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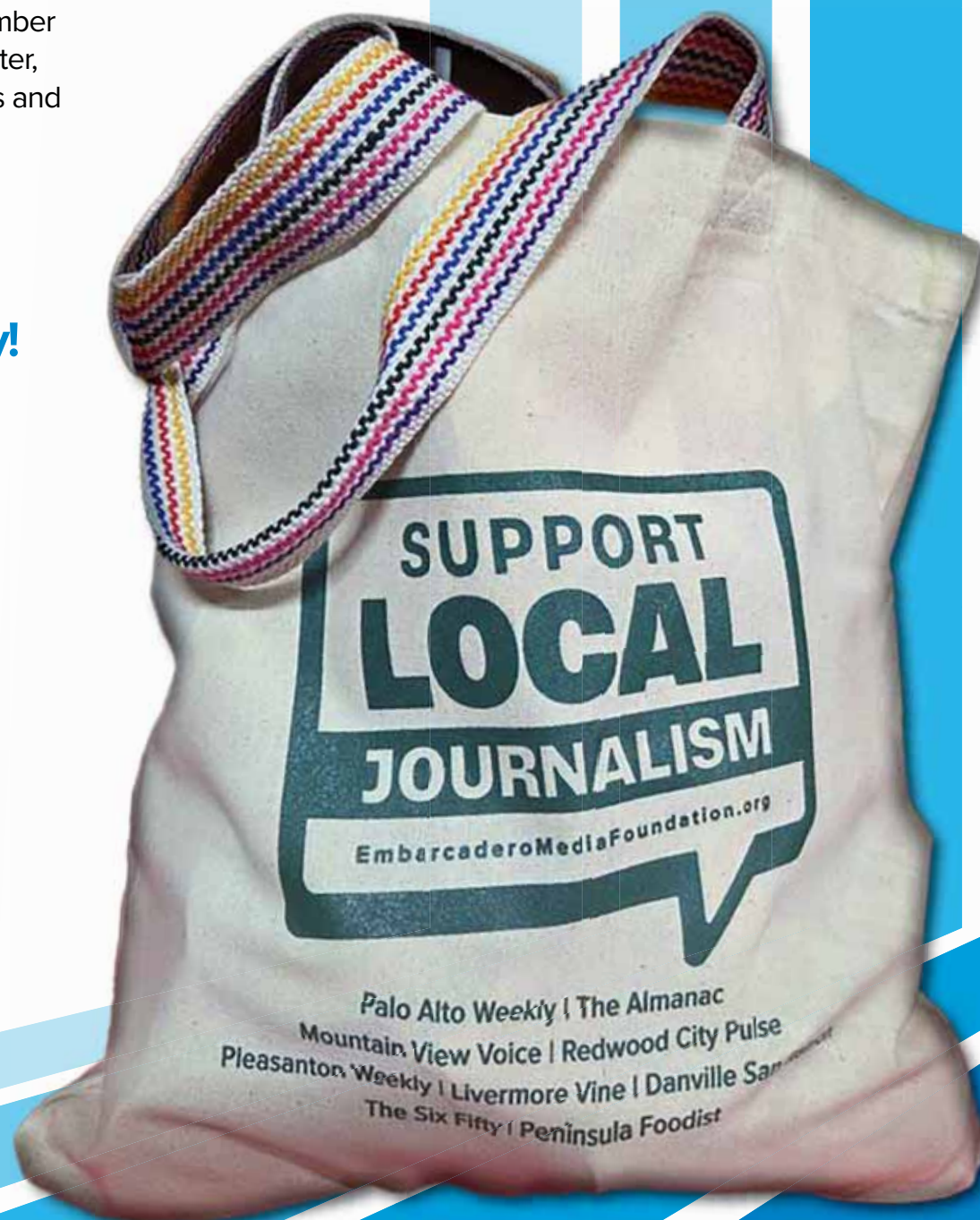
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Rest easy, Mr. Pleasanton

Jeb Bing, the founding editor and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly whose perennial presence in the community earned him the moniker “Mr. Pleasanton”, died during the holidays at 90 years old.

Jeb built this hometown newspaper from the ground up, establishing and sustaining our brand of local journalism week in and week out from our first edition until he retired in 2017. Supported by so many in that effort over nearly two decades, of course, but Jeb was the leader and our face in the community.

He leaves an extraordinary legacy in the Tri-Valley news industry — but more importantly, as a loving family man, a military veteran, a dedicated Rotarian and a proud Pleasanton resident.

“What always stood out to me about Jeb Bing was his deep sense of integrity and genuine care for the community he served,” former Pleasanton city manager Nelson Fialho told me. “Jeb made Pleasanton better — through his journalism, his civic engagement, and the way he treated people.”

Born John Edward Bing in Chicago in 1935, Jeb found journalism at the University of Tennessee where he was editor of the college newspaper. It followed him into his military service in Korea, where he was stationed after the war and assigned to read Korean media and prepare briefs for superiors.

After his tenure in the Army, Jeb graduated from Roosevelt University in Chicago and worked in the news industry, eventually becoming an editor for the Chicago Tribune — among his lasting accomplishments was hiring a young entertainment writer, Gene Siskel.

Jeb then left journalism. He built a career in public relations for Standard Oil, Westinghouse, the American Petroleum Institute and later a Sunnyvale-based subsidiary of Pilkington Corp.

Retired in his 60s and enjoying an active life in Pleasanton, little did Jeb know the newspaper business would come calling again.

The powers that be in the Palo Alto Weekly offices were looking to expand Embarcadero Media into the East Bay, and Pleasanton eventually rose to the top of the list in 1999.

Bill Johnson, our organization’s founder and current board president, recalled that in early meetings around Pleasanton pre-launch, “Jeb’s name kept surfacing as a possible choice” to lead the new weekly newspaper.

“Hiring someone so well connected and respected like Jeb was key to our strategy and it was almost too good to be true that we had found each other,” Johnson told me. “Jeb was the man-about-town and a perfect choice to be editor and publisher of the new paper.”



We dropped our first edition Jan. 28, 2000 with “Read All About It!” on the cover, and the rest is history.

Jeb set the tone, insisting on covering both city council and school board meetings in those initial days. He wrote news stories, cover stories, regular editorial comments and his award-winning “Around Pleasanton” column.

Soon shedding the publisher title and school district coverage, Jeb kept the city of Pleasanton beat in addition to his editor duties, sitting in on City Council and Planning Commission meetings all the way until retirement in his early 80s.

He was a strong proponent of our non-news features and activities, supporting our annual Holiday Fund, Take Us Along, Streetwise, holiday parade appearances, candidate forums and old Tri-Valley Heroes awards. Jeb also represented the Weekly at meetings of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

He handed me the reins of the Weekly in February 2017, but remained involved throughout retirement. He penned his popular column biweekly and picked up the occasional cover story assignment for several years as our editor emeritus.

And once he stepped back for good in 2020, he was able to join some Weekly meetings via videoconferencing and he’d chime in by email often.

Jeb died of natural causes on Dec. 22. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Janet; children Amy, Barbara, Kerry, Chris and Jenny; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

I learned so much from Jeb about how to be the editor of a local news organization and the journalistic face in the community. A final important lesson from Jeb came as I spoke with his family this week:

“His children remember him as the always present dad who would prioritize their well-being with encouragement, advice and especially love.” The only legacy that matters.

Family, friends and the greater community will memorialize Jeb at a service Jan. 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St. He will be interred with full military honors in a private ceremony at a later date. RIP, Mr. Pleasanton. ■

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Do you have any major goals that you hope to accomplish in the new year?



Michelle Cruz
Elementary school teacher

My goals are not enormous. I want to focus on taking care of myself and making that self-care as big a priority as caring for my students.



Patti Lopez
Recruiter

Aside from finding a new job, I'm trying to focus on getting back into my continued journey toward good health and to concentrate on being eight years cancer-free now. Every day of this new year that I have the privilege of living is a gift.



Whitney Larson
Veterinary technician

One major goal for me this year is professional development. I'm very eager to grow in my skills and abilities at work. Internal medicine is so complicated, but it's also very interesting and rewarding — and I aim to get better at it this year as compared to last year. Because there's always room for growth and improvement.



Crystal Lala
Scientist

One goal for me this year is to be better and kinder and less critical of myself. I'd also like to broaden my career development and advance professionally.



Raquel Lozares
Retired

I'm very eager, now that I've retired and my kids are older, to take better care of myself in the new year.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Flood plan input

The Zone 7 Water Agency is hosting three public meetings next week where Tri-Valley residents can learn more and provide input on the agency's Flood Management Plan, a comprehensive plan the agency is developing to address current and future flood risks.

The first meeting is Tuesday from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Zone 7 administration building in Livermore. The second and third meetings will occur during the same timeframe: at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin on Wednesday, and at the Amador Recreation Center in Pleasanton on Thursday.

All In for Kids

Stephen Vogt, a two-time AL Manager of the Year and former MLB All-Star, is hosting this month's 2026 All In for Kids Celebrity Poker Tournament, an annual two-day celebration benefiting the School of Imagination & Happy Talkers in Dublin.

"The weekend brings together sports legends, civic champions, and business leaders to raise funds for inclusive education, early intervention, and family-centered therapies," according to a press release ahead of the events Jan. 23-24.

Indian dance

The Sthalam School of Dance will be hosting its Sthalam-Sangamam 2026 event at the Firehouse Arts Center from 3-7 p.m. this Saturday (Jan. 10), which will feature an evening of "Indian classical dance, devotion and celebration".

According to artistic director Anusha Natarajan, the program will present young aspiring dancers from the Bay Area and highlight "traditional Bharatanatyam presentations, including the classical dance drama Kutrala Kuravanji, celebrating Indian cultural heritage through music, movement, and storytelling".

LAVTA workshop

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is hosting a two-part community workshop next Tuesday (Jan. 13) at the Firehouse Arts Center, where the transportation agency will be gathering input from residents on two bus planning efforts that are currently underway in Pleasanton.

The first part of the meeting, which starts at 5 p.m., will focus on discussing bus routes that serve Pleasanton middle and high schools while the second part of the meeting, which begins at 6 p.m., will focus on alternative bus route options for the 10R bus that runs through downtown. ■

Officials offer optimistic update on Pleasanton's economic development

Staff review work done in 2025, go over steps for 2026 to retain and attract businesses

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Despite a challenging year for Pleasanton's economy, marked by the departure of major retailers like JCPenney and the closure of prominent downtown businesses such as Starbucks, city officials anticipate a promising outlook for the local economy in 2026 thanks to several key economic development initiatives.

These include streamlining the permitting process for both retail and commercial businesses and implementing strategies to attract and retain new companies and employers.

"Pleasanton has extraordinary potential, and the work we're doing today is laying the groundwork for the next generation of economic opportunity," Mayor Jack Balch said in

a Dec. 9 press release. "By streamlining processes and making it easier for businesses to grow, invest, and innovate here, we're strengthening our local economy, expanding choices for residents, and building a vibrant future for Pleasanton."

During its Dec. 2 meeting, the City Council received an update from staff on all of the work that the city did during 2025 to advance and implement the city's 2024-28 Economic Development Strategic Plan. The plan is part of the city's larger "ONE Pleasanton", five-year strategic plan that serves as a framework to improve several aspects of the city, including its economy.

Part of the December update to the council included information on how the city has modernized its approach to economic development in

several aspects.

One example of this was in early 2025 when the City Council approved the creation of the Community and Economic Development Department so that permitting, planning and economic development could all live under one umbrella.

Melinda Denis, who now serves as the deputy director for the new department, told the council during last month's meeting that the new structure has helped streamline different processes, improve coordination across city departments and better help both residents and businesses.

"The departmental reorganization and staffing changes made as part of the two-year budget and workplan adopted in June this year brings more visibility and resources to

economic development, which helps advance the City Council's economic development programs and initiatives," Denis said.

She said some of the goals for 2026 is to hire an economic development manager — recruitment is underway — and to continue partnerships with regional organizations and businesses to find ways to improve the city's economy.

Denis also spent some time going over many of the other highlights that the city did last year to recruit and retain businesses, a particularly important update to many council members who pointed out the vacant storefronts along Main Street and the never-ending changes to Stoneridge Mall — including, of note, the

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District set to rehire Doyle

Ex-GM Landreth still on EBRPD payroll until Feb. 6

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors is set at Tuesday's regular

meeting to consider appointing retired general manager Robert Doyle to interim GM in the wake of Sabrina Landreth's resignation from the role.



Robert Doyle

Doyle closed his nearly five decades-long career at EBRPD at the end of 2020, having spent 10 years as the park district's general manager just prior to Landreth taking the helm.

If appointed, Doyle's position as interim general manager would last from Jan. 14 to Feb. 6, according to a staff report prepared by EBRPD's assistant general manager of human resources Jessica Romeo and acting general manager Max Korten.

Staff also expect to make a future recommendation to appoint Doyle as interim GM effective Feb. 7, with the nationwide search for a more permanent leader underway.

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CHUCK DECKERT

Known for its 1970s-inspired aesthetic, Middle 8 will be closing with possible plans of opening at a new location.

Last call for Middle 8

Owner hopes to relocate bar after leaving Main Street

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Middle 8, a cocktail bar and lounge located in downtown Pleasanton, announced last Friday that it will be ceasing operations after this Sunday (Jan. 11).

Rick Dobbs, longtime Pleasanton resident and owner of Middle 8, told the Weekly Monday evening that the main reasons behind the closure were rising operational costs, low foot traffic and very high rent increases.

"Our revenue just hasn't kept

pace with the rising costs and our very high rent increases (we would have had to do 300% more revenue to justify our rent)," Dobbs wrote in a Jan. 2 social media post, where he first announced the closure of his business.

"The rent is, basically, Walnut Creek prices but we just don't have the Walnut Creek traffic around here," Dobbs told the Weekly.

Known for its '70s aesthetic, live music and quirky cocktail names such as the "Porn Star

Martini" or the "Macarena Me Crazy", Middle 8 — located at 310 Main St. — first opened its doors in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2021 having replaced the former Bollinger Nail Salon.

Since opening, Dobbs noted that the bar and lounge has won four "Best of the East Bay" awards from Diablo Magazine.

"We had people get engaged there, we saw a thousand first dates, we had built some great

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LVJUSD proposes \$18M in budget cuts for next year

Preliminary list of reductions set for review at school board meeting Tuesday

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education last week distributed an initial draft of budget reduction options for next school year, totaling just over 124 full-time equivalents and an estimated \$18 million in cuts.

The initial draft hit the email boxes of district families and staff last Friday (Jan. 2), along with a request from board president Steven Drouin for alternative recommendations.

Options currently on the table arise from the district's need to decide by February how it will reduce its budget by approximately \$11 million for the 2026-27 school year.

An additional \$5.2 million in reductions must be identified by next February for the 2027-28 school year, followed by potential cuts in the next year to meet the Education Code's 3% minimum reserves requirement if state funding "does not fill the gap", Drouin explained in the letter.

