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# WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

## What's cooking at the lab

There is always so much going on at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory that it's impossible for us to keep up.

Combing through my inbox and social media, I see a half dozen announcements from LLNL about intriguing accomplishments that we haven't had a chance to cover in recent weeks — and that's just the news they want us to hear about ... wink.

Of course half the time I barely understand like a quarter of what lab officials are talking about in their press releases, but let me take a shot at a cogent recap. Because it's important for us to report on the happenings at the compound off East Avenue, considering LLNL (like its neighbor, Sandia National Laboratories) is an economic engine of not only Livermore, but the entire Tri-Valley.

The big news came out the Monday before Thanksgiving, with LLNL joining the 16 other U.S. Department of Energy national labs (and private industry and academia partners) on the Genesis Mission, an effort launched by executive order of President Donald Trump to "transform American science and innovation through the power of artificial intelligence".

Livermore Lab has been at the forefront of AI innovation, and an integrated AI platform is seen as a critical step toward strengthening national security and solving complex scientific problems, Genesis Mission technical director Brian Spears told Bay City News in an article we picked up from the wire service online before the long holiday weekend.

"At the end of the day, our goal is simple: build a system that learns, adapts and delivers results fast enough to give the U.S. a decisive advantage in science and national security," said Spears, whose day job is director of the AI Innovation Incubator at LLNL. "This is our opportunity to harness AI, science and computing together to win this race. We have a limited window to act, and we intend to meet it."

Since that major announcement, LLNL has issued two other press releases about scientific milestones (including one sent just before I started writing this column).

The lab's National Ignition Facility conducted a first-of-its-kind experiment to "assess the ability of U.S. nuclear weapons to survive encounters with adversary missile defenses and reach their targets" — also a key step in moving weapons modernization forward. Scientists exposed weapons-grade plutonium samples to intense, pulsed thermonuclear neutron radiation in a safe and controlled laboratory setting at NIF, lab officials described.

In another project, LLNL scientists worked with peers at other facilities on a new process to deliver neodymium (a rare earth element essential for powerful permanent magnets that is primarily mined and refined abroad, with China controlling much of the supply chain).

"We hope this method becomes a cornerstone for domestic production of neodymium magnets," author and LLNL scientist Eunjeong Kim said in a press release. "It can enable a truly U.S.-based 'mine-to-magnet' manufacturing chain from rare earth mining and separation to final magnet fabrication, reducing reliance on overseas processing."

Also in November, LLNL researchers were part of a team that won the coveted 2025 Gordon Bell Prize from the Association of Computing Machinery for their project that developed a real-time tsunami early warning system framework powered by El Capitan — the world's fastest supercomputer, which resides in Livermore.

El Capitan is now the only show in town, with LLNL announcing on Nov. 6 that its predecessor, the Sierra supercomputer, has been officially retired.

LLNL leveraged El Capitan to launch a record-breaking protein workflow, in a project with two partner institutions highlighted in a Nov. 14 press release. Or as translated for the layperson by LLNL computer scientist Brian Van Essen, the project's principal investigator:

"Doing this kind of AI inference at scale and being able to take a trained model and generate lots of data for distillation — or to explore the design space for bioresilience — is absolutely critical as a capability. And to be able to do it on El Capitan is game-changing, because we can reach scales that you just can't get anywhere else."

And earlier this fall, in a story we missed, LLNL Director Kim Budil awarded the 2025 John S. Foster Jr. Medal to Michael R. Anastasio former director at LLNL (2002 to 2006) and at Los Alamos National Laboratory (2006 to 2011).

"Mike Anastasio exemplifies the very best of the national laboratory tradition," Budil said in a Sept. 30 press release.

"He is known for his dedication to service, extensive technical expertise, visionary leadership, and lasting commitment to developing new leaders," she added. "Mike has made a profound and lasting impact on the nuclear security community and, especially, the national security laboratories. These qualities have shaped not only the stockpile stewardship program but also the culture of teamwork and excellence that underpins our mission." ■

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## If you unexpectedly (and legally) came into several million dollars, what would you do with the money?



**Joshua Schmidt**  
*Business owner*

I would open up and safely/competently staff animal sanctuaries, shelters and adoption facilities all over the place — anything and everything to help secure permanent homes for animals in need and curtail the pet overpopulation problem. I would also start educational programs to teach children about what a giant responsibility it is to own and care for a pet.



**Jessica Rasmussen, with Noodle**  
*Therapist*

I would buy one hell of a house in Danville's Blackhawk community, where so many of the Bay Area's professional football players live. And it's close to where much of my family lives, too, of course.



**Les Spruiell**  
*Retired*

If I won many millions of dollars, I would just disappear to a place where I had no responsibilities and no one expected anything of me. But first, I would help all of my family members and friends who are struggling financially, and I would set up some kind of foundation to ensure that public schools received sufficient funds for substantive and sophisticated STEM programs.



**Nick Browning**  
*Tech startup*

If I came into an obscene amount of money, I would do absolutely all of the things I've ever wanted to do but could not comfortably afford to do. Once I've checked off all of those bucket list items, I'd buy an open-sea yacht and travel from port to port trying every single kind of food that the world has to offer.



**Gigi Browning**  
*Retired*

I would likely share it with all of my family members, both close and extended. I feel so fortunate to have a very large family.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### DUI checkpoint

The Pleasanton Police Department is set to conduct a driving under the influence checkpoint this Friday (Dec. 5) on Santa Rita Road between Rosewood and Pimlico drives.

According to a PPD press release, the checkpoint will run from 6 p.m. to midnight. Officers will be on scene to evaluate drivers for signs of intoxication.

### APAPA event

The Asian Pacific American Public Affairs Tri-Valley, a local nonprofit that supports and dedicates its time to promote the civic engagement of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, recently celebrated its transition to new leadership at the Dublin Senior Center on Nov. 14.

More than 40 local and regional elected officials attended the event. The nonprofit also spent some time highlighting the challenges that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders face in the Tri-Valley such as housing insecurity, mental illness and domestic violence.

“Every day, more and more leaders, from nonprofits to small businesses, step up to serve our region and keep folks from falling through the cracks,” Nathan Tran, co-president of APAPA Tri-Valley, stated in a press release. “We must bring our community together so every voice, especially the ones not in the room, is truly heard.”

### Magical evening

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will be kicking off the holiday season with its annual Magical Holiday Evening this Friday (Dec. 5).

Members of the public will be able to take free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy hours of live music and peruse through a “charming Christmas market” on Division Street that will be filled with local vendors.

There will also be a toy drive, festive craft tables and a hot chocolate bar, according to the PDA.

The event will last from 4-7 p.m. Musical performances from the Amador Golden Dons, the Pleasanton Ukulele Club, a handbells choir, a quartet and a blues group will be scattered throughout downtown at various locations and times.

### Turf & Surf Sale

The Foothill Band Boosters, a nonprofit group of parents who look for ways to support the instrumental music program at Foothill High School, will be hosting its annual Turf & Surf Sale fundraiser at the school this Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 6-7) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ■

## City finished last fiscal year with \$7 million surplus

Staff point to developer fees, business revenue increases among unbudgeted funds in 2024-25 actuals

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The city of Pleasanton ended the 2024-25 fiscal year with a \$7 million surplus, which the City Council acknowledged as part of an unaudited report from city staff during its Nov. 18 regular meeting.

While city officials noted the overall actual general fund revenues and expenditures were in line with

the city’s 2025-26 balanced budget adopted by the council in June, one-time funds such as last-minute development fees presented a notable distinction between the budgeted numbers and the actual results for the end of the prior fiscal year, which the council reviewed and ultimately approved before Thanksgiving.

“There’s going to be people who are in the community wondering

why we have a surplus and it’s really important to recognize that we budget conservatively and we do it on purpose so that we don’t have to draw in reserves at the end of the fiscal year,” City Manager Gerry Beaudin said during the meeting. “We also want to proactively ensure that we have cashflow throughout the year.”

Beaudin’s remarks reference the

contentious period earlier this year when council and city staff spent months trying to balance its 2025-26 budget. That process ultimately ended in many departmental reductions and cuts to services — decisions that faced pushback from residents who did not think so many cuts were necessary.

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FILE PHOTO BY CHUCK DECKERT

### Holiday spirit rolls into town

Pleasanton’s annual Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony arrives in downtown — rain or shine — this Saturday evening. The city-run event will begin with the procession down Main Street at 5 p.m., followed by the tree lighting, live music and a special visit from Santa Claus at around 6:45 p.m. More information at [hometownholiday.com](http://hometownholiday.com).

## Brown vote violated Brown Act

Judge slaps Board of Supervisors for 2021 interim appointment

By ALISE MARIPOU / BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A judge has ruled that Alameda County and its Board of Supervisors did not follow procedure when it appointed former interim supervisor Dave Brown in 2021.

“This is a victory for open and transparent government,” said Marcus Crawley, president of the Alameda County Taxpayers’ Association, which filed the suit. “We sued because the Board used confusing and misleading language in the agenda to hide their intention to quickly appoint an ‘insider’

to fill Supervisor Wilma Chan’s seat, so soon after she unexpectedly died.”

On Nov. 3, 2021, Supervisor Chan was killed after being struck by a car while walking her dog. With the District 3 supervisor seat vacant, the board had 60 days to appoint a replacement.

An agenda was posted four days before the Nov. 16, 2021 meeting with an item to make a decision



Dave Brown

regarding the appointment. At the meeting, the board decided to appoint Brown to fill the seat, a move that the Taxpayers’ Association called “rushed.”

The association sued the county in 2022, alleging that the board and county did not follow the Brown Act, a law that requires legislative bodies to keep meetings open to the public, provide sufficient public notice of agendas, and allocate time for public comment.

Judge Michael Markman of the Alameda County Superior Court

## Move Eden petitions top court

Livermore laments 'another attempt to delay' housing project

By JUDE STRZEMP

A community group continues to challenge the Eden Housing affordable apartment complex proposed for downtown Livermore — this time petitioning the California Supreme Court to review an October ruling by the state appellate court in favor of the project’s progression.

Move Eden Housing, the group at odds with the city of Livermore and developer Eden Housing Inc., has opposed the 130-unit project for years over its intended location at the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and L Street. Instead of residential uses on the property acquired with funds designated for affordable housing, MEH suggests that the site would better serve as open space and the apartments should be relocated elsewhere.

In MEH’s most recent legal bid, the group submitted a petition for review Nov. 17, arguing that Livermore City Council violated a section of the California Elections Code by enacting a resolution in 2024 approving the Eden Housing development that was “essentially the same” as a previous resolution that was “entirely repealed” by voter referendum.

MEH’s petition was a response to the appellate court’s October ruling that determined the city had authority to approve the 2024 resolution, overturning a previous trial court decision.

In the MEH’s petition, attorneys Winston P. Stromberg and Paisley Shoemaker argued, “The opinion

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# PUSD board approves just over \$11M in cuts

Staff will begin meeting with labor unions to discuss negotiable items over next few weeks

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees recently completed its monthslong budget cut process.

At its Nov. 20 special meeting, the board agreed to reduce the district's certificated substitute pay rates by \$25, which is projected to save the district about \$125,000, bringing the total number of savings identified by the board to just under its target goal of \$11.2 million.

