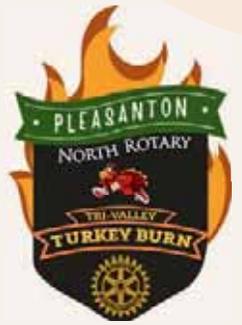
The agency is now working to develop public outreach strategies and finalize boat inspection and quarantine procedures. But staff did warn that if conditions change or new golden mussel threats are identified, the reopenings could be but a pipe dream. ■

About the Cover

The vibe was festive at the 2024 Tri-Valley Turkey Burn. The Pleasanton North Rotary walk/run fundraiser returns next week on Thanksgiving morning. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXVI, Number 43



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What do you do to keep your spirits up during our damp and dreary rainy season?



Daniel Choi
College student

Well, I'm an art major, so creating art always keeps my spirits high. In that same vein, I also enjoy listening to good, upbeat music, especially while working on my art projects.



Barbara Jean *Retired*

Spending time with my family, which includes my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, keeps my spirits high. They all visit me often. I also enjoy spending time with the other seniors in my community, and engaging in all sorts of activities that keep me busy. I also pray and read a lot. Right now I'm reading about Amelia Earhart. As long as my mind is busy, the rainy season doesn't bother me.



Stephanie Hogan, with Cooper
Recent college grad

I like to go bowling because it's indoors and fun, and I like to also just hang out with friends and family in a warm environment, like my kitchen where I enjoy hobbies like cooking and baking for everyone.



Shaun Hogan
Account manager

I actually embrace the rain. I get out there in it and never let it negatively impact my mood or interfere with my activities. After all, I'm a Bay Area boy through and through, so the rainy season is just part of my life.



Linda Henning
Music teacher

I play my music. Rain or shine the music still plays and fills me with joy. I also walk my dog when it's not raining, I work out in order to keep my blood flowing, and I enjoy spending time with family.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Utility of the Future

The Water Environment Federation and other national partners recently named the Dublin San Ramon Services District a 2025 Utility of the Future Today, a national recognition that celebrates innovation in water reuse and sustainability.

According to DSRSD, the water and sewer district has been a leader in recycling water for three decades. DSRSD's recycled water program currently supplies up to 25% of "total water used within its service area, providing a reliable and sustainable local source."

"This award recognizes decades of collaboration and innovation," DSRSD General Manager Jan Lee said in a press release. "DSRSD's recycled water program is a model of how local partnerships can strengthen water reliability and sustainability for the entire region."

Contractor awards

The Northern California Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association recently recognized multiple Bay Area electrical contractors for the work they did installing various electrical and technology projects across the region, including in Dublin.

According to an October press release from NECA, which represents electrical contractors across the Bay Area, the association honored these contractors last month as part of its Project Excellence Awards program.

Bockmon & Woody Electric Co., Inc. was recognized for the DSRSD Water Pump Stations Standby Generators / Emergency Response Project. Columbia Electric, Inc. was honored for two projects: the first phase of offsite improvements at Emerald High School and the Iron Horse Regional Trail Bridge at Dublin Boulevard.

Online offerings

Library patrons can now access two new resources and an upgraded existing resource at no cost through the Livermore Public Library's digital library, according to a press release from the city.

Library patrons now have an upgraded subscription to the New York Times, granting unlimited access to news articles, plus access to games like Wordle and the crossword, and recipes from the cooking section.

They will also now be able to read magazines and newspapers covering art, business, design, lifestyle, news, science, sports, technology, travel and more with the PressReader platform.

Lastly, library patrons will now be able to improve their computer skills by using O'Reilly, which is a service that provides access to "thousands of expert technology and business books, videos, and learning resources." ■

School board approves big cuts for next year's budget amid deficit

PUSD eyes \$11M in reductions as county warns failure to address problem could lead to state intervention

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the first round of budget reductions totaling just over \$7.5 million last week.

The trustees also informally identified over \$3.5 million in additional reductions during the Nov. 13 meeting. They were set to vote on the remaining items during a special meeting this week, despite continued pushback from the community, with results

pending as of press time.

"Targets may vary," Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said during the Nov. 13 board meeting. "These are estimates. There's a lot of variables here due to factors such as state funding, cost of living adjustments, enrollment ... the board needs to identify enough reductions to cover the current known factors and variances as identified."

The district's financial challenges include a structural deficit attributed to declining enrollment, expiration of one-time state

funds, low state funding and rising costs for compensation, insurance, health care and special education services.

Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Alysse Castro recently attended a board meeting where she emphasized the fact that the county conditionally approved the district's 2025-26 budget dependent on PUSD making these ongoing expenditure reductions and finding ways to increase revenues in order to net a minimum savings of \$8,153,721 in 2026-27 and

\$737,131 in 2027-28, for a two-year total of about \$9 million.

She said failing to do so could lead to state intervention and the subsequent loss of local control.

A portion of the approved list of cuts are as follows: reducing department and site budgets for materials and supplies by 5%; reducing special education consulting services by hiring in-house staff, reducing department travel and conference budgets by 10%;

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SCREENGRAB TAKEN FROM PLEASANTON BART STATION CONCEPT PLAN

Some councilmembers specifically voiced support for this rendering, which shows four buildings that could total anywhere from 870 to 1,088 potential new homes.

Council weighs ideas to redevelop Dublin-Pleasanton BART property

Construction still years away for project to replace parking lot

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton City Council expressed strong support Tuesday for the initial concepts of a proposed high-density residential development at the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station, which could produce as many as 1,300 new rental units.

The project, which is still in its early design phase, is slated to replace a significant portion of the surrounding land, including much of the parking area, on the Pleasanton side of the transit station with anywhere from three to four residential buildings that could range from five to eight stories high.

During Tuesday's informational discussion, there were questions from the dais about the design and concerns raised over parking and other specifications

regarding potential retail. But overall, the council agreed that this site is the city's best option for tall buildings and high-density housing.

"I think this is a development that's in a part of the city (where) height's not going to bother a tremendous amount of people," Councilmember Matt Gaidos said during the Nov. 18 meeting. "It's not next to residents; it's not next to really anything that's going to cause a lot of public outcry, so if we don't allow height there, where would we ever allow it?"

Back when the city adopted its most-recent Housing Element in 2023, one of the locations the city identified to rezone for high-density housing was the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station, located at 5835 and 5859 Owens Drive.

"Of all the places in Pleasanton that don't impact other neighborhoods, this might be the place to get your RHNA numbers and think about getting the maximum out of a transit-oriented development," said Rick Williams, a partner at Van Meter Williams Pollack — the urban design and planning firm behind the early concepts.

BART owns the land and ultimately has the final say in approving the bigger picture aspects of the designs for the housing project, including unit count, scale of the project and other details such as parking. However, the agency has been committed to working with Pleasanton to develop a consensus around the parameters for development.

Williams went over the site's

Pleasanton Connects debuts

City partners with Workday, TogetherUp on 'civic hub' network

By Jeanita Lyman

After months of preparation, a long-anticipated initiative from the city of Pleasanton, Workday's nonprofit arm and the TogetherUp Institute made its debut this week with a live event that aimed to serve as a starting point for conversations on deepening community connections.

The kickoff event for the Pleasanton Connects initiative Monday saw more than 40 community members, leaders and representatives from both nonprofits gather at the Pleasanton Senior Center to discuss the project's aims and review research so far into the need and desire for community between the city's residents.

"As we were reminded, loneliness is real and has real impacts on our health, and the key is connection," Mayor Jack Balch said in a social media statement after the event, during which he had provided welcome remarks and was among the dozens of participants.

"As our city grows and changes, making sure all of us, across all ages and backgrounds, feel included and supported is essential," he continued. "When's the last time you said hi to a neighbor? Where do you build community connection?"

That question was a central theme of the evening, which consisted of

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Commission OKs new condo complex on Black Ave.

Project proposes 10 buildings in area between Amador Valley sports field and community park

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Planning Commission approved an application and related items last week to allow the demolition of a commercial building at 4400 Black Ave. and the construction of 59 condominiums and seven accessory dwelling units on the property.

The site was one of the areas that the city rezoned for residential during its current Housing Element, which the city completed several years ago in order to meet the state's mandate of nearly 6,000 new housing units identified by the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

Commissioners voted unanimously Nov. 12 to support the project, which aims to build 10, three-story buildings with a total of 59 townhome-style condominiums that span over 96,584 square feet located adjacent to the Amador Valley High School sports field. However, their vote didn't come without contention as many on the dais had to explain their reasoning to residents concerned with the traffic impacts associated with the new development.

"What we are dealing with is a private party that (is) developing this piece or property using the rights that they are given by the state government," Commissioner Brandon Pace said.

"The city, us, we are doing our best to try and make sure that we are able to impact that in a way that protects the city and helps the city as



SCREENSHOT TAKEN FROM THE NOV. 12 PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT
A rendering shows what some of the buildings would look like as part of a residential development project poised to replace an existing building at 4400 Black Ave.

much as we can to preserve character, to maintain safety and order ... but there are limits about what this group is able to do," he added.

And while city staff and the commissioners noted how residents will be able to continue raising traffic concerns with the city in hopes of finding easy to improve and mitigate those issues in the future — should those issues arise after the project is complete — the overall consensus was that traffic will most likely get worse as more of these housing projects come online.

"If I just think about just the project itself, I support it from the standpoint that I think it was developed in a way that fit with what the city was asking folks to do," Commission Chair Ken Morgan said. "The only regret I have is that we ... will have more traffic in the city as we're

required to build more housing to satisfy the state laws."

According to city associate planner Diego Mora, the project site is located right next to the high school with a church to one side, medical offices to the other and the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center and Amador Valley Community Park to the front.

The applicant behind the project is The True Life Companies, a real estate developer based in San Ramon.

The maximum height for each of the buildings would be 42 feet and 10 inches and would range in size from approximately 1,446 to 2,224 square feet. The condominiums would also range from either three or four bedrooms.

Nine of the units will be deed-restricted lower-income housing units — seven would be for low income

families and two would be deed-restricted to very low income families.

In addition to the residential units, the project is also proposing on- and off-site improvements; 13,636 square feet of group open space; and surface parking. Each condominium will have a two-car private garage accessed via common access streets for a total of 127 residential parking spaces.

There will also be nine visitor parking spaces, according to the project details.

As many of the commissioners noted during the two-hour discussion, the city's hands were tied regarding most of the overall design of the project as the city had already identified the site for residential during its last Housing Element cycle. Still, many on the dais also acknowledge how bad traffic can get on Black Avenue.

In addition to the commissioner's concerns regarding traffic in the area, 10 residents who live in that area also spoke during public comment to voice their concerns about congestion and safety issues that could come up with the addition of the new units.

However, as the conversation continued, both staff and a representative for the developer noted how they wish to continue working with the surrounding community to ensure future safety mitigations are identified and addressed.

"We hope that we can work together with you guys on this project,"

said Kelley Rutchena, director of entitlements for the project applicant. "We're excited about it. It's what the city is asking for and so we will continue to work with the city and you guys trying to make this as painless as possible."

Commissioner Anurag Jain also noted how, given the project site's proximity to surrounding amenities and schools, there's a possibility that those who would live in the new units could choose to walk rather than drive.

"This is a location where people can walk to and from," Jain said. "I think Black Avenue traffic is unsustainable — something needs to happen there irrespective of whether this project is there or not."

Pleasanton's traffic engineer Mike Tassano also reviewed some of the traffic analysis for the project and went over how, despite adding to the total amount of cars coming in and out of the future development, the project would actually see less traffic during peak evening hours.

And while many on the dais had additional concerns about parking, street safety and the architectural aesthetics of the buildings, they also recognized how the site is not surrounded by other residential houses and that housing needs to be identified in Pleasanton, even if they might not fully agree with the projects.

"A lot of us have to make this tough choice every time," Commissioner Vivek Mohan said. ■

BART

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reuse options on Tuesday that included two main "test fit scenarios".

The first housing scenario that was presented includes four individual buildings — two five-story buildings and two seven story buildings — which would total anywhere from 870 to 1,088 potential homes. One building would wrap around a garage and could have up to 150 homes, another would

be more of a courtyard building with up to 210 homes and the last two would be seven-story podium buildings that would each range from 280 homes to as many as 380.

The second scenario would be three buildings that would total anywhere from 1,047 to 1,309 homes. Two of the buildings would be seven-story podium buildings while the third could range from five to eight stories high and could see anywhere from 450 to 735 homes. The latter would also be a building

that wraps around a garage.

Williams noted that the units will likely be for rent and that the goal — although city staff will further discuss this detail — would be to require at least 20% of the homes built on this site to be affordable to lower income households. Williams also said the goal is to have about 50% of the units be a combination of two to three bedrooms.

"There's many, many, many different ways that a developer may take a look at that in responding to

an RFP, but these provide a sense of bracket of what this site could hold with an overall capacity of somewhere between 870 and 1,300 units and a flexible amount of BART parking," Williams said.

While transit parking was a concern brought up by both the council and by planning commissioners in an October meeting where they looked at these plans, Williams pointed out that BART is waiting on a parking study that will help evaluate the amount of parking required on the Pleasanton side of the station.