Meanwhile, a tentative agreement between district and teachers union negotiators for increased compensation and benefits awaits final ratification by members of the union and approval by the board — ongoing costs would be reflected in the

2026-27 and 2027-28 cuts, district officials said last month.

At the board's regular meeting Jan. 13, trustees are set to review the preliminary reduction list and provide direction to staff. The upcoming consideration of cuts follows on the heels of approximately \$6 million in reductions approved last spring.

"Continued negotiations to prioritize our employees...requires us to rethink and reimagine aspects of the district's spending," Drouin said in his message to the community.

The district is poised to reduce positions or reassign employees as part of some "very tough decisions," he added.

As directed by the board, Superintendent Torie Gibson recommended options to reduce and/or eliminate select district administrators, site administrators, teachers on special assignment as well as roles within district support services, site support services and K-12 education.

District savings are also recommended to come from technology; temporary freezes of "Me Too" contract clauses for the cabinet and employee groups Livermore Management Association and Classified Manager/Confidentials; reduced pay rate for substitutes and the shift of funding sources.

Employees working within K-12 education see the greatest share of proposed cuts (48.8 FTE), with an estimated monetary value of \$5,458,242, according to the draft.

Within K-12, reductions are proposed most severely for paraeducators (22.5 FTE) and general education teachers (8.9 FTE).

Of the paraeducators, the draft states, "This reduction is due to program changes that have been created through the special education workgroup."

As for general education teachers, "The reduction is due to lower enrollment at some sites" and is meant to ensure "classes are at capacity across the district," according to the draft.

Also facing the potential of double-digit cuts are custodians (10 FTE), meaning classrooms would be cleaned less frequently, the draft states.

Among district administration, five FTE are proposed for elimination in addition to work year reductions during 2026-27 for 15 individuals, for a total estimated savings of \$1.1 million.

To assist board members in reviewing the draft recommendations, each of the reduction options is ranked according to their expected

impact on a range of factors such as legal compliance as well as students and programs.

The recommended cuts anticipated to have a significant impact on students and programs include the elimination of one vice principal at Granada High School, two VPs at Livermore High School and one VP at Del Valle Continuation High School/Vineyard Alternative School; the reduction of library media specialists' daily hours at each site; elimination of Kid Connection instructional specialists (2.9 FTE); elimination of health technicians (2.7 FTE) and staff at Vineyard Alternative.

By comparison, LVJUSD officials estimated last month that the district needed to make approximately \$14.7 million in ongoing cuts for the 2026-27 budget and an additional \$1.5 million for the following academic year.

The board was previously set to host a special meeting on Monday morning (Jan. 5) to begin discussing the proposed reductions.

"As Board President, I felt that it was important for the board to meet and begin these discussions as soon as possible," Drouin said of the initial plan.

"In retrospect, and based on feedback we received, we believe it is critical that these discussions occur in a

meeting that allows as many of our employees and community members to attend as possible," he said of the decision to hold the discussion next week instead.

Ahead of the Jan. 13 meeting, Drouin encouraged the public to email alternative budget recommendations to himself or Gibson or to submit formal board correspondence. Drouin also said he contacted the leaders of employee units for their feedback and input regarding the initial proposals.

Assuming the teachers union ratifies the tentative agreement, the board will consider approving the item at the Jan. 13 meeting.

After next Tuesday, a second draft of proposed reductions may be created, with a subsequent special board meeting for its review.

The reduction options will not be discussed at the regular morning meeting Jan. 29.

However, a formal budget resolution must be approved during the Feb. 10 regular board meeting in order to distribute preliminary lay off notices by the March 15 deadline. During the meeting, a second interim budget report is also set for presentation in compliance with the state's Education Code. ■

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announcement that JCPenney will be closing up shop next month.

According to Denis, the city has enhanced its branding and marketing through new digital and print brochures, is working on a

"microsite" where businesses can quickly find anything they need to open up shop in the city and is developing a better outreach strategy to draw in new businesses.

She said the city is also working on reaching out to prospective brokers and tenants by partnering with local organizations such as the Pleasanton

Downtown Association, Hacienda Business Park, the Chamber of Commerce and many others. She said her plan is to connect with all of the shopping centers in Pleasanton to see how the city can attract new businesses for them.

One prominent topic that came up during that December meeting

was the city's permitting process and how, during the same meeting — prior to the economic development update item — the council approved several updates to Pleasanton's zoning procedures to streamline the development review process.

These changes — along with a reduction of the city's appeal period from more than 15 days to just 10 days — were made to modernize the design review process for smaller residential and commercial projects, which effectively cuts the design review process by at least half, according to the city.

"These changes reflect the city's broader effort to remove uncertainty, eliminate unnecessary delays, and make the permitting experience more accessible for homeowners, small businesses, and commercial property owners," communication manager Heather Tiernan wrote in the Dec. 9 press release.

Now, in 2026, the city will be looking at possibly doing something similar for retail and commercial businesses and reducing the permitting process timeline. Last year the city updated the municipal zoning code to make it easier for innovation-based businesses to relocate and grow in Pleasanton.

Denis also added that a key initiative to make the permitting process easier for new businesses will be the development of the "Pleasanton Playbook" which she described as a user-friendly guide that will clearly and concisely explain the city's

development review process in order to provide them with a roadmap to quickly open their stores and shops in the city.

"Over the past two years, we've modernized our economic development structure, streamlined key processes, and built a clear roadmap that is already delivering results," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said in the Dec. 9 press release. "These changes reflect our commitment to making Pleasanton easier to navigate, quicker to respond, and better aligned with the needs of our business community. This work is not theoretical — we are putting solutions in place that will make a real and measurable difference for residents, employers, and investors."

Looking ahead, the city also aims to advance efforts around tourism and hospitality ahead of the year's major sporting events that are coming to the Bay Area, which include the Super Bowl and the FIFA World Cup, along with improving other key areas in its Economic Development Strategic Plan that will make retailers and other businesses consider Pleasanton for their stores' next location and to help those stores succeed.

"I'm excited to see us embark on this and start moving in this direction to really help economic vitality in our community because not only does it support our businesses, which will help them do better, but their success is our success," Councilmember Craig Eicher said at the Dec. 9 council meeting. ■

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Dublin Councilmember McCorriston announces run for mayor

Public safety, transportation, senior housing and services among campaign emphases

By JUDE STRZEMP

Dublin City Councilmember Michael McCorriston announced this week his bid for mayor in November's general election.

Currently representing District 1 of west Dublin, McCorriston has served on City Council since 2020. His posts have included vice mayor in 2023 and appointed mayor in 2024, a position he held for an approximately six-month period between the resignation of Melissa Hernandez in June — given her transition to the BART Board of Directors — and the swearing-in of Mayor Sherry Hu that December.

Running for the full term of mayor, McCorriston has focused his campaign on public safety, supporting Dublin's local businesses, cultivating new business sectors, improving the

city's transportation network and infrastructure as well as addressing housing affordability and service gaps, particularly for seniors, according to a statement announcing his bid for the helm.

"As mayor, I will use my leadership and professional finance experience to ensure police and fire have the resources and tools they need to keep our city safe," McCorriston said in the statement. "I will also ensure that the city's financial resources remain robust to preserve city services and will continue to support investment in our city's infrastructure, including maintaining roadways and



Michael McCorriston

improving the efficiency of traffic flows."

During McCorriston's years as a local representative, he has participated in boards and committees regarding transportation, land use, water resources, economic development, human services and housing, according to the statement.

He has advocated for policy improvements in public safety, including measures for e-bikes, and he has coordinated with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to improve the process of releasing individuals to the public from county jail.

As a leader of the city's finance and investment committee, McCorriston has also recommended actions to maintain the city's reserve funds and long-term financial stability, the statement adds.

The city has seen a budgetary

surplus over the past decade, he explained in the statement, but city officials must express to residents the rationale behind financial decisions as well as their impact on residents.

"This would ensure that the city does not face financial challenges that unfortunately have impacted other municipalities," McCorriston said.

"My professional experience will ensure that the city's financial resources are used to strengthen our community today and for future generations," he added.

Also on McCorriston's priority list is Dublin's growth and development strategy, which he said must be aesthetic and sustainable in terms of the environment and economy.

Proper development planning will allow the city to preserve its remaining natural landscape, he said. Additionally, he plans to encourage

the development and revitalization of residential and commercial structures, constructed by local skilled labor.

McCorriston expressed his support of workforce housing as well as housing for seniors and expansion of their healthcare services.

"Every resident deserves to feel informed, heard and valued by their elected official," McCorriston said. "That is what I've strived to do since I first joined the City Council, and it's what I'll continue to do as mayor."

McCorriston holds an MBA from the University of San Diego and a Bachelor of Science in business finance from San Jose State University. He has lived with his family in Dublin for over 30 years where his children have attended school.

To learn more about McCorriston's campaign, visit mike4dublin.com. ■

DOYLE

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"The Park District requires continued executive leadership to ensure continuity of operations, governance and implementation of Board-adopted policies," the staff report states regarding the interim GM role. "Mr. Doyle possesses the experience and qualifications necessary to serve in this capacity during the transition period."

Meanwhile, questions remain regarding the details of Landreth's parting from EBRPD two days after her performance evaluation.

The position of general manager at EBRPD opened abruptly when Landreth submitted a letter of resignation to the board Nov. 6 and declared Feb. 6 as her last day of employment with the district.

Released to the Pleasanton Weekly via formal public records

request, Landreth's resignation letter explains her plan to take a leave of absence until her formal separation with the district in February.

"I have loved my job at the District and will dearly miss its amazing people," Landreth wrote. "I am very proud of my time here — it has been a privilege to be able to serve my community."

At the time of Landreth's resignation letter, the GM was otherwise covered under an at-will employment agreement expiring in March of 2029, according to her contract obtained via the same public records request.

"We know this news may come as a surprise, but please be assured that our work and mission remain unchanged," EBRPD deputy general manager Allyson Cook wrote to the park district team one day after Landreth's resignation letter.

"The dedication and professionalism you bring each day continue to move the Park District forward and serve our community with excellence."

As previously reported by the Pleasanton Weekly, Landreth distributed a statement days later alleging that the board demanded

action of her that would have violated the law and caused harm to her professional and personal reputation.

In effect, she was "constructively terminated," according to the statement.

At the time of the statement Nov. 9, she considered pursuing

legal action related to her parting from the district and the board's conduct, but as of press time her legal team did not provide a status update on potential legal action.

The upcoming board meeting is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday (Jan. 13). The full agenda is available via ebrpd.org. ■

MIDDLE 8

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regulars," Dobbs continued. "The thing I really loved about the place is that it was a safe space for a lot of people. The diversity you would see when you walked in on a Friday and Saturday night was the thing I'm really proud of."

But despite the accolades and unique menu, Dobbs said it just wasn't enough to bring in the revenue needed to stay open.

He attributed Pleasanton's changing demographic, higher insurance rates, outside costs and a trend of less people drinking or socializing as a "perfect storm" of reasons for why he's shutting down his business.

Dobbs added that opening during the pandemic was challenging in that many of the plans he had for the space fell through. "This bar has never been easy," he said.

However, Dobbs said this doesn't quite mean the end of Middle 8 as he is currently looking for investors and other spaces to reopen. He said relocating the business would be somewhat simpler of a transition because he owns all the equipment inside the bar so he hopes to continue serving the community, as they have been, and looks forward to seeing everyone again at a new location.

This now marks the latest in a list of notable closures on Main Street in less than a year including the departure of Starbucks from its Main Street storefront last July, PRIMM Boutique leaving Pleasanton and the more recent closure of Main Street Brewery on the opposite end of Main Street in September.

The closure also comes on the heels of a recent City Council discussion which left officials hopeful for the city's economic future heading into 2026. ■

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Feds cancel public engagement efforts for lab project

Tri-Valley CAREs criticizes decision to scale back review process for increased plutonium use

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration recently retracted its intention to publish a draft environmental report for public comment about increasing the amount of fissile material for research and development at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

In addition to increasing the quantity of material, the project dubbed "Enhanced Plutonium Facility Utilization at LLNL" proposes increasing materials shipments and waste generation/shipments during operations, conducting security and infrastructure construction activities and upgrading the security categorization of the LLNL Plutonium Facility operations from security category III (plutonium metal limited to 400 grams) to security category II (plutonium metal limited to 2 kg) with added operational and security personnel, according to an NNSA presentation from a public scoping meeting about the project last January.

A draft of the SEIS was set to

be published for public comment, according to a notice of intent by NNSA published Jan. 13, 2025 in the National Register.

But given recent regulatory changes, NNSA no longer plans to publish the draft environmental document for public comment or host any relevant public hearings, according to NNSA's November notice reversing its previous intention. Additionally, the NNSA does not intend to wait 30 days after issuing a final environmental impact statement to publish its record of decision.

Sans publication of the draft SEIS and corresponding public hearings, the final statement is expected for publication during early 2026 along with the agency's record of decision, the November notice states.

"NNSA will be able to fulfill its current and potential future national security requirements in a timely manner by enhancing the utilization of the LLNL Pu Facility to Security CAT II operational levels," the notice states.

Officials at NNSA were not available for additional comment as of Tuesday morning.

Among those expressing

discontent with NNSA's decision is Tri-Valley CAREs, a Livermore-based organization that monitors activities in the U.S. involving nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up, with particular attention to LLNL.

"This decision makes it clear that the Lab, and the National Nuclear Security Administration prefers that the Livermore community and the American public not engage in decision making about nuclear weapons development programs and the impacts on the communities that house them," Tri-Valley CAREs executive director Scott Yundt told Livermore Vine.

According to the Jan. 29, 2025 presentation, NNSA needs increased "space" for plutonium research and development due to new and evolving international security concerns.

The space is critical to the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Program, a plan for sustaining and modernizing an effective nuclear weapons stockpile.

Additionally, LLNL's plutonium facility research and development capability is underutilized, the presentation states.

However, the SEIS does not propose changes to the facility's hazard categorization, nor its "administrative limit" as described in a 2023 LLNL site-wide report, the presentation adds.

Regulatory changes that led to the NNSA's decision to no longer publish its draft SEIS or hold additional public hearings include an Executive Order Jan. 20, 2025 dubbed Unleashing American Energy and amendments to the National Environmental Policy Act's implementing procedure.

According to the November notice, the regulatory update and new implementing procedures



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Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"significantly streamline NEPA processes by focusing on statutory requirements while retaining meaningful review of potential environmental impacts".

"Without the ability to comment in writing or orally at a public hearing... there is little to no incentive for members of the public to even read the SEIS," Yundt said of the altered public engagement.

The notice regarding LLNL was issued in tandem with an announcement that the NNSA will not publish a draft site-wide environmental impact statement for continued operation of Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

Yundt also expressed concern about the potential dangers caused by increased transportation of plutonium to the lab, experimentation, accidents and waste removal.

