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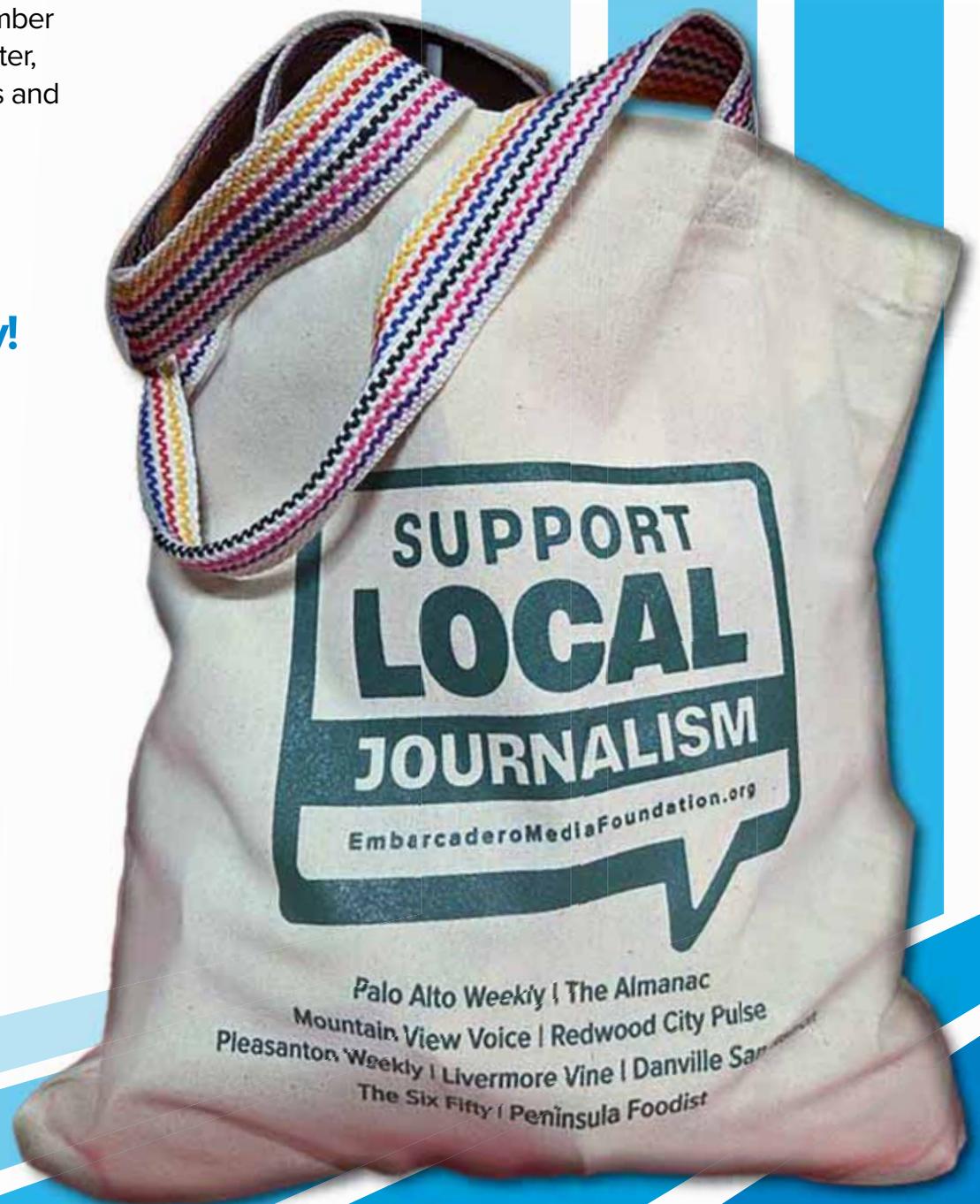
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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Murder case updates

Homicide cases can be among the most drawn-out criminal proceedings in our court system.

It makes sense when you think about it — the investigations are complex, there is so much at stake, and county courts are overburdened on the whole. Nevertheless, the duration can be mind-numbing for the victims' families, the defendants, the witnesses, the detectives, the lawyers, the judges and the public at-large.

I decided to check on the status of several recent unresolved murder cases in the Tri-Valley, finding most are moving along at one pace or another but alone each update probably isn't worth its own individual headline.

After reading through the case files and asking around, I'm struck at the similarities that arise in our local homicides and those in the national news. Making no judgments on the facts of these cases nor assumptions about how the legal process will play out each time, it's just hard to ignore common themes like domestic violence, mental health, family troubles, intoxicated driving and more.

Take the murder case against 31-year-old Malcolm Tilley, charged with brutally stabbing his 71-year-old mother Marjory Tilley in the Pleasanton house they shared on April 1. She was remembered by friends as a devoted volunteer and woman of faith who kept her home life private, while he claimed to officers that she berated and emasculated him for years and "he had enough", according to the initial police report.