He added that the cost of building parking — both in a garage and above or below ground — could range from \$80,000 per space to as high as \$125,000, which is why the transit station wants to wait for the parking study to finish. He also noted that, regardless of the amount needed, additional grant funding will be needed to pay for construction of a parking garage.

The overall concept plan includes a new plaza, different options for interior vehicle circulation and other improvements to roads and bike lanes. But one major detail, which councilmembers Jeff Nibert and Craig Eicher doubled down on, was the proposal to include mixed-use retail space.

Nibert noted how the kiosks at the current site have never been active with tenants for too long and both he and Eicher were worried about new tenants occupying future retail space.

However, Williams pointed out that aspect is going to depend a lot on seeking developers who know how to curate the overall design of the project to appeal to future retail tenants.

Among Councilmember Julie Testa's feedback, she maintained she didn't want buildings to go over six stories high and said the project should focus on building housing for families and including spaces for kids to play.

Eicher and Mayor Jack Balch both expressed preferences for the design that included four buildings. Additionally, everyone except Testa said they would be open to taller buildings, but likely nothing higher than seven stories.

Following Tuesday's informational session, BART's design team will integrate the council's feedback into a draft framework plan, obtain a grant needed for the parking management and station access study, and return for more hearings in front of the planning commission and the council sometime next year. ■



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Cricket for Cubs has been promoting the youth cricket across Tri-Valley at a grass roots level introducing cricket in all three school districts — PUSD, DUSD and SRVUSD — for over 8 years. It offers free after school programs for Elementary youth and conducts inter-school tournaments every year.

CFC, SRCA and DCL offer year-round youth cricket programs in all three cities: Pleasanton, San Ramon and Dublin. We are proud to say that currently we have three girls in the USA National Cricket team and many boys. SRCA Youth continues its mission to expand access to high-quality cricket development in the Tri-Valley. The program proudly serves as the youth partner of the San Ramon Grizzlies, San Ramon’s official Minor League Cricket team—strengthening the pathway from youth cricket to the nation’s professional cricket structure.

“This tournament is not just a competition — it represents dedication, teamwork, and the incredible growth of youth cricket in our community,” said Tournament Director. “We are thrilled to provide opportunities that help young players develop strong values both on and off the field.”

This event is made possible through the support of the Cities of Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Dublin, along with the commitment of volunteers, families, local partners, and sponsors.



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LVJUSD, teachers remain at odds over negotiations

District defends its financial status amid impasse declared by Livermore Education Association

By JUDE STRZEMP

As tensions persist between the Livermore school district and teachers' union over wages and benefits, district officials maintain that they have made a "strong offer" amid funding challenges.

However, the Livermore Education Association — representing educators, nurses, counselors, speech pathologists and social workers — filed a one-sided impasse in negotiations over the two contract articles following the union's verbal declaration Oct. 2. A mediator was assigned Nov. 14 to help work through the impasse.

In response to ongoing talks regarding district finances as well as employee compensation, Superintendent Torie Gibson emailed LVJUSD staff and district families Nov. 7 to address budgeting as well as the district's ability to offer raises.

But the letter landed poorly with a portion of the community, some of whom expressed their discontent at

the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education meeting Nov. 12.

"Our goal remains clear: to provide fair and sustainable compensation increases that keep LVJUSD fiscally strong for years to come," Gibson wrote Nov. 7. "We deeply value the dedication of our staff and the trust of our community and we remain committed to transparency, collaboration and responsible stewardship of public funds."

"If this administration spent half as much time solving the problem as they do making excuses, we would not be at impasse," LEA President Aimee Thompson said at the Nov. 12 meeting.

LEA is seeking for its members a 4.75% salary increase as well as an additional \$3,500 in annual district contributions to individuals' health benefits, Thompson said at the meeting.

The union aims to receive overall compensation — wages plus

benefits — ranking in the top quartile when compared to 10 neighboring districts, Thompson explained. Instead, LVJUSD teachers come in at 9th out of 11 in overall compensation, Thompson said.

Meanwhile, district employees including LEA members are facing heightened healthcare premiums.

"While rising health care costs are not exclusive to our district nor our industry, they have contributed to reduced take-home compensation for employees," district officials acknowledged to Livermore Vine.

"Despite our financial constraints, we have made a strong offer to help offset rising health care costs, a major concern brought forth by LEA members," Gibson wrote to the community.

According to district officials, they have offered ongoing increases of \$3,000 to be applied toward full-time employee benefits starting in the 2025-26 school year and an additional ongoing increase of

\$1,250 to be applied toward full-time employee benefits starting in the 2026-27 school year. They have also offered contract reopener language over salary and benefit for 2026-27 under select conditions.

Meanwhile, LVJUSD must reduce its budget by \$600,000 in 2026-27 to maintain the state's 3% minimum reserve requirement through 2027-28, according to a review by the Alameda County Office of Education.

However, LEA declared an impasse because there was "no foreseeable path to an acceptable compensation agreement," representatives wrote on the union website.

One point of contention between negotiating parties is the method to measure the district funding available for compensation increases.

Upon combining restricted and unrestricted income, LVJUSD receives the most overall funding per student (\$16,812) compared to nearby school districts such as Pleasanton Unified (\$16,036),

Fremont Unified (\$16,072), Dublin Unified (\$16,109) and San Ramon Valley Unified (\$16,524).

However, restricted funds are tied to grants or special programs and services that cannot be used for overall compensation increases, Gibson said.

To ensure that compensation increases are sustainable, unrestricted funding per student is the "true measure of available, flexible resources," Gibson added.

Upon measuring unrestricted income per student, LVJUSD ranks last (\$12,719) among the four other districts: Pleasanton Unified (\$12,870), Fremont Unified (\$13,036), San Ramon Valley Unified (\$13,076) and Dublin Unified (\$13,392).

Unrestricted income per student can vary from year-to-year based on overall enrollment as well as the number of students who qualify for additional state funding based

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The Beach Boys headlining 2026 fair concerts

Good vibrations in Pleasanton, with legendary band taking amphitheater stage July 1

By JEREMY WALSH

Amid this dreary autumn weather, Alameda County Fair officials want to take you to the warmer days of next summer, announcing Friday that The Beach Boys will headline the 2026 Big O Tires Concert Series.

The legendary band — known for hits like "Good Vibrations," "California Girls," "Kokomo" and "Surfin' USA" — will perform on the Pleasanton fairgrounds' amphitheater stage July 1 at 8 p.m. Founding member Mike Love

and longtime bandmate Bruce Johnston, who joined in 1965, are among the current touring lineup.

"The Big O Tires concert series is one of the main attractions every year during the Alameda County Fair," Kristin LaPorte, marketing director for the fair, said in a press release Friday. "A wide variety of musical acts are being selected so there will be a concert everyone can look forward to this year. We're especially excited to have The Beach Boys here to help celebrate

the 250th anniversary of America along with the Fair."

The Beach Boys were the first act revealed for next summer's concert roster. LaPorte indicated that other performers will be announced before general ticket sales open next month.

The county fair is scheduled to run on Wednesdays through Sundays from June 19 to July 12 — and The Beach Boys fit the 2026 theme "Sound of Summer" to a T. For more information, go to annual.alamedacountyfair.com. ■



COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR
The Beach Boys are headlining the Alameda County Fair concert series on July 1, 2026 in Pleasanton.

CUTS

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and reducing work years by four days for Ghysels and by three days for district office management — including the executive cabinet. Site management will also have their work years reduced by three days.

Several district administrator positions in human resources, adult education and other management roles will also be reclassified in order to save money.

Other reductions include cutting the number of elementary vice principals; reducing hours for the high school coordinators of operation; phasing out the non-reimbursable expense stipend for site management; reducing the number of work days and positions for district and site support services; and other reductions for operational services and technology and graphics.

The \$7.5 million in initial reductions

will also decrease the number of integration specialists; combine certain fourth and fifth grade classes due to low class sizes in certain schools; phase out the Advancement Via Individual Determination program; and reduce the district's budget for several professional development programs.

Reductions in professional development include phasing out the Certificated Staff Development Reform and Classified Professional Growth programs, and reducing professional development days for both certificated and classified staff by one day — all of these are contingent on being agreed upon by the respective teachers and classified staff unions.

Lastly, the board approved other reduction strategies including freezing educational degree stipends for district office and site management; utilizing one-time funds to pay the final installment

of the Early Retirement Incentive (PARS); and phasing out the certificated retirement award and classified early retirement incentive.

Following the unanimous approval of all these cuts, the board continued its budget discussions last week with PUSD assistant superintendent of business service Ahmad Sheikholeslami going over projections that suggest the district would have to identify an additional \$1.5 million in savings during the 2027-28 fiscal year, which means the board could be looking at the need to make at least \$12.7 million in cuts based on further declining enrollment, cost-of-living adjustments being low and other contingencies and factors.

Ghysels said things could change and, based on new data, reductions could be scaled back and even rescinded early next year but Ghysels also said the board should focus on not being in the same position next

year, which meant identifying more than the minimum target goal of reductions.

Association of Pleasanton Teachers President Evan Branning stressed to the board last week that the district has been inflating the true minimum target of reductions the board needs to make and downplaying how cuts to specialist positions would impact the community.

"This degree of giving you partial information leads me to question any further decisions at this point," Branning said. "As you look at cuts above the \$8.1 million mark, all of those cuts are simply to look at what your level of tolerance is: would you rather make cuts to avoid the potential for future pain or would you want to make cuts that hurt our students' chance at an education right now?"

Despite Branning's pleas to keep the cuts at a minimum, the board — following three hours of discussing

the overall list of reduction items — identified an additional \$3,526,975 in reductions, bringing the combined total to \$11,036,702.

Some of those reductions included reorganizing the Career Pathways and Adult Learning Department by reclassifying a director position to an assistant director; reducing hours for the technology services director; reducing hours for night custodians at elementary schools and shifting to a new cleaning schedule; and a slighter reduction in hours for night custodians at each middle school.

The board was set to approve these additional cuts and reductions during a special board meeting on Thursday (Nov. 20). The board was set to wrap up its budget discussions by talking about the potential phasing out or reduction of the elementary school Reading Intervention Support Specialist role. ■

New event center eyed for downtown Livermore

With initial City Council blessing, Planning Commission to review use permit in winter

By JUDE STRZEMP

A historic building under renovation in downtown Livermore may soon be used as an event center, following permission granted to its property owner by the Livermore City Council at last week's regular meeting.

The structure, located at the corner of South Livermore Avenue and Second Street, formerly housed the Southwestern Bell Company.

Under a purchasing agreement with the city in 2021, Michael Messinger was set to flip the building into a restaurant with a bar, according to a staff report prepared by Livermore associate planner Jennifer Ackerman.

Messinger later expressed concern

over filling a 250-seat restaurant on a nightly basis, amid a highly populated restaurant market downtown Livermore, Ackerman said at the Nov. 10 meeting. Meanwhile, Messinger noticed the absence of an upscale event center in the area.

In August, Messinger proposed amending the purchase and sale agreement with the city to allow for the building's use as an event center — proposed as being named the Blanco Event Center.

Following the council's unanimous approval — absent Council member Ben Barrientos — the Livermore Planning Commission is set this winter to consider approving a conditional use permit for the building's use as an event center.

Despite approval from the council, the building is not precluded from being used as a restaurant.

"I'm looking forward to this," Mayor John Marchand said during the meeting. "I think it will be a good addition to the downtown."

Regardless of the building's future use, the exterior architecture will remain the same as that approved by the planning commission in September 2022.

Additionally, circulation and parking considerations will be made at the planning commission level, Ackerman explained during the meeting.

The event center would be open only outside of peak traffic hours, Ackerman said.

Messinger also intends to have

shuttle bus services to the event center and is attempting to gain additional parking spaces through negotiations with nearby land owners.

Also anticipated for downtown is the L Street Parking Garage, which will provide additional parking for the area, Ackerman said. ■

Familiar name launching outdoor wine lounge

Steven Kent on 2nd coming to Livermore, seeking to become 'gateway to downtown'

By JUDE STRZEMP

The owner of Steven Kent Winery is set to open his family's home garden downtown Livermore in the coming weeks to serve as a permanent outdoor wine lounge.

Unlike the winery's tasting room on Vasco Road, proprietor Steven Kent Mirassou and his wife Beth Mirassou aim for Steven Kent on 2nd to be an intimate gathering space where guests can sip on small lot wines from the winery and walk away with a bottle.

In addition to outdoor seating to host approximately 20 people at a time, the Mirassou family is also set to open their home to private, indoor events.

"We didn't want to recreate the experience people can already get at our current tasting room," Steven Kent Mirassou told Livermore Vine. "We wanted this to be more about people being able to spend time with their friends and loved ones in a really beautiful environment and be able to have education about wine if they wanted it."

Unique to the lounge at the corner of Second and McLeod streets, a short menu of approximately five or six beverages will include debut wines and experimentals that cannot be found at the Steven Kent Winery's larger location.

In addition to drinks, Mirassou plans to roll out small bites in the new year with the occasional guest speaker.

Prior to the launch of Steven Kent on 2nd, the Mirassous lived across the street from the forthcoming wine lounge.