"It will be used to develop a new generation of more technologically advanced nuclear weapons, contributing to an already escalating new nuclear arms race where the U.S. is a major driver and where a possible nuclear war could end

human civilization as we know it," he said.

Tri-Valley CAREs is set to hold its monthly meeting Jan. 15 regarding its response to NNSA's announcement.

Meanwhile, NNSA initiated the second, five-year review of its environmental clean up at LLNL's Site 300, a U.S. DOE experimental test facility for high explosives materials located in the Altamont Hills between Livermore and Tracy.

According to a Dec. 19, 2025 statement by LLNL officials, The review is set to summarize the nature and extent of contamination, the progress of cleanup and whether the remedy continues to protect human health and the environment.

The review is required by the Superfund law every five years when "contaminants at a site remain above levels that allow unrestricted access", according to the statement.

The final review is set to be available online for a 60-day review period beginning April 13. ■

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Follow the yellow brick road: Pleasanton resident Jerry Tusan was caught reading the Pleasanton Weekly while visiting The Sphere in Las Vegas for a special production of "The Wizard of Oz" in September on his birthday.

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Guns, Fishing & Other Stuff closing in Dublin

'It's been our pleasure to serve you. But it's time to retire!' ownership says

By JEREMY WALSH

One of the few places in the Tri-Valley to purchase guns, ammunition and shooting accessories — or even buy fishing equipment, for that matter — is shutting its doors in the coming weeks.

The owners of Guns, Fishing & Other Stuff announced during the holiday shopping season that they would be closing the store and gun range on Amador Plaza Road in the new year. A firm date has not been confirmed, but the store is set to be open until ample inventory is sold out.

"It's true! We're closing. It's been our pleasure to serve you. But it's time to retire! Be happy with us," ownership said in a post on Facebook on Dec. 13. "And come out beginning Wednesday for great deals in every department. We sure hope to see you before we're through!"

The news came about half a year after its sister Guns, Fishing & Other Stuff store closed in Vacaville.

Store ownership did not respond to requests for comment this month, nor did representatives of the property management firm

about future plans for the large retail space located prominently at 6705 Amador Plaza Road just below the Dublin Boulevard off-ramp from southbound Interstate 680.

Billed as a local family-owned sporting goods store, Guns, Fishing & Other Stuff specialized in firearms and related items, hunting accessories and fishing equipment. It also housed an indoor public gun range — a rarity in the Bay Area — with Trygon Firearms Training offering classes and education for shooters of all skill levels. ■

Sprinkles closes in City Center as all shops abruptly shutter

Shoe store also exits San Ramon complex; new eateries, injection therapy clinic still in works

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Sprinkles Cupcakes, a popular bakery chain originating from Beverly Hills, recently closed all of its stores across six states, including its location at the City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon.

According to a spokesperson for City Center, the cupcake chain did not provide any notice to the shopping center that it was shuttering all of its stores for good nationwide on New Year's Eve. In an Instagram post the same day, Sprinkles founder and former CEO Candace Nelson said she was also shocked to hear that the company she started was closing its doors without much notice.

Nelson started Sprinkles in 2005 and sold the company to private equity in 2012.

"Even though I sold the company over a decade ago, I still have such a personal connection to it and this isn't how I thought the story would go," Nelson said in the Instagram



JEREMY WALSH

The Sprinkles Cupcakes store that was located at City Center Bishop Ranch abruptly closed its doors on New Year's Eve after almost four years of serving the Tri-Valley community.

post Dec. 31. "I thought Sprinkles would keep growing and be around forever. I thought it was going to be my legacy."

Sprinkles first opened in the San

Ramon shopping center in April 2022 alongside Patelco Credit Union. The two had shared a space inside the 5,000-square-foot Patelco branch.

The Weekly reached out to Patelco for comments on the closure and any future plans for the space but has not heard back as of time of publication.

Known for its famous Cupcake ATM, the Sprinkles shop had since resided at the shared location in City Center up until this past week when news broke of the company's sudden closure. Multiple national news outlets have reported that the business shut down due to financial challenges and unforeseen circumstances, although no specific information has been publicized.

Even though she did not have any ownership or operational involvement with the company she created and then sold, Nelson said on social media that she was still deeply grateful for the years of joy Sprinkles brought to fans and communities across the U.S.

However, hundreds of people under her post on Instagram — some claiming to be now-former

employees — voiced their frustration over the abrupt closure because it has left several Sprinkles employees without a job. Some who claim to have been blindsided by the sudden closure lamented entering the new year without a job and at risk of financial insecurity.

Elsewhere in City Center, On the Edge shoe store vacated its second-floor unit ahead of its lease expiring on New Year's Eve.

The prominent first-floor space on the western outer edge that used to be home to Starbucks remains vacant, but the smaller unit next door is now slated to welcome Hydration Room IV and Injection Therapy this year.

Meyhouse, the Turkish cuisine restaurant in the old Dumpling Time unit, is still being developed but missed its autumn opening target. The Palmetto Superfoods eatery several doors down is still listed as coming soon. ■

—Associate publisher Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.

Tri-Valley doctor wins \$1.7M in whistleblower case

Psychiatrist says he was fired in retaliation for reporting fraud by San Joaquin County to state

BY JEANITA LYMAN

A San Ramon man was awarded more than \$1.7 million last month in a whistleblower retaliation case that went to trial in San Joaquin County after he was terminated from his position with the county's behavioral health department.

The verdict came at the conclusion of a week-long trial on Dec. 19, in which the jury sided with Khurram Durrani, who had worked as a staff psychiatrist with the county for 11 years before being promoted to medical director of its mental health program, then terminated



Khurram Durrani

after six years in that position.

A spokesperson for San Joaquin County said that the county does not comment on litigation.

According to Durrani's attorney Lawrence Bohm, the psychiatrist was "cruelly fired for sending an email explaining to his psychiatrist staff how the county's (very vague and confusing) incentive plan is calculated" in 2019. Durrani's amended lawsuit was filed in 2021.

"We were delighted to represent Dr. Durrani — he is a brilliant psychiatrist who served until he was unfairly fired in November 2019 for a host of totally bogus reasons after he reported numerous illegal activities by his boss, the Director of the department," Bohm said.

"This case proved that there was a huge wealth of shady dealings that Dr. Durrani had to report, after the

County of San Joaquin hired Tony Vartan to be the new Director of Behavioral Health Services, beginning in October 2017," he continued. "I am extremely happy to have won for Dr. Durrani well-deserved compensation, after the past eight years of working to clear his good name and reputation."

Vartan departed his post in San Joaquin County in 2022 for the same role in Stanislaus County, according to LinkedIn, where he served until March 2025 before going into private consulting. Genevieve Valentine was appointed as his successor before being promoted to director of health care services. The current director of behavioral health services is Fay Vieira, who served as interim director before being appointed to the position permanently in November 2025.

Bohm said that Durrani had taken the risk of reporting numerous issues, including non-physicians making treatment decisions, bullying and intimidation by senior leadership, fraudulent data being submitted to the state, treatment from non-credentialed doctors, and "racial insensitivity toward Latinos".

Bohm said that the county broke the law initially by cutting services at its behavioral health department "so severely that the county fell out of compliance with state regulations", then falsifying data in order to cover up its lack of compliance.

"Durrani, as a whistleblower, reported the fraud to the State of California," Bohm said. "Subsequently, the State investigated and levied a massive financial penalty on the County. Dr.

Durrani knew he exposed the County's malfeasance at his own peril. Indeed, shortly after exposing the County, it terminated Dr. Durrani's employment."

In addition to losing his job, Bohm said that Durrani — a long-time, respected psychiatrist — was the subject of unfair "character assassination," something that he added is typical in medical whistleblower cases.

"This is the second case I've had in a row where a career and reputation of one of our clients got ruined by their talking about work in a professional manner," Bohm said. "The defamation of Dr. Durrani's career was no surprise in the world of medical whistleblowing — it is expected. I can no longer diagnose a medical whistleblower retaliation case without character assassination." ■

New 24/7 Mexican restaurant opens in San Ramon

El Forastero takes over old Wendy's drive-thru on SRV Blvd.

BY JEREMY WALSH

San Ramon has welcomed the first Bay Area expansion for restaurant chain El Forastero, serving Mexican cuisine 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

With nearly 20 locations in Northern California and Nevada, mainly in greater Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley, El Forastero opened Dec. 15 at 2222 San Ramon Valley Blvd. — the drive-thru

restaurant spot that was home to Wendy's for nearly a decade until it closed in the fall.

"Get ready for tacos, burritos, loaded fries and all the Mexican favorites you crave, served 24/7 the El Forastero way," management said in a Facebook post on opening day. They previously touted the location would become "your new go-to spot for bold flavors, late night cravings, and real Mexican comfort food."

The San Ramon location features the same service model El Forastero is known for — dine-in, takeout, drive-thru, delivery and catering — with a full menu of breakfast and lunch/dinner meals available all around the clock.

El Forastero representatives did not respond to requests for comment on the new restaurant and the company's decision to expand into the Bay Area. ■



JEREMY WALSH

El Forastero opened its new location in San Ramon on Dec. 15. The drive-thru restaurant on the north end of the city serves Mexican food 24/7.

Patricia Elizabeth Bosma

June 4, 1938 - December 20, 2025

Patricia Elizabeth (Uspel) Bosma of Pleasanton, California, died peacefully on December 20, 2025, at the age of 87.

Patricia was born on June 4th, 1938, to Vincent and Marilyn (Zvinak) Uspel in Chicago, Illinois, where she spent the first six years of her life and greeted her brother Richard in March 1944. The family then moved to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where she attended first a one-room country schoolhouse and then Rhinelander High School.

Patricia graduated with a BA in Literature and Vocal Music from Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. There she met a handsome tenor, Douglas Bosma, who would become the love of her life, and auditioned for and won a scholarship at the Philadelphia Academy of Vocal Arts.

In Philadelphia she developed her beautiful soprano voice and earned an advanced degree in Vocal Music, singing opera and classical music by day and performing in nightclubs to supplement her scholarship funds.

After Patricia's graduation from the Academy of Vocal Arts, she and Douglas were married in 1964 and worked as teachers in Sheboygan, Wisconsin until Peter was born in 1965. They moved briefly to St. Peter, Minnesota where Elizabeth was born, then to Le Sueur, Minnesota where he worked for Green Giant and where Mary, Timothy, and Sarah were born. In 1976 they moved to Chaska, Minnesota before Douglas took a job with Clorox and the family relocated to Pleasanton, California in 1978.

Patricia shared her love of music and her vocal talent throughout her life, whether with church choirs, civic organizations, voice students, or her own singing telegram company, Totally Tasteless Telegramz. She performed everything from opera to Broadway to Dolly Parton with artistry, panache, and the occasional rubber chicken, and brought joy to friends, family, and the community with her voice.

Music was only one of Patricia's talents. She loved to draw and would frequently embellish the envelopes of the many, many letters she sent her family and beloved friends with her art. She plied her skills with the sewing machine to create beautiful suits and dresses as well as an entire zoo of stuffed animals for her children and grandchildren. An avid gardener, Patricia turned the plain front and back yards of her Pleasanton home into an oasis of roses, jasmine, lavender, geraniums, nasturtiums, succulents, and the occasional pumpkin. She loved to share her flowers with neighbors and would bring the products of her hyperactive apple tree — apple pies and apple butter — to anyone who asked.

Patricia never stopped learning or challenging herself. As her children left the nest, she earned a Masters degree in Psychology and Family Counseling from Cal State Hayward and worked as a counselor for the Tri-Valley Haven for Women in Livermore, then for Family Services of the East Bay and Westudillo Counseling Service in San Leandro. She joined her local Toastmasters to improve her public speaking skills and quickly became an integral part of the group.

Patricia was an anchor in the local Catholic community, including Cursillo, religious education, choir and music programs, prayer circles, prison ministry, bringing the Eucharist to shut-ins, and leading a grief support group. When Douglas was permanently disabled following an automobile accident in 2005, she became his caretaker and fierce advocate for the rest of his life.

Patricia is survived by her children, Peter Bosma, Elizabeth Hardage (Chris), Mary Bosma, Timothy Bosma (Jennifer), and Sarah Bosma (Jared Shucha); her grandchildren, Colin, Amanda, Hannah, Samantha, Malcolm, and Hunter; and her brother Richard. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vincent and Marilyn Uspel, and her husband of 58 years, Douglas Bosma.

A funeral Mass was held on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026, at St. Augustine's Church in Pleasanton, California.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to an organization that mirrors Patricia's love of community, music, and the least among us.



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'His absence is deeply felt': Colleagues remember slain Livermore man

The people who worked closest in the health and pride communities with David Hurst, the Livermore man stabbed to death in his home last month, are paying tribute to his legacy while still grappling with the grief of his sudden loss.

A co-founder and active board member of Livermore Pride, Hurst worked as chief business development officer at the San Jose-based Valley Health Plan and served as an appointee on the Alameda County Public Health Commission.

"David's life was taken from us far too soon. His absence is deeply felt, but his impact remains, in this organization, in this community, and in every step we take toward the future he believed in," Livermore Pride officials said in a statement on New Year's Day.

"His dedication, wisdom, and steady, calming presence were instrumental in shaping this organization and the community we continue to build," they added.

Colleagues at VHP remembered Hurst for his legacy of "service, integrity and humanity."

"His deep knowledge of the healthcare system, combined with his sincere care for employees, colleagues, and community members, helped shape programs, partnerships, and people in meaningful ways," VHP officials wrote in a tribute on the company's website.

"While his passing is a profound loss, David's influence lives on through the work he championed, the teams he mentored, and the many lives he touched with kindness and purpose. He will be remembered not only as an accomplished healthcare leader, but as a wonderful human being," they added.

Hurst, 55, was found dead in his home on North P Street on Dec. 2 by police officers conducting a welfare check after he hadn't been heard from for four days.

Brayam Adoni Chirinos, identified as Hurst's roommate, was arrested the next day with the victim's car in San Francisco and has been incarcerated in Santa Rita Jail ever since, according to authorities.

Chirinos, who turned 31 in custody, was subsequently charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office with first-degree murder and special allegations including deadly



COURTESY LIVERMORE PRIDE

David Hurst was found dead with stab wounds in his home in Livermore on Dec. 2.

weapon use, causing bodily harm, vulnerable victim, planning and sophistication, committing the crime while in a position of trust, violent conduct and prior prison time on his record.

He was arraigned on the charges but has not yet entered a plea. He is scheduled to do so Jan. 20 at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin.

The early weeks of Chirinos' criminal case got delayed when the Alameda County Public Defender's Office declared a conflict of interest — for reasons not immediately clear from court records. A judge later assigned a court-appointed private attorney to represent the defendant.

The case file at the Alameda County Superior Court sheds little additional light on the circumstances of the crime and investigation, with one notable exception: the revelation police allege Chirinos confessed to the stabbing.