Come to find out he's challenged the veracity of that police interview and apparent confession in the months since. Malcolm Tilley, who has been representing himself in court, filed a motion to dismiss handwritten from jail.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Toni Mims-Cochran held him to answer for charges of first-degree murder and special allegations of deadly weapon use and great bodily injury after a preliminary hearing Dec. 1. Malcolm Tilley was subsequently arraigned and pleaded not guilty, and his next court date was this week with results pending.

Pleasanton's other murder case of 2025 is not nearly as far along in the legal process.

Lucas Chan, who turned 29 while in Santa Rita Jail this fall, finally entered a plea for the first time Nov. 3 — not guilty and denying special allegations for the circumstances surrounding the shooting death of his 61-year-old father Lance Chan in the family's home on Helpert Court in August.

He faces first-degree murder, six

counts of possessing a destructive device near a populated location and one count of having components of a destructive device. The probable cause statement authored by Pleasanton police Officer Brian Jewell sheds more light on what happened Aug. 15.

An argument reportedly ensued that fateful day. The parents confronted their son through the closed door to his bedroom but walked away after determining the conversation was not being reciprocated; five to 10 minutes later the mom heard multiple gunshots and found her husband on the floor bleeding from his chest, according to the officer.

Lucas Chan has not yet had his preliminary hearing, which is when a judge will decide if there's enough evidence to order him to stand trial. His next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 19.

While mental health seems to be at play in both Pleasanton homicide cases, competency to face the charges has not been an issue.

That isn't the case for Nicholas Paleveda, the 39-year-old Florida man accused of shooting Dublin resident Michael Dalipe, 37, on his doorstep at the Emerald Park Apartment Homes on Aug. 23, 2024 after the two apparently had some interactions on the gaming chat platform Discord.

Paleveda was found incompetent to stand trial, suspending the criminal proceedings before he had a chance to enter a plea to the charges. He has been admitted to Atascadero State Hospital for treatment — and he actually has a pending case with the Court of Appeal where he's challenged an order granting involuntary administration of antipsychotic medication.

While not classified as a murder (yet), but still a homicide nonetheless, our reporter Christian Trujano continues to prod the Pleasanton Police Department about the status of the probe into the death of Rowena Coronel. The 56-year-old Pleasanton woman was killed after being hit by a vehicle while crossing the street downtown Nov. 4.

Christian also checked in this month with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration about the federal investigation into the crash that killed Pleasanton's George family of four on April 24, 2024 when the VinFast VF8 electric vehicle they were riding in went off Foothill Road and struck a pole and a tree. The feds confirmed their investigation remains open but declined further comment.

If there is a murder case, traffic fatality or other death investigation in the Tri-Valley you'd like us to follow up on, please let us know and we'll start digging. ■

### About the Cover

Tri-Valley Theatre Company's production of "The Addams Family" opens at the Bankhead Theater this weekend. Photo by Sara Leyva/TVTC. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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## Are there any new hobbies or activities you're interested in pursuing in the new year?



**Shea Larsen**  
*Bartender*

Absolutely. I'm eager to get into overnight backpacking. It's something I used to do with my dad when I was a kid. We plan to resume doing it in the new year because we both enjoyed it so much all those years ago.



**Danielle Onderick**  
*Retired*

Definitely. I signed up to take viticulture (the cultivation and harvesting of grapes) classes at Las Positas College. I'm looking forward to embarking upon this interesting new activity in our community that will involve spending time with other people, and that will also help me to keep my mind sharp.



**Lesly Romero**  
*Engineering student*

I'm planning to pursue artistic endeavors in the new year, like painting with acrylics in order to reconnect with nature. There is so much natural beauty here in the Tri-Valley. I really want to capture it in a permanent way, and then exhibit my artwork somewhere.



**John Supnet**  
*Paralegal/Law school student*

The primary activity I'm interested in pursuing in the new year is cooking outside of my comfort zone. I already cook a lot of great Mexican and European dishes, and some Japanese and Filipino foods too. So I plan to explore Ethiopian and Nigerian foods and recipes and look forward to that challenge.



**Omied Fedai**  
*Service adviser*

I'm actually not that interested in pursuing anything new because I already have enough hobbies and interests on my plate. For example, I'm an avid golfer and gamer, and those activities keep me plenty busy during my free time.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### MLK legacy event

Three Valleys Community Foundation is set to host this year's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Breakfast & Awards on Jan. 26 at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard.

This will be the nonprofit's first year hosting the annual event, which is celebrating 25 years of recognizing "extraordinary individuals and emerging leaders whose service, advocacy, and leadership are driving meaningful change across the Tri-Valley region."

The event will also honor seven Tri-Valley residents with the 2026 Legacy Awards. According to 3VCF, the awardees are being recognized for moral courage, compassion, bold authenticity, and enduring commitment to community-centered leadership.

### Airport mural

A new mural featuring clean-air transportation was installed last month on a hangar wall at the Livermore Municipal Airport.