Everyday, the couple noticed passersby en route to downtown

Livermore, he said.

Upon seeing the home of the forthcoming wine lounge become available as a residential and commercial space, the two jumped on the opportunity and moved into the house about a year ago.

"We are looking at Steven Kent on 2nd's wine lounge to be the gateway to downtown," Mirassou said.

Welcoming guests into their garden or house offers a unique experience to visitors, Mirassou said. But he and his wife are accustomed to the overlap between work and life, he added.

"We're in the wine business 365, 24/7 anyways," he said.

Since the couple sit on their patio everyday, often enjoying a glass of

wine together, opening their home seemed like the perfect way to offer the same experience to guests and further the winery's mission in hospitality, he explained.

"We consider ourselves hospitality professionals before we're winemakers," Mirassou said. "Our vehicle for conveying the desire to take care of people is wine."

"You're coming to our house, you're coming to our wine lounge to be taken care of," he added.

The lounge is expected to open intermittently during early December and establish permanent hours in the new year.

For more information about the wine lounge, visit Steven Kent on Second on social media. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Spring break with a sea turtle: During spring break on the Big Island of Hawaii, Sein Moon, Seoyul Moon and Sookyong Kim stopped for this Take Us Along by the ocean with a special guest. "We brought Pleasanton Weekly with us as we explored the island, and this photo was taken at the beautiful Black Sand Beach, where we saw the stunning black sand and a sea turtle," Kim told us.

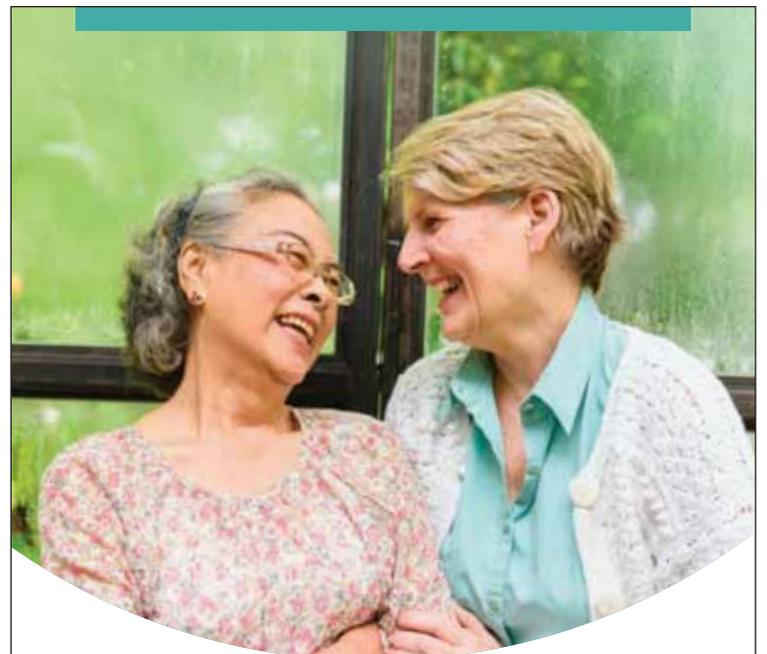
PET OF THE WEEK

Saddle up to meet Montana

A true treasure with a Big Sky state of mind, Montana is an affectionate explorer who starts his days with sunrise cuddles, then gallops off to chase toys and watch the wildlife from his window perch. After his adventures, he's ready to settle in for a cozy nap by your side. Montana's adoption fee is waived, so call Valley Humane at 925-426-8656 or email info@valleyhumane.org to get started with the adoption process and bring him home — home on the range.



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Ruby Miller

March 24, 1943 – November 1, 2025

Ruby U. Miller, resident of San Ramon, California, a beloved mom, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, November 1st.

Born Ruby Walton, the daughter of Andrew Jackson Walton and Buelah (Henke) Walton in Tennessee. As a daughter of an Air Force pilot, her family found themselves living in many places including Newfoundland and Germany until the family settled in Sacramento, CA during her high school years. She graduated from El Camino High School and after some college, Ruby met and married the love of her life, Douglas Gary Miller. Ruby and Doug initially moved to San Francisco for a short time before settling in San Carlos to raise their two children. She worked as an Art Teacher at Brittan Acres Elementary School while her kids were young, then worked at Sequoia High School, in Redwood City, as an instructional associate running the (TAP) Teacher Advisement Program. She worked to help improve the grades and attendance of freshman students and families. Her office was often described as a safe haven for many students. Ruby was very involved in the San Carlos community, volunteering as PTA president, working on the Chickens Ball Fundraiser, and the Art League. She and Doug spent many of their weekends, holidays and birthdays with family and friends at their cabin in Arnold, CA. After living in San Carlos for 35 years, Doug and Ruby moved to Pleasanton to be closer to their grandkids. Upon their arrival in Pleasanton, Ruby jumped right in and joined many Pleasanton organizations: the Newcomers Club, the Assistance League, and the Red Hat Society, where she made great friends and quickly filled their social calendar. They continued their love of hosting parties, luncheons, wine tastings, and traveling with friends throughout their retirement.

Ruby had a passion for art and art history, and a love for the theater. She and Doug loved to travel with treasured friends where she could visit museums displaying works from her favorite artists, as well as enjoying each city's theatre district.

She was a gifted crafter, quilter, painter, and miniaturist and enjoyed being a part of many clubs and groups of friends that got together regularly to work on projects. She also always had a project ready for grandkids to work on when they visited.

She was a friend to many in both San Carlos and Pleasanton and will be greatly missed.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Doug Miller. She will be remembered with love by her children Scott (Jennifer) Miller of Gun Barrel City, TX and Andrea (Bill) Sadler of Pleasanton, CA and her 7 grandchildren Jackson, Jessica, Samuel and Max Miller and Samantha (Brett Walsh), William, and Andrew Sadler.

A celebration of life will be held on January 18, 2026 in Pleasanton, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Hospice (hopehospice.com/donate) or the Valley Humane Society (valleyhumane.salsalabs.org/donate).

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CONNECTS

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small group and large group reflection sessions in addition to remarks from Balch and leaders from TogetherUp and the Workday Foundation.

Pleasanton Connects is described by organizers as “a new ‘civic hub’ network” aimed at uniting “leaders across sectors to build relationships, strengthen communication, and power collaborative action.”

Although this week marked the project’s first public event, the city announced the initiative to the public with a survey that was launched Oct. 21, describing it as “a pilot project designed to make our community even more connected, resilient, and collaborative.” Prior to that, organizers had completed a “listening tour” of 39 community leaders.

The results of both those efforts were up for discussion this week, with a presentation and summary of initial take-aways from the data that “reveal the state of connection in Pleasanton today” — with more to come, as organizers continue analyzing data and preparing a full report set to be released in the new year.

According to results from the listening tour and 1,064 responses from the community survey, the state of connection in Pleasanton currently is “rich in networks, but needs a boost in connective tissue.” More than half of survey respondents said they wanted more local relationships, and 70% of newcomers reported that sentiment. Despite their desire to foster local relationships, 45% of neighborhoods did not hold social gatherings over the past year, and 26% of respondents reported that they “rarely or never turn to a neighbor for help.”

Although there was an interest in more community connections across the board, Pleasanton Connects organizers reported that the desire was even deeper for certain groups. In addition to newcomers, renters, people of color, LGBTQ+ residents and seniors felt less connected than the average resident, according to survey results.

Members of those same groups reported feeling their influence in the community was limited, despite residents overall feeling “proud, safe, and attached to Pleasanton,” and free to express themselves. Overall, survey respondents scored 3.85 out of 5 on an emotional connection score, a 3.3 out of 5 on voice, and a 2.7 out of 5 on civic agency.

“Belonging is strong but uneven,” organizers said in the summary. “On average, Pleasanton scores higher on emotional connection and voice, but lower on civic agency. There are significant differences in these scores across groups.

Hostility and polarization on social media were concerns noted by residents and leaders, as well as overall widespread tensions that are tangible locally, such as “social silos,” economic challenges and high housing costs, and “representation gaps.”

Nonetheless, respondents were



COURTESY WORKDAY FOUNDATION

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch provides welcoming remarks at the kickoff event for Pleasanton Connects on Nov. 17.

interested in bridging those gaps — albeit some more than others. 52% of residents surveyed reported that they “connect often” with people of different races and ethnicities, with 43% expressing “future interest” in doing so. However, only 28% reported that they “connect often” across partisan identities, and only 15% said they were interested in cross-political connection.

Community leaders interviewed during the listening tour listed some of their goals for the initiative as modeling relational leadership, reflecting diversity, strengthening trust, and creating genuine, “agenda-free” spaces for “listening, learning, and collaboration.”

Overall, community leaders envision “a Pleasanton that blends tradition with inclusion — where connection is intentional, equitable, and celebrated,” according to the summary of findings.

Some ways of achieving that include taking advantage of the city’s “belonging magnets” — with the library, Bernal Park, Valley Community Church, and the Downtown Farmers Market listed as the top four locations where residents feel a sense of belonging, according to the survey results, and fostering additional programming and “third space” opportunities.

In particular, the initiative is looking toward cross sector collaboration and new pathways for newcomers to the city to become involved in the community.

“Pleasanton stands at a promising crossroads,” organizers wrote in the summary presented this week. “Residents cherish what makes the city special — it’s safety, schools, and spirit — but see the need for new bridges across culture, class, and generation.”

While the survey and listening tour were aimed at garnering insight into the sense of community and connection in particular in Pleasanton, the need for an initiative like Pleasanton Connects is something organizers with TogetherUp have recognized at a national level.

The institute’s founder and director of research, Nichole Argo, said Tuesday night that Americans overall have a desire to connect across different groups, with the biggest reason for not doing so cited as a lack of opportunity.

In particular, she said that TogetherUp’s national research suggests that people across the country expressed the “highest interest in collaborating toward a common goal” — something that is set to be explored further in the full report of data prepared for Pleasanton Connects, which is scheduled for release in the new year.

“All of this is an opportunity to reweave the social fabric in ways that can make Pleasanton stronger,” Argo said.

Argo acknowledged the polarization and hostility that are often present on social media, and which threaten residents’ sense of community and connection, and encouraged the intentional use of social media and other technology to build rather than undermine community bonds.

“Digital connection is like instant ramen — it’s better than nothing, but it’s not a meal,” Argo said.

Given the problems often created by existing technology, Argo closed by addressing the elephant — or what she called the “robot” — in the room.

“We are officially in the age of artificial intelligence, and many worry that this will isolate us further,” Argo said, adding that while it has the potential to do so, “it doesn’t have to be that way.”

“The real danger isn’t that AI will become human — it’s that we will become less so,” Argo said. “The question is not ‘will this make us lonely?’ The question is how will we use these tools to replace connection or deepen it.”

“We can choose to design with humanity at the center, to use technology to spark real conversations that translate across cultures, to help people understand each other better than we currently do,” she continued. “So the future doesn’t belong to the smartest systems — it belongs to the most connected people.”

This week’s kickoff event is set to be the first of many in-person gatherings as part of Pleasanton Connects, with participants going on to brainstorm ideas for other events, groups, and practices that could deepen the city’s sense of community.

Residents can receive updates on new events and opportunities as the initiative moves forward by signing up for the Pleasanton Connects mailing list, with a newsletter set to debut in the new year. ■

NEGOTIATIONS

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on criteria such as household income levels, district officials explained.

Currently the district is projected to face continued declining enrollment, a trend that would negatively impact the district's receipt of unrestricted income. LVJUSD has also received fewer reports of household income than previous years, when it was likely inflated, district officials said.

While often compared to neighboring districts of Pleasanton and Dublin, there are "several key differences that significantly affect the funding reserves available for employee compensation," Gibson explained.

School districts in Pleasanton and Dublin both receive Economic Recovery Target funding from the state worth \$5 million annually, whereas LVJUSD does not receive the funds, she explained.

According to Gibson, LVJUSD also has more schools, a higher rate of students receiving special education services as well as more teachers and paraeducators in comparison to Pleasanton and Dublin school districts — several of the points were in dispute at the Nov. 12 meeting.

During the meeting, Thompson expressed frustration over the district's response to union requests, alleging that many replies have been excuses.

"The latest excuse emailed by Gibson to all staff and all parents last Friday is that restricted funds cannot be used on compensation," Thompson said at the meeting.

Rather, the district spent over \$61 million of restricted funds on compensation during the 2024-25 school year, Thompson said.

"Please stop wasting time and money on excuses," she added. "Do your job — reprioritize the budget to provide a reasonably competitive compensation package."

Thompson was not alone in voicing her displeasure Nov. 12 over the approach to addressing teacher compensation.

Ahead of the board meeting, over 20 teachers, parents and community members wrote letters to the board requesting higher compensation for educators.

LEA members and supporters also gathered outside the district office ahead of the meeting with the same request.

Among the approximately 20 speakers who expressed their support for the teachers' union during public comment Nov. 12, LEA Vice President Tara Lutz urged the district to find and implement a plan for the compensation increase.

"It seems you are desperate to save face, but that's not what we need our leadership to spend their time and energy on right now," Lutz said. "We need that same

focus spent on problem-solving the fact that we are grossly underpaid in contrast to where we live and what we do."