"Chirinos provided a mirandized confession of the killing of the victim," Nancy Duenas, of the Livermore Police Department, wrote in a four-paragraph probable cause declaration.

The rest of Duenas' declaration was a high-level recap of the version of events shared by the department publicly at the time of Chirinos' arrest, providing no specifics about how he was identified as the suspect and other key evidence against him in the crime.

In a press release Dec. 4, police said they responded to a home on 1000 block of North P Street on the afternoon of Dec. 2 for a welfare check on a 55-year-old resident who had not been heard from since Nov. 28. Officers found the man — later identified as Hurst — dead from apparent stab wounds inside the home.

Livermore police said they developed information indicating Chirinos, the roommate of the victim, was the prime suspect. San Francisco police allegedly apprehended Chirinos driving the victim's vehicle in their city on the morning of Dec. 3.

Authorities allege Chirinos has a criminal history out of Florida and Texas that included prior arrests for DUI, assault, domestic violence and false imprisonment, as well as an

active warrant from out of Florida for battery and probation violation.

The circumstances of the killing remain confidential, with Livermore police declining to release any more details when contacted Monday morning. The remembrance post from VHP cites Hurst's date of death as Nov. 28.

Hurst had more than 30 years of experience in health care marketing, communications and program development, according to his employer. He had a long career at the Health Plan of San Joaquin before joining VHP in 2020.

"David brought deep expertise and a thoughtful vision to Valley Health Plan," the organization said. "He played a pivotal role in advancing new product strategies, strengthening and growing existing programs, leading a comprehensive rebrand, expanding digital engagement, and optimizing the County of Santa Clara's Primary Care Access Program for uninsured residents."

"He also served as an executive sponsor for key enterprise initiatives, including strategic planning, employee satisfaction, government relations, and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts," VHP reps added.

Focused on diversity and inclusion closer to home too, Hurst was a co-founder, past-president and board member of the LGBTQ+ community group Livermore Pride. The organization said he was a key member of the steering committee that helped the local Pride team into a certified nonprofit.

"We will always remember seeing David and his friends on 'Rainbow Knoll' at the Thursday night farmers market, a quiet, constant presence that made our community feel more like home," Livermore Pride reps said.

"David had big dreams for the future of Livermore Pride, including his hope that one day we would host essential health services from a dedicated physical Pride Center," they added. "While we are not quite there yet, we remain committed to building connections to increase equity in public health, doing our very best to make him proud."

— Jeremy Walsh

Prison time for teacher

A former teacher and cheer coach in the San Ramon Valley was remanded to custody last week to begin a yearslong prison sentence that was ordered by a judge at the conclusion of his sentencing hearing.

Nicholas Moseby was sentenced Dec. 31 to three years and eight months in prison by Contra Costa Superior Court Judge Joni Hiramoto, who imposed the prison term after disagreeing with a recommendation from the probation office and Moseby's defense.

"The defendant is never going



Brayam Chirinos

to acknowledge wrongdoing — he is not remorseful, and he will not admit that he has sexual interest in teenage females,” prosecutor Jessica Murad said.

That was the position Hiramoto would come to agree with after hearing statements from both sides, including an in-person impact statement from one of the victims, Jane Doe 5, and her mother.

“I think there was evidence of sexual interest in children, and the jury so found,” Hiramoto said.

Murad and Hiramoto both questioned the analysis of the county’s probation office, which had recommended Moseby as a candidate for probation and rehabilitation, and which had concluded that Moseby showed no signs of genuine sexual interest in children or typical signs of pedophilia, but had instead made a one-off mistake in sending a sexual video of himself to a child he was coaching.

Moseby was found guilty by a jury of that felony — one he admitted to during the trial, but said was a mistake — as well as for one felony count of a lewd act upon a child, two misdemeanor counts of child molestation, and one misdemeanor count of sexual battery. The jury found him not guilty and declared a mistrial in two other felony counts for lewd acts against children.

Moseby’s attorney Manisha Daryani contended that Moseby was already making progress toward rehabilitation in the months since his conviction on Oct. 29, evidenced by support from members of his church, his ongoing mental health treatment, and his steps toward enrolling in a rehabilitation program for perpetrators of child sex abuse, as well as his ongoing sobriety.

“I am proud of the work Mr. Moseby has put in,” Daryani said. “He has demonstrated that both faith and treatment have been important and will continue to be important.”

Daryani noted that Moseby’s conviction, and lifetime registry as a sex offender, means that he will never teach or work with children again, and that he has “moved away from spaces those concerns predicated from”.

The judge later continued to question whether the probation office was aware of the crimes Moseby had been found guilty of, noting that they were multiple incidents over the course of several years, not just a one-off incident, that he was convicted for.

“There’s either a minimization of what the jury found to be true or it was not provided,” Hiramoto said.

She added that the doctor’s letter supporting the probation recommendation included “no acknowledgment that Mr. Moseby was blaming the students” and showed “no expression of remorse, no acknowledgment of the harm caused”.

“I think there is no acknowledgment, and a denial that there was sexual interest in minors,” Hiramoto said.

Despite years having elapsed since the crimes Moseby was convicted of, Jane Doe 5, her mother, and the mother of another victim all pointed to the “deeply rooted” nature of his conduct and its effects.

“The responsibility for what happened lies entirely with the defendant, and I did nothing to deserve it,” Jane Doe 5 said. “I ask that the court consider the lasting effects of this betrayal in sentencing.”

While Moseby himself did not speak at the sentencing hearing, he is continuing to argue that he is innocent in a parallel civil case filed last year by some of the same victims, in which he has submitted a countersuit alleging that he was the subject of a racially motivated smear campaign during his time teaching at San Ramon Valley High School.

Moseby’s initial cross-complaint was dismissed earlier this year, but an amended cross-complaint is set to continue working its way through the courts. Hearings on motions to strike portions of the amended cross-complaint, and on a demurrer to it, are scheduled for March.

The total sentence issued by Hiramoto was three years and eight months of prison time. Moseby is being granted for 107 days of time served for the time he spent in jail after his arrest in 2022.

— Jeanita Lyman

Machete attack

A man was arrested in Livermore last month after allegedly attacking two men with machetes in a confrontation that occurred when the victims went outside to investigate why the dogs were barking in the middle of the night, according to authorities.

Hugo Peraza-Leveron, 25, faces two counts of attempted murder and other charges in connection with the Dec. 27 incident. He

remains in jail custody.

The situation unfolded just before 2:30 a.m. on a rural property on Cross Road in unincorporated Livermore, according to a probable cause declaration by Deputy Evan Kelly of the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office.

The victims and a witness told the deputy that a machete-wielding stranger was found on the property and swung on the two men.

“The subject said to them, ‘Kill me, I’m going to kill you guys,’” Kelly wrote in his declaration filed with the court.

The second victim recounted that the attacker was walking toward them dragging two machetes on the ground and then began swinging in close proximity to the first victim, according to Kelly. The first victim backed away and the second victim tried to intervene.

The attacker “swung the machetes at (Victim 2) three times while repeating that he was going to kill them. The blades came close to V2’s face, but he dodged the attacks,” the deputy wrote. The first victim then picked up a pipe in self-defense, and the attacker began walking away and proceeded to flee the scene.

Authorities contacted Peraza-Leveron almost two hours later on Greenville Road about four miles away, with a machete in his possession, according to Kelly.

The victims and the witness positively identified him as the attacker, and Peraza-Leveron was placed under arrest just after 5 a.m., according to the deputy. “Perazaleveron provided a self-serving statement after waiving his Miranda rights,” Kelly said.

Peraza-Leveron was booked into Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and subsequently charged by the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office with four felonies — attempted



COURTESY CHP-DUBLIN

Authorities are seeking the public’s help locating this Black Chevrolet Camaro.

murder and assault with deadly weapon on both victims — and a handful of special allegations and enhancements related to use of a deadly weapon, violence, threats and vulnerable victims. He had not yet entered a plea to the charges in court.

— Jeremy Walsh

either yellow or white writing.
— Christian Trujano

Jewelry store robbed

A jewelry store at the San Francisco Premium Outlets was robbed during the holidays, kicking-starting an ongoing investigation by the Livermore Police Department.

Although LPD spokesperson Azenith Smith did not disclose the name of the jewelry store, a video of the incident circulating on social media shows KAY Jewelers Outlet as the targeted shop.

In the video recording, five masked individuals are seen fleeing the scene, with one person carrying a bar and the remaining individuals carrying black bags.

Livermore police responded to the Dec. 28 incident at about 3:30 p.m., but the suspects fled the scene in a black Honda Civic prior to the arrival of police, LPD officials said.

An officer later pursued the vehicle upon seeing it traveling westbound on I-580, but the officer lost sight of the car near the Interstate 238 interchange, officials added.

LPD’s Criminal Investigations Bureau is currently investigating the incident. KAY Jewelers representatives were not immediately available for an interview. ■

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Festival next weekend helps prospective volunteers 'find a place for you to give back'

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton resident Ray Zarodney knew for years that he wanted to help out those less fortunate, particularly people experiencing homelessness, following his years of traveling for work and seeing individuals out on the streets.

But after he retired, and had more time on his hands, he said he couldn't quite find an organization to volunteer at which spoke to him.

"I had to wait to hear something that resonated with me," Zarodney told the Pleasanton Weekly. "Unfortunately, that took a while."

That all changed last January when he attended the 2025 Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival and learned about Goodness Village, a nonprofit organization that supports the unhoused population in the Tri-Valley by offering tiny homes in a community in Livermore.

Now, Zarodney said he hopes others can find volunteering opportunities at the 2026 festival next weekend that mean as much as Goodness Village means to him.

"I found Goodness Village, which I didn't even know existed, through the festival," he said. "The festival is really a good environment for people that have some time on their hands and just want to do something to help out, whatever that is ... You can find a place for you to give back."

Curated by Make A Difference, Today & Always — a local nonprofit co-founded by community members W. Ron Sutton and Jerri Long — the annual Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival is returning to the Senior Center for its 26th year. According to Sutton, the free festival brings nonprofits, charities and other local organizations together so that residents can learn more about them and possibly get involved.

"The whole objective here is to find things you may not know about, things that you are attracted to ... that will make you more connected to your community," Sutton told the Weekly.

From helping prepare and serve meals to neighbors in need, to assisting animal shelters find forever homes for cats and dogs, residents will have plenty of volunteering options to choose from at this year's festival.

This year, the festival will highlight all the organizations that will be specifically offering opportunities for high school students to volunteer in order to meet their required community service hours. Those

organizations will have people wearing "Mardi Gras-style" beaded necklaces to make it known that they will specifically offer those youth-volunteer opportunities.

According to the press release, the festival will also offer teenagers the opportunity to get up to two hours of on-the-spot credit by completing certain tasks such as sorting color crayons for The Crayon Initiative, a nonprofit that melts down old crayons to make new ones that are then donated to children in hospitals. This opportunity is limited and will only be available to those who register for the festival in advance.

Last year, Sutton said there were over 700 attendees at the event — one of whom being Zarodney.

Zarodney said he was drawn to wanting to help folks experiencing homelessness because he knew that many of them were down on their luck and needed someone to listen to their stories.

Over the years, he searched for a nonprofit to volunteer with but struggled to find one that truly resonated with him, a factor he considered important. So after hearing about last year's festival from his friend Sutton, Zarodney decided to check it out.

And after walking through the large variety of nonprofits, he came across the Goodness Village table where he spoke with one of the nonprofit's staff members and realized he found the perfect match.

"I just knew, after a few minutes of talking to her, this would be my home," he said.

Since then, Zarodney has been going every Thursday to drive residents of Goodness Village around the Tri-Valley to do errands. When nobody needs a ride, he said he simply walks around and talks to the residents, many of whom he considers friends who he sometimes takes out to lunch simply because he enjoys their presence.

He said apart from seeing how much those tiny home residents appreciate the little they have, which gave him a whole new perspective on his own blessings in life, he has made invaluable connections with those residents and the staff at the nonprofit.

"Now, I don't call it volunteering anymore — it's just something I do on Thursdays that I really want to do ... I feel like I'm very much a part of that organization," he said.

Zarodney advised that prospective volunteers should, like he did when selecting his nonprofit, dedicate time to finding a cause they



CHRISTINA GRAY / BELLA LUNA STUDIOS

The East Bay Regional Park District booth at the 2025 Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival. This year's event returns Jan. 17 at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

genuinely care about to ensure long-term commitment, preventing them from volunteering only briefly before losing interest.

"Let your heart be a big part of where you go," he said.

That's why he said things like the Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival, which already has such a wide variety of options to choose from, is such a valuable resource.

Sutton said the event is also beneficial for new nonprofits and organizations in the community because they can have a chance to not only introduce themselves to

more people in the city, but they can also mingle with other organizations and find ways to help each other, whether it's through direct collaboration or simply sharing valuable knowledge.

Similar to the festivals in prior years, apart from the different volunteer opportunities, residents will be able to get helpful tips about safety, emergency preparedness and wellness. Visitors can find out how to prepare a 72-hour survival kit, store water, protect important documents and prepare for the next earthquake.

Representatives from the Pleasanton Police Department will also provide police dog demonstrations throughout the festival, and there will be several wellness exhibits from Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley, the Alan Hu Foundation and Rare Disease Club.

The festival will be hosted at the Pleasanton Senior Center — located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. — next Saturday (Jan. 17) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on all the participating organizations and to register for the event, visit MakeADifferenceForPleasanton.org. ■

~ Who will be there ~

Here's a snapshot of the organizations scheduled to attend the festival to recruit volunteers, based on early registration. Those with an asterisk denotes which ones will offer teenagers volunteer opportunities:

AARP
 ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Programs
 Alan Hu Foundation
 Amador Valley Lions Club *
 American Association of University Women *
 American Cancer Society - Discovery Shop
 Assistance League of Amador Valley
 Blankets for Kids
 Center for Community Dispute Settlement *
 City of Pleasanton Library and Recreation *
 Friends of Alameda County CASA
 Girls Soccer Worldwide
 GoGreen Initiative *
 Goodness Village
 Hively *
 JustServe High School Clubs *
 Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club
 Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department
 Lynnewood United Methodist Church
 Muslim Community Center - East Bay *
 NAMI Tri-Valley (National Alliance for Mental Illness)

Neighborhood Watch (Police Department)
 Open Heart Kitchen *
 PG&E
 Pleasanton Community of Character Coalition
 Pleasanton North Rotary
 Pleasanton Police Department
 Pleasanton Puppy Raisers/Guide Dogs for the Blind
 Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association
 Pleasanton Unified School District
 PPIE *
 Rare Disease Club *
 Ryan's Cases for Smiles - SF East Bay *
 Spectrum Community Service, Inc.
 Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley
 Sunflower Hill
 Tri-Valley Haven *
 Tri-Valley REACH *
 Tri-Valley Turkey Burn *
 Valley Humane Society

Female cannibals are consuming fiction. Here's why

Pleasanton native Olivie Blake's 'Girl Dinner' among recent releases attracting readers' appetites

By Emily Tarinelli

A mother and daughter feast on weary travelers who stumble upon their woodland cottage. A high school freshman develops a hunger for flesh after a boy takes it too far at a party. A college sophomore and adjunct professor join a sorority whose secret wellness trend is — you guessed it — cannibalism.