"This is something that's actionable and doesn't directly impact our staff," Board President Justin Brown said regarding the substitute pay rate reduction.

The board had also previously approved Nov. 13 just over \$7.5 million in initial ongoing reductions that had initially been identified during its Nov. 6 special meeting.

Now that the board has finished

identifying approximately \$11.16 million in cuts and reductions, staff will begin the process of implementing them as well as meeting with labor union partners regarding the items that are negotiable and that could be rejected by those unions.

Should the unions reject the negotiable items, the board would be forced to reconsider previously rejected cuts, bringing them back to the chopping block.

"Not that I want to create churn in our community and our staffing circles but from a realistic perspective, we may need to discuss those in item three," Brown said, referring to all of the items the board mostly agreed were not viable to cut due to impacts to students or staff.

In recent months, the board has spent countless hours and hours in special meetings workshopping

the list of proposed reductions to the 2026-27 budget. The need to identify these reductions comes from a structural deficit the district has 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.

In addition to these financial challenges, the Alameda County Office of Education had also 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.

According to staff and district leaders, the target was set at making \$11.2 million in cuts in order to keep factors such as continued declining enrollment, a lower cost-of-living adjustment and other funding contingencies in mind.

After much debate and hours of public comments, the board settled on the following cuts: 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%; and reducing work years by four days for Superintendent Maurice 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.

The district will also reclassify

several administrator positions to save money.

Additional cuts include reducing elementary vice principals; decreasing hours for high school operations coordinators; phasing out the site management non-reimbursable expense stipend; cutting work days and positions for district and site support services; and reductions in operational services, technology, and graphics.

The initial \$7.5 million in reductions will also decrease the number of integration specialists, combine some fourth and fifth grade classes due to low enrollment, eliminate the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, and reduce the budget for several professional development programs.

During their Nov. 13 meeting, the trustees also identified just over \$3.5 million in additional reductions, which were approved unanimously during the Nov. 20 meeting.

Those reductions include reclassifying a career technical education director to an assistant director; reducing hours for a technology service director; reducing hours for custodians at both elementary — which will be bearing the brunt of these reductions — and middle schools; and increasing middle school staffing allocation ratios.

Other reductions from the second round of cuts include increasing high school staffing allocation ratios; phasing out hours for a Amador Valley High School library assistant position; and freezing certificated and classified educational degree stipends.

But apart from approving these

latest cuts at the Nov. 20 meeting, the board was also poised to vote on including cuts to the reading intervention support specialists.

Staff's original recommendation was to completely phase out all of the reading intervention specialists but after much debate during the Nov. 13 meeting, the district returned Nov. 20 with an amended recommendation to reduce the RISS positions by half.

However, trustees pointed out that these positions provide too much valuable aid to underserved students.

Trustee Charlie Jones notably reflected on relying on these types of services as a child with dyslexia who needed the extra help.

"I see the value in this position so for me, I would prefer that we do not cut this position ... at all especially with how, even with equity, it lines up," Jones said.

He said with the board's action on reducing the sub pay rate, he didn't see a need to include the RISS positions in the budget reductions. Trustee Laurie Walker, who had been on the fence about the RISS positions, said she was worried about how even with a reduction of half of the RISS positions, there would have been several elementary schools left without that additional aid.

Vice President Kelly Mokashi also added that on top of the board's desire to keep the RISS positions, she would like to see the district revisit those intervention positions so that they could more effectively support a wider range of students.

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## BROWN ACT

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ruled this November that the language of the agenda item "failed to adequately describe that the Board would take action at that meeting to appoint David Brown as the supervisor for District 3, in violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act", according to the order.

According to agenda item from the Nov. 16, 2021 meeting, the board was supposed to act on developing a "process/schedule" to select an appointee. Another part of the item indicated that an appointment would also be voted on.

However, the agenda item did not mention Brown's name or any other potential candidates. Also, the language used for the agenda item was deemed "unfairly opaque and confusing" because it indicated that the Board would vote on developing a "process/schedule" to select an appointee.

On the day of the meeting, Brown sent a text message to

then-Supervisor Richard Valle saying, "I need you to make the motion no matter what today. Waiting a week might doom our chances," according to the order.

Brown was the former chief of staff to Chan, and Chan's family supported Brown's appointment, according to the court order.

At the meeting, Supervisor Nate Miley made a substitute motion to continue the discussion of who to appoint next week. A debate followed, with Miley relenting and withdrawing the substitute motion.

The board then voted to appoint Brown.

"The fact that the Board would actually vote on the appointment, rather than just discuss and vote on the process/schedule, was not at all evident from the agenda," the judge wrote in the order.

The Taxpayers' Association also filed a suit against Brown, alleging that he did not meet the requirement of living in District 3 before and during an appointment. The court ruled that the pre-residency

requirements do not apply to supervisors appointed to fill vacancies.

Brown served nearly 14 months in the seat until the end of Chan's term in early 2023, with Lena Tam elected to the next full term in the position the prior November.

Markman denied four out of five allegations of Brown Act violations argued by the Taxpayers' Association, which included accusations that public comment was too restrictive and that a secret meeting was held to discuss the appointment.

As part of the ruling, the board will be required to "clearly and unambiguously" state when it may vote on future interim appointments and identify all candidates that it may appoint. The court also suggests that the board craft and adopt a procedure for future interim appointments in order to comply with the Brown Act.

Brown currently works as chief of staff for first-year Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas. ■

# Judge orders Dublin to repeal Measure II

City loses voter-approved authority to greenlight limited development along future Dublin Blvd. extension

By JUDE STRZEMP

An Alameda County Superior Court judge ordered the city of Dublin last month to revoke Measure II for failing to conduct a required environmental review ahead of placing the measure on the November 2024 general election ballot.

With voter approval of Measure II last year, the Dublin City Council gained authority to approve commercial development on 80 acres of land on property owned by Livbor-Manning LLC (Harry Crosby) for funding the extension of Dublin Boulevard to Livermore. As land east of the city, it was formerly protected from development in the city's General Plan.

The final ruling Nov. 19 retracts the council's newly granted authority and affirms the tentative decision and preliminary statement of decision issued Oct. 1 by Judge Michael Markman in favor of granting the petition for writ of mandate to repeal Measure II, otherwise known as the Dublin Traffic Relief, Clean Air/Open Space Preservation Measure.

The ruling also marks a win for organizations Save Mount Diablo and Friends of Livermore over defendants including the city of Dublin and its council, Dublin City Clerk Marsha Moore, Alameda County Registrar of Voters Tim Dupuis and Livbor-Manning LLC.

In issuing the final decision, Markman considered the city's objections to the tentative decision, the petitioner's responses as well as each sides' arguments at a hearing Nov. 13.

The final decision was a "significant David versus Goliath win for Save Mount Diablo, our partner Friends of Livermore, our wonderful supporters and everyone who cares about open spaces and following the rules", SMD Executive Director Ted Clement said in a statement.

"The city respects the court's decision and is currently reviewing the ruling," Dublin spokesperson Shari Jackman told the Pleasanton Weekly. "At this time, any next steps would need to be discussed and considered by the Dublin City Council."

On July 16, 2024, the council voted 3-2 to place Measure II on the ballot.

Among the goals of the measure, it was intended to revoke the portion of the 2014 Open Space Initiative that prevented the city council from approving development on 80 acres of the Crosby property.

Of note, the OSI permitted the construction of a Dublin Boulevard extension to North Canyons Parkway in Livermore and directed the council in 2024 to consider whether commercial development along the extension — up to 1,200

feet north of Interstate 580 — is needed to fund the construction or maintenance of the extension.

The court case revolved around the question of whether a measure that "dramatically alters a government agency's authority over land use" is a project requiring review under the California Environmental Quality Act, the ruling states.

CEQA guides government agencies in identifying and addressing the potential environmental impacts of proposed projects, defined as activities that may cause either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Both sides in the suit agreed that any future commercial development would require steps in addition to Measure II, the ruling states.

Additionally, the city recognized that any future changes to land-use designations or permissions would

require CEQA review.

However, the city maintained that the Measure II resolution was not a project and therefore did not require an environmental review.

The city also argued that if the Measure II resolution was a project, the "common sense exemption" would apply, meaning the activity in question cannot possibly have a significant effect on the environment.

"This case presents an unusual situation," the ruling states.

A city typically has the authority to make zoning changes, at which point CEQA review begins, according to the ruling.

However, the OSI restricted the city's land-use authority over the 180-acre Crosby property and the petitioners have shown that Measure II, "at a minimum", will cause indirect physical changes in the environment, the ruling concludes.

"The court's decision plays a key role in preventing sprawl and protecting the beauty of our region," Tri-Valley Conservancy conservation manager Diana Roberts told the Weekly.

Following the ruling, the defendants have 60 days to appeal the

decision. The city has not yet evaluated alternative options at this time, Jackman said Nov. 25. Any considerations would be directed by the city council if they choose to explore them, she added.

Crosby did not respond for comment as of Tuesday afternoon. ■

## PET OF THE WEEK



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# Zabrowski wins Young Pizza Maker of the Year

Livermore High student comes from pie family – parents own Much Ado About Pizza in Pleasanton

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

**A**Livermore High School sophomore, whose parents own Much Ado About Pizza in Pleasanton, took home the first-place title at the national Young Pizza Makers Competition in Orlando last month.

Zoe Zabrowski earned the 2025 Young Pizza Maker of the Year honor during the Florida Restaurant Show/Pizza Tomorrow Summit for her unique pizza she dubbed “Pigs in Paradise,” which is topped with pork and tropical fruit like mangoes.

“I (had) hoped I’d win and I actually did win so ... I was really, really excited,” she said. “I was jumping for joy.”

Early in November, the Weekly spoke with the teen and her family ahead of their trip to Florida from Nov. 11-13 for the national competition.

At the time, she said she was nervous but excited to try something new in competing — something not totally new to her parents Mark and Kira Zabrowski, who had participated in several pizza conventions

and competitions before opening their brick-and-mortar store in the Mission Plaza shopping center on Santa Rita Road in the summer of 2022.

Zoe Zabrowski told the Weekly that while this year’s competition wasn’t too packed with other competitors, it was still nerve-racking having to show off her pizza-making skills to the number of judges who critiqued her technique, creativity and determination.

“I was super nervous,” she said. “It was the first time I ever competed in anything like this.”

Despite the nerves, the Livermore high schooler’s talents led her to claim the top spot in what her parents said is “one of the pizza industry’s premier youth competitions”.

“This win means so much because I’ve watched Zoe pour her heart into this,” mom Kira Zabrowski said in a press release. “She worked so hard on creating her pizza, and even when she had failed attempts, she never gave up. Her perseverance and passion are what make this moment so special. We couldn’t be more proud.”

In a separate interview with the Weekly, Kira Zabrowski added how great it was not just to see her daughter step outside of her comfort zone, but to do so in a way that represents the entire Tri-Valley and the greater pizza community.

She also said her family was really appreciative of the support they received not just from their local community, but from the U.S. Pizza Team who, during the event last month, presented her daughter with a “Pizza Prodigy” recognition and a chef coat to celebrate her talent and bright future in the industry — even though the teenager previously told the Weekly her life ambitions might lie elsewhere.