Earlier this year, LVJUSD contracted independent state agency Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team to review the district's fiscal solvency, including its multiyear financial projection and cash flow, district officials said.

Negotiations continue to operate independently of the FCMAT review, district officials added.

"The intention was to have an unbiased, third party validate our district's finances so that we could avoid the questioning of transparency when negotiating with our bargaining units," according to district officials.

"Our goal is to provide compensation increases within our means of remaining fiscally solvent," officials added.

Despite the district's intention, concerns over FCMAT's involvement arose at the board's Oct. 14 regular meeting.

The superintendent was on the FCMAT board just prior to joining the district, which "fosters the perception that there exists a conflict of interest," said Mamie Kristovich, president of the California School Employees Association, at the Oct. 14 meeting.

Gibson directly addressed the subject during the meeting, explaining that there was no pay directly associated with her former position at FCMAT.

The agency's findings are set to be presented at the Dec. 9 board meeting.

Also during the Dec. 9 board meeting, district officials are set to present the 2025-26 first interim report for approval. The report contains the district's financial status including revenues, expenditures and reserves as well as projections for the next two years.

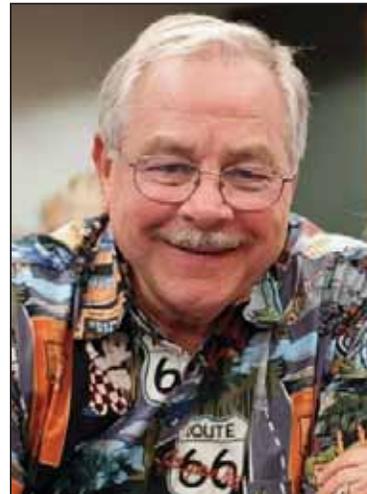
The report helps guide decisions and maintain fiscal stability throughout the year, district officials explained.

Following winter break, two budget advisory committees are also set to propose key initiatives of the district to the board for consideration and approval.

Nearing the end of the board meeting Nov. 12, Trustee Christiaan VandenHeuvel and President Emily Prusso expressed their interest in supporting teachers as well as financial sustainability.

"I care about our teachers, about our students and our community and I carry it home with me every time," Prusso said. "I also recognize that there is a responsibility for today and there's a responsibility for the years ahead and so that's a balancing act that we have to figure out."

"I think we're going to be able to figure it out," Prusso added. ■



James Joseph Murphy

Resident of Pleasanton

November 25, 1942 – November 9, 2025

James Joseph Murphy passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home on Sunday, November 9, 2025. He touched many lives with his kind soul, generous spirit, and love for one and all.

Jim (as he was dearly called) was born in Oakland, CA to Irish parents, Joseph and Dorothea Murphy. He graduated from St Bernard's Elementary School, Bishop O'Dowd High School and earned a degree in History from the University of Maryland. He served in the U.S. Army for 3 years, including his time at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, CA, the National Security Agency in Ankara, Turkey and Vint Hill Farms in Warrenton, VA. Jim enjoyed a fulfilling career of nearly 30 years with the Southern Pacific Railroad, retiring as a Conductor/Brakeman. He was a devoted member of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) for over 50 years, where he served on the Parish Council as well as various other ministries. He was a Life Member of the Knights of Columbus (Oakland Council #4840). As a devoted 44-year member of AA, Jim lived his life in humble service to others. His unwavering faith and compassion guided him to reach out a helping hand to anyone in need. Through his kindness, wisdom, and gentle spirit, Jim touched countless lives and exemplified the true meaning of recovery, gratitude, and love. Helping others was not just his calling, it was his gift to the world.

Among his many interests, he was an avid sailor and an outstanding chef with an insatiable enthusiasm for learning. After retirement, he devoted his time to teaching English as a second language to foreign students for many years. With his continual desire to give and to love all cultures alike, he and Lori founded People to People Foundation in 2010 to educate under-privileged children both nationally and globally.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Lori Daniels Murphy, dear brother Jack

Murphy, darling nieces Kerry (Brian) and Erin. He is also survived by nephew/son Carlton Acuff, niece/daughter Madonna, grandson Chris (Shawna), grand-daughter Ashley and grandson Carl. Other surviving loved ones include brother-like dear friend, Billy Hannon (Mona); sister-like dear friend Norma Wheeler (Jeff), Godchildren George and Yvonne; sister-like friends Grace Chang, Jeanne Michael (John Stack), Kathianne Powell and Sweetie Law. He is also survived by daughter Sunny Lee, grandkids Danny, Allen and Tina; daughter, Mary Siroki (son Laszlo), grandson Jonathan; daughter Jane Ding Swain (son Bret), grand-daughter Megan (Michael); son Sneader Sequeira (daughter Justyna), grand-daughter Josie; daughter Ginna Yoo (son Jay), grandkids Judy and Michael; daughter Chitra Chhabra (son Sameer), grandkids Pratham and Tyna; daughter Ruth Hannon Ramirez (Ivan), grandson Gabe; daughter Jennifer Chang, grandkids Julien and Lauren; daughter Julie Marty (Hughes), grandsons Greg and Gabe; daughter Judy Hu, grandkids CeCe and Joshie; daughter Zuhail Cetin (Erkan), grandkids Sema and Esma; daughter Amy Sitzmann; son Neil Daniel; daughter Anne Marie Gallagher (Michael), grandkids Emily, Thomas, Elizabeth and Patrick; godson Nicholas Richey and grandson Kevin Wei.

His unforgettable charm, gregarious nature, love for life, people and travel, and his gift for finding wit and humor in everything will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Military honors will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025, shortly before 10:00 am at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566, followed immediately by a funeral mass at 10:00 am. A reception will then take place at the Oasis Restaurant, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. We warmly welcome all who wish to join us in honoring and remembering a beloved life.

Gifts in memory of Jim, may be donated to
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Community Pulse



Rob Kent Montgomery

July 11, 1969 – September 4, 2025

Rob Kent Montgomery moved onto Heaven on September 4th. His parents, Robert and Sherline Montgomery, sister Lyndy, and his children Matthew and Sarah Montgomery all miss him. Rob was born on July 11, 1969. He was charismatic, fun and charming! He was a salesman for many years. Rob was taking classes at Merritt College to become an Addictions Counselor. He was really looking forward to helping others!

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Kathy Kindred

July 8, 1949 - October 10, 2025

Kathy (Reeves) Kindred passed away peacefully and courageously in her Danville home five years after suffering a disabling stroke. Throughout her life, Kathy touched countless hearts with her kindness, humor, and deep commitment to helping others. She was an avid reader who loved sharing that joy by teaching others to read and inspiring a lifelong love of learning. Kathy changed many lives through her dedication to education.

Kathy was born in Berkeley, CA, to Ann Patricia and Doug Reeves. Reared in Castro Valley, where she graduated from Castro Valley High School in 1967. She continued her education at Northern Arizona State, Cal State Hayward and Saint Mary's College, always following her passion for learning and teaching.

She began her elementary teaching career in the Navajo nation, where she formed lasting memories. She later worked in the Murray School District in Dublin, CA as a reading specialist, then joined the Pleasanton School District, where she served as a Reading Specialist, Curriculum Specialist and Assistant Director of Pupil Services and Special Education. She also worked for the New Haven School District as Director of Pupil Services before returning to Pleasanton School District as the elementary Home Teacher contact. Her compassion, patience, and belief in every child's potential made her a beloved educator and mentor to students, parents, and colleagues.

Kathy was predeceased by her parents Ann and Doug Reeves, brother Gary Reeves, sister-in-law Patty Reeves and nephew Taj Reeves. She is survived by her sister Debbie Reeves of Harrington Maine, niece Xica Reeves Hogan and Zica's children Boone and Cruz Hogan.. Having no children of her own, she considered many young people in her life as part of her extended family. She treated Emily and Owen Clasen and Ali Adams like her own grandchildren, showering them with love and encouragement.

Kathy had a huge heart for animals, especially small rescue dogs who needed extra love and care. She enjoyed sewing, fly fishing, and spending time outdoors. Some of her happiest moments were spent at Pinecrest Lodge and Mosquito Lake with family and friends. She cherished the beauty of Mt. Shasta and the Northern Arizona wilderness, where she hiked trails and explored mountain roads with wonder and joy.

Friends and Family are invited to a Celebration of Kathy's Life on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 11AM. Hopyard American Alehouse & Grill, 3015 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any animal charity of your choice. This is something Kathy would truly appreciate.

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POLICE BULLETIN

CHP searches for two suspects who crashed stolen car in Pleasanton

California Highway Patrol officers are currently working to identify and locate two of the three individuals who were inside of a stolen vehicle that crashed into a light pole in north Pleasanton following a pursuit last week, a spokesperson said.

The driver and two passengers initially fled the wrecked car but one of the passengers, a minor, was arrested hours later and is currently facing charges including misdemeanor resisting and obstructing a peace officer, according to CHP-Dublin Officer Tyler Hahn.

The incident unfolded around 11 p.m. Nov. 13 when CHP Dublin officers attempted to pull over a white Honda Civic on Owens Drive east of Rosewood Drive for not displaying any license plates, Hahn said. The car was reported stolen out of Livermore.

But as officers attempted to initiate the traffic stop, the Honda "rapidly accelerated away and failed to yield".

"The Honda ultimately crashed into a light pole at the intersection of Owens Drive and Las Positas (Boulevard), becoming disabled," Hahn said. "The driver and passengers fled on foot."

Following the crash, CHP used its helicopter unit and called on the Pleasanton and Livermore police departments to assist with the search for the driver and two passengers, which lasted for several hours.

Then, at approximately 2:45 a.m. Nov. 14, Pleasanton police received a report of a "party hiding suspiciously" at a nearby Shell gas station. Upon arriving, PPD officers located the minor passenger.

"The passenger was ultimately released from custody to his mother and is pending charges," Hahn said. "The investigation is ongoing ... We are still working on leads to the driver and passenger."

— Christian Trujano

San Ramon names Chestnut as next police chief

Capt. Becky Chestnut with the San Ramon Police Department is set to take on a new role as the department's chief next month, according to an announcement from the city Monday.

"Becky Chestnut's deep understanding of our city and its values makes her the ideal choice for Chief of Police," City Manager Steven Spedowski said in the statement. "Her leadership and commitment to our residents will be of great benefit to

our community."

Chestnut will officially take the reins Dec. 15, bringing her more than two decades of experience in law enforcement to the position, officials said.

"It's an honor to serve the San Ramon community and to lead the dedicated men and women of this Police Department," Chestnut said. "And I am committed to supporting our employees so they can continue providing exceptional service and maintaining the community's trust."

Chestnut is succeeding Denton Carlson, who announced his retirement in September after serving 18 years total with SRPD and three as chief.

Chestnut first joined SRPD in 2015, serving as an officer in the patrol and community resource and crime prevention divisions. In November 2016, she was promoted to police corporal in the community resource and crime prevention division, where she supported SRPD's popular Community Academy, social media outreach, the department's volunteer program and Mental Health Follow-Up Project.

In March 2019, Chestnut was bumped up to police sergeant, where she served on the patrol division, then the professional standards division.

Chestnut was instrumental in forming SRPD's Peer Support Program and served on the board for the San Ramon Police Officers Association from 2016 to 2021, according to city officials.

Continuing to climb the ranks, Chestnut was promoted to police lieutenant in May 2022. She spent nine months as watch commander for the patrol division, then moved to the investigations division, where her duties included oversight of the youth services/school resource officers and facilitation of the San Ramon Valley Fire Behavioral Health Project.

Chestnut moved up again to police captain, overseeing the administrative services division, in July 2023. Management duties included the professional standards and training, community resource and crime prevention, evidence and property, records and finance divisions.

Prior to joining SRPD, Chestnut served as a law enforcement officer with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office from December 2002 to May 2015, where she held a number of roles, including in detention facilities, patrol, and investigations (homicide and sexual assault units) until 2015.

Chestnut holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Union Institute and University, and a master's degree in leadership communication from Purdue University.

— Cierra Bailey

Trio to be arraigned for Heller Jewelers robbery

Three of the more than 20 suspects in a high-profile burglary at Heller Jewelers in City Center Bishop Ranch were set for arraignment in Contra Costa County Superior Court this week, with three more suspects arrested in San Jose last month.

Jimmy Ray, Michael Ray and Ira Austin are the three suspects facing charges in Contra Costa County, where they are set to be arraigned on the counts against them Nov. 21.

The three suspects were taken into custody and charged in September, days after a well-documented, mid-afternoon heist at Heller Jewelers in which more than 20 culprits flooded into the San Ramon store, smashed jewelry cases and stealing the contents, including at least one thief firing a gun through the automatically locked doors, before they fled the scene in multiple vehicles. It was the second major robbery at the jewelry store in recent years.

While seven suspects were arrested as of later that week, according to San Ramon Police Chief Denton Carlson at an update to the City Council, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office has only announced charges against three suspects so far. At least one suspect referred to by Carlson was under the age of 18, with the DA's office unable to comment on juvenile cases.

"Once San Ramon PD makes more arrests and brings the cases over to us, we will review them for charging decisions," a spokesperson for the DA's office said.