These are scenes from what has become one of last year's most mainstream tropes in fiction: people eating people. What's more? Women are driving the trend.

2025 was a big year for cannibalism. In February, the Showtime series "Yellowjackets" aired its third season, continuing the saga of a stranded high school girls' soccer team that spirals into a cannibalistic cult. That same month, British author Lucy Rose released her folkloric mother-daughter novel "The Lamb".

In May, Caitlin Starling published "The Starving Saints," a tale of medieval women who are driven to cannibalistic madness by the arrival of four "saints." The summer brought news that Monika Kim's 2024 cannibal serial killer novel "The Eyes Are the Best Part" had been picked up for film adaptation, shortly before the release of Catherine Dang's "What Hunger".

Most recently, in October, New York Times bestselling author Olivie Blake dished up her cannibal sorority novel "Girl Dinner".

Blake, who primarily grew up in Pleasanton and now lives in Los Angeles, is best known for her debut novel "The Atlas Six". She wrapped up her "Girl Dinner" book tour in the United Kingdom in November, where she said many readers commented on how cannibalism is "so hot" right now. But Blake "would argue it was so hot two or three years ago, and only now are people noticing it for some reason".

In "Girl Dinner", the House is the most prestigious sorority on campus,



Author Olivie Blake, who grew up in Pleasanton.

with beautiful, high-achieving members and distinguished alumnae. Nina, a college sophomore craving power and status, decides to join; and Sloane, an adjunct professor navigating the frustrations of marriage and motherhood, agrees to be its faculty adviser.

But the House has a sinister secret. Once a semester, its members murder and eat a man of their choosing. Consuming the flesh gives the girls unparalleled beauty, revitalized strength and a future guaranteed wealth and success.

At its core, the novel is about (power) hungry women reclaiming their agency in a patriarchal world. Yet, at the same time, it's a critique of the failures of "girlboss feminism" — of its tendency to turn women against each other and privilege one successful woman over the many.

Blake got the idea for "Girl Dinner" after observing trends both online and in literature. On TikTok, the novel's namesake "girl dinner" trend involved women posting videos of low-effort meals composed of random snack foods — think French fries, grapes and peanut butter. Blake was also fascinated by "trad wives" circulating the internet — female

influencers promoting traditional gender roles and a housewife aesthetic, with videos that often involve preparing food.

At the same time, Blake had also read a number of novels featuring cannibalism. Each time, she stumbled upon them by accident.

"In 2023, there were a lot of surprise cannibalism books," Blake said, citing — spoiler! — Ling Ling Huang's "Natural Beauty," Ayesha Manazir Siddiqi's "The Centre" and Delilah S. Dawson's "Bloom". "At least six times, I was like, 'Oh, this is cannibalism, isn't it?'"

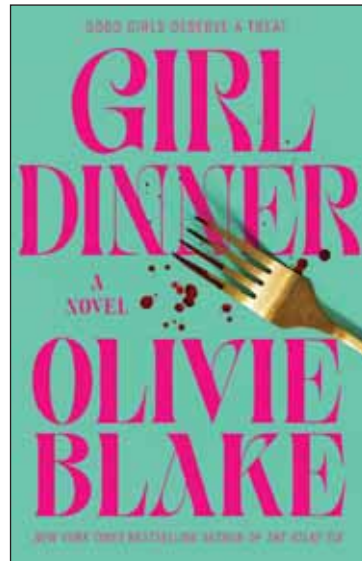
Those books, along with social media trends, got Blake thinking about the relationship between women and food.

"We're not really allowed to freely consume," yet food is "also the thing that defines the 'goodness' of our womanhood," Blake said. She explained how women are often associated with the hearth and expected to nurture others. That's why Blake thinks cannibalism, and especially "feminine-authored cannibalism," are so effective.

Blake isn't the only one to explore feminist issues through cannibalism this year. In "What Hunger" by Catherine Dang, Veronica, a high school freshman, develops a craving for raw meat — and human flesh — after a classmate rapes her at her first party.

The cannibalism in "What Hunger" doesn't come from a place of spectacle, Dang said. Told from a Vietnamese American perspective, the novel explores not only sexual assault, but survival more broadly — especially in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. It was inspired by an urban legend Dang's mother heard in refugee camps about a shipwrecked Vietnamese refugee who killed and ate his fellow castaways to survive.

"My mom's urban legend was not something she had just heard out of nowhere. Like, this stuff had



Blake's novel "Girl Dinner" gained traction in 2025.

actually happened out at sea. People were pushed to the brink of desperation," Dang said. "I think there's a very primal aspect of survival that I think 'What Hunger' covers."

Fans of cannibal fiction share their enthusiasm for the trend on TikTok. Danielle Garcia-Karr, a graduate student at the University of Texas at Austin who researches representations of monstrosity in Latinx speculative fiction, posts about the role of cannibalism and other gothic themes as cultural critiques.

"I wanna be super clear. (Cannibalism is) not a part of my research," Garcia-Karr said. "I just have such an interest in this and I keep wanting to write about it. And my advisors are like, 'You need to focus! Focus on your dissertation!'"

Garcia-Karr is a big fan of "Yellowjackets," "The Lamb" and Agustina Bazterrica's 2017 novel "Tender Is the Flesh," set in a dystopian world where people breed humans for their meat in slaughterhouses after a disease makes animals lethal to eat. They have many more cannibal stories on their to-be-read list.

Garcia-Karr thinks it's worth

noting that the spike in feminist cannibal literature comes right on the tail of the #MeToo movement. "Because a lot of it has to do with women's bodies, and having control of a woman's body, and who gets to violate it, and how," Garcia-Karr said.

But some fans say the trend is becoming overdone, and that cannibalism has lost its bite. Bailey Bigott, a TikTok influencer, is one of them. She thinks overmarketing is the main culprit.

"If you know to expect something and you are being told to look forward to something, it's just not going to be as taboo," Bigott said. But that doesn't mean cannibalism can't be done right. Thematic meaning, not just aesthetic, is key. She cited "The Devils" by Joe Abercrombie as a prime example.

"There's a moment of cannibalism at the end of that book that I found to be really shocking, because nothing had told me to expect it," Bigott said. "It was treated with a kind of thematic weight that I think it deserved, and it was much more effective."

So where is this trend headed? The consensus seems to be that horror will continue to engage with taboos. Blake thinks incest is up next, and Bigott suggested necrophilia. Blake also thinks "femgore," a horror subgenre focused on women enacting violence and body horror, will increase.

But that doesn't mean cannibalism is going away anytime soon. There are lots of upcoming cannibal stories on the menu for 2026. These include the final season of "Yellowjackets" and at least three new novels: "Greedy" by Callie Kazumi, "Trad Wife" by Saratoga Schaefer and "Nothing Tastes as Good" by Luke Dumas. Until then, there are plenty of cannibal stories you can sink your teeth into.

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Chorale holding auditions ahead of Carnegie concert

Singers will also perform Meier's 'Mass' in March, Rutter's 'Requiem' in May in Livermore

By Jeremy Walsh

The Valley Concert Chorale is calling on singers in the Tri-Valley to audition for its 2026 season of shows, which include a coveted performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June.

The schedule of concerts in the first half of the year for the chorus group also features the West Coast premiere of Margaret Shelton Meier's "Mass for the Third Millennium" in March, and John Rutter's "Requiem" in May in collaboration with First Presbyterian Church of Livermore and Las Positas Community College Chamber Choir.

"We are especially excited for our

upcoming March concert set when we will premiere the Meier "Mass," said Sarah Allendorf, VCC board president. "and of course Rutter's 'Requiem' in May as we collaborate with the singers of two wonderful community choirs. The excitement will continue when we get to perform the 'Requiem' again at Carnegie Hall in June."

The next round of tryouts is being held next Monday (Jan. 12) at First Presbyterian Church on Fifth Street in Livermore. Call 925-866-4003 to schedule a 15-minute audition appointment.

Prospective singers must commit

to the season with Monday evening rehearsals, have experience with sight-reading, complete a rhythmic exercise and prepare a short song to sing (art song, hymn, folk song or the like in any language) to determine vocal range, according to VCC.

The auditions come during a busy month for the chorale. On Jan. 24, internationally renowned concert pianist Daniel Glover will perform a program of music from Italian composers in "Viva l'Italia" — a benefit show supporting VCC at First Presbyterian Church.

For more information, go to valleyconcertchorale.org. ■



Valley Concert Chorale, conducted by Joseph Castro.

COURTESY VCC

‘Modern Currents’ exhibit opens at Bankhead

Asian artists reflect on traditions and heritage in the modern world

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Bankhead Theater will be featuring various pieces of contemporary art from dozens of Asian artists over the next couple of months as part of the upcoming exhibit, “Modern Currents: Contemporary Asian Voices.”

According to Livermore Valley Arts, the exhibit — which will be on display from this week through March 6 — brings together artists from Cambodia, Taiwan, China, Vietnam, Russia, South Asia and other regions whose works “explore the layered intersections of heritage and modernity.”

“I think it’ll be widely appealing because there’s so much different art,” Anne Giancola, LVA’s visual arts and education manager, told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Giancola said every time she works on curating new exhibits for the gallery, located in the lobby of the theater in downtown Livermore, her goal is to appeal to wide ranges

of people given the diverse population in the Bay Area.

And with the growing population of Asian communities in the region, particularly in the Tri-Valley, she said she wanted to bring new cultures from places — and artists — many haven’t heard of before because those artists also deserve the exposure from a space that gets thousands of visitors like the Bankhead.

“I feel like it’s important to represent artists that might not normally get opportunities to exhibit,” Giancola said. “I try to take that really seriously and try to reach out to a wide range of artists.”

According to a press release from LVA, artists will use various pieces of art, which range from paintings and sculptures to other mixed media, to “reflect on ancient traditions, personal and collective memory, and the rapidly shifting landscapes of their homelands.”

“The exhibit opens space for

dialogue with neighboring cultures across Asia — highlighting shared histories, spiritual motifs, and evolving identities in a globally connected world,” LVA stated in its press release. “More than an art exhibition, ‘Modern Currents’ stands as a confluence of memory, tradition, and transformation across dynamic cultures. Through both tradition and identity, this exhibit explores evolving Asian identities in the modern global world.”

The exhibition will be featured at the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery inside the lobby of the Bankhead Theater. Patrons attending other performances inside the Bankhead can view the exhibit during or after their scheduled events.

The rest of the general public can also view the exhibit for free Thursdays through Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.

According to LVA, there will be an opening reception for the exhibit next Saturday (Jan. 17) from



COURTESY LVA

“Happy Family” by Ivy Yin Ou is part of the new exhibit “Modern Currents: Contemporary Asian Voices” in the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery.

1-3 p.m. where two of the artists who will have their work displayed — Philip Chan and John To from the

Oriental Art Association (USA) — will conduct a demonstration of their Chinese brush technique. ■

‘Tales from the Edge’ shows coming to Danville

Triple-header of early, rarely produced plays presented by Eugene O’Neill Foundation

BY JEANITA LYMAN

The cast and crew of the collection of short plays that will mark the next production from the Eugene O’Neill Foundation is preparing for a three-day run this week that aims to showcase stories of survival from the renowned playwright and one of his contemporaries.

The three plays are unified under the theme of “Tales from the Edge” but feature an array of obstacles, challenges and storylines that continue to be resonant in the present day — including addiction and other mental health struggles, crime and the complicated nature of close relationships.

The lineup consists of two early O’Neill works — “The Dreamy Kid” and “Exorcism,” both from 1919 —

as well as the 1916 play “Cocaine” written by O’Neill’s contemporary, Pendleton King.

In addition to the unifying themes that the upcoming production is seeking to emphasize in the three one-act plays, the trio of works have a commonality in their origin stories, having all been produced by the Provincetown Players.

“They were all about trying to shake up the theater world,” said O’Neill Foundation artistic director Eric Fraisher Hayes, who is co-directing the upcoming production alongside Kimberly Ridgeway.

“They wrote these plays about 100 years ago because they thought everything was too commercial, and they wanted to tell more honest, realistic stories,” he continued. “I feel myself wanting to do the same thing.

It’s really hard to find a story about people anymore.”

Hayes noted that while the works coming from the young writers involved with the Provincetown Players often sought to speak to broader social issues, what is effective about the three plays in the upcoming lineup is their use of personal stories to explore those broader issues.

“I chose ‘Tales from the Edge’ as my framing for these three plays, and I was really meditating on that notion of edge — points in people’s lives where they have to make a decision,” Hayes said. “I feel like it’s very human to recognize that at certain moments, you’ve got to make a choice about who you trust, who you’re going to look out for, whether it’s yourself or someone else.”

Those broader issues are resonant, but heavy ones.

One of the most anticipated plays, Hayes said, is “Exorcism,” a semi-autobiographical account of O’Neill’s own suicide attempt. Following its debut in 1920, O’Neill had sought to have all copies of the play destroyed. Nearly 100 years later, however, a surviving copy was unearthed and made public after it was discovered that O’Neill’s second wife, Agnes Boulton, had kept what was potentially the only surviving copy.

“The Dreamy Kid” also includes O’Neill’s hallmarks of complicated relationships between characters and their internal and external struggles, Hayes said, but with an additional layer of underlying racial tension, with its focus on an all-Black cast during the Jim Crow era.

Of the three plays, Hayes said that themes of addiction and its role in a relationship showcased in King’s “Cocaine” are likely to be the easiest ones for present-day audiences to recognize.

While all three plays deal with grim circumstances and center on their characters’ personal struggles, Hayes said another unifying theme among them — and another precursor to O’Neill’s later work — is their conclusions, with characters all seeking to move forward on their journeys as the stories conclude.

“Tales from the Edge” runs this Friday through Sunday (Jan. 9-11) at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley at 205 Railroad Ave. in Danville. Tickets for Sunday are sold out, with limited tickets remaining for the first two days. ■

AVQ announces 2026 guest speakers, workshops

‘Hands-on learning experiences for guild members and guests’

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Amador Valley Quilters, a nonprofit that serves as a hub for quilters across the Bay Area, recently unveiled its 2026 schedule of speaker events featuring a “diverse lineup of nationally recognized quilting artists.”

The guest speaker events — which are held once a month — will be followed by workshops the following day, according to a press release from the organization.

“Each month, AVQ hosts a guest speaker who shares their quilting journey, techniques, and artistic

insights,” AVQ officials stated. “The following day, workshops provide hands-on learning experiences for guild members and guests.”

According to its website, AVQ started over 40 years ago in the early 1980s when 14 women who were interested in quilting got together and formed the organization.