Regardless, Kira Zabrowski said that it’s still nice to see others rallying behind small businesses like her own and that in a difficult industry like theirs, it’s important to lean into one’s community, which is why her business tries to give back through things like its “Shakespeare Shares” initiative.

During the month of November,



COURTESY KIRA ZABROWSKI

Zoe Zabrowski, daughter of the two Much Ado About Pizza restaurant owners, poses for a photo with her first place national award she won at this year’s Young Pizza Makers Contest, which was held at the Pizza Tomorrow Summit in Orlando, Fla. from Nov. 11-13.

the pizza shop donated \$1 to CityServe of the Tri-Valley for each pizza purchased.

“The more we can do, the more

we can put ourselves out there locally, but even nationally, the better it is for everyone in the community,” Kira Zabrowski said. ■

## SURPLUS

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In addition to accepting the operating budget report and approving budget amendments in multiple funds Nov. 18, the council also adopted a resolution to accept the 2024-25 fiscal year-end financial and program delivery report for the capital improvement program. The resolution included the approval of \$63.8 million in CIP carryforward funds,

which will earmark that unspent money for future capital projects.

During staff’s presentation on the city’s unaudited financial results for the general fund revenues and expenditures in 2024-25, finance director Susan Hsieh said property tax revenue came in lower than originally budgeted for but that was offset by increases in both sales tax and business license tax, which came as a result of new licenses and greater gross receipts. Hsieh said the

new Costco opening on Johnson Drive and the relocation of Kaiser Permanente workers from Oakland to Pleasanton significantly helped with these funds.

The surplus in revenue also partly came from development services fee revenues which were about \$3.4 million higher than what the city originally estimated. Hsieh and Beaudin explained that those fees were not included in the original budget projections the city used to balance

its current two-year budget because those funds actually came in during the last month of the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Beaudin said one-time funds such as those development fees tend to fluctuate and are less predictable to budget for, which is why the city tends to be more conservative when projecting those revenues. One of the large developments that paid those fees to the city include the Avalon Bay multifamily residential project, which looks to expand the Avalon Pleasanton by adding 280 new homes, according to the developer’s website.

But even without those development fees, the city’s actual revenue was still 2.4% higher than what was originally budgeted for, according to staff’s presentation.

“The revenues came in higher by about 4.6%, including the one-time money,” Beaudin said. “And the expenses came in about half a percent lower than what was projected.”

The city also spent \$800,000 below what was originally budgeted for, according to Hsieh. She said vacant staff positions helped contribute to the overall staffing savings in expenditures.

Hsieh also went over actual budget details for certain enterprise funds such as the water, sewer, storm drain and cemetery funds. According to her presentation, the water fund reserve level improved thanks to recent rate increases while the sewer fund met its reserve target. The city’s storm drain and cemetery funds, on the other hand, continue to receive subsidies from

the general fund, Hsieh said.

Thanks to the one-time revenue contributing to the surplus, the council approved the transfer of \$2.4 million to the streets CIP fund, \$500,000 to replace the canceled transfer from the golf fund and \$62,000 to the library and recreation facilities and equipment fund.

Staff also recommended to use \$3.08 million of the one-time money toward the capital reserve fund, previously known as the rainy day fund.

However, Mayor Jack Balch later explained in his friendly amendment to the approved motion that he thought staff should take the time to reevaluate the use of that money and see if there was a way to use it so the city didn’t have to draw from its Section 115 Trust Fund.

The council previously approved a plan to draw \$2 million over the next two years from that supplementary trust fund, which was established in 2018 to address the city’s unfunded retiree medical and pension liabilities.

Balch said — and the rest of the council agreed — that staff should come back during the mid-year and mid-term budget reviews next year with options so that the 115 trust money can stay in that fund and continue to garner interest.

“If we could reduce the draw, we’re showing our employees our real dedication to solving the pension obligation problem,” Balch said. “It’s always going to be, at least in my view, a challenge between operations, capital needs and pension — and we’re balancing that out as transparently and forthright with our community.” ■

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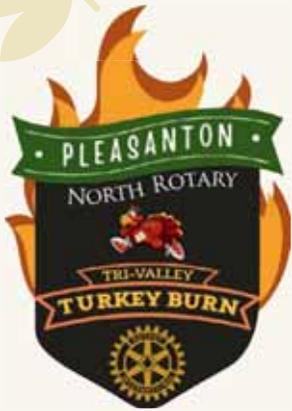
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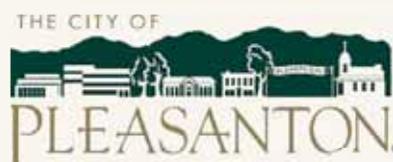
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# Last round: BottleTaps closing for good this weekend

Patrons surprised, saddened after owners announce abrupt shutdown on social media

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

**B**ottleTaps, a bar and restaurant in Pleasanton for nearly a decade, announced on social media last week that it will be closing its doors for good this Saturday.

The local taproom — located at 3020 Bernal Ave. Suite 160 — shared its upcoming closure in a Nov. 26 Facebook post, which was flooded with dozens of comments from long-time patrons who were saddened to hear the unexpected news.

“After eight years of being part of

the wonderful Pleasanton and craft beer communities, we are sad to state that BottleTaps will be closing permanently after Saturday, Dec. 6,” the business stated in its post.

The owners of BottleTaps did not follow up when contacted by the Pleasanton Weekly, and the social media announcement did not include a reason why the business decided to shutter.

According to a business spotlight article posted on the city of Pleasanton’s website, BottleTaps owners Eric and Michele Wall

started the business out of a love for craft beer and community.

“We wanted to create a space that welcomes everyone, whether you’re coming in for a quick bite or a long evening with friends,” Michele Wall is quoted saying in the business spotlight article. “The support we’ve received from our customers, especially during tough times like the pandemic, has been incredible.”

The husband-and-wife team are both Pleasanton residents and grew up in the Tri-Valley, according to their business website.

Prior to opening the taproom, Michele Wall had worked in the local restaurant and hospitality industry for over 35 years — a greater part of that time was spent in management. Eric Wall was an avid homebrewer who learned the craft from his grandfather, according to the BottleTaps website.

“BottleTaps evolved from Eric’s desire to create a place that combined all of the features of his favorite pubs, bars and restaurants, while eliminating the things that got in the way of having a great

experience,” the website says.

Ahead of the last call, the establishment is now urging people to visit BottleTaps one final time before they close up shop Saturday night.

“We invite you to come and enjoy your favorite BottleTaps food, beers and staff between now and then,” the Nov. 26 Facebook post states. “We truly appreciate all of the encouragement and support you have given us over the years and all of the friends we have made along the way.” ■

## DUSD, teachers at standstill in negotiations

Mediator assigned after state board grants union’s call for impasse

BY JUDE STRZEMP

**T**he Dublin Unified School District and Dublin Teachers Association are at impasse in labor negotiations recently over nine articles within their collective bargaining agreement.

Articles at issue include workday, salary, fringe benefits, grievances, class size, technology, assignment and transfer, leaves and job share assignments, according to DTA President Brad Dobrzanski.

Through weekly community updates to district families, DUSD Superintendent Chris Funk has addressed relevant subjects such as district budgeting and negotiations — most recently he dispelled arguments that school districts are holding back unallocated money from being used to pay employee salaries and benefits.

According to Funk, the issue of public school teachers being underpaid is rooted in the systematic underfunding of public schools, rather than individual districts’ decisions.

While appreciative of Funk’s message for expressing the value of educators and statewide efforts to secure the best for their students, Dobrzanski said DUSD can still rework its budget locally to benefit students.

“Currently our Dublin students are suffering because district management has refused to reprioritize the budget to invest in our students,” Dobrzanski told the Pleasanton Weekly. “There are steps that can be taken locally which would provide Dublin district management the opportunity to reprioritize their budget to invest in our students.”

“We increasingly see a narrative — here and across the state — that suggests school districts are sitting on large reserves of unallocated money that could simply be redirected to salaries and benefits. This is simply not true,” Funk said in the letter.

“Even with careful planning, prudent budgeting and a strong desire to support our workforce, we cannot exceed what the state provides through California’s Local Control Funding Formula,” he added.

Following four negotiation sessions, DTA filed a request for a declaration of impasse Nov. 6 with the California Public Employment Relations Board — an independent agency that provides oversight on labor negotiations between public employers and their employees, according to Dobrzanski.

DTA later withdrew the request in light of a promising response by DUSD representatives ahead of the

fourth bargaining session Nov. 18, Dobrzanski said.

Unable to reach a consensus at the mid-November meeting, DTA requested from PERB an impasse determination and the agency greenlit the request, according to Dobrzanski.

A mediator has since been assigned and DTA aims to schedule a mediation session ahead of winter break, Dobrzanski added.

It is not immediately clear how the district has responded to DTA’s declaration of an impasse.

Following the Nov. 18 bargaining session, DTA members also rallied at the DUSD Board of Trustees meeting same-day to express their discontent with labor negotiations.

“When we are told that the district cannot afford to fund our student-centered proposals, what it really means — it’s not that the district cannot afford them. It is that the district is choosing not to prioritize them,” DTA lead negotiator Monica Lewis said during the public comment period.

Supporting teachers with sustainable salaries and health care is directly linked to supporting students, Dublin High School teacher Summer Chrisman added at the meeting.

“Please remember that we’re not asking for money because we’re greedy — we just want our pay scales to maintain with the cost of living that we’re all facing,” Chrisman said.

The next DUSD board meeting is set to be held next Tuesday (Dec. 9).

“Across California, it is commonly acknowledged that public school teachers are underpaid relative to the immense responsibility they carry and the impact they have on our students,” Funk wrote Nov. 21 to the DUSD community.

The funding structure for public schools has not kept pace with the cost of providing competitive salaries, benefits and high-quality learning environments, he explained.

But district budgets are

fundamentally shaped by state funding formulas, not local decisions, he added.

As for the district’s current funds, minimum reserves are legally required of districts for financial stability, management of unexpected costs and continued operations during economic downturns, he said.

“These reserves are not discretionary piles of cash,” Funk added.

Additionally, in the face of receiving significantly less per-pupil funding than many surrounding districts, DUSD continues to prioritize classroom-level spending and

the district workforce, Funk said.

Despite financial constraints and the cutting of approximately \$10 million from the operating budget over the last two years for fiscal stability, the district provides one of the highest levels of total compensation for teachers in the region, according to Funk.

“This reflects a clear and consistent priority: directing as many dollars as possible to the educators who serve our students every day,” he added.

District officials declined to comment on the status of labor negotiations since Funk’s Nov. 21 letter. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Saying goodbye to summer:** Pleasanton’s Brian Vicente and Dana Haley-Vicente visited Monterey Bay for a last trip before the end of summer — “not far from home, but so beautiful and a fun place to one-wheel,” Dana recalled.

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# LVJUSD opens new enrollment for 2026-27

Also: Intra-district transfer requests submitted by Dec. 19 to receive priority consideration

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District on Monday kicked off the enrollment period for new students for the upcoming school year as well as the prioritized phase of intra-district transfer requests.