The San Ramon Police Department assisted the San Jose Police Department in investigations into suspects believed to be linked to the City Center robbery, aiding the San Jose police in the arrest of two suspects on Sept. 30. An additional suspect was arrested in Oakland on Oct. 3, with evidence recovered that connected him to the San Ramon robbery, according to an SRPD spokesperson.

Austin, Michael Ray and Jimmy Ray are all set for their second arraignment at the AF Bray Courthouse in Martinez on Friday (Nov. 21), having been arraigned on the complaint shortly after their arrests. An arraignment on information is typically when defendants enter their pleas, once the charges they're facing are formally detailed to them. ■

— Jeanita Lyman



Becky Chestnut

Opinion

LETTERS

Pleasanton stands with its coaches

As a parent who has had three children come through Foothill High School Track & Field, I am furious at how this lawsuit tries to rewrite reality. What happened to pole vaulter Aman Deshmukh was devastating. Every parent felt that shockwave. Every athlete felt it. Our hearts broke for him then, and they still do now.

But the portrait of Foothill Track & Field being pushed by attorneys is not just wrong — it is a complete distortion of the program we know.

Reckless coaches? Lax supervision? “Deteriorated” or “dangerous” equipment?

Anyone who has set foot near that track knows how absurd that is. This is a program that enforces its rules with precision. Parents are not allowed on the field — period — because the coaches take athlete safety seriously. They show up. They supervise. They train. They uphold standards that other programs admire.

The pole vault equipment wasn't crumbling or unsafe. The school invested in upgrades. The area was maintained and used safely by athletes every day. These claims feel less like fact and more like legal

positioning — allegations crafted to create leverage, not clarity.

A tragedy occurred. A young man's life changed. But rewriting the history of a program known for vigilance and integrity will not help him. It will not make future athletes safer. And it will not produce justice.

Let's focus on what actually matters: ensuring this young man receives the lifelong care he deserves, demanding accountability from the systems that failed him early on, and refusing to let a tragedy be weaponized into a false indictment of people who have done their jobs honorably.

Pleasanton stands with its coaches. Pleasanton stands with its athletes. And Pleasanton stands with truth — not with a convenient fiction crafted for the courtroom.

— Kim G. Van Horn

Thank you for finding my purse

I was out shopping on Sunday afternoon when I had put my purse on my car to show my son the clothes I had bought him. We got into the car and headed down the road.

We got to our destination a mile down the street and stopped the car. I had shut off the car and realized I did not have my purse with me. I frantically asked my son if the purse was in the back seat. No purse. I could not even start the car since the keys were in the purse. I had asked my kid to run back to the shopping center and look where we parked and to ask all the shopping associates if anyone had turned in the purse.

In the meantime I had gotten a text from a longtime friend asking if I had lost my purse. I had told her I had and that she told me that Susan Kendall-Jennings had posted on Rants and Raves that she found my purse in the middle of the street on Dublin Boulevard. She went out of the way to go to my house and the Pleasanton Police Department to turn it in.

I want to say thank you so much for being such a great Samaritan and would love to thank you in-person. I am very grateful for all she did. There are a lot of good people out there and we don't hear about them. I hope that one day we can meet in person.

— Tracy Mitch

AI is at the stage where the news is not true

Friday evening, an online Pleasanton community was chattering about a shooting in Pleasanton, Englewood and Hopyard Road. A 24-year-old man shot his father.

I checked it out, listened to the report with an eyewitness commenting with a video of police activity at the scene.

Sunday, I was emailed another unrelated video of national sports stars disparaging sports officials. There was profanity, by the stars, obviously not an authentic video. Although the stars in the videos were real.

The reported shooting, with video

and an eyewitness, in Pleasanton Friday evening appeared to be authentic; it was not.

Pleasanton police reported there were no shootings or reports of gunfire.

Now I am concerned with the onslaught of artificial intelligence (AI). We will be drowned in junk. How can we combat it, expose it?

— Michael Austin

2025 achievement gap data worse than 2024

In October, I shared data showing a troubling achievement gap in Pleasanton. While PUSD outperforms the state for almost all student groups, our African American students performed about as well as California overall. That was the 2024 data.

The newly released 2025 data is worse.

PUSD's African American students now trail the state of California in both English language arts and math. ELA scores have inched up, but math scores have declined. Meanwhile, San Ramon — a comparable district with similar demographics — continues to make steady, meaningful gains. They are outperforming Pleasanton by a wide margin.

Over the past month, I have met with teachers, administrators, community members and parents. Everyone acknowledges the gap. Yet as a community, our sense of urgency remains low, despite the fact that kids are being left behind.

Two weeks ago, Amador students were the target of race-based hate vandalism. The notification went only to Amador families, but this should matter to all of Pleasanton. These students deserve a community that sees them, supports them and demands better outcomes for them.

We cannot continue celebrating our district's overall performance while ignoring the students struggling the most. Closing this gap is not optional for our “community of character.”

Follow [allmeansall.pUSD](#) on Instagram for more data.

— Christina Nystrom

The Spirit of Pleasanton

I nominate Workbench True Value Hardware for the Spirit of Pleasanton Award, and I highlight the store and their manager/decorator Lisa Miller as the Spirit Leader of Pleasanton.

Lisa is known all over town, by children and dogs, as the True Value Lady! The person who treats dogs with milk bones and customers with solutions to their DIY problems. Children on the street proclaim, “Look mommy, it's the True Value Lady!” Like I said, the Spirit of Pleasanton!

— Bill Xenakis

Silent and invisible conflicts globally

I feel the constant reporting on war, trauma and conflict in our society has definitely increased awareness

about foreign issues, but at the same time has made us less sensitive to the plight abroad.

Every single day, we see and read stories of conflicts in Africa, Ukraine, Israel and across the world, with the same story: countries engaged in prolonged conflicts while the world's superpowers and institutions remain in retreat.

How many of us know what's happening in Ukraine? We only care about the conflict when our politicians debate about military aid in Congress or when our president meets the aggressor, Putin, in Alaska.

Like this, so many conflicts have become invisible. Did you know that there were 59 recorded conflicts in 2024? 59 is like 30% of the world, not including instability, political corruption and other issues.

At the same time, foreign aid and U.S. leadership is being scaled back, putting the world at an increased risk of conflict. Just think about that.

— Aayush Gandhi

Ban brutal steer-tailing

Back in 1994, California outlawed the Mexican charreada's brutal “horse

tripping” event (AB 49X, Burton); a dozen other states soon did likewise. Accordingly, the U.S. Charro Federation changed its rules for the entire country.

Charreadas feature an even worse event, “steer tailing” (aka “colas” or “coleaderos”), wherein a mounted charro grabs a running steer by the tail, wraps the tail around his leg, then rides off at an angle, slamming the hapless animal to the ground.

Tails are routinely broken, stripped to the bone (“degloved”), even torn off. “Steer tailing” is not a standard ranching practice anywhere in the U.S., and is already banned in Alameda and Contra Costa counties (1993 and 1994), and all of Nebraska (2008).

Passage of a California ban would likely result in a U.S. Charro Federation rule change banning “steer tailing” nationwide. Even Cesar Chavez was an outspoken critic.

Let your county and state representatives hear from you! A few supporting editorials could really help, too; your Pulitzer awaits.

— Eric Mills, coordinator,
Action for Animals

John Joseph Parker

July 13, 1938 – November 5, 2025

John Joseph “Jack” Parker, age 87, born July 13, 1938, to John and Pauline Parker, passed away on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. He was the beloved husband of 66 years to his high school sweetheart, Keville Parker, and the devoted father of David Parker (spouse Shelley Parker). Jack was preceded in death by his son Stephen Parker and by Steve's spouse, Debra Parker, as well as by his siblings Marianne Parker Martinelli and Patrick James Parker. He is survived by his sister Kathaleen Parker O'Kane.

Jack was a proud grandfather to Jennifer Parker (spouse Andre Jarrahzadeh), Thomas Parker (spouse Marlee Parker), Megan Parker Van Burkleo (spouse Cameron Van Burkleo), and Sarah Parker. He was also the cherished great-grandfather of Callen, Ariya, Penelope, Juniper, and Briar.

A graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California, Jack briefly served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1957 before beginning a long and successful career as a business owner in the print industry until his retirement. He was an active member of both the Pleasanton North Rotary and the Sons In Retirement (SIRS), where he built lifelong friendships and gave generously of his time and good humor.

Jack will be remembered as a true gentleman—kind, thoughtful, and steadfast—a good friend to many and a blessing to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration of life will be held at 12:00 noon on December 12, 2025, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton, followed by a gathering of friends and family at Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill in Livermore. In lieu of flowers: Donations can be made to Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation ([pnr-rotary.org/pnr-foundation](#)) OR to your preferred charity.

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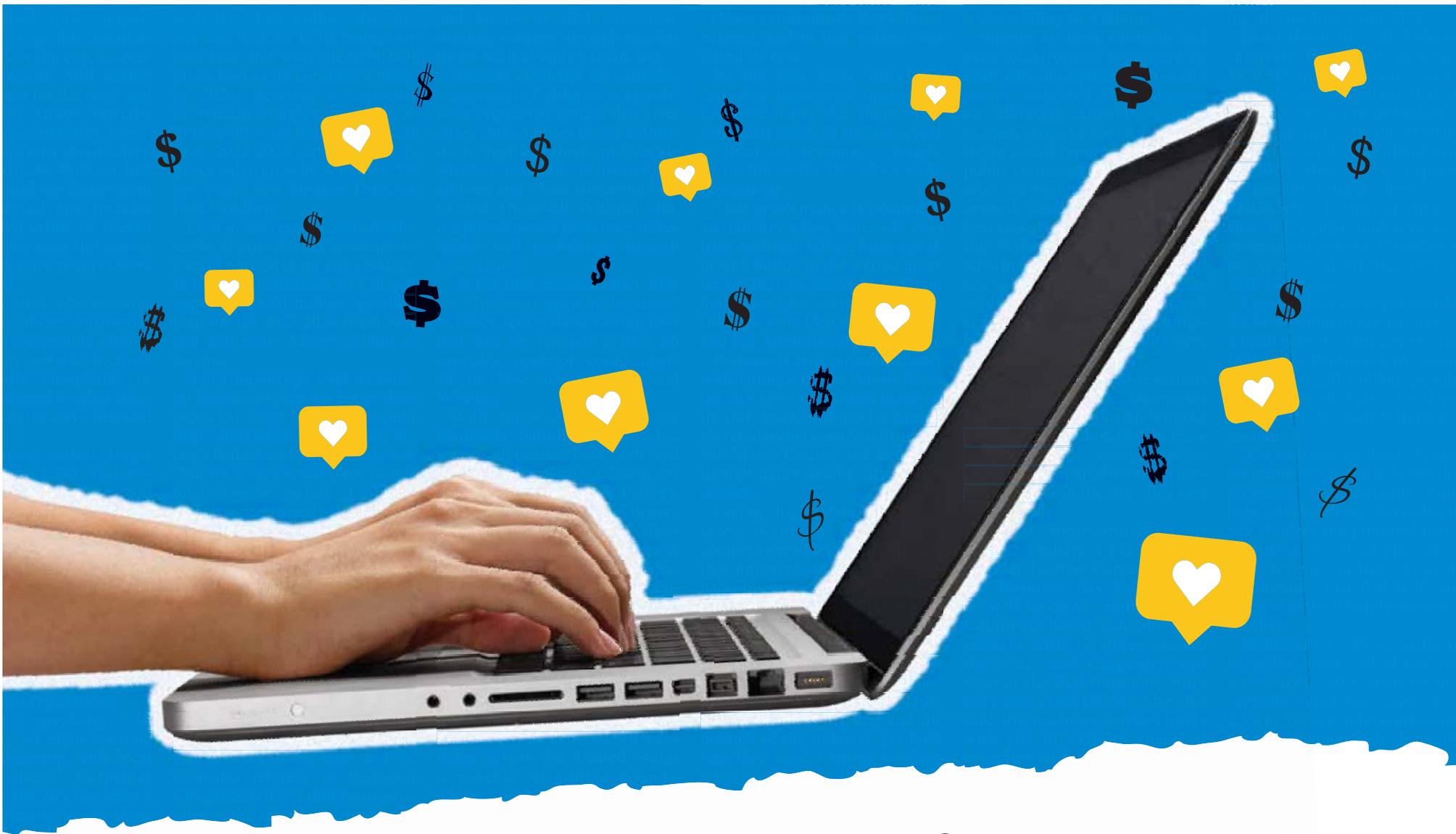
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At the heart of our mission is a commitment to journalism that strengthens our communities. Every week, our reporters deliver in-depth, award-winning stories that illuminate local issues in the Tri-Valley, from housing and hunger to education and economic development.

We attend city council, county government, and school board meetings, following policies that shape daily life and holding officials and powerful interests accountable through persistent, transparent reporting. In election years, we help voters make informed choices with clear, unbiased coverage, candidate forums, and reporting that gives Tri-Valley residents the insight they need at the ballot box.

At last year's California Journalism Awards, announced in May, *Embarcadero Media Foundation* publications earned twelve First Place awards, including three for work published in the *Pleasanton Weekly*.