Since its formation, the organization has served hundreds of members and non-members, most of whom live in the Tri-Valley, by offering a wider range of services including “workshops, lectures, community service projects and public exhibitions.”

The nonprofit also makes and donates hundreds of quilts to various local agencies — including women’s shelters and youth homes — in the Bay Area every year as part of its “Community Quilts” project.

This year, as part of its 2026 calendar of programming, the lineup of speakers includes an expert in Japanese textiles and curved piecing, the author of “Cultural Fusion Quilts” and many more renowned quilters.

The speaker this month, presenting via Zoom on Saturday (Jan. 10) from 1:30-4 p.m., will be Veruschka

Zarate, winner of QuiltCon 2025 Best of Show.

The quilters meet every second Saturday of each month for the guest speaker events and the next day (Sunday) for the workshops. According to the nonprofit, the workshops will only be held on certain Sundays after the general meetings.

Some of the workshop topics will range from “paper piecing to improv piecing and fabric collage,” according to the nonprofit. Workshops will be open to both AVQ members and non-members.

The monthly Saturday meetings will be held either via Zoom or in person at Pleasanton Middle School. The workshops will be held in person at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore or via Zoom. Learn more at amadorvalleyquilters.org.

According to the nonprofit, there will not be any meetings in February, due to the organization’s birthday celebration, and in December, which is when AVQ will be hosting its annual Holiday Tea event that features a parade of community quilts. ■

Opinion

AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

My goal of continuing the legacy of 'Mr. Pleasanton'

Pleasanton suffered a profound loss with the passing of Jeb Bing, and I have a heaviness in my heart that I can't quite put into words.

Jeb was a steadfast champion of Pleasanton, and was affectionately known as "Mr. Pleasanton" around town and in our office.

Pleasanton was his love, and the Pleasanton Weekly is his legacy. The newspaper, the annual Holiday Fund donation campaign and, well, the entire East Bay Division of Embarcadero Media Foundation, stand as a testament to his tireless efforts and deep dedication.

Jeb and I were generations apart, but we connected through a shared commitment to local journalism.

I remain in my role as president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly after 19 years at the helm because, like Jeb, I understand that fact-based local journalism is vital to a community and its residents.

And I know the reporting Pleasanton residents have come to expect from us is not inexpensive.

Our most impactful reporting depends on thorough, time-intensive investigation. For example, it took over a year, multiple public records requests and the threat of intervening in a lawsuit to get the documents to report on a Pleasanton principal who was placed on a mysterious leave and later accused of grooming former students.

In 2009, the economic downturn forced us to take the Pleasanton Weekly's sister paper, the Danville Weekly, out of print. Danville readers were devastated and a few lambasted us because, as one person put it, we

"took away one of the best things to happen to Danville without warning."

Without warning.

I learned a valuable lesson, and I won't make that mistake again.

Beyond sustaining current staffing and publishing a weekly paper — costs that total hundreds of thousands of dollars — we aim to strengthen and expand our journalism.

We also want to continue our annual Holiday Fund campaign, which Jeb launched in 2002. He was very proud of the way the community came together every year to support Tri-Valley nonprofits and was the program lead (and primary cheerleader) from 2002 until 2017, when he retired.

To everyone who donated to this year's Holiday Fund, thank you. For those who haven't contributed yet, do not despair — the campaign doesn't end until Jan. 16.

Thanks to our advertisers and financial support from readers, we can carry out our mission to promote transparency, accountability and the public's right to know through fact-based journalism.

Tax-deductible contributions of any amount at any time are truly appreciated. Considering the misuse of AI that is already occurring and the number of public relations professionals outnumber journalists six to one, the need is never greater than now.

I'm honored to have worked alongside Jeb, with his dry sense of humor, easy smile and keen journalist instincts. He had a huge impact on my life, and will be forever grateful for our friendship.

I'm dedicated to honoring his memory and doing what I can to continue his legacy. ■

LETTERS

Asset inventory by city

Pleasanton's inventory assessment was a good idea. One aspect of managing assets is to determine value relative to replacement need/costs.

Included in this analysis was a review of the fleet of vehicles. Since safety is a preeminent concern, the fleet of police/fire vehicles should be addressed first. The remaining fleet should be assessed in accordance with projected budget shortfalls — not just for this year but extending into the future.

The question must be asked; in light of Pleasanton's current reduction/consolidation of public services (weed abatement, mosquito control, street cleaning, park maintenance, road repair, outsourcing of tree/lawn care, etc.) are all of the maintenance trucks driving around town with a single occupant really necessary?

Where are they going? Could a crew of workers be driven to a job site and dropped off/picked up rather than having a vehicle for each employee?

I sense that some cost reduction could be made in this area — specifically in fuel costs and vehicle wear and tear.

— Jon James

Nonprofit disorganization

I am writing as a Pleasanton resident and long-term supporter of local causes to raise a concern that I believe deserves public attention.

Many nonprofits in our area work hard to serve the community, but too often their operations are marked by a level of disorganization that undermines the public trust and discourages donors.

Recently, I mailed a \$1,000 donation to a local nonprofit. According to the U.S. Postal Service, delivery was attempted on Dec. 3, but the organization had no authorized recipient available to accept it. A second attempt failed for the same reason. On Dec. 27, the check was returned to me as "undeliverable."

It is difficult to understand how any organization — especially one actively soliciting donations — can be so unprepared to receive its own mail.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated experience. I also have over \$600 in donations to other nonprofits, written four and five years ago, that never deposited. These groups were eager to ask for support yet not organized enough to process the contributions they received.

Pleasanton is a community that values professionalism, accountability and responsible stewardship — qualities we expect from our public institutions, our businesses

and our nonprofits alike. When organizations fail to meet basic operational standards, it erodes confidence and harms the very mission they claim to champion.

I hope that by bringing this issue to light, nonprofits in our area will take a closer look at their internal practices and make the improvement necessary to honor the trust that donors place on them.

— Michael Austin

Venezuela

No, no, no, no — this can't be happening, this shouldn't be happening, and yet here we are.

Our elected president, following a run of over 30 strikes on boats in South American waters that were allegedly carrying drugs and have killed at least 115 people, has moved forward on his this-was-my-plan-for-regime-change-all-along with a large scale attack on Venezuela resulting in the removal of President Nicolas Maduro and his wife.

To paraphrase historian Heather Cox Richardson, "this is a very, very, very, big deal," and it's only the beginning. Since the strike on Saturday, Trump has identified Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Greenland and Iran as potential targets for take over by the United States.

You read that right; five more countries are on his hit list.

So what comes next? More world leaders being abducted? Boots on the ground in the identified countries? Nuclear war? All of these are in the realm of possibility with this whack job. If ever there was a time to move forward with impeachment, for the third time no less, this is that time.

Trump is ignoring Congress, and Congress must send the message that it stands for the Constitution and the rule of law.

— Ward Kanowsky

Gratitude to the Pleasanton community

Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab Center would like to thank our Pleasanton community for their support.

Our families and friends who visit regularly. Our church families, St. Augustine's with Dominic Wong; Presbyterian Fellowship, with Betty Gail Hunt; Lighthouse Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Bryson. Our medical director Dr. Raafat Zamary and all the visiting doctors for their special care for our residents.

Our nurses, CNAs and RNAs, who never fail our residents' needs. Our pharmacy, lab and X-ray techs for their team effort.

Our transport services Wheels, Angelica and Royal Ambulance for taking our residents to appointments and returning them

safely. A special thank you to Royal Ambulance for the fresh wreaths for our front doors.

Our delivery services USPS, UPS, FedEx and Amazon for bringing our residents their deliveries.

Our entertainers who share their talents with our residents and families, and staff. Our own bookkeeper Rexella, who plays the piano for our residents on a regular basis.

Our Dietary Department, who cook with love. Our Housekeeping, Laundry and Maintenance Department, who keep our facility clean and well-maintained.

I would be remiss for not mentioning the behind-the-scenes personnel. It takes a village to run our facility. Our Infection Control Nurse, our Social Services Dept., Clinical Care Coordinators, MDS Coordinators, Medical Records Dept., Employee Services / AP Dept., our Unit Secretary, Admissions Dept., Staff Developer Dept., Director of Customer Service, Business Office Dept. and Central Supply / Scheduler.

Finally to our Administrator Ed Johnson, who always takes care of all of us. A kind, fair and generous man we all admire and love.

— Linda DeGennaro, receptionist, PNRC

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Jeb Bing and Gina Channell Wilcox represent the Pleasanton Weekly during the 2014 Hometown Holiday Parade in downtown.

Sports



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Five Dons score in boys' soccer shutout of San Marin

Also: Amador boys' basketball goes 3-1 in Holiday Hoop Classic, earns two other wins over winter break

The Amador Valley varsity boys' soccer team stayed on a roll with a 6-0 win over San Marin on Saturday.

The two sides played even for the first 31 minutes of the match until Jonas Lyons opened up the scoring with a goal for the Dons, converting an assist from Oliver Heid.

The first goal opened the flood gates for Amador as five more goals came.

Diogo Tempero, Nico Baylosis, Avi Gorrepati, Ryan Smiley and a second from Lyons finished out the scoring for the Dons. The biggest of the six goals came from Tempero, who was playing in his first game since recovering from a broken leg he suffered in the fall.

Defensively, the Dons were impenetrable, with freshman

goalkeeper Andrew Haskell earning a clean sheet in his varsity debut.

Gorrepati earned the player of the game designation for his relentless pressure throughout.

The win helped the Dons to a 7-1 record as they head to the deep and talented East Bay Athletic League.

The junior varsity team also got a win over San Marin as Aiden Han scored the lone goal as the Dons got the 1-0 win.

Dyllan Perrez Gallegos got the assist on the game-winner. Nico Rodriguez, Eli Yeh and Ewan Kinnear controlled the midfield throughout the match, creating chances and disrupting attacks.

Jace Danielson helped create the goal from a throw into the San Marin goal area.

The Amador freshman team played twice last week winning at Freedom 3-1, then beating San Marin 2-1.

Calvin Sharma scored a pair of goals in the win over Freedom, with Jason Pineda knocking in a pair in the win against San Marin the second.

Goalkeeper Daniel Heid contributed in both games with a few terrific saves.

Amador Valley boys' basketball

The Dons took part in the always-loaded Modesto Christian Holiday Hoop Classic and came away with a 3-1 mark.



AARON FRANKLIN

The five goal scorers for Amador Valley in the win over San Marin were (from left) Ryan Smiley, Avi Gorrepati, Jonas Lyons, Diogo Tempero and Nicolas Baylosis.

In the opener, Amador beat Enochs 70-43, led by 20 points from Cade Krueger. Jaylen Smith added 11 for the Dons.

The loss came in the second game and was a 49-47 loss to Buchanan. Krueger had 17, Smith added 13 and Elijah Stanley scored 12.

Amador got back to their winning ways with a 57-48 win over Gregori. Smith had 21 to lead the scoring with Krueger adding 15. Eli Pace had 10 rebounds for Amador.

The final game of the tournament was a 76-51 win over Clovis East.

Smith had 25 and Krueger 19 to pace the scoring. Pace had seven points and nine rebounds.

The Dons then started 2026 off nicely with a 73-62 win over Freedom on Jan. 2. Smith had 23 points with Krueger adding 18. Pace had 11 rebounds.

Finally, Amador wrapped the break with a 57-54 win over St. Mary's of Albany. Smith had 20 points to lead the scoring with Krueger adding 10 points and Stanley finished with nine. Pace finished eight points and led the Dons with seven rebounds. ■

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 605520

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):

CGT ELECTRIC
8700 hillside st
Oakland ca 94605

FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/12/2024

UNDER FILE NO. 605520

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):

CESAR AUGUSTO GONZALEZ TAPIA

8700 HILLSIDE ST

OAKLAND CA 94605

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY AN Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on December 05 2025.

(PLW Dec 12, 19, 2025, Jan 2 and 9, 2026)

INDIAN TIFFINS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619667

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

1.) Indian Tiffins , located at 22003 Hoffman Way, Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MANISH PARMAR

22003 Hoffman Way

Castro Valley, CA 94546

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/20/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 24 2025.

(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

GROUP INTELLECT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619228

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

1.) GROUP INTELLECT , located at 1047 Serpentine Ln, Suite 200, Pleasanton CA, 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

GROUP INTELLECT

1047 Serpentine Ln, Suite 200

Pleasanton CA, 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/02/25

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

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PAYMORE DUBLIN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619512

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

1.) PayMore Dublin , located at 7007 Dublin Blvd Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

DUBLIN ELECTRONICZ LLC

7007 Dublin Blvd

Dublin, CA 94568

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/1/2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 16 2025.

(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

FLOOR COVERINGS INTERNATIONAL OF EAST BAY, CA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619796

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

1.) Floor Coverings International Of East Bay, CA , located at 5600 Sunol Blvd, STE D Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

DJSWM C15, INC.

5600 Sunol Blvd, STE D

Pleasanton, CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 1/2/26

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 02

2026.

(PLW Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026)

A2B TRADING COMPANY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619544

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

1.) A2B Trading Company , located at 7668

Las Positas Rd Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

A2B LINK, INC.

7668 Las Positas Rd

Livermore, CA 94551

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 12/08/2025

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

17 2025.

(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

BERKELEY DENTAL CENTER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619767

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

1.) Berkeley Dental Center , located at

2999 Regent St. #714, Berkeley, CA 94705,

Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2383

California Street, Suite 5 San Francisco, CA

94115

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

BAY AREA DENTAL INC.

2383 California Street, Suite 5

San Francisco, CA 94115

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 11/17/2025

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

31 2025.

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MIGHTY MECHANICS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619397

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

1.) Mighty Mechanics , located at 5834

Newfields Ln Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda

County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MIGUEL QUINTERO LOPEZ

5834 Newfields Ln

Dublin, CA 94568

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 December

10 2025.

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STARFIRE ORIGINS

STARFIRE JEWELS AND GEMS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619875

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

1.) Starfire Origins , 2.) Starfire Jewels And

Gems , located at 11754 Murietta Ct, Dublin,

CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

MARY K FERRIS

11754 Murietta Ct

Dublin, CA 94568

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 January 05

2026.

(PLW Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026)

TREASURY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619352

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

1.) Treasury Management Solutions , located

at 5207 Crestline Way Pleasanton, CA 94566,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

JEANNE CASTRO SCHMIDT

5207 Crestline Way

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on December 5, 1995

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

09 2025.

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LIVERMORE EXECUTIVE RV & BOAT STORAGE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619255

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

1.) Livermore Executive RV & Boat Storage ,

located at 4528 Contractors Place Livermore,

CA 94551, Alameda County. Mailing Address:

1301 Ygnacio Valley Road, Suite 200 Walnut

Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.

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

TA DAH, LLC

1301 Ygnacio Valley Road, Suite 200

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 12/01/2025

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

03 2025.