Families with students entering transitional kindergarten and kindergarten as well as first-time LVJUSD students are encouraged to begin the enrollment process as soon

as possible, district officials said in a statement announcing the enrollment and request periods.

As an opportunity for families of new elementary students to submit required enrollment documentation, meet principals and staff — including bilingual staff — and learn about programs and services available to students and families, LVJUSD is hosting its annual enrollment fair Jan. 28 and 29 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

Representatives from child nutrition, health services, before- and after-school programs, health care partners and the Livermore Library are also set to attend the identical enrollment fairs to share information about their support services.

“Enrolling a child in school, especially for the very first time, can feel like a big step, and we want families to know they don’t have to navigate it alone,” LVJUSD director of student services Tracie Christmas said in

a statement. “Our enrollment fair brings all of our resources and staff together in one place so parents and guardians can get their questions answered and feel confident in joining the LVJUSD community.”

Families who are unable to attend an enrollment fair may submit required documentation at their school of residence starting Feb. 2.

Also beginning Monday, families who want their student to attend an LVJUSD campus other than their

school of residence can submit an intra-district transfer request on the district’s website. Requests received by Dec. 19 will be given priority.

Requesting students must be currently enrolled or have completed the new student enrollment form online. Bilingual resources for enrollment and intra-district transfer requests are available on the LVJUSD website. For more information, contact the district’s student services department at 925-960-2990. ■

## MOVE EDEN

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allows for municipal and state governing bodies to disregard statutory requirements in the elections code established to protect the people’s referendum power and circumvent the will of the voters.”

To city officials, however, “(The petition) is another attempt to delay the much-needed workforce housing project in downtown Livermore, once again preventing working-class families from living in our community.”

The most recent petition follows years of litigation.

During July 2022, Livermore resident Richard Ryon filed a referendum petition in attempts to overturn the council’s approval of a 2022 resolution that authorized the execution of an amended and restated disposition, development and loan agreement with Eden Housing, allowing for the construction of and improvements to Veterans Park.

Then-Livermore city clerk Marie Weber did not process the referendum due to the city staff’s interpretation of the resolution as being an administrative act, rather than a legislative act, and therefore not subject to referendum.

Petitioners initially lost a lawsuit in Alameda County Superior Court challenging the city’s decision to not process the referendum. But MEH later won in the appellate court, wherein the 2022 resolution was deemed a legislative act subject to referendum due to its inclusion of constructing and improving Veterans Park.

The city then faced two options: rescind the 2022 resolution or bring the issue before voters in an election.

The council decided to rescind the 2022 resolution and on the same day adopted a similar resolution to ratify, reaffirm and readopt the DDLA, except for provisions related

to Veterans Park.

Petitioners once again brought the city and Eden Housing to court over the project wherein a trial court ruled that the 2024 resolution was premature under the elections code’s one-year stay provision.

In October, the appellate court reversed the trial court decision, finding instead that the 2024 resolution implemented administrative acts outside the scope of a referendum.

According to the appellate court opinion, legislative decisions about the project, implemented through administrative provisions in both resolutions, were made “long before

adoption of the 2022 Resolution and were not challenged by referendum.”

In MEH’s Nov. 17 petition, the group maintains that the city did not “entirely appeal” the 2022 resolution as required by the elections code because the city council adopted a “nearly identical” resolution ahead of a one-year stay.

The 2024 resolution was an attempt to “evade the effect of a referendum petition”, which challenged the entirety of the 2022 resolution, MEH attorneys argued in the petition.

The California Supreme Court will soon determine whether to accept MEH’s petition for review. ■

## PUSD

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Trustee Mary Jo Carreon noted that she was concerned about the negotiable items the board identified for reductions.

She said she wasn’t comfortable with some of the cuts to middle and high school programs because now a majority of the cuts identified

must be agreed upon by labor partners and she said she is wary of the possibility of those unions not accepting those reductions.

“These cuts that are on here right now kind of put me over the edge, and I’m afraid,” Carreon said. “I don’t want to make a mistake with our labor partners. I don’t want to make a mistake as a board.”

However, Brown noted that the

fact that the board identified a large number of cuts gives labor partners many options to discuss over the next few weeks and have good faith discussions over. He said had the board taken any items off the list of roughly \$11.16 million, it would have limited union leaders to fewer options and could have forced the district to identify other cuts.

“There’s no doubt that half the items of this \$11 million are items that require negotiation,” Brown said. “And it is entirely possible that, as a board, we will have to reconvene a special meeting in January and go through the items that are right now in the three column if those negotiations fail.”

“But I don’t want to presuppose those negotiations will fail and start

putting on positions that the community and the board have said ... we need to keep these positions to protect our most vulnerable students,” Brown added.

Upon meeting with labor partners and beginning discussions with unions regarding the negotiable items, district staff plans to return to the board with updates in January. ■

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Left: A photo shows how both of Tammy Nguyen's businesses are conveniently located right next to each other at the plaza on 3030 Bernal Ave. Right: The outdoor patio of Nguyen's wine bar feature's traditional Vietnamese decorations, keeping in line with the fusion theme.

## Nail salon owner's journey to opening wine bar next door

Nguyen reflects on getting stranded at sea, immigrating to U.S. before finally being able to pursue her true dream

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton business owner and entrepreneur Tammy Nguyen's journey from immigrating to the U.S. to opening her first nail salon is nothing short of an odyssey.

From getting stranded in the middle of the ocean to spending time at a detention center, Nguyen went through a lot just to get to America. And even after settling in the Bay Area in the early '90s, she still spent the last 30-plus years working — at times seven days a week — to provide for her family.

**'I wanted my kids to have everything I didn't and I made it. I paid for my kids' college as a single mom.'**

**Tammy Nguyen,**  
Pleasanton business owner

"I wanted to help my kids," Nguyen told the Pleasanton Weekly. "I wanted my kids to have everything I didn't and I made it. I paid for my kids' college as a single mom."

But now after decades of

working in the nail salon industry and opening her salon, T's Nail Bar in Pleasanton, Nguyen is realizing a new dream: opening up her own wine bar. Dubbed Fusion Wine Bar, her new business celebrated its soft launch last Saturday. After years of planning and waiting for the perfect time, Nguyen said she hopes it can be successful just like her other nail business ventures.

"I feel like the bar is my first baby," she said.

Nguyen was born in a war-torn Vietnam and came from a poor family. Her dad and brother left the country and she began working until she was 16 years old so that she too could escape Vietnam.

Eventually, she got on a small boat but after two days, the boat got lost at sea and Nguyen, along with the other passengers, were left without gas, food or water.

She said she and the others thought there was a "99% (chance) we don't make it."

But, through what she described as almost divine intervention, she said everyone on the boat noticed a pod of whales that led them through the treacherous waters, straight to a Chinese boat. And after handing over everything she had, including



T's Nail Bar owner Tammy Nguyen holds up a painting that highlights her perilous journey through treacherous waters before arriving to the U.S.

\$100, the Chinese boat led her group to Hong Kong.

Once she arrived, she was placed in a Vietnamese detention center in Hong Kong as she awaited resettlement. She remembered the painful experience of being hosed down with chemicals because at the time, those in Hong Kong thought Vietnamese refugees brought in germs.

"They treated (us) like animals,"

she said.

After some time she was able to connect with her father in the U.S. and was placed on the first ride to join her dad, brother and sister in Oakland. Once there, she spent the following 10 years working at and eventually opening her own nail salon in Livermore.

Yet, the aspiration of establishing her own bar persisted throughout all those years.

She said at first, she sold her first salon in the hopes of opening some sort of a sports bar. Those plans fell through, however, which is why she opened her salon, T's Nail Bar — located at the plaza at 3030 Bernal Ave.

Now, after years of not giving up on her dream, she finally gets to open the doors to her Fusion Wine Bar, which just happens to be located right next to her nail salon in the same plaza.

In addition to providing unique drinks and light Vietnamese inspired fusion food, Nguyen said she hopes to create a sense of community at the bar. One way she plans on doing so is by offering things like discounts to first responders, which is something that is very important to her.

She said she is ready to move away from the nail salon industry but still plans on keeping her shop open until the bar becomes more profitable — and she wants to thank her customers throughout the years for helping her get to where she is now with her new business venture.

"I just hope people give me the chance ... and I have to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to do what I like," Nguyen said. ■

## Construction forges ahead on Springtown Open Space project

Completed work includes laying concrete for playground area, asphalt for pedestrian and bike paths

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Approximately two months into an estimated one-year project, the Springtown Community Park and an 18-hole disc golf course in northeast Livermore is "progressing as expected" toward an opening day during early fall 2026, Livermore city officials wrote in a recent update on their website.

Located on a former 9-hole golf

course next to the Springtown Branch Library, the 6.8-acre park is set to include a playground, sports fitness area, plaza, picnic area, community garden, shade structures, a public restroom as well as pedestrian and bicycle paths.

Parking areas and traffic calming will be introduced on nearby Bluebell Drive, officials wrote on the city's website.

The overall project is estimated

to cost \$9,617,455, city spokesperson Sonia Lee confirmed with Livermore Vine.

Since the project kick-off Aug. 15, completed items include the laying of concrete for installation of a shade structure and the future playground area as well as asphalt for pedestrian and bicycle paths. The construction team has also installed electrical conduit from PG&E to at least one shade

structure, according to the city website.

Currently, groundwork is underway for the future lawn and asphalt parking lot. Earthwork is also being completed throughout the project site and irrigation lines are being installed.

Upcoming elements of the project include extending water service into the park, pouring footings for play and shade structures as well as

installing the shade structures and a prefabricated restroom.

The project is the result of a partnership between the city of Livermore and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Funding for the project is available through park fees (\$9,397,455) and Measure BB (\$220,000).

Updates on the project's process and timeline are available on the city's website. ■

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## Awards honor standout young innovators across the Tri-Valley

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Young innovators in the Tri-Valley honored with the 2025 DreamMakers and RiskTakers awards on Nov. 20 in Dublin.

### The 2025 DreamMakers and RiskTakers were:

**Krishiv Jaini, Advanced GIS Maps, Dublin:** Jaini used NASA's ECOSTRESS satellite data to create advanced GIS (geographic information systems) maps that track temperature, drought stress and wildfires across the Tri-Valley and beyond.

His innovative work earned recognition on NASA's website. By layering data to show how wildfires start and spread, Jaini's maps serve as valuable tools for fire prevention, resource planning and climate resilience.

**Aadya Huddar, ALS Detecting Tool, Livermore:** Huddar is developing an artificial intelligence diagnostic tool to help detect ALS, collaborating with a fellow high school student under the guidance of a UCLA mentor and PhD student — a connection she established while attending COSMOS (selective STEM summer program) at UCLA.

As president and founder of her school's Coding Club, Huddar has independently organized, fundraised, and registered 12 students for the American Computer Science League competitions in both 2023-24 and 2024-25 and is leading efforts for this year's team.

**Aarush Tahiliani, Website Development for English Language Learners, Pleasanton:**

Tahiliani has worked on numerous websites for local Pleasanton businesses,

modernizing their online presence, and is currently building a custom website for the district's culinary department to meet its unique catering needs.