Dubbed the "Clean Air Transportation Innovation Mural", the artwork features green tech such as hydrogen-powered ferries and alternative-fuel planes. The artwork, composed of a central piece (24 feet by 8 feet) and two flanking pieces (8 feet by 8 feet), is visible from the intersection of West Jack London Boulevard and Discovery Drive.

Installed Dec. 1, the mural is meant to bring awareness to clean-air transportation efforts at the Livermore airport and other Livermore-based organizations, leading artist Thomasin Dewhurst said.

The mural is also meant to beautify an "underserved area for public art and ignite possibilities for further unusual public art spaces for future art projects", Dewhurst said.

### Job expo at library

The Livermore Public Library will be hosting its fourth annual Opportunities Expo, an event where people looking for a job can get connected with potential employers, at the Civic Center Library Community Rooms and Gallery next Thursday (Jan. 22).

From 5:30-7:30 p.m., community members who are 16 or older can bring their resumes and network with local employers during this free event. According to the library, the expo offers a "unique platform to establish professional relationships and explore potential employment options in various fields."

"Representatives from the Tri Valley Career Center will be on hand providing resume assistance," according to a press release. "Additionally, the first 50 attendees are offered a complimentary, professional headshot, courtesy of Ron Essex Photography." ■

## Sutter Health buys office space in Hacienda for nearly \$50M

Spokesperson says health care system will use property for large lab space in Pleasanton

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Sutter Health recently acquired 300,597 square feet of office space in Pleasanton that the health care company said will be used for a large lab space.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to improving patient care, Sutter continually evaluates opportunities to enhance our services within the communities in which we serve," a Sutter spokesperson told Pleasanton Weekly.

An Alameda County Assessor's Office employee confirmed that

Sutter Health acquired the property on Jan. 6 and that it was sold for roughly \$49.5 million. The spokesperson for the assessor's office said the price is a rough estimate based on preliminary tax documents.

The property was formerly known as the Britannia Business Center, which was located at 4125, 4155, 4255 and 4385 Hopyard Road in the Hacienda Business Park. Hacienda General Manager James Paxson said he was not able to comment on the ownership change quite yet.

Now-deleted webpages and real estate information show that Menlo Park-based Tarlton Properties and Chicago-based Harrison Street previously owned the property.

Pleasanton Labs and ADP, a payroll service company, were among the many tenants of the office buildings prior to the Sutter Health acquisition, according to real estate listing information. During his 2025 State of the City address, Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch said he was excited to see Tarlton Properties investing in the

Pleasanton Labs.

The county assessor's office also said that while initial conveyance documents show Sutter Health is the new owner of the property as of last week, the property is still showing as pending in the assessor's office system due to a backlog of work and it won't likely get processed until three to five months.

According to the assessor's office website, the property has a land value of just over \$36 million and an improvement value of just under \$46.7 million. ■



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A photo shows the front entrance of Pivot Craft Kitchen and Sports Bar, which features quality food, drinks, luxury suites and a Topgolf space suited for any type of special — or casual — occasion.

## 'A natural gathering place'

New Pivot Craft Kitchen and Sports Bar aims to bring stadium experience to Tri-Valley

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Interactive sports simulators, a menu elevated by fine-dining chefs and a hidden luxury suite that opens via a sliding Heisman trophy — these are just some of the features inside Pleasanton's new restaurant and event venue: Pivot Craft Kitchen and Sports Bar.

Owned by Jim McDonnell, who also owns Sabio on Main in downtown Pleasanton, the long-time Pleasanton resident said the space will not only bring the look and feel of a big-time sports stadium to the Tri-Valley, but it will also offer residents and visitors of the region a unique

gathering space for company parties, celebrations and other special occasions.

"I just want it to be an amenity for the community," McDonnell told the Pleasanton Weekly during a tour of the space the week before its opening.

The business was set for a soft opening Thursday (Jan. 15) with just the bar area offering its full menu and drinks to the public. McDonnell said the opening of the main dining room and luxury suites, which includes two Topgolf suites, will be phased out over the next couple of months.

A Microsoft employee with an entrepreneurial background,

McDonnell said he's been a lifelong fan of good food, sports and the Tri-Valley, which is why years ago he joined Visit Tri-Valley, the destination marketing organization for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville.

He said one of the reasons he first joined the Visit Tri-Valley board is because he feels like the region is underappreciated. From its amazing wine country and natural beauty, to a robust technology community and proximity to the rest of the Bay Area, McDonnell said the region has a lot to offer.

## 'Dilbert' creator Adams dies

Also cultivated popular podcast from Pleasanton home

By **TIM HUNT**

Scott Adams, creator of the "Dilbert" cartoon that brought him fame and fortune, died Tuesday morning at his home in Pleasanton from metastasized prostate cancer. He was 68.

Adams passed shortly before his daily YouTube podcast, "Real Coffee with Scott Adams". His ex-wife, Shelly