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AYUDA MIGRANTES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619617

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

1.) AYUDA MIGRANTES , located at 22302

CENTER ST. APT 27 CASTRO VALLEY, CA

94546, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

GRETHEL ISABEL GOMEZ

22302 CENTER ST. APT 27

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 December

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OLDEN MILL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619485

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

1.) Olden Mill , located at 678 Concord Pl,

Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

LIUDMILA FILKOVA

678 Concord Pl

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

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

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PMS (PROFESSIONAL MOVING SERVICE)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619230

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

1.) PMS (PROFESSIONAL MOVING SERVICE)

, located at 25341 CYPRESS AVE APT 35

HAYWARD, CA 94544, Alameda County.

Mailing Address: 4217 Orinda Way

Bakersfield, CA 93306.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

PMS (PROFESSIONAL MOVING SERVICE)

25341 CYPRESS AVE APT 35

HAYWARD, CA 94544

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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WALKER & DAUGHTERS BUILDERS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619499

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

1.) Walker & Daughters Builders , located

at 2356 Cantalise Drive Dublin, CA 94568,

Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

EVAN WALKER

2356 Cantalise Drive

Dublin, CA 94568

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

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2335 CHESTNUT ST

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619137

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

1.) 2335 Chestnut St , located at 2335

Chestnut St. Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda

County. Mailing Address: 1201 Creek Trail

Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ALBERT WILCOX

1201 Creek Trail Drive

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

on 04/01/1977

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SMILE KIND DENTAL CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619412
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Smile Kind Dental Care , located at 4138 Dyer St Suite #3, Union City, CA, 94587, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SARAH KIM DDS DENTAL CORP
4138 Dyer St Suite #3
Union City, CA, 94587
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
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KREO CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619387
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Kreo Construction , located at 328 Gramercy Pl Oakland, CA 94603, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
KREO ENTERPRISES LLC
328 Gramercy Pl
Oakland, CA 94603
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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FANTASY SOUND EVENT SERVICES FANTASY SOUND FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619409
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Fantasy Sound Event Services , 2.) Fantasy Sound , located at 320 Stealth Court, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
KEVIN DENNIS
320 Stealth Court
Livermore, CA 94551
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/1989
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HOUSE OF VANITIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619323
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) House Of Vanities , located at 3015 Teagarden St, San Leandro, CA 94577, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HSKB GROUP INC
3033 Teagarden St
San Leandro, CA 94577
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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GENTLE NEST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619388

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GENTLE NEST , located at 7975 Fall Creek Road, Apt 307 Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RHAQUEL ROCHA E LIMA
7975 Fall Creek Road, Apt 307
Dublin, CA 94568
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/10/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 10 2025.
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D2K CPA OFFICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619529
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) D2K CPA Office , located at 8909 San Ramon Rd, Dublin CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DAE SIK KIM
8909 SAN RAMON RD
DUBLIN, CA 94568
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/09/2012
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 16 2025.
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SF BAY AREA CHAPTER OF BETTER INVESTING MODEL INVESTMENT CLUB FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619390
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SF BAY AREA CHAPTER OF BETTER INVESTING MODEL INVESTMENT CLUB , located at 450 MAIN ST SUITE #200, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: a General Partnership.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
REBECCA TONG
450 MAIN STREET SUITE #200
PLEASANTON, CA 94566
SERINA KWOK
149 GARDINER AVENUE
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2011
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 10 2025.
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2146/2148 LINDEN ST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619631
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) 2146/2148 LINDEN ST , located at 2146 Linden St, Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ALBERT WILCOX
1201 Creek Trail Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/1984
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 23 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

REDWOOD INSURANCE SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619288
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Redwood Insurance Solutions , located at 6088 Sunol Blvd. Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA, 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
REDWOOD COVERAGE PARTNERS, LLC
1920 Hillhurst Ave. #1075
Los Angeles, CA 90027

State of Incorporation/Organization:
Delaware
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 December 05 2025.
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8STEW8 INK & STITCH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 618950
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) 8STEW8 Ink & Stitch , located at 30705 Lyric Ter Union City, CA 94587, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DOMINIK STEWART
30705 Lyric Ter
Union City, CA 94587
PRINCESS STEWART
30705 Lyric Ter
Union City, CA 94587
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/16/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 19 2025.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 25CV161352
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Chandrika Grama Doraswamy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CHANDRIKA GRAMA DORASWAMY to CHANDRIKA DORASWAMY GRAMA
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: Feb 13, 2026, 09:00 AM, Civil (514) of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: Dec 26 2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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: 02/06/2026, 9:00am, 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: 12/26/2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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

Case No.: 25CV156503
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: River Tipton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
RIVER TIPTON to TALON MATTY TIPTON
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: 1/16/2026, 9am, Rene.C Davidson of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1225 Fallon St. , Oakland, CA 94612.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 12/1/2025
Chad Finke
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Dec 19, 2025, Jan 2, 9 and 16, 2026)

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

Case No.: 25CV156240
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: JIN ZHANG and YOUYAN ZENG, on behalf of minor child, CHENXU ZHANG, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CHENXU ZHANG to TOM ZHANG
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 30, 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: 11/24/2025
Hon. Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Dec 12, 19, 2025, Jan 2 and 9, 2026)

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

Case No.: 25CV157564
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Andrew Alan Moore filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ANDREW ALAN KNOWLTON to ANDREW ALAN MOORE
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 30, 2026, 9:00am, Family law 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: 12/04/2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Dec 12, 19, 2025, Jan 2 and 9, 2026)

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

Case No.: 25CV158079
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Cuong Duc Nguyen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CUONG DUC NGUYEN to KEVIN CUONG NGUYEN
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: February 13, 2026, 09:00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: December 08, 2025
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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

Case No.: 25CV158838
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Mary Louise Allen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MARY LOUISE ALLEN to TAMAR LOUISE ALLEN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: 02/13/2026, 9:00am, 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: 12/10/2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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Public Notices

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CY156981

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Elsa Jane Ramona Castillo Polanco filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ELSA JANE RAMONA CASTILLO POLANCO to JANNY CASTILLO

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 16, 2026, 9:00 A.M., 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: 12/02/2025

Assigned Judge Of Alameda County Supreme Court

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Dec 12, 19, 2025, Jan 2 and 9, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV155264

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: MICHAEL A. NEESE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MICHAEL ANTHONY CACILHAS to MICHAEL ANTHONY NEESE

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 16, 2026, 9:00 A.M., 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: NOVEMBER 19, 2025

THOMAS J. NIXON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Dec 12, 19, 2025, Jan 2 and 9, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV157613

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Sorphea Ouk Wong filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SORPHEA OUK WONG to SOPHIA OUK WONG ARIYAH SOPHIA WONG to ARIA SOPHIA WONG

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 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: December 4, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Dec 12, 19, 2025, Jan 2 and 9, 2026)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

DAVID CHEW

Case No.: 25PR158731

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID CHEW.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Traci M. Chew in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Traci M. Chew 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 January 14 2026 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:

Raquel Lazar-Paley, Esq.

Paley & Prehn, PLC

819 Eddy Street

San Francisco, CA 94109

415-338-8226

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- Fictitious Business Name
- Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name
- Name Change
- Partnership Withdrawal or Dissolution
- Petition to Administer Estate - Probate Hearing
- Notice of Bulk Sale
- Legal Summons
- Trustee Sale

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/

For assistance email LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com.

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

STEALIN' CHICAGO The San Francisco Bay Area's Aja Vu Band pays tribute to the timeless music of Steely Dan and Chicago. Known for their faithful renditions, Aja Vu blends the rich harmonies and classic horns that define the sound of these musical legends. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 9. Tickets \$33-\$38. Visit firehousearts.org.

STOP MAKING SENSE - FILM Newly restored in 4K to coincide with its 40th anniversary, the 1984 film directed by Jonathan Demme is considered by critics as the greatest concert film of all time. The live performance was shot at Hollywood's Pantages Theater and features Talking Heads' most memorable songs. 8 p.m., Jan. 9. Visit livermorearts.org.

PYTC ADDAMS FAMILY This comical feast embraces the wackiness in every family, featuring an original story and a dilemma that's every father's nightmare. Jan. 17-18, 24-25. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

TVTC'S THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL Tri-Valley Theater Company's The Addams Family is a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, featuring an original story. Jan. 17-18, Jan 24-25, Jan.31 to Feb. 1. Tickets \$45. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

LIVERMORE STORIES EXHIBIT Visit the Art Gallery at the Civic Center Library to discover personal stories by remarkable authors who share why Livermore is special to them featuring writings by adult learners exercising skills they've honed meeting with volunteer tutors and/or attending English conversation groups. On display through January.

THE INDEPENDENT GALLERY Dedicated to showcasing solo and small group exhibitions by local and regional artists, this dynamic space highlights diverse artistic voices and fosters community engagement through rotating contemporary art displays. Bill Owens, Jan. 9 to Feb. 28. 6-8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2250 First St., Livermore.

FIREHOUSE LOBBY EXHIBIT Where Waters End: Wei-Ting Chuang's Art Journey, features nearly 20 works by the artist including the artist's signature works of East Asian brushwork, ink and pigment on paper. Jan. 10 to Feb. 28. Visit firehousearts.org.

FLORA IN FOCUS EXHIBIT The Harrington Gallery welcomes back the Flora in Focus group exhibition featuring approximately 100 works of various mediums where 13 local artists take part in this floral-themed show. Jan. 10 to March 7. Visit firehousearts.org.

CONTEMPORARY ASIAN VOICES EXHIBIT Through painting, sculpture and mixed media, these artists reflect on ancient traditions, personal and collective memory, and the rapidly shifting landscapes of their homelands. UNCLE Credit Union Art

Gallery at the Bankhead. Through March 8. Visit livermorearts.org.

IMAGINATION EXPRESSED 2026 This annual show from Pleasanton Art League features paintings, photography, drawings, jewelry and other media from Tri-Valley artists. Now through March 14. Museum on Main.

MEMORIAL WALL EXHIBITION The work of Jean Batchelder will be on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall featuring 15 of the artist's representative watercolor works utilizing techniques of subtractive painting and watercolor on yupo paper. Jan. 17 to March 14. Visit firehousearts.org.

Farmers Markets

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

LIVERMORE FARMERS MARKET The Livermore Farmers Market is Sunday, year-round. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 206 South J St.

Outdoor Rec

WINTER BIRDING AT DEL VALLE Bring the family to the lake for bird spotting. Meet at Arroyo Mocho Picnic area. No registration required. 10-11:30 a.m., Jan. 10, 17, 31. Visit ebparks.org/things-to-do.

NEW YEAR NEW ME HIKE Kick off the new year with a brisk 3.5-mile hike with LAPRD at Sycamore Grove Park and explore the gentle hills and wildlife on the Patterson Ranch trail. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Jan. 10. Free registration at larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM Join LAPRD to discuss some of the amazing and unique adaptations that the natural world uses to survive the harsh winter. 2-3 p.m., Jan. 11. Ranger Station Picnic Area. Visit larpd.org.

NATIVE GARDEN WORK DAYS Tend and nurture the native gardens at Sycamore Grove Park where volunteers help provide seasonal weeding, planting, pruning and more. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jan. 16, Feb. 6 and 27. Visit larpd.org.

MUSHROOM MADNESS The annual mushroom hunt returns to the park where the Bay Area Mycological Society joins LAPRD rangers to lead groups into the park in search of fruiting fungi. 1-3 p.m., Jan. 18. Free registration at larpd.org.

Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Guest speaker Veruschka Zarate presents Finding Pride and Joy in Quilting in this Zoom meeting. Veruschka is an accomplished award-winning quilt maker and pattern designer, specializing in the technique of foundation paper

piecing. 1:30-4 p.m., Jan. 10. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR THOMAS FULLER Journalist and author Thomas Fuller will discuss his book, The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory, which looks back at the remarkable 2021 and 2022 seasons during which the California School for the Deaf chased history. 2 p.m., Jan. 10, Livermore Civic Center Library.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING Lisa Vogeles will discuss Travel Your Tree: Where Ancestry Meets Adventure. Discover how to trace ancestor's paths, visiting battlefields, exploring ancestral villages, or connecting with distant relatives. 7 p.m., Jan. 12. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Visit l-ags.org.

IN-HOME CARE - 20 THINGS TO ASK BEFORE The best time to plan for in-home care is before you need it. Whether preparing for the future or recovering from surgery, learn how the right support keeps life on track and receive a free guide with 20 must-ask questions. 1-2 p.m., Jan. 13. Free registration at larpd.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Join Tri-Valley Writers for Winterfest: The Craft of Writing, Round Robin Workshop. 2-4 p.m., Jan. 17. La Quinta Inn, Dublin. Register by Jan. 15 at treasurer@trivalleywriters.org.

Seniors

BRIDGE AT PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Join for Bridge 12:45-3:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursday. Drop-in fees apply \$3.00R/\$3.50N.

PLEASANTON PEDALERS CYCLING Pleasanton Pedalers Cycling is 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

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

GAME TIME Game time at the Pleasanton Senior Center is 1-3 p.m., Mondays. Drop-in fees apply.

SENIOR (50+) POP UP TRIP Enjoy a special Behind the Scenes motorcoach tour through Hilmar's world-renowned cheese and whey facility, sample fresh cheeses and a catered lunch. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 21. \$97R \$107NR. Visit larpd.org.

Government

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Jan. 15. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular meetings begin at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District Office, 685 E. Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is Jan. 13. Visit livermoreschools.org.

Real Estate

Project to cut red tape for new housing moves forward

Inspired ADUs to help county flesh out 'Scalable Housing Investment Funding Toolkit' pilot

By KILEY RUSSELL / BAY CITY NEWS

Alameda County's effort to cut red tape from housing production took a step forward recently with the selection of an Oakland-based architectural firm to spearhead part of the project.

The county's Housing and Community Development Department announced last month that the firm Inspired ADUs will help flesh out the new "Scalable Housing Investment Funding Toolkit" pilot project during its first three-year phase.

"Alameda County's SHIFT Program is among the most forward-thinking housing initiatives in the state, and Inspired ADUs is uniquely equipped to help realize its vision,"

Inspired ADUs CEO Carrie Shores Diller said.

The firm, which responded to a county request for proposals from October, has built affordable housing in Oakland, Santa Clara, Novato, Berkeley and other cities across Northern California, according to county officials.

The SHIFT initiative is described by the county as "a first-of-its-kind pilot program" intended to boost production of affordable housing by using pre-permitted designs and streamlined approvals.

The goal is to build homes for families that make between 60 percent and 80 percent of the Area Median Income while cutting development costs and delays.

SHIFT projects are intended for "small,

irregular, or undervalued parcels that are currently uneconomical for traditional development", county officials said when releasing the RFP.

Inspired ADUs specializes in those exact types of projects, according to the county, and the company's proposal was chosen because of its "strong design approach" and its "wide portfolio of completed infill projects", among other things.

"Pre-permitted standardized designs will bring down regulatory barriers and create quality housing below the cost we have been seeing in the last ten years," said county housing director Michelle Starratt.