His greatest contributions, however, have been for English language learners where he volunteered as a teaching assistant and leveraged his advanced Spanish skills to help students grasp computer science concepts. Tahiliani is developing a website that makes English learning more accessible and enhances both teaching and learning experiences — an effort already refined through feedback from multiple schools.

**Jacob Trentini, Autonomous Drone Platform, San Ramon Valley:**

Trentini serves as a core engineer at FireBot Labs, helping develop the first autonomous drone platform for emergency response. His quick problem-solving during a live demo helped secure \$20 million in funding.

As a lead instructor for Kids Teach Tech, he inspires the next generation of innovators through robotics and coding. His first-author research, presented at the IEEE/ACM ICPC 2025 Conference, was the only paper accepted from a high school student and is now used by major AI companies. As lead engineer for FRC Team 8033, his work propelled the team to top global rankings.



BY TIM HUNT

Celebrating its 15th year of honoring students making a difference, the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group gathered to honor its 2025 DreamMakers and RiskTakers at Shannon Community Center in Dublin on Nov. 20.

The program, first started by the group after its formation in 2010, recognizes students from the Tri-Valley's four school districts as well as its Regional Occupation Program and Las Positas College. Honorees are selected by the respective agencies and cover a range of achievements and programs.

The Butterfly Garden Group at Livermore High School (Ella Abey, Olivia Abey, Julie Johnson, Lucia Sangiorgio and Thyme Tolla), part of the Environmental Action Club, received the Tri-Valley 2040 Visionary Award for vibrant placemaking.

The team partnered with Fertile Groundworks and Xerces Conservation Group to create a butterfly garden to provide milkweed habitat that is critical for Monarch butterflies. They plan to invite middle school students from East Avenue and Junction middle schools to visit on Earth Day 2026.

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## AWARDS

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**Sriyan Daggubati, NeuroGuidance, San Ramon Valley:**

Daggubati is empowering neurodivergent students through innovation and compassion. As the founder and CEO of NeuroGuidance, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, he has made STEM education more accessible for youth around the world — mentoring more than 2,000 students across 20 countries.

NeuroGuidance has raised more than \$10,000 to expand outreach, partnered with leading higher education institutions such as Stanford and Duke, and reached a global audience of more than 100,000 through educational podcasts.

**Sidhant Parashar, AI Mentoring Program, Las Positas College:**

Parashar is leading the creation of a collegewide mentorship program that uses AI to match students with mentors aligned to their goals — offering vital support for international and community college students.

His research spans social justice and mathematics, from analyzing unjust immigration policies to developing a new model that makes investing more accessible. Parashar's outstanding work has earned national recognition, with invitations to present at prestigious conferences including UC Berkeley, Penn, UC Riverside and Metropolitan State University Denver.

**Cadence Alexia Machicado, Entrepreneur, Tri-Valley ROP:**

Machicado was inspired by her mother and she began exploring business ideas at age 12 and has since launched her luxury candle company, Cadence Alexia.

When initial plans for body butters faced shipping challenges, she pivoted to candles, carefully developing unique, allergy-friendly scents made with clean-burning wax and wicks. She tested her market with family, selling her first batch in less than 10 days, and has continued to grow her business with meticulous planning, including taking college courses in business, web design and accounting through the TVROP Middle College program. ■

**Editor's note:** The DreamMakers and RiskTakers award program identifies standout students as their entrepreneurship is budding, but tracking what honorees from 10 or 15 years ago are doing now is quite difficult because high schools have no systematic way to track students after they graduate — so any information is word-of-mouth. Based on their achievements in high school, it's easy to be confident they're doing their part to change the world. If you have updated information about past winners, contact Tim Hunt at huntenterprises1@gmail.com.

## Dublin artist lets ink flow in 'Nature's Rhythm'

Rao's solo showcase at Dougherty Station Community Arts Center this month

BY JUDE STRZEMP

**A**t the balancing point of artistic surrender and control, a Dublin woman has created a collection of nature-inspired alcohol ink paintings currently highlighted at a solo exhibition in San Ramon.

Through one-of-a-kind pieces in "Nature's Rhythm," Rashmi Rao has allowed ink to flow organically while also guiding it to reflect nature's movements, textures and patterns, she told the Pleasanton Weekly.

In addition to her current exhibit, the multidisciplinary artist has received regional acclaim by winning first place in the 2025 Livermore Art Association's Spring Art Show in the watercolors category and honorable mention in the 13th annual Fresh Works exhibition at the Harrington Gallery in Pleasanton. Rao's work was also featured in a solo display case during 2024 for the city of Lafayette as well as the annual ArtWalk in Livermore during 2023.

"I allow the inks to move, bloom and settle on their own — letting

their natural flow guide the work," Rao explained. "At the same time, I gently shape and refine the forms as they develop, using their patterns to bring my deep visualizations to life."

Rao first began exploring alcohol ink as a medium during October of 2023 for Inktober, a month-long challenge for artists to create one ink drawing everyday.

Previously, she had participated in personal versions of Inktober, creating works such as mandala line drawings on raw wood coasters, pen drawings, floral line drawings and botanical studies in healing herbs, roots and plants, she said.

"Alcohol inks felt like a natural next step in that ongoing exploration, allowing me to bring together my love for fluidity, line and organic forms in a completely new way," Rao said.

Throughout October 2023, she created a 5x7 piece of artwork every day.

The result was 31 mini landscapes inspired by her travels, hikes, visualizations, aerial views of Earth, visits to state parks, an exhibit by artist



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Dublin artist Rashmi Rao presents "Nature's Rhythm" in San Ramon.

Bruce Munro in Paso Robles, and meditative reflections on nature and memory, she said.

The landscapes now hang at the heart of the "Nature's Rhythm" exhibit as a "narrative and statement piece," she said.

Also as part of the exhibit, eight round "Anchoring Floating Orbs" reflect the rhythms of the universe and humans' interconnectedness with it, she said.

Ten pieces draw from florals, underwater textures, and the intricate details found in organic forms. Another five paintings represent air, water, earth, fire and ether.

An additional series on display features miniature paintings

inspired by views from her backyard and walks through Tri-Valley hills and the Pleasanton Ridge.

"From the earth's cellular pulse to the vastness of the cosmos, each painting reflects the flowing rhythm of nature's color, texture and light," Rao said of her exhibit. "May this journey remind us of our quiet connection to all living things."

On Thursday (Dec. 4) from 5-7 p.m., the center is set to host a Meet the Artist event wherein Rao will guide visitors on a tour of the exhibit and hold a Q&A and raffle.

"Nature's Rhythm" opened Nov. 3 and is set to run through Dec. 18 at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center in San Ramon. ■



COURTESY BALLET ROOTS

"Christmas with Ballet Roots" is being performed twice on Dec. 13.

## 'Christmas with Ballet Roots' on Livermore High stage

Pleasanton dance troupe performs second annual holiday program twice next weekend

BY JEREMY WALSH

**P**leasanton's Ballet Roots Dance Company is presenting its second annual Christmas show for Tri-Valley audiences at a new venue this holiday season.

"Christmas with Ballet Roots" will blend classical ballet and contemporary dance for two shows next weekend at the Livermore High School Theater. A special guest performance from The Academy of Danse Libre will accompany the Ballet Roots repertoire.

"We are thrilled to bring 'Christmas with Ballet Roots' back to the Tri-Valley community," artistic director Talia Fallis stated in a press release. "This performance is designed to be a perfect family outing — a delightful mix of classic and innovative dances that celebrates the joy and spirit of the holiday season."

Ballet Roots, founded by Fallis in 2019 as the only professional ballet company based in Pleasanton, performed its inaugural Christmas show last year at the hometown Firehouse Arts Center.

The 2025 installment is coming to the stage in neighboring Livermore at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. next Saturday (Dec. 13), at the LHS theater at 600 Maple St. For tickets and more information, go to <https://balletroots.org/events.html>. ■

## Mount Diablo beacon to highlight Pearl Harbor Day

Ceremony with beacon lighting to honor victims and survivors of attacks 84 years ago

BY JEANITA LYMAN

**T**he Tri-Valley is set to have a view this weekend of the historic Mount Diablo beacon in action, when it will be illuminated as part of Contra Costa County's Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony.

This year will mark the 62nd in which the 97-year-old beacon has been lit as a tribute to the survivors and victims of the attacks on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 — the "Eye of Diablo" famously went dark the following day 84 years ago as the country braced against the potential of further attacks on domestic soil.

"The Beacon lighting is a tribute to those individuals that lost their lives at Pearl Harbor," said Pearl Harbor survivor Earl "Chuck" Kohler in a press release from Save Mount Diablo — a cosponsor of the event alongside California State Parks, Cal State East Bay, and the local chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor survivors.

Sherron Sandini, who survived the attacks during childhood, will be among the other survivors of the attacks being recognized and sharing experiences at this year's ceremony.

Following a speech from Sandini, the winner of this year's Pearl Harbor Legacy Scholarship is set to be introduced. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduate and graduate history majors focused on studying World War II who are interested in pursuing teaching careers.

Save Mount Diablo Executive Director Ted Clement and CSU East Bay Provost Anthony Muscat will also provide remarks at the ceremony, which is set to feature music from Erin Hegarty, Steve Barton and Jose Valenzuela.

The ceremony will culminate in the beacon lighting from approximately 4:48-5:30 p.m.

The event is set to kick off at 3:45 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 7) Cal State East Bay's Concord campus at 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road. Starting at 3 p.m., the campus will also welcome visitors to its USS Arizona exhibit.

For those unable to attend in person, the ceremony will be broadcast live on Contra Costa Television and rebroadcast on multiple dates throughout the month. ■

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**CityServe of the Tri-Valley** supports the community by caring for people in crisis, coordinating resources between the faith-based community, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and government agencies and connecting volunteers in the community to nonprofits.

**Culinary Angels** is a volunteer-driven organization that provides organic, nutrient-rich meals and nutrition education to cancer patients and their caregivers in the Tri-Valley.

**Goodness Village** is a proactive housing program with a tiny-home community in Livermore, along with 24-hour, wraparound supportive services to those who have been unsheltered for a significant amount of time.

**Open Heart Kitchen** is the largest hot meal program of its kind in the Tri-Valley feeding the hungry every weekday at multiple locations.

**Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE)** focuses on bringing together families, businesses and civic partners to enhance learning opportunities for all students in the Pleasanton Unified School District.

**Sunflower Hill** provides places and spaces where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) live, learn, work, and thrive in the greater community. The group develops residential communities and programming for individuals with I/DD.

**Tri-Valley Haven** supports survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as residents and families who are low-income or homeless, through its shelter, counseling and other services.

**Tri-Valley REACH** provides safe, quality and affordable living environments where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) may live independently.

**Valley Humane Society** rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton man accused of DUI in deadly crash in San Ramon

A Pleasanton man was arrested for allegedly causing a violent crash while intoxicated and killing a passenger in another vehicle on Crow Canyon Road just inside the San Ramon city limits during the holiday weekend.

The San Ramon Police Department booked Badal Dholaria, 28, into county jail on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and DUI following the two-car collision Saturday afternoon. The name of the victim — a 41-year-old woman from Castro Valley — was not immediately released.