Winning the top award in the *Editorial Comment* category was an article by Gina Channell Wilcox detailing how changes in commerce and technology have wreaked havoc on traditional revenue streams for publishers,

forcing many local news outlets to close, while others, like ours, have transitioned to a nonprofit structure.

Impactful local journalism empowers civic engagement, fosters transparency, and ensures our residents are informed and resilient. We are proud to deliver trusted news coverage that reflects the needs and aspirations of the Tri-Valley communities we serve.

Last year was our first year operating in the black since 2018, thanks to both community generosity and careful cost-cutting measures, such as moving and downsizing our offices. Donations from readers covered nearly 20% of our total operating expenses, bridging the gap between those and our other revenue sources.

This year, we need to continue to raise donation revenue to sustain this essential work. We've also set our sights on expanding and enhancing our editorial coverage. With your support, we're committed to serving our community for the long term.

Thank you for being part of our journey and for helping ensure that local news continues to make a lasting impact.



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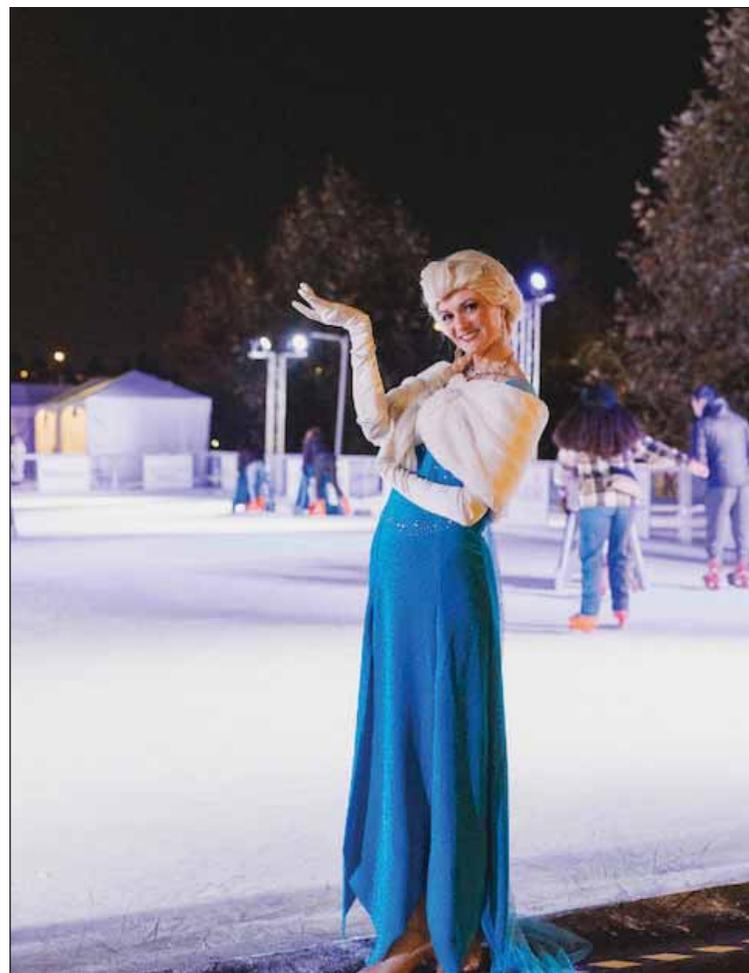
Holiday Happenings 2025

What to do in the Tri-Valley to celebrate the special season

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The season is upon us, whether we're ready or not. Thanksgiving is next Thursday. Then it's Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Giving Tuesday in quick succession before Hanukkah festivities, Christmas celebrations and New Year's events come and go.

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



COURTESY SUNSET DEVELOPMENT

"Elsa Night", featuring the icy queen from "Frozen" herself, on Dec. 3 is one of the theme events at the Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Rink at City Center Bishop Ranch.

★ Holiday Ice Rink

The Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Ice Rink at City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon is now through Jan. 4. Tickets are purchased per 90-minute sessions. Visit citycenterbishopranch.com

★ Santa Photos at Stoneridge

The ultimate holiday tradition awaits. Don't miss Santa pictures at Stoneridge Shopping Center where walk ups are welcome every day until closing time. Now through Dec. 24. For reservations visit simon.com.

★ Winter Glow Experience: A Drive-Thru Holiday Light Show

Experience the magic of the holiday season with the Winter Glow Experience, a dazzling drive-thru spectacular featuring hundreds of larger-than-life festive displays. Bundle up and enjoy a synchronized light show along a 1-mile holiday route. Now through Jan. 4 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

★ City Center Tree Lighting

Join at City Center Bishop Ranch for the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and delight in the sounds of the season with performances by the Monte Vista Band and singers, all leading up to Santa's arrival. 6-7 p.m. this Friday (Nov. 21).

★ Earlier Than The Bird

The pajama shopping tradition is back in downtown Livermore. Boutique shops will be open with steals, deals and giveaways to make you the best gift giver ever this holiday season. 7-10 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 22).

★ Messiah Workshop

Valley Concert Chorale hosts this workshop for singers interested in working on the choruses from the Christmas portion of Handel's masterpiece. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 22). Asbury United Methodist Church. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org.

★ Pet Photos with Santa at Stoneridge Mall

Bring pets to pose with Santa at the Grand Court near the Apple store where photos will be taken and available for purchase. Reservations are not required. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 23).

★ Interfaith Interconnect Thanksgiving Service

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service brings together the faith community of Pleasanton and Livermore for shared prayers of gratitude bridging various religious congregations: Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu and many more. 3:30 p.m. this

Sunday (Nov. 23). Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

★ Stocking Stuffer Donations

Stockings filled with small toys, treats, or essentials for children, teens and adults or gift cards from Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Walmart and Target can be dropped off 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays at Tri-Valley Haven 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Now until Dec. 10. Visit trivalleyhaven.org.



★ Mony Nop Turkey Drop

Community members are invited to drop off a frozen turkey, gift card or cash donation to help local families facing economic hardship. Set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 23) in the Livermore City Hall parking lot, 1052 S. Livermore Ave.

★ Winter 2025 Recitals

A full day of performances featuring students from the San Ramon Academy of Music, audiences will



COURTESY SUNSET DEVELOPMENT

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Center in San Ramon is set for this Friday.



CHUCK DECKERT

The vibe was festive at the 2024 Tri-Valley Turkey Burn. The fundraiser walk/run returns this Thanksgiving morning, courtesy of Pleasanton North Rotary.

enjoy a wide range of solo works performed by students of all ages and levels. The evening concludes with the San Ramon Young Virtuoso Concert, a special showcase spotlighting standout soloists and the San Ramon Chamber Ensemble. All day next Sunday (Nov. 23) at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center.

★ **Visit with Santa at the Square**

Visit Santa every weekend in front of the large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree for a magical holiday experience filled with joy, a photo and a free gift from Santa. 12-4 p.m. Now through Dec. 21 at City Center Bishop Ranch.

★ **Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund**

The 25th annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign gets underway next week and will run until mid-January. With your contributions, the Weekly and its Embarcadero Media Foundation will give grants to 10 nonprofits serving the needs of children,

adults and families in the Tri-Valley area. All funds will be held by the foundation and will be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Donate at PleasantonWeekly.com/holiday_fund.

★ **Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast**

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

★ **Turkey Trot and Canned Food Drive**

Kick off the morning with a fun, free and informal 5K run led by the Livermore Youth Council. The trot begins at the Sycamore Grove Equestrian Parking area near the Wetmore Entrance. Participants are encouraged to bring canned food donations for Open Heart Kitchen. 8 a.m. Wednesday (Nov. 26). Sign up at larpd.org.

★ **Tri-Valley Turkey Burn**

Join Pleasanton North Rotary's annual Thanksgiving morning Tri-Valley Turkey Burn, 5K/10K, run, walk, stroll. Set for next Thursday (Nov. 27) in Ken Mercer Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Drive, Pleasanton, the first race gets underway at 9 a.m. Visit trivalleyturkeyburn.org.

★ **Bishop Ranch Turkey Trot**

On Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27), the community is invited to participate in the Bishop Ranch Turkey Trot in San Ramon, featuring chip-timed races around the lakes and gardens, and a family-friendly festival. The 5K race begins at 8:30 a.m., while the 0.05K dash for little kids is set for 9:30 a.m. Learn more at bishopranchturkeytrot.com.

★ **Tri-Valley Community Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner**

Join for a traditional sitdown dinner serving families, seniors, military, singles and anyone in need. 12-4 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 27). St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon



COURTESY LVA

Jazz bandleader Jeff Bordes, an Amador Valley High School alumnus, presents "A New Orleans Christmas" at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore next Sunday.

Ave., Dublin. Free and no reservation required. To volunteer by donating food, supplies or cook a turkey, visit tvc-thanksgiving.com.

★ **Danville Lighting of the Old Oak Tree**

Watch as Father Christmas and the Snow Angel sprinkle a little magic dust on the old oak tree and bring it to light. Stroll downtown Danville and enjoy refreshments, entertainment and holiday shopping through the festively decorated streets 5 p.m. next Friday (Nov. 28). Visit danville.ca.gov.

★ **Museum on Main Christmas Market**

Join at Pleasanton's Museum on Main for a Christmas Market where talented local crafters will sell high-quality gifts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Saturday (Nov. 29). Grab a snack from the Cub Scouts and listen to live music while sipping hot chocolate and visiting Santa from 12-4 p.m., at 603 Main St.

★ **Small Business Saturday**

Shop Small Business Saturday is an exciting event to celebrate and support local businesses in Pleasanton. Downtown Pleasanton businesses will participate offering special discounts on shopping, dining and services. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., next Saturday (Nov. 29).

★ **A New Orleans Christmas**

Kick off the holiday season with the energy and spirit of a New

Orleans Second Line Parade as Jeff Bordes & Friends bring a fresh, high-energy take on holiday favorites, blending the sounds of funk, blues, swing and more. 8 p.m. next Saturday (Nov. 29) at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Visit livermorearts.org.

★ **The Best Intentions Holiday Concert**

Start the holiday season on a high note with The Best Intentions Holiday Concert at the Village Theatre in Danville and experience soulful harmonies, dynamic choreography and a set list full of holiday tunes with a Motown, old school and R&B twist. 8 p.m. next Saturday (Nov. 29).

★ **Handel's Messiah**

Pacific Chamber Orchestra's traditional and uplifting presentation of part I and favorites from parts II and III is a perfect way to begin the holiday season. 3 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 30) at the Bankhead. Visit livermorearts.org.

★ **Letters to Santa**

Write a letter to Santa, and he'll write back. Drop off at Robert Livermore Community Center and write the child's name and address clearly so Santa knows where to mail his letter. 4446 East Ave. Dec. 1-11. Visit larpd.org/letters-to-santa.





CHUCK DECKERT

Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Celebration is back with its popular parade and tree lighting Dec. 6.

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★ Handling the Holidays

Hope Hospice offers this free workshop as a safe space to discuss the unique considerations of grieving during the winter holiday season. 12-1:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m., Dec. 2. To register, call 925-829-8770 or submit an inquiry form at HopeHospice.com/grief.

★ Dublin Holiday Tree Lighting

Experience the festive energy and lighting of the holiday tree at the Dublin Civic Center where local school choirs and bands set the stage with amazing performances. 6-8 p.m., Dec. 4.

★ Finding Frosty

Get ready for an exciting adventure in downtown Pleasanton with the Finding Frosty Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a map at Five Little Monkeys toy store or Towne Center Books and drop off or mail completed squares to Pleasanton Downtown Association, 333 Division St. from Dec. 5-19.

★ Magical Holiday Evening

Experience the magic of the holiday season in downtown Pleasanton on Division Street to capture cherished memories with free photos alongside Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Museum on Main and enjoy a variety of family friendly activities and live music. 4-7 p.m., Dec. 5.

★ Lights of Livermore Holiday Tour

Join for a magical evening of wine tasting and a tour of Livermore Valley's holiday lights aboard the Wine Trolley. Dec. 5-23. Visit livermorewinetrolley.com.

★ Livermore Holiday Village in the Park

Join as Carnegie Park is turned into a magical holiday village, like a Hallmark Christmas movie, but real. 4-8 p.m., Dec. 5. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

★ Sing-It-Yourself Messiah

Join Valley Concert Chorale for this Sing-It-Yourself Messiah, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5. Asbury United

Methodist Church, Livermore. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org.

★ Bah Humbug! 5K Fun Run, Walk & Kids

Get up, get out and get in the holiday spirit on this family run or walk through the streets of San Ramon. Dress in a holiday costume or a favorite exercise outfit. 8:15 a.m., Dec. 6. Register online at SanRamon.ca.gov/FitnessRaces.

★ Holiday Art Fair

Shop for art and fine handcrafts in front of the Bankhead Theater. Open to the public. 1-5 p.m., Dec. 6. 2400 First St., Livermore.

★ 'Ohana Kalikimaka

Experience the beauty, joy and spirit of Christmas with 'Ohana Kalikimaka: A Family Style Christmas Celebration, featuring stories from Hawaii and Tahiti, wonderful costumes, powerful drumming and chanting, and silky smooth music from the islands. The Polynesian-style Christmas show is at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center.