The pre-permitted designs will be scalable

from four to 16 units per property and will be publicly available to other counties or cities looking to do something similar.

Also, funding for SHIFT projects will be simplified via a "single-source, non-competitive investment model", county officials said.

For the first three years of the pilot project, county housing officials will also work with local planning departments "to refine designs, navigate pre-permitting processes and support the development of up to 50 units in the pilot's first round of development".

The contract for design services presented to Inspired ADUs is worth up to \$250,000, although the exact amount and terms are still being negotiated, according to county officials. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 13-24 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, and Dec. 1-12 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 5390 Black Avenue** Jenkins Trust to S. & C. Lum for \$1,175,000
- 423 Del Sol Avenue** Intersect Communities LLC to N. & H. Pasic for \$1,600,000
- 3338 Marsh Hawk Court** Sanchez Living Trust to A. & N. Dua for \$2,400,000
- 6781 Menlo Court** Silva Family Trust to R. & B. Yeruva for \$1,475,000
- 1718 Nursery Way** Strickler Trust to S. & B. Deivasigamani for \$1,700,000
- 4150 Remillard Court** Benson Family Trust to S. & K. Shirol for \$3,325,000
- 6244 Robin Court** Ziegler Family Trust to P. Desinguraj for \$1,300,000
- 1225 Royal Creek Court** Li & Zhao Family Trust to T. & Y. Zhang for \$2,380,000
- 1751 Spumante Place** Z. Zhou to G. & V. Koppurapu for \$4,265,000
- 3939 Vineyard Avenue** Bly Living Trust to J. & Y. Liu for \$2,020,000
- 825 Abbie Street** Lindsey Living Trust to Madson Family Trust for \$2,225,000
- 3550 Arbor Court** Rutledge Living Trust to Jun Trust for \$1,780,000
- 3186 Berkshire Court** Thomas Family Trust to M. & V. Gupta for \$1,655,000
- 2109 Black Oak Court** N. Wu to S. & P. Patel for \$4,300,000
- 7710 Canyon Meadow Circle #D** H. Yeh to C. Ho for \$354,000
- 4410 Clovewood Lane** S. Vutukury to D. & N. Simaria for \$1,600,000
- 2050 Cotterell Court** S. & J. Hamlin to S. & S. Paruvu for \$1,950,000
- 2863 El Capitan Drive** K. Lai to Y. & H. Padaval for \$1,240,000
- 4645 Helpert Court** P. Chan to W & Y Construction Inc for \$1,060,000
- 7297 Huntswood Court** Ko Family Trust to Rich Family Trust for \$3,600,000
- 2802 Jones Gate Court** Konjicija Trust to C. & R. Navarrete for \$1,475,000
- 1025 Pineto Place** Pai Family Trust to Trivedi Family Trust for \$4,010,000
- 3625 Pontina Court** Kim Trust to P. & A. Agarwal for \$3,718,000
- 2147 Rheem Drive** A. & Y. Zusmanovich to A. & S. Ambosta for \$920,000
- 3145 Tonopah Court** Siragusa Trust to Zhang & Wu Family Trust for \$822,000
- 1525 Whispering Oaks Way** S. & J. Williamson to Varkali Living Trust for \$2,010,000

Sunol

83 Kilkare Road Sugaoka Trust to K. & A. Chesterman for \$1,465,000

Livermore

- 259 Alden Lane** Glasco Living Trust to Ramineni Family Trust for \$2,750,000
- 368 Beverly Street** Spalasso Trust to Das Living Trust for \$1,600,000
- 1817 Bluebell Drive** V. Chapman to Openridge Investments LLC for \$550,000
- 5749 Cherry Way** Finney Trust to V. Avasarala for \$1,480,000
- 1247 Columbus Avenue** Cornerstone Bridgepoint LLC to C. & M. Sieben for \$1,450,000
- 958 El Caminito** E. & B. Filo to M. Jalal for \$1,140,000
- 2157 Farmington Place** J. & M. Nonn to Raghunandan Trust for \$1,675,000
- 723 Misty Circle** A. & N. Kahal to V. Ramareddi for \$1,142,500
- 3857 Pestana Way** Carlson Family Trust to C. & R. Mane for \$1,070,000
- 236 Plum Tree Street** S. & A. Cheng to Q. & X. Wang for \$910,000
- 4355 Raymond Road** Deutscher Trust to H. & J. Chon for \$2,340,000
- 1121 Riviera Court** M. Lacey to E. & C. Corona for \$1,245,000
- 5477 Stockton Loop** R. & P. Sullivan to W. & D. Liu for \$1,950,000
- 342 Adelle Street** M. & A. Fontanilla to J. Amireddy for \$660,000
- 473 Andrea Circle** Davis-Huedepohl Trust to K. & F. Betancourt for \$940,000
- 304 Avondale Lane** Stark Living Trust to C. & T. Lay for \$1,765,000
- 651 Brookfield Drive** Richards Trust to E. & B. Garduno for \$1,225,000
- 1324 Chateau Common #206** S. Warner to S. Duterte for \$510,000
- 771 Hagemann Drive** A. & Y. Kugman to S. & R. Arteta for \$998,000
- 1037 Lexington Way** M. & D. Wohlgemuth to George Family Trust for \$2,000,000
- 1464 Locust Street** E & A 2025 Investments LLC to T. & V. Sanchez for \$1,088,000
- 1244 Locust Street** R. Grundstrom to Jkai Investments LLC for \$850,000
- 967 Miranda Way** Alaux Living Trust to L. Jimenez for \$882,000
- 173 Rainier Avenue** J. Corkery to A. & A. Chowdhury for \$1,300,000
- 1052 Rincon Avenue** Lane Trust to L. & M. Mostovoy for \$960,000
- 3877 Santa Clara Way** S. & G. Walker to A. & L. Gonzalez for \$880,000
- 2470 Sheffield Drive** Tahtaras Trust to N. & P. Ludwig for \$1,750,000
- 791 Via Del Sol** Profumo Trust to A. Samanta for \$1,210,000

Dublin

6017 Basaltina Place Z. Xiao to S. Mukku for \$1,850,000

- 6944 Cedar Lane** Chapman Trust to W. Gong for \$1,150,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #420** Freedom Mortgage Corporation to K. Sidhu for \$536,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #420** B. Kreitzer to K. Joshi for \$680,000
- 1817 Bluebell Drive** V. Chapman to Openridge Investments LLC for \$550,000
- 5749 Cherry Way** Finney Trust to V. Avasarala for \$1,480,000
- 1247 Columbus Avenue** Cornerstone Bridgepoint LLC to C. & M. Sieben for \$1,450,000
- 958 El Caminito** E. & B. Filo to M. Jalal for \$1,140,000
- 2157 Farmington Place** J. & M. Nonn to Raghunandan Trust for \$1,675,000
- 723 Misty Circle** A. & N. Kahal to V. Ramareddi for \$1,142,500
- 3857 Pestana Way** Carlson Family Trust to C. & R. Mane for \$1,070,000
- 236 Plum Tree Street** S. & A. Cheng to Q. & X. Wang for \$910,000
- 4355 Raymond Road** Deutscher Trust to H. & J. Chon for \$2,340,000
- 1121 Riviera Court** M. Lacey to E. & C. Corona for \$1,245,000
- 5477 Stockton Loop** R. & P. Sullivan to W. & D. Liu for \$1,950,000
- 342 Adelle Street** M. & A. Fontanilla to J. Amireddy for \$660,000
- 473 Andrea Circle** Davis-Huedepohl Trust to K. & F. Betancourt for \$940,000
- 304 Avondale Lane** Stark Living Trust to C. & T. Lay for \$1,765,000
- 651 Brookfield Drive** Richards Trust to E. & B. Garduno for \$1,225,000
- 1324 Chateau Common #206** S. Warner to S. Duterte for \$510,000
- 771 Hagemann Drive** A. & Y. Kugman to S. & R. Arteta for \$998,000
- 1037 Lexington Way** M. & D. Wohlgemuth to George Family Trust for \$2,000,000
- 1464 Locust Street** E & A 2025 Investments LLC to T. & V. Sanchez for \$1,088,000
- 1244 Locust Street** R. Grundstrom to Jkai Investments LLC for \$850,000
- 967 Miranda Way** Alaux Living Trust to L. Jimenez for \$882,000
- 173 Rainier Avenue** J. Corkery to A. & A. Chowdhury for \$1,300,000
- 1052 Rincon Avenue** Lane Trust to L. & M. Mostovoy for \$960,000
- 3877 Santa Clara Way** S. & G. Walker to A. & L. Gonzalez for \$880,000
- 2470 Sheffield Drive** Tahtaras Trust to N. & P. Ludwig for \$1,750,000
- 791 Via Del Sol** Profumo Trust to A. Samanta for \$1,210,000
- 408 Fernando Court** M. & P. Johnson to Y. & H. Lee for \$1,625,000
- 52 Fircrest Court** Checchi Living Trust to Dauphin-Boehm Trust for \$860,000
- 600 Guaymas Court** Goyke Living Trust to J. Mui for \$875,000
- 4720 Norris Canyon Road #206** Q. Wang to Tio Marsica Family Trust for \$727,500
- 5430 Sherwood Way** R. & S. Borromeo to P. & D. Sarkar for \$2,650,000
- 6130 Yardley Lane** Golden Rosary LLC to N. & M. Merchant for \$1,225,000
- 1236 Andreas Way** Lee & Hui Family Trust to Makode Family Trust for \$2,225,000
- 2150 Canyon Lakes Drive** Kumar Family Trust to A. & M. Agarwal for \$1,470,000
- 9014 Craydon Circle** T. Ribaldo to C. Lamb for \$280,000
- 9054 Craydon Circle** S. Ngan to Cestone Trust for \$280,000
- 434 Devon Court** Andersson Family Trust to G. Marutyan for \$1,650,000
- 44 Dos Rios Court** Austen Prestige Group LLC to M. & K. Singh for \$2,030,000
- 94 Dos Rios Place** Lubbock Family Trust to K. & K. Kalaiarasan for \$1,502,000
- 162 Eastridge Drive** A. Constable to S. Nallon for \$536,000
- 108 Geranium Court** M. Mantyvaara to Y. & S. Sadhu for \$1,970,000
- 362 Meadowood Circle** Benna Family Trust to Q. & D. Huo for \$1,010,000
- 3638 Sandalford Way** Smith Family Trust to G. & R. Kulkarni for \$1,800,000
- 26 Seminole Court** Sujishi Living Trust to V. & S. Pillai for \$2,075,000
- 612 Sunflower Court** Douglas Family Trust to Uksusman Living Trust for \$1,870,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Oct. 13-24)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$354,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,300,000
Average sales reported: \$2,090,730

Sunol (Oct. 13-24)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$1,465,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,465,000
Average sales reported: \$1,465,000

Livermore (Oct. 13-24)

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$510,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000
Average sales reported: \$1,297,160

Dublin (Oct. 13-24)

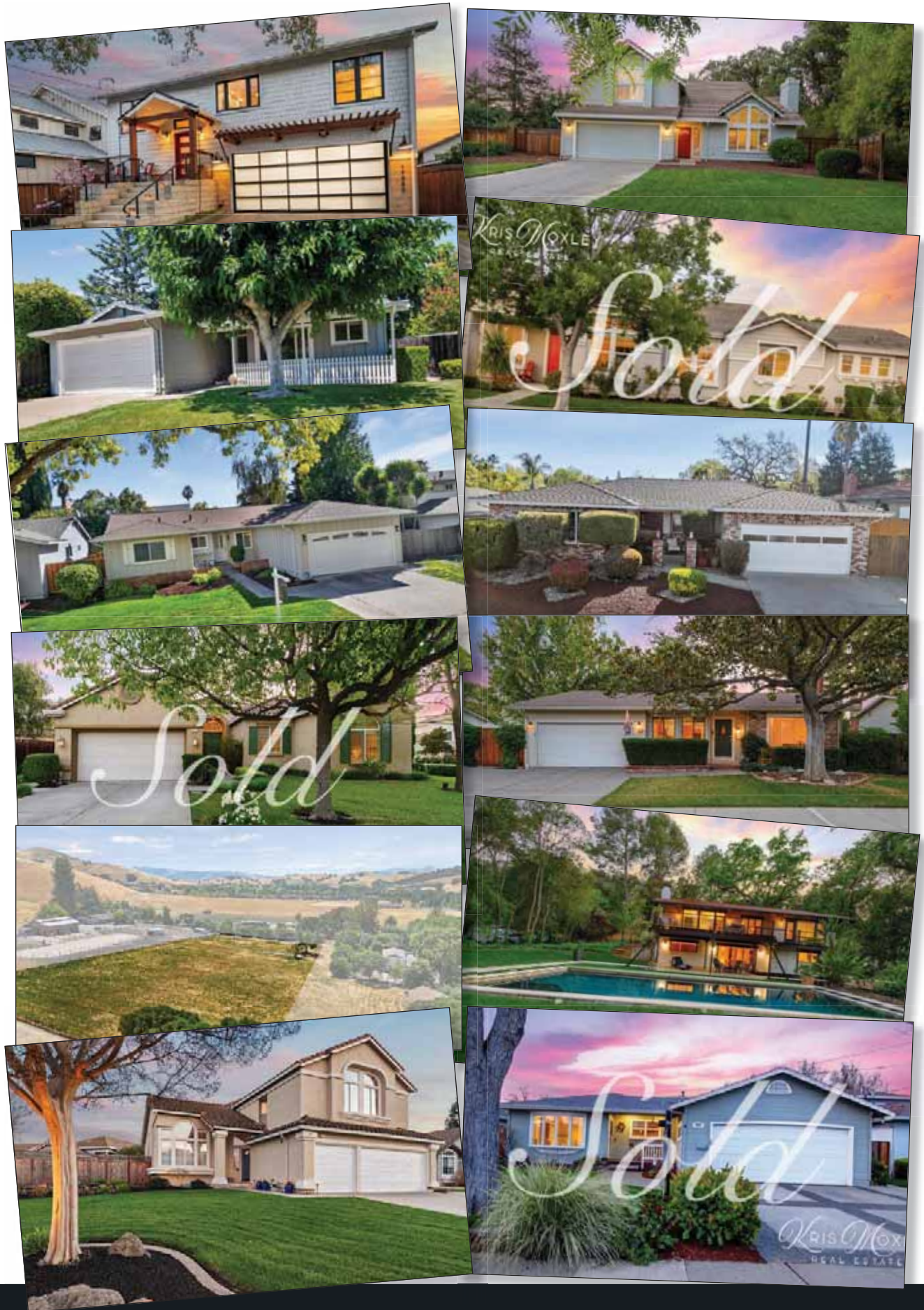
Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$346,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,850,000
Average sales reported: \$1,119,823

San Ramon (Dec. 1-12)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$280,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000
Average sales reported: \$1,476,136

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