“Our heartfelt condolences go out to those affected by this tragic incident. This remains an active and ongoing investigation,” police said in a statement Sunday morning.

Hayward resident Edwin Beltran told the Weekly that he was in a car riding back home from the gym in San Ramon when he witnessed the aftermath of the crash. The Tesla Model 3 in question had almost hit them as it sped by their car seemingly in excess of 100 mph, he said.

“It was a horrible experience to witness,” Beltran said.

SRPD officers were called out to Crow Canyon Road on the northwestern edge of the city just before 3:30 p.m. Saturday for a serious collision between a Ford Bronco and a Tesla Model 3.

The female passenger in the Bronco succumbed to injuries sustained in the two-car crash while its driver was transported to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, treated and released from the hospital, police said.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of the Tesla Model 3 — later identified as Dholaria — was intoxicated and responsible for causing the deadly collision, according to police. He was arrested at the scene and taken to the Martinez Detention Facility.

An SRPD spokesperson declined to reveal further specifics about the circumstances of the crash — such as directions of travel, the exact location and what other factors may have been at play — citing the ongoing nature of the investigation.

Beltran told DanvilleSanRamon that he was riding in his brother’s car after going to 24 Hour Fitness with their mother and his brother’s girlfriend when the Tesla zoomed past their vehicle and nearly clipped them seconds before the deadly crash.

“A Tesla passed us super fast, shaking my brother’s car,” he recalled. “We all thought we were

gonna get hit because if my brother didn’t switch lanes it could have been us who got into the impact; he was super close.”

“He then lost control and gained control back again, speeding up even faster; surely we seen dust all in the air and an electricity pole fall to the ground. And that’s when we knew it had to have been the Tesla,” Beltran said. “But we were in shock to see another car at the scene with the Tesla.”

Beltran said he got out of the car to try to help in the immediate aftermath of the crash. The Bronco’s driver “looked confused and scared. I instantly got goosebumps for him.”

“(She) was still buckled up but her body was in a position where it was affecting her breathing, and to top it off she was dangling down, so I’m sure all her blood was rushing down to her head causing her

to blackout cause she was turning purple,” the witness said.

“The driver at fault (Tesla driver) proceeded to try to unbuckle the victim’s wife, but I and everyone stopped him from doing so cause you’re not supposed to touch or move a body that’s been in an accident if they can’t move on their own,” Beltran added. “And of course the driver in fault had no scratches or cuts, just a bruise.”

San Ramon police continue to investigate the circumstances of the crash, encouraging other potential witnesses to come forward and contact detectives at 925-973-2779.

The aftermath of the crash, including the emergency response, police investigation and scene cleanup, closed a long stretch of Crow Canyon Road for hours — from Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon to Norris Canyon Road in Castro Valley because of the lack of

outlets off Crow Canyon between those two intersections.

— Jeremy Walsh

### Man arrested for pulling gun on kids in park

A Livermore man was arrested late last month for allegedly pulling a gun on juveniles in a park, police said.

On Nov. 22 at about 3:30 p.m., officers were sent to Bill Clark Park in Livermore on a report of a man brandishing a handgun at a group of juveniles taking part in informal boxing matches.

The 45-year-old man allegedly confronted the juveniles and told them to leave the area.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the man’s residence, where they allegedly recovered the firearm used in the incident along with three additional firearms, ammunition, drugs and paraphernalia.

He was arrested and booked on suspicion of child endangerment, being a felon/addict in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and brandishing a firearm.

— Bay City News Service

### Behind the Badge

The Pleasanton Police Department is accepting applicants for its Behind the Badge program, a nine-week course that offers an insider’s look at law enforcement in the city.

“Participants gain firsthand insight into police operations, learn about topics such as patrol procedures, traffic enforcement, crime scene investigation, and more,” city officials said.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, live or work in Pleasanton, and pass a background check. Learn more at [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov). ■

— Jeremy Walsh

## George W. Phillips

1950 – 2025

George W. Phillips III died peacefully and unexpectedly in his Castro Valley home on November 18, 2025. He was 75. George and Read are owners of the Beets Hospitality Group, which was founded by Read in 1986, and of which their son, George, is now CEO. The business operates Casa Real and The Palm Event Center on Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. George worked with developer Mike Callahan to build the two winery properties. George won an architectural award for his design of Casa Real.

George earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from California College of the Arts, and a Masters in Architecture from the University of Washington. He worked as an architect with Al Chamorro and George Meier. He was also a passionate artist, and displayed his work at the Castro Valley Performing Arts Center earlier this year.

George is survived by his wife of 42 years, Read Phillips; their son, George W. Phillips IV and his wife Stephanie; his grandson, George W. Phillips V (“Cinco”); his siblings, Anne Duey (children Bill and Sharon), Jim Phillips (wife Melissa, children Katelyn and Jackson); his in-laws, Catharine and Ron Ratto (children Anthony, Andrew, and Robert), Robert Haden (children Emily and Margaret), Harriet Haden Arvey (children Sarah and John); many great-nieces and -nephews; and foreign exchange daughter, Renata Vello.

As a family, they often traveled the world together. From all his travels, George especially loved Nepal, which he visited multiple times, and was devoted to helping support young Nepalese women’s education through the nonprofit The Small World USA.

George was known as a very caring and kind person, with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

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## Raju Singh

July 25, 1963 – November 10, 2025

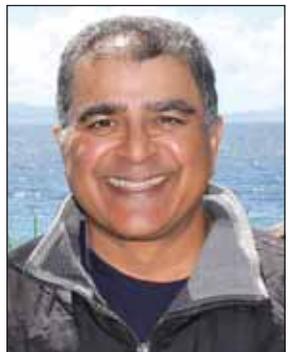
Raju Singh passed away on November 10th at home, surrounded by his family. Raju was born in Jaipur, India, on July 25, 1963, to Daljeet Singh and Joginder Kaur. They moved to San Francisco in 1967, where he lived for 40 years before moving to Pleasanton.

Growing up, Raju was always involved with sports. He played baseball, tennis, and basketball, and ran cross country. He was an avid and lifelong fan of the Warriors, the 49ers, and the Giants. He took immense pride in being an older brother to his sister, Kiran, and his brother, Sajjy. He worked for 25 years at his family’s store, Daljeets, an alternative shoe and clothing shop known for thigh-high boots and leather everything.

He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1981. His next chapter started at UC Berkeley, where he studied Rhetoric and met his soulmate, Lisa. Though it took 11 years, the two married on September 17, 1994. Lisa worked in Human Resources, and Raju continued to work at Daljeets, managing the warehouse and retail-wholesale stores. Raju and Lisa welcomed their first child, Jordan, in 1997. Their second son, Ryan, was born in 2000. In 2002, Raju put off his aspirations of becoming a lawyer and transitioned into a stay-at-home dad. The next year, their daughter Rachel was born. Raju dedicated his life to his family; he went to every game, shuttled his children to every practice, and you’d never see him without his camera. Raju loved deeply and wholeheartedly. He was silly but intelligent and sensitive. He filled the house with music, always happy to share the artists he grew up loving with his kids. He was the heart of our family.

He is survived by his wife Lisa; his mother Joginder; his brother Sajjy and sister-in-law Michele; his sister-in-law Vicki; his brother-in-law Mark; his son Jordan and daughter-in-law Kathleen; his son Ryan; and his daughter Rachel. He joins his father Daljeet, sister Kiran, and uncle Gurmeet in Heaven. His humor, resilience, and love will remain with us forever in our hearts.

A celebration of life will be held on December 6th at 11 am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton. A reception will follow immediately after at the same location.



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BY ELISE CHOU

### Rethinking recovery through alternative therapies

#### A personal journey to healing

I arrived at the Mayo Clinic's Pain Rehabilitation Center seeking relief from chronic pain. But what I found was a transformative experience that reshaped my understanding of healing. The PRC's approach was unlike anything I'd encountered before. It wasn't just about managing pain; it was about reclaiming your life.

The program combined physical therapy, occupational therapy and cognitive behavioral therapy in a way that addressed not just my body, but my mind and spirit.

I observed others in my cohort

— people from diverse backgrounds, races, genders and ages — each facing their own challenges. Even though we all came with different histories and reasons for being there, everyone made progress in their own ways.

During my time there, I saw a woman in her 90s go from being completely wheelchair-bound, with an opioid pump attached to her stomach, to walking on her own and coming off nearly all her medications.

Later, her husband explained she had gone through almost 40 surgeries and procedures — none of which, in his view, had helped her even half as much as the PRC did. Not

only did her physical health improve, but she also became much happier emotionally.

During the first week, she complained about waking up early and not sleeping well, but by the end, she was coming in smiling and laughing. On her last day, I watched her cry, not out of pain, but sadness at leaving the tight knit community she had become a part of over the past three weeks.

Her life had done a complete 180 and watching these changes firsthand showed me how effective a personalized, holistic approach to rehabilitation could be.

#### The need for alternative therapies

Traditional rehabilitation programs often follow a one-size-fits-all model, which may not be suitable for everyone. These programs typically focus on detoxification and short-term recovery, sometimes overlooking the long-term psychological and social factors contributing to addiction.

For instance, individuals with co-occurring mental health disorders or those who have experienced trauma may require specialized therapies that are not always available in conventional rehab settings.

This need is especially clear in Alameda County, where the opioid crisis has hit hard. According to Alameda County Health, in 2021, the county recorded 203 opioid-related overdose deaths, nearly double the rate from just a few years prior.

Fentanyl, a strong synthetic opioid, is a major cause. Vulnerable groups,

like people experiencing homelessness, make up about 30% of these deaths. These statistics show that traditional rehab alone isn't always enough; people need programs that are flexible and address both physical and emotional needs.

Recognizing the limitations of traditional methods, various alternative therapies have been developed to address the complex nature of addiction. These therapies include:

**Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT):** A form of psychological treatment that involves efforts to change thinking patterns

**Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT):** A type of talk therapy (psychotherapy) based on CBT, but is specially adapted for people who experience emotions very intensely.

**Art and Music Therapy:** Utilizes creative expression as a tool to help individuals process emotions and experiences related to addiction.

These therapies aim to treat the whole person, addressing the underlying issues contributing to addiction and promoting long-term recovery.

#### Efficacy of the PRC

One model of alternative therapy is Mayo Clinic's Pain Rehabilitation Center, with locations in Florida, Minnesota and Arizona. The PRC offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach to treating opioid addiction among many other chronic conditions.

According to Mayo Clinic's Pain Management Program Handbook, at discharge, 3.7% of patients were taking opioid medication, a significant decrease from admission data indicating 45% of patients using daily opioids.

In a testimony released by Mayo Clinic entitled, Living and Thriving Beyond Opioid Addiction, former patient, Ken Start, who struggled with a 15-year opioid addiction following a spinal injury shared his experience with PRC.

In his interview, Start went on to say, "Mayo was the final and

best miracle."

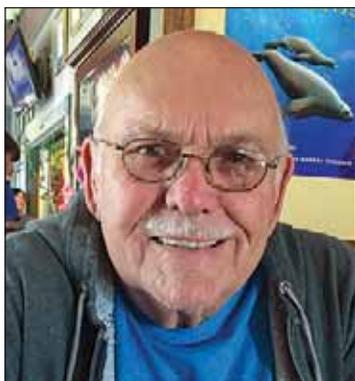
Through the combined efforts of the center and Mayo Clinic's addiction services, Start was able to overcome his addiction and regain control of his life.