★ Symphony's Free Holiday Concert

Enjoy the sounds of the season as talented musicians come together to bring a magical experience with Livermore-Amador Symphony's free family holiday concert. 3 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Bankhead. Visit livermorearts.org.

★ Holidays in the Vineyards

Join for a Livermore Valley Wine Country tradition and celebrate with Holidays in the Vineyards, and Toys for Tots, where wineries showcase decorated tasting rooms with special wines, arts, crafts, holiday music, activities and more. 12-4:30 p.m., Dec. 6 and 7. Visit lvwine.org.

★ Ho Ho Ho Holiday Carnival

Join LARPD and some of Santa's helpers for a holiday carnival at Sycamore Grove Park and enjoy a festive evening with a campfire, carnival games, arts and crafts and holiday treats from Mrs. Claus' bakery and stop by for pictures with Santa. 5-7:30 p.m., Dec. 6. Visit larpd.org.



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Pleasanton's Holiday Youth Musical Festival arrives on the Firehouse Arts Center stage Dec. 19.

★ Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Celebration

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

★ Livermore Sights and Sound Parade

Enjoy floats and performances by local businesses, bands, schools, clubs and more with tree lighting to immediately follow. 6 p.m., Dec. 6, in downtown Livermore.

★ Joyful Sounds of the Season

Deck the halls with Livermore-Amador Symphony's festive music perfect for the start of the holiday season. 8 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Bankhead.

★ Caring Santa at Stoneridge Mall

This sensory-friendly experience is exclusively for children with special needs and their families. Santa will be located in the Grand Court near the Apple store and photos available for purchase. 9-10:30 a.m., Dec. 7. Reservations required. Visit simon.com.

★ Irish Christmas in America

A cherished holiday tradition, Irish Christmas in America brings the magic of the season featuring heart-warming songs, lively dance and rich storytelling that celebrate Ireland's holiday spirit. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8.

★ Senior (50+) Holiday Luncheon

Celebrate the holiday season at LARPD's annual catered luncheon and enjoy a delicious meal from On the Vine, live music, door prizes



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

The Golden Follies present "A Very Follies Holiday" at the Firehouse next month — but the matinee show is already sold out.

and a festive sweater contest. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Dec. 10. Robert Livermore Community Center. Register by Dec. 5 at 925-373-5700.

★ Toys for Tots Toy Drive

LARPD is partnering with Toys for Tots to support children in need. Donate new, unwrapped toys to the Robert Livermore Community Center and the Aquatic Center. Dec. 1-11. Visit larpd.org.

★ Holiday Boutique

Visit the Pleasanton Senior Center for the Holiday Boutique

and shop for books and beautifully handcrafted gifts. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 11.

★ Holiday Social Sing-a-Long

The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center present this Holiday Social featuring pianist and entertainer Noam Elsen. Join for an afternoon of lively entertainment and delicious desserts. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Dec. 11. To register, call 925-931-5365.



COURTESY LVA

Campana Sobre Campana: Christmas in Mexico brings an international interpretation of the season to the Bankhead Theater on Dec. 22.



BRENDAN DUFFY / COURTESY LVA

Irish Christmas in America comes to Livermore on Dec. 8.



JERWIN CHUA / VDT

Valley Dance Theatre is performing the holiday classic ballet "The Nutcracker" during two weekends in December.

★ **Holiday Food Drive**

LARPD is partnering with the Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry to support local families this holiday season. Drop off non-perishable items like potatoes, stuffing, canned vegetables, pumpkin pie mix and more. Robert Livermore Community Center. Through Dec. 12.

★ **Sensory Santa**

This event offers a calm, welcoming environment where children with autism and other disabilities can meet Santa in a way that suits their unique needs. 4:30-5:45 p.m., Dec. 12. Visit larpd.org/sensory-santa.

★ **Donuts with Santa**

Join for a morning or evening of holiday cheer at the Robert

Livermore Community Center to play games, write a letter to Santa, and take a picture with Santa. Dec. 12-13. Visit larpd.org/donuts-with-santa.

★ **A Very Follies Holiday**

The Golden Follies senior Vegas-style revue is presenting their "A Very Follies Holiday" show at the Firehouse on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m., accompanied by Bay Area vocal artist Deborah Del Mastro. The performance is already sold out.

★ **An American Holiday**

Join Valley Concert Chorale as they sing Christmas chorale music from the Americas. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12, Lynnewood Methodist Church, Pleasanton, and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13,

Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore.

★ **Spirit & Sweater Stroll**

The Spirit and Sweater Stroll is the perfect opportunity to soak up the festive atmosphere and connect with the community where guests enjoy spirits and craft cocktails at a number of downtown Pleasanton locations. 5-8 p.m., Dec. 13. Visit pleasantondowntown.net

★ **The Nutcracker**

Valley Dance Theatre brings Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker to the Bankhead in this full-length repertory classical ballet where costumes and sets are created by professional, award-winning designers. Dec. 13-14, 19-21. Visit livermorearts.org.



COURTESY LVA

"Christmas Dreaming" with Stella Cole is scheduled for Dec. 18 at the Bankhead.

★ **Impressions of the Nutcracker**

More than just a ballet, San Ramon Valley Dance Academy's production of "Impressions of the Nutcracker" incorporates multiple dance styles and pantomime vignettes in a fast paced 75-minute show that follows the traditional story line. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13 and 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. Visit tickets. sanramon.ca.gov.

★ **Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide**

Step back in time and embrace the holiday spirit at a Victorian Yuletide celebration at Ravenswood Historic Site for a festive day that captures the essence of a bygone era. 12-4 p.m., Dec. 14.

★ **Chanukah Wonderland at Stoneridge Mall**

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with holiday games and crafts, Chanukah photo-op, face painting and music. Join the Tri-Valley's Jewish community to light up Stoneridge's 9-foot menorah in the. Open to the public; 5:30-7 p.m. Dec. 16, in the center of the mall. Learn more at www.jewishtrivalley.com.

★ **Sunol Menorah Lighting**

The third annual menorah lighting of Sunol's menorah with dignitaries, refreshments, joy and spirit.

Organized by Chabad of the Tri-Valley, the event starts at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in Sunol Community Park.

★ **Christmas Dreaming with Stella Cole**

Stella Cole makes her highly anticipated Bankhead debut with a dazzling holiday performance bringing her signature jazz-infused vocals to timeless Christmas classics, accompanied by a lush string ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18. Visit livermorearts.org.

★ **Chorus Eclectic - Gnome for the Holidays**

Join Chorus Eclectic as they bring these legendary characters to life through music with familiar favorites alongside fresh, imaginative arrangements. 7 p.m., Dec. 18. Visit firehousearts.org.

★ **Shabbat Hanukkah**

Join in person at Congregation Beth Emek, or online, for their annual Shabbat Hanukkah service celebrating the sixth night of Hanukkah with a joyous, song-filled service. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19. Visit bethemek.org.

★ **Tower of Power - Holidays & Hits Tour**

Tower of Power is tapping into its 50-year-plus repertoire — and the holiday season — for a show at the

See **HOLIDAYS** on Page 21

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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)

NOELLE BRADDOCK THERAPY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618222

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) Noelle Braddock Therapy , located at 248

3rd Street Suite 1214 Oakland, CA 94607,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

NOELLE BRADDOCK, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL

CLINICAL COUNSELOR, A PROFESSIONAL

CORPORATION

248 3rd Street Suite 1214

Oakland, CA 94607

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on

9/15/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-

Recorder of Alameda on October 10 2025.

(PLW Nov 21, 28, Dec 5 and 12, 2025)

MOBILITY 4U

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618759

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) Mobility 4U , located at 4636 Schlosser Ct.,

Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Married

Couple.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

SANJA BAJOVIC

4636 Schlosser Ct.

Castro Valley, CA 94546

TEOFIK FEHIMOVIC

4636 Schlosser Ct.

Castro Valley, CA 94546

Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on

06/10/2006

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-

Recorder of Alameda on November 07 2025.

(PLW Nov 21, 28, Dec 5 and 12, 2025)

PLEASANTON CARDIOLOGY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618706

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) Pleasanton Cardiology , located at 5565

West Las Positas Blvd, Suite 340, Pleasanton, CA

94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

HENRY A. CHEN, M.D.

PO Box 817

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business name(s)

listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-

Recorder of Alameda on November 05 2025.

(PLW Nov 21, 28, Dec 5 and 12, 2025)

LEVEL MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618708

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) LEVEL MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS , located

at 37069 Ash St. Newark, CA 94560, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

LUIS MARTIN FRANCO GUTIERREZ

37069 Ash St.

Newark, CA 94560

Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on

10/23/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-

Recorder of Alameda on November 05 2025.

(PLW Nov 21, 28, Dec 5 and 12, 2025)

MASONFIT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618864

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) MASONFIT , located at 7004 MacArthur Blvd

Apt 302 Oakland, CA 94605, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Married

Couple.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

KIRIA MASON

7004 MacArthur Blvd Apt 302

Oakland, CA 94605

JERMAINE MASON

7004 MacArthur Blvd Apt 302

Oakland, CA 94605

Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on

07/20/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-

Recorder of Alameda on November 14 2025.

(PLW Nov 21, 28, Dec 5 and 12, 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)

TUTURA HERITAGE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618839

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) Tutura Heritage , located at 2119 Addison St

Apt 8 Berkeley, CA 94704, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

CHRIS PUTTERE PHOTOGRAPHY, INC

2119 Addison St Apt 8

Berkeley, CA 94704

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 12 2025.

(PLW Nov 21, 28, Dec 5 and 12, 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)

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.

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)

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)

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)

M-PLUS CONSULTANTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618575

The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as:

1.) M-PLUS CONSULTANTS , located at 25600

UNIVERSITY COURT, HAYWARD, CA 94542,

ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the

registrant(s) is(are):

MARVIN AMOSU

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ACCELA
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)

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 Of The 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)

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.: 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:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 10/2/2025
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.: 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)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
JOHN JAY EARGLE, AKA JOHN J. EARGLE, AKA JOHN EARGLE
Case No.: 25PR154178
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN JAY EARGLE, AKA JOHN J. EARGLE, AKA JOHN EARGLE.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Michael G. Mauldin in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that: Michael G. Mauldin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 19 2025 at 9:45 a.m. in Dept. 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with

the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Tiffani C. Aanestad, Esq.
Aanestad Law
430 S. Auburn Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945
530-798-4321
(PLW Nov 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
IOANNIS KARKALEMIS
Case No.: 25PR152450
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IOANNIS KARKALEMIS.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Constantinos Karkalemis in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that: Constantinos Karkalemis be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 12 2025 at 9:45 am in Dept. 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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HOLIDAYS

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Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center in San Ramon on Dec. 19. Go to tickets.sanramon.ca.gov.

★ Holiday Youth Music Festival

Holiday Youth Music Festival showcases the vibrant talents of high schoolers, featuring a delightful mix of original and classic holiday songs filling the heart with holiday cheer and musical joy. 7 p.m., Dec. 19, at the Firehouse. Visit firehousearts.org.

★ Chanukah Under the Stars

Join Chabad as they light up Livermore's menorah with a live Chanukah music concert. Get showered by "chocolate gelt" raining down with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, enjoy hot latkes and Chanukah donuts, and glow-in-the-dark fun. Open to the public, the event runs from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 20 in front of the Bankhead Theater.



★ Campana Sobre Campana: Christmas in Mexico

This vibrant show weaves cherished Mexican traditions into a magical story of the season. Through joyous rhythms and the colorful spectacle of Mexican dance, capture the heartwarming reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 22, at the Bankhead.

★ Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Skip the midnight countdown and join for a lively celebration with games, crafts, dancing, light refreshments and a balloon drop. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 31. Robert Livermore Community Center. Visit larpd.org.

★ New Year's Eve with Matt Axton & Badmoon

Ring in the New Year with a night of live music, dancing and celebration featuring Matt Axton and Badmoon, known for their rich, genre-blending sound that fuses Americana, blues, folk and rock. Dancing and DJ in the lobby. 7 p.m., Dec. 31, at the Bankhead. Visit livermorearts.org.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador girls' water polo wins NCS title

Also: Dons' football season (and coach Jones' tenure)
ends with playoff loss to Monte Vista

In the North Coast Section Division II girls' water polo final between Amador Valley and Alhambra, there was one indisputable fact, and it led to the Amador Valley 9-7 win.

The Dons have Susan Swyers and the Bulldogs didn't.

Trailing 4-2 at the half, Swyers took the game over in the third period, scoring six goals, and along with Abigail Jones adding a seventh goal, the Dons had a 9-4 leading into the final quarter.

Alhambra outscored Amador 3-0 in the final frame, but the Dons had the margin it needed to come out with the NCS title.

Jones had a first-period goal to finish with two overall, and Anusha Shelatkar had one to round out the scoring for Amador. Jones added five steals for Amador as well.

Deepika Suresh had five saves in the goal for the Dons.

First-year head coach Drake

Southern did not know what to expect when the Dons got the top seed in the D-II playoffs. But after a pep talk from former Amador coach Tim Reilly, Southern had a great outlook.

"He was confident if the girls came to play, they could win (the title)," Southern said of Reilly. "I didn't know what to expect but I trusted his word."