In addition, the PRC complements Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services' initiatives like medication-assisted treatment (MAT) programs and other substance use services in Alameda County, offering patients a flexible, holistic alternative that addresses both the physical and emotional aspects of recovery.

While traditional rehabilitation programs are important, they may not address the diverse needs of all individuals. Alternative therapies, such as those offered by the Mayo Clinic's PRC, provide personalized, comprehensive care that can lead to more successful and sustained recovery outcomes.

With the opioid crisis continuing to affect the Alameda community, recognizing and supporting a variety of treatment options is essential for meeting the needs of all patients. ■

*Editor's note: This article was written as part of a program to educate youth and others about Alameda County's opioid crisis, prevention and treatment options. The program is funded by the Alameda County Behavioral Health Department and the grant is administered by Three Valleys Community Foundation. Read more coverage at [pleasantonweekly.com/alameda-opioid-crisis/](https://pleasantonweekly.com/alameda-opioid-crisis/).*



### Harvey Vincent Scatena Jr.

March 19, 1941 - November 9, 2025

Harvey Scatena Jr. passed away November 9, 2025 in Livermore California, he was 84. Harvey was born in Alameda, CA to Harvey and Lois Scatena, the first of three children. He lived in Oakland until he was 6 when the family moved to Castro Valley. At the age of 12 he began working weekends and summers for his father who had started Harvey Electric, an electrical contracting business. Harvey attended both Arroyo and Castro Valley High School, graduating in 1959, where he made lifelong friends and excelled at both wrestling and football. After graduation, Harvey started working full time with his father in the family business. In 1968 Harvey moved to Pleasanton where he started his family. He enjoyed being involved with his children as well as his community. In 1984 he succeeded his father in owning and operating Harvey Electric and retired in 2000 when his oldest son succeeded him.

In his retirement Harvey enjoyed hosting and spending time with his family and friends. His lifelong passion was working on and showing his hot rods, he belonged to several car clubs and volunteered at the Good Guys car shows. He also enjoyed golfing, doing home improvement projects, and following the Oakland A's.

Harvey was a very kind, generous, and social person. Held very dear by all the people who knew him. No one loved or supported his children, family, and friends more than he did.

Harvey is survived by his wife Michele; his children Harvey III, Jay, Anthony, and Angela (preceded in death); daughter-in-laws Jeni, Melissa, and Jessie; grandchildren Kobe, Anthony Jr., and Mikayla; his sister Sharon and her husband Tom, his sister Michelle and her husband Randy; nieces Katie, Megan, Taryn, and Courtney. All who loved him dearly.

A special thank you to Hope Hospice of Livermore. The care, comfort, and support they provided Harvey are beyond words.

A celebration of life will be held for Harvey in early 2026.

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## LETTERS

#### Pleasanton pianist brings music therapy to memory care

In Pleasanton, I've watched music unlock memory.

Every second Saturday, students of Dr. I-Lin Tsai, a Bay Area pianist and educator with Oclef, visit Ivy Park Pleasanton to play short "Empathy Concerts" for residents in assisted living and memory care, many living with Alzheimer's or other memory loss.

The set list is simple: familiar standards and classic pop from the 1940s to the 1960s. The result is not.

Residents who struggle with words often hum along. Some sing a verse they haven't recalled in years. Families plan their visit around these concerts because it's a time a parent or grandparent brightens, makes eye contact,

or taps a foot to a tune from their youth.

For the students, this is practice with purpose. They keep up with daily 15-minute lessons during the week, then use that work to serve neighbors who need connection. It builds confidence, empathy and a habit of showing up for others.

Pleasanton thrives on practical ideas that help families. Here is one we can grow: regular performances in senior communities, libraries, farmers markets and more schools connecting students to their community so kids see a clearer purpose to their education.

Thank you to the Ivy Park team for welcoming young musicians, and to Dr. Tsai for leading by example.

—Julian Toha, founder, Oclef Piano School

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## PLEASANTON PREPS



COURTESY MIJATOVIC FAMILY

Luka Mijatovic has committed to the University of Texas at Austin.

Make sure to visit this space next week for how Mijatovic fared in the meet.

### Amador boys' basketball

The Dons played Sunnyslope out of Arizona even through three quarters before falling 66-53 at the one-day showcase at Dublin High.

Sunnyslope entered the season as the No. 9-ranked team in the United States, according to MaxPreps. The Vikings moved to 3-1 with the win over Amador, having lost 68-64 to No. 97 Redondo Beach.

Cade Kruger and Jaylen Smith led the Dons with 16 points each, with Elijah Stanley and Dante Ventura scoring nine apiece. ■

## Star Foothill swimmer Mijatovic commits to UT Austin

'I chose Texas because Coach Bowman is one of the best coaches of all-time'

In the end it makes sense. The best swimmer our area has ever seen commits to the best college program and arguably the greatest coach of all-time. It's a perfect match.

Luka Mijatovic is just a junior at Foothill High, but he recently made big news in the swimming community in the United States when he committed to the University of Texas for his college swimming career.

"I took official visits to Texas, California (Berkeley) and Indiana," Mijatovic said. "I went in with an open mind. I wanted to see how well I fit in with the guys — I wanted a good bond; I didn't want a school with no communication."

The decision was pretty easy in the end.

"I chose Texas because Coach Bowman is one of the best coaches of all-time," Mijatovic said.

He was referring to Bob Bowman, perhaps best known for being the longtime coach for Michael Phelps. Bowman started with the Texas program in April 2024, taking over for Eddie Reese who ran the program for 46 years.

Bowman built the Arizona State program over the course of nine seasons into a national champion. He was also the head coach of the U.S. Olympic team in 2016 and served as an assistant coach a number of times.

It is a luxury for Mijatovic to get the college decision out of the way, as he is almost halfway through his junior year of high school.

"A lot of kids commit their senior year," Mijatovic said. "But getting it out of the way makes it so much easier."

Now it's back to making national news, as Mijatovic is ready for this week and the Toyota U.S. Open Swimming Championships in his future home of Austin, Texas.

When we last were talking about his achievements, it was heading into the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore that took place throughout July and early August of this year.

Mijatovic was representing the U.S. Senior team for the first time and had a good shot and making waves in the international swimming community.

But during the pre-meet camp,

BY DENNIS MILLER

Mijatovic was one of a number of U.S. team members that came down with a virus that sapped his strength. He competed but was well below his standard and he did not get out of the first round.

After taking the month of August off to clear his body of any illness, Mijatovic charged back into training to get ready for the U.S. Open.

And the others should be worried. "I am in the best shape I've ever been," Mijatovic said. "The sickness held me back, but it kept me hungry"

As is always the case for the top swimmers, the week will be packed for him as he will compete in the 100, 200, 400 and 800 freestyle events, as well as the 400 individual medley.

Mijatovic is scheduled to swim the 400 free on Thursday, the 400 IM and 200 free on Friday, and the 800 free and 100 free on Saturday.

The heats start at 9 a.m. each day, with the finals set for 6 p.m. each day, with both times being Central Time. The meet is scheduled to be televised by Peacock.

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**KAHIDREAMERS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619126  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) KahiDreamers , located at 4510 Hubbard St, Unit 509, Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
**MANABU KIMURA**  
4510 Hubbard St, Unit 509  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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**SWEET MOON BAKES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 8850  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Sweet Moon Bakes , located at 19973 Santa Maria Ave , Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
**DIANA LIEN**

19973 Santa Maria Ave  
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 01 2025.  
(PLW Dec 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025)

**VERTICA FITNESS LIVERMORE**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618906  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Vertica Fitness Livermore , located at 2480 Nissen Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**GRAVITY DEFIED CORPORATION**  
541 Loyola Way

Livermore, CA 94550

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 17 2025.  
(PLW Dec 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025)

**GRACE EMPOWERMENT AND GROWTH THERAPY**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619082  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) GRACE EMPOWERMENT AND GROWTH THERAPY , located at 3671 Platt Court South Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**BRENDA MONTOMERY-TELFOR**  
3671 Platt Court South

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 November 24 2025.  
(PLW Dec 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025)

**WANDER WONDER DOGS LLC**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619131  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Wander Wonder Dogs LLC , located at 2839 Georgia Street Oakland, CA 94602, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**WANDER WONDER DOGS LLC**  
2839 Georgia Street

Oakland, CA 94602

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 25 2025.  
(PLW Dec 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025)

**BBB BEAUTY BY BRIE**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618106

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

1.) BBB BEAUTY BY BRIE , located at 1260 A Street Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2494 Grove Way #33 Castro Valley, CA 94546

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**BREANNA DECOITO**  
2494 Grove Way #33

Castro Valley, CA 94546

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/06/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 06 2025.

(PLW 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.

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**HANUMAN HOLISTIC LIVING**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618922

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

1.) Hanuman Holistic Living , located at 1134E Ballena Blvd. #7, Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**TAMMY HAYANO**  
1134E Ballena Blvd. #7

Alameda, CA 94501

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/15/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 18 2025.

(PLW Nov 28, Dec 5, 12 and 19, 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)

**ETERNAL SUNSHINE EVENTS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618636

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

1.) Eternal Sunshine Events , located at 561 Amberwood Way, Livermore CA 94551, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**JANINE MENDOZA**  
561 Amberwood Way

Livermore, CA 94551

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 03 2025.

(PLW Nov 28, Dec 5, 12 and 19, 2025)

**YLDKAT STUDIOS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618794

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

1.) YLDKAT Studios , located at 23740 Nevada Rd., Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**AYANTIKA SEN**  
23740 Nevada Rd.

Hayward, CA 94541

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/26/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 10 2025.

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**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**  
25600 UNIVERSITY COURT

HAYWARD, CA 94542

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 29 2025.

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**KEEPSAKE LETTERPRESS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618778

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

1.) Keepsake Letterpress , located at 1928 De Vaca Way, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**KATHRYN ESTOCAPIO**  
1928 De Vaca Way

Livermore, CA 94550

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 10 2025.

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**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)

**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.

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**R3THINK LABS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618860

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

1.) R3THINK LABS , located at 1120 Chestnut Street, Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**R3THINK CONNECTIVITY SOLUTIONS, INC.**  
838 Walker Road, Suite 21-2

Dover, DE 19904

State of Incorporation/Organization: Delaware

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/07/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 14 2025.

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business as:

1.) R3THINK LABS , located at 1120 Chestnut Street, Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**R3THINK CONNECTIVITY SOLUTIONS, INC.**  
838 Walker Road, Suite 21-2

Dover, DE 19904

State of Incorporation/Organization: Delaware

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/07/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 14 2025.

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**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

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**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.

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**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

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**QUEEN'S NAILS STUDIO**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618526

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

1.) QUEEN'S NAILS STUDIO , located at 160 S K St. LIVERMORE, CA 94550, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**QUEEN'S SOLUTION INC.**  
160 S K St.

LIVERMORE, CA 94550

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/01/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 28 2025.

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**KIDS KONNECT INFANT CARE AND PRESCHOOL**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618902

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

1.) Kids Konnect Infant Care And Preschool , located at 1600 Bancroft Ave San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**WARD & ASSOCIATES MANAGEMENT**  
1600 Bancroft Ave

San Leandro, CA 94577

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/02/2008

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**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.

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

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

1.) USA Ninja Challenge , located at 6761 Sierra Ct. Ste E, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

**KAIZENKIDZ LLC**  
4205 Healdsburg Way

Dublin, CA 94568

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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THE SIGNWORKS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 618545

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

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

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

BENNETT GRAPHIC SIGNS, INC.  
1056 SERPENTINE LANE, SUITE B  
PLEASANTON, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:  
CALIFORNIA

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on October 28 2025.

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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.

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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)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 25CV153385

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Zarmina Kochi Hennessy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ZARMINA KOCHI HENNESSY to ZARMINA HENNESSY

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: 01/23/2026, 9 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: 11/10/2025

Thomas J. Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Dec 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 25CV149650

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Margot Merrill Fernandez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MARGOT MERRILL FERNANDEZ to MARGOT MAYVIEW MERRILL

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: 12/26/2025, 9:30am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY  
Date: October 20, 2025

Chad Finke  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Dec 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 25CV154498

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: EAN HUAT KHOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

EAN HUAT KHOR to DAVE EAN-HUAT KHOR

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: JANUARY 23, 2026, 9:00 A.M., HAYWARD BRANCH 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: 11/13/2025

HON. THOMAS NIXON  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Nov 28, Dec 5, 12 and 19, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
Case No.: 25CV141589

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Jessica Lyn Osterberg filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JESSICA LYN OSTERBERG to JESSICA LYN TREAN

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: 01/09/2026, 9:00, Department 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY  
Date: 10/08/2025

Thomas Nixon  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Nov 28, Dec 5, 12 and 19, 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)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Safety Towers, LLC proposes to construct a 21.3 meter AGL overall height Monopine tower at 900 Abbie Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (Alameda County), near latitude: 37 ° 39' 01.90" N, longitude: 121 ° 51' 48.05" W (NAD83). The tower is anticipated to be an unlit structure. The FCC Form 854 File Number is A1348740. Interested persons may review the application by going to [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) and enter the Form 854 File Number. Interested parties may raise environmental concerns about the proposed action by filing a Request for Environmental Review (RER) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file RER online; instructions can be found at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). However, if an online request is not possible, interested parties may mail their request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12 th Street SW, Washington DC 20554. Additionally, Public Safety Towers, LLC invites comments on the impact the proposed tower may have on Historic Properties. Written comments may be sent to [Public Safety Towers, LLC to compliance@pstctowers.com](mailto:compliance@pstctowers.com) or 701 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 160, Carlsbad, CA 92011. (PLW Dec 5, 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. Aanstad, Esq.

Aanstad 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.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Frank H. Russow, Attorney at Law

Law Offices of Frank H. Russow  
1195 Main Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Santa Clara, CA 95050  
408-985-7700

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

SUMMONS **Case No. 24CV067579**  
(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): **Desoto Cab Company, LLC and Does 1-15**  
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO

ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

**T.J. Kristi Corporation**

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond Within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more Information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): **24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544** The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **T.J. Kristi Corporation dba Portola Food & Gas, 4431 Stoneridge Drive, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588 (925) 963-9049** DATE (Fecha): **03/13/2024**

**Chad Finke, Clerk, by /s/ D. Franklin, Deputy Clerk** (Secretario) (Adjunto)  
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## Livermore greenlights 13-unit project on East Avenue

Abbound Townhomes raises neighbors' concerns over traffic, parking and safety

By JUDE STRZEMP

A two-story, 13-unit, multi-family housing development proposed to replace a single-family home on East Avenue received unanimous support from the Livermore City Council last week, despite some dissent from neighboring residents.

Located at the southeast corner of East Avenue and Dolores Street, the approximately 0.62-acre project site is also set to include one additional dwelling unit, according to a staff report prepared by Livermore associate planner Kam Purewal.

Of the 13 rental units, one is set to be priced for a household with very low-income, set at 50% of the area median income, the report states.

The project dubbed Abbound Townhomes will feature two garage spaces per unit and a total of four uncovered guest spaces for the overall development, including one van-accessible space.

Along with the housing, project applicant and owner Frank Abbound agreed to contribute \$50,000 toward improvements at the intersection of East Avenue and Dolores Street as well as an easement for dedication to the city for a future bike lane along East Avenue, contingent upon their future study and design approval within 25 years.

The project with limited council discretion

passed muster via 4-0 vote, absent Vice Mayor Evan Branning.

"We need more housing and it has to go somewhere," Councilmember Kristie Wang said during the Nov. 24 meeting, noting general opposition from the public toward tall residential projects and outward expansion of the city. "This is relatively low-density in a very under-utilized lot."

Project entitlements the council considered included the planned development, subdivision and site plan design review.

Discretion was only permitted in the council's review of the planned development, Livermore principal planner Benjamin Murray explained at the meeting.

As supported by staff, the council agreed in its legislative capacity to permit variations from three zoning standards: one unit may exceed the 24-foot maximum height limit by approximately four feet, porches along Dolores Street and East Avenue may encroach an additional three feet into the setback over the five-foot maximum and the unit with an attached ADU may exceed the 36-foot maximum permitted width by eight feet.

Regarding the subdivision and site plan design review, the council was set to act in its quasi-judicial capacity, meaning the project was to be measured against the standards in place at the time of project

application, Murray said.

Last week's public hearing on the project was continued from the council's Oct. 27 regular meeting because some residents of the nearby Carrigan Common neighborhood were not notified of the public hearing due to being located farther than 300 feet from the project site.

City officials subsequently widened the notification radius to 500 feet of the project site and included all the residential units in the Carrigan Common neighborhood, Murray explained at the meeting.

During the public hearing, five of the six speakers lived in the Carrigan Common neighborhood and expressed concerns over potential impacts of the development such as worsening traffic, parking availability and safety.

While expressing support for housing, Carrigan Common neighborhood resident Staci Kane argued that there is nowhere to place another driveway along Dolores Street between East Avenue and her neighborhood's entrance.

"I'm afraid there's going to be a lot of accidents — a lot more than we have right now," Kane added.

According to Murray, the project is permitted to have public access from Dolores Street and the proposed location was found to have the least impact of available sites.

Alternatively, the future development could share a driveway with Carrigan Common, but the neighborhood homeowners association declined use of their driveway for the proposed project.

As a private dispute, the city cannot become involved in negotiations with the HOA, Councilmember Steven Dunbar noted.

Another public commenter called for present-day traffic calming measures, but the city already implemented said measures on East Avenue as part of the city's ongoing effort to enhance mobility and safety along East Avenue, including temporary bollards, street narrowing and traffic enforcement, City Manager Marianna Burch later said.

As part of future capital improvement projects, the city intends to enact additional traffic calming measures such as raised sidewalks and permanent bollards along the corner of East Avenue as well as bulb-outs for pedestrians and signal light improvements at the intersection of East Avenue and Dolores Street.

Experts in traffic and public safety have studied and addressed concerns to minimize the potential impacts of this project, Wang said. Even some of the pre-existing issues will be addressed through the project, she added.

In response to a public commenter who expressed concern over the killing of heritage roses on-site, the council directed city staff to preserve the roses if possible. ■

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### HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Sept. 15-19 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

#### Pleasanton

- 3029 Alburni Court** Powers Trust to K. Ramineni for \$3,400,000
- 3644 Ashwood Drive** Moore-Shoop Trust to Barbara Trust for \$1,590,000
- 1742 Beachwood Way** Wallerstein Family Trust to Fairbanks Living Trust for \$1,800,000
- 5754 Belleza Drive** Mcadams Living Trust to S. & R. Samidurai for \$950,000
- 8026 Canyon Creek Circle** J. & G. Luna to L. & A. Bhupathiraju for \$1,495,000
- 1230 Concord Street** Smith Family Trust to Dunkley Trust for \$1,512,500
- 4149 Garibaldi Place** I. Khalifin to J. & M. Lucas for \$1,250,000
- 4661 Holland Drive** T. George to T. & P. Chao for \$1,290,000
- 851 Independence Court** Strickler Trust to Ayrut Trust for \$2,300,000
- 5715 Melinda Way** R. Jones to Y. & X. Zhang for \$2,920,000
- 2909 Moreno Avenue** C. Akbarpour to Kumar Family Trust for \$1,175,000
- 4149 Moselle Court** V. Keast to Y. & Y. Wang for \$2,093,000
- 3461 Norton Way #8** J. Virgen to E. & A. Lee for \$340,000
- 1238 Orloff Drive** Strickler Trust to A. & A. Mamidi for \$1,302,000
- 601 Palomino Drive #A** Ridgway Living Trust to H. & H. Pan for \$640,000
- 4463 Pleasanton Avenue** Garber Family Trust to Yamashita Living Trust for \$1,835,000
- 6876 Prospect Court** S. Wright to B. & S. Mukherjee for \$1,389,000
- 5239 Riverdale Court** Mosleh Trust to Urmil Family Trust for \$1,130,000
- 3705 Rose Rock Circle** Peters Trust to Acharya Family Trust for \$1,400,000
- 2204 Segundo Court #2** V. Jacobs to B. Troncoso for \$545,000

**5633 Selena Court** Karamsetty Family Trust to K. & A. Sarkar for \$3,380,000

**1561 Tringham Drive** A. Kazmierski to H. Che for \$1,250,000

**3847 Vineyard Avenue #31** Randlett Trust to Aminy Trust for \$380,000

#### Livermore

- 3098 Chateau Way** C. & D. Hatzenbuehler to T. & C. Demeyer for \$1,225,000
- 1489 Cheryl Drive** T. & M. Toro to A. & M. Milnes for \$1,847,000
- 6997 Foxtail Drive** R. & G. Gonzales to G. & Y. Khalil for \$965,000
- 1016 Glenn Common** B. & R. Collazo to J. Herrington for \$655,000
- 1055 Locust Street** T. Gutierrez to V. & S. Yakkala for \$840,000
- 1115 North P Street** Mcfaddin Trust to H. & T. Jin for \$829,000.00
- 1789 Paseo Laguna Seco** L. & D. Austin to Pino Family Trust for \$485,000
- 365 Pestana Place** E. Camacho to M. & S. Tadwalkar for \$880,000
- 3832 Princeton Way** W. Rodan to B. Schieb for \$899,000
- 1159 Vintner Place** Buechler Family Trust to T. & S. Macdonald for \$1,450,000

#### Dublin

- 3642 Branding Iron Place** P. Jayakumar to A. Reddy for \$1,100,000
- 7421 Brookdale Court** J. Xu to S. Garigala for \$1,300,000
- 5891 Cadence Avenue** T. Anwar to Antonio Family Trust for \$1,090,000
- 7638 Coral Way** E. & U. Lechene to J. Turrow for \$1,688,000
- 7777 Crossridge Road** Digirolamo Trust to H. & S. Mehta for \$1,707,000
- 7090 Dublin Meadows Street #D** Gomes Trust to I. Sandhu for \$644,000

Source: California REsource



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