The physical talent was there as far as Southern was concerned.

"This was all about mentality," Southern said of the NCS run. "The mentality of getting the rest and recovery after each game and coming to practice with the right mentality."

The outburst in the third quarter capped an amazing year for Swyers, as the Amador senior finished with 125 goals, 118 steals and 52 assists.

Suresh finished the year in the goal with a whopping 212 saves.

To advance to the finals,

top-seeded Amador beat Irvington, Lick-Wilmerding and Marin Catholic.

In a 19-4 win over Irvington, Addie Drain had five goals, Shelatkar had four goals, Jones scored three, Zahra Alami had two goals and Rachel Thalman had a pair as well.

Swyers had a pair of first-period scores, then added 10 assists the rest of the way out. Suresh had a goal in the second quarter.

In the 10-6 win over Lick-Wilmerding, Jones had four goals, with Swyers adding four of her own.

Genna Schmidt and Alami had one goal each to round out the scoring. Suresh had six saves in the win.

The semifinals saw the Dons beat Marin Catholic 6-2 in a match where Marin Catholic was intent on guarding Swyers with at least two players.



BRYAN KENITZER

The Amador girls' water polo team celebrates their NCS D-II championship.

The Amador senior still managed four goals, with Schmidt and Alami netting the other two goals. Suresh was incredible in the goal, making 13 saves. Jones had nine steals to add to the strong defensive performance.

Amador football loses in first round

And the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook jinx continues...

One week after writing about the Amador Valley football team getting the shaft in the North Coast Section seedings meeting, getting the No. 7 seed in D-II play behind two teams the Dons beat this year, their season ended with a 24-14 loss to Monte Vista in the first round.

Back on Halloween night, the Dons got the better of the Mustangs, winning 35-14. But this time, the Mustangs flipped the script.

The loss brings a close to the local coaching career of Amador head coach Danny Jones. Jones and his family are moving to Idaho, where he will eventually head the program at a new high school.

Jones coached the Dons to NCS and CIF NorCal titles last year and a berth in a CIF State Bowl game. ■

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LHS, Granada add badminton

Varsity co-ed teams to debut this spring

By JUDE STRZEMP

Livermore's two comprehensive high schools are set to form badminton teams for the first time this spring, following requests from students and their families.

Granada High School and Livermore High School will each have one varsity, co-ed badminton team for a total start-up cost estimated at approximately \$39,900.

The new teams will be members of the California Interscholastic Federation, permitting them to play with other member high schools such as Foothill, Amador Valley, Dublin, Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley, according to Torie Gibson, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent.

Although approval from the Board of Education was not needed to create badminton teams at the high schools, the trustees expressed their unanimous support for the new offering during a discussion at their Nov. 12 regular meeting.

"When we support our students, they succeed," Trustee Craig Bueno said in favor of forming the teams.

Ahead of a previous board meeting Oct. 14, LVJUSD parent Indumathy Ramasamy Kesavan requested that the board consider introducing a badminton team at both high schools.

While high schoolers can participate in badminton clubs, official school teams would benefit students, including her middle school daughter Adithi Krishnan who is a national-level badminton player, Ramasamy Kesavan wrote.

"Having the opportunity to represent her school through badminton would not only enhance her journey but also inspire many other students in our district to pursue excellence in the sport," Ramasamy Kesavan wrote to the board.

"Additionally, I am aware that many students in Granada are already part of badminton clubs and are enthusiastic about the idea of forming official school teams," she added.

In terms of logistics, creating a new athletic offering means finding an area for the sport.

"Space will be a challenge, but both athletic directors have assured me they will work it out," Gibson said at the Nov. 12 school board meeting.

The cost for offering badminton is steepest at the start-up phase, Gibson said.

Of the initial \$39,900 in start-up funds, GHS' program would cost approximately \$24,100. Assuming sufficient student interest, LHS' program is estimated to cost approximately \$15,800 as they're expected to have a smaller team.

The combined and ongoing annual cost for both teams is expected to be approximately \$12,000, according to the updated board agenda.

Funding for the new athletic offering will come from the district's General Fund, Gibson confirmed in a response to Trustee Christiaan VandenHeuvel.

"Students come first," Gibson said. "We'll figure it out." ■

Youth cricket tourney returns to Tri-Valley

450 cricketers from Bay Area and beyond

By JEREMY WALSH

The attention of American youth cricket turns toward the Tri-Valley next week, with 28 teams from across the country set to compete in the annual Thanksgiving weekend tournament.

The eighth National Pleasanton-San Ramon-Dublin Youth Cricket Tournament will see some 450 young players from 15 different cricket clubs participating across under-10, U12, U14 and U16 divisions next Thursday through Sunday.

"Many players who have played in this tournament have gone on to represent the USA National Cricket Team, both men and women," Rameshu Immadi, from co-organizer Cricket for Cubs, said of the growth and impact of the annual tournament.

Also organized by San Ramon Cricket Association and Dublin Cricket League, the competition

is the only cricket tournament in the United States officially hosted by municipal governments — jointly by the city of Pleasanton, city of San Ramon and city of Dublin, along with support from Alameda County, Immadi said. The relocation of a Minor League Cricket franchise, the San Ramon Grizzlies, has also helped strengthen the sport in the Tri-Valley.

The tournament will be contested at Bernal Community Park in Pleasanton, Fallon Sports Park in Dublin, Rancho San Ramon Park and Quail Run Elementary School in San Ramon and Sycamore Valley Park in Danville — along with games in Fremont and Davis.

Games run from next Thursday (Nov. 27) through next Sunday (Nov. 30), with the closing ceremony at 6:30 p.m. the final day at the Stanford Medicine Sports Complex at Bernal in Pleasanton. For the full schedule, go to www.psdyc.org. ■

Real Estate

Bishop Ranch ranks high for in-office employees

‘San Ramon, often dismissed as a bedroom community, is reshaping its identity’

By JEANITA LYMAN

Amid numerous ongoing redevelopment plans, San Ramon’s Bishop Ranch neighborhood is continuing to serve as a top destination for office space leases and in-office workers, according to a recent announcement from Sunset Development.

Sunset officials reported a 13% year-over-year increase in employees based at its vast office spaces in Bishop Ranch, marking a 60% recovery rate for in-office workers compared with 49% in Silicon Valley and 41.8% in San Francisco.

“Bishop Ranch is proving that a thriving workplace can drive economic vitality across an entire community,” said Alex Mehran Jr., president and CEO of Sunset Development Company in a Nov. 6 press release. “The strength of our return-to-office numbers reflects a dynamic environment where businesses, employees and residents all benefit.”

The data referenced by Sunset also suggests that workers are spending increased amounts of time at offices in Bishop Ranch, with average dwell times estimated at more than five hours, almost as much as pre-pandemic levels. Officials added that some neighborhoods, such as



COURTESY SUNSET DEVELOPMENT

Workers at the Roundhouse Conference Center in Bishop Ranch.

Shepherd’s Glen, have exceeded their pre-pandemic averages, “signaling that employees are spending full workdays on campus.”

The COVID-19 pandemic and the widespread remote work options that ensued coincided with

Sunset’s vision to redevelop Bishop Ranch into a mixed-use neighborhood, marked first by the development of City Center Bishop Ranch, then by additional new and planned housing and mixed-use projects. But rather than simply replacing

existing office space, Sunset officials said that the redevelopment plans have been key to maintaining and increasing demand for office space at Bishop Ranch.

Sunset officials pointed to census data and commute maps that reflect

an increase in shorter commutes in the region and “underscore the shift toward hyper-local living and working”. They noted that Bishop Ranch is the only place in the Bay Area where walking to work has increased by double digits since 2019, and that commutes of less than 10 minutes have increased by 28.2%.

“Census data and commute maps show employees are settling closer to Bishop Ranch, with a pronounced shift toward one- to seven-mile travel distances,” Sunset officials said.

“Housing growth at Bishop Ranch is bolstering these trends,” they continued.

A total of 1,500 new homes are “in the near-term pipeline” for the neighborhood according to Sunset, with 400 units built since last year and a total of 8,000 homes planned in the overall redevelopment vision.

“San Ramon, often dismissed as a bedroom community, is reshaping its identity,” Sunset officials said. “Recently ranked No. 1 in Quality of Life in California, the city’s transformation — anchored by Bishop Ranch — illustrates the suburban model of the future: walkable, amenity-rich, and a place where return-to-office isn’t just mandated, but embraced.” ■

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during Sept. 2-5 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Oct. 20-24 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

6829 Adobe Court 1036 Johnson St LLC to K. & B. Patel for \$1,538,000

5648 Belleza Drive J. Karayi to A. Warty for \$765,000

1068 Concord Street Kruse Family Trust to F. Liu for \$1,720,000

5052 Glenwood Court Tierney Living Trust to A. & G. Ciccirelli for \$1,650,000

4531 Harper Court Kirchner Family Trust to A. & V. Muthiah for \$1,390,000

964 Piemonte Drive Stultz Living Trust to Shannon Trust for \$4,020,000

5129 Rappolla Court Chumbo Family Trust to J. & J. Liu for \$960,000

3618 Reflections Drive Perreira Living Trust to Y. & M. Zhai for \$1,150,000

4115 Rockingham Drive S. Oweis to R. & R. Minocha for \$1,500,000

7303 Tulipwood Circle E. Hamm to F. Li for \$1,260,000

2588 Wilde Avenue S. & T. Tsai to Varadaraj & Rajagopalan Trust for \$2,880,000

Livermore

1217 Arlington Road Marty Living Trust to T. & C. Buckingham for \$790,000

787 Barleta Lane K. & L. Tregear to H. & V. Ramakrishnan for \$2,320,000

944 Curlew Road Chen Family Trust to M. & C. Tikhe for \$1,070,000

6341 El Capitan Court Reitsma Trust to L. & R. Buckner for \$1,125,000

1778 El Padre Drive Bailey Family Trust to C. Orourke for \$1,210,000

5808 Elder Circle Brooks Trust to K. & B. Espinoza for \$1,750,000

3962 Fordham Way Hunt Trust to Webb Trust for \$840,000

863 Los Alamos Avenue B. & S. Brinkley to D. & S. Sheldt for \$1,300,000

322 Misty Circle B. Espinoza to S. & M. Shahab for \$1,370,000

5629 Oakmont Circle Hopkins Trust to N. & Z. Gonzales for \$598,500

1437 Rebecca Drive Homesimple LLC to Anhalt Trust for \$1,625,000

471 Rose Street Marino Living Trust to S. & C. Dara for \$850,000

1063 Via Madrid C. Marion to Y. & J. Xie for \$975,000

1145 Wagoner Drive S. Aubin to V. & A. Cusimano for \$900,000

Dublin

2615 Bassetts Way Gupta Living Trust to Saanvi Living Trust for \$2,260,000

3698 Branding Iron Place E. Kabahit to E. & J. Suh for \$765,000

4338 Healdsburg Way F. Khalid to Ramesh Family Trust for \$1,850,000

7746 Hillrose Drive C. Yu to R. & S. Muppalla for \$1,052,000

11640 Luna Court M. & M. Syquia to I. & A. Shukla for \$1,450,000

5690 Metrose Court #302 W. Zheng to J. Garcha for \$1,470,000

5032 Persimmon Drive G. Nystrom to C. & V. Dasari for \$1,660,000

4737 Perugia Street D. Jordan to D. Grayson for \$885,000

9779 Reimers Way Friedman Trust to A. & R. Mishra for \$1,800,000

5922 Rosewood Road S. & U. Giri to A. & R. Gandhi for \$2,250,000

11943 West Vomac Road Peterson Living Trust to S. Ye for \$1,260,000

San Ramon

663 Abrigo Court Jones Trust to E. & M. Enriquez for \$925,000

9025 Alcosta Boulevard #228 Lui Family Trust to P. Badola for \$465,000

9610 Belle Meade Drive Lepere 1997 Family Trust to Proud Start LLC for \$1,355,000

3036 Butte Avenue Liebelt Trust to S. & A. Nigam for \$1,300,000

2030 Canyon Woods Drive #F Green Trust to J. Lowe for \$650,000

2857 Fountainhead Drive J. Lui to R. Garcia-Lemye for \$730,000

2615 Marsh Drive Faulkner Trust to Khanna Trust for \$849,000

5110 Rowan Drive Lough Family Trust to W. & X. Xiao for \$1,413,000

2692 Shadow Mountain Drive Chan Family Trust to R. Oroumi for \$799,000

4596 Sweetgale Drive B. Zhao to Y. & H. Wang for \$2,350,000

416 Ustilago Court M. & A. Mohmand to Gomes-Shen Family Trust for \$1,900,000

61109 Via Vicenza Y. Sung to S. & B. Jun for \$1,280,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Sept. 2-5)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$765,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,020,000
Average sales reported: \$1,712,090

Livermore (Sept. 2-5)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$598,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,320,000
Average sales reported: \$1,194,535

Dublin (Sept. 2-5)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$765,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,260,000
Average sales reported: \$1,518,363

San Ramon (Oct. 20-24)

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$465,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,350,000
Average sales reported: \$1,102,500

Source: California REsource

Employment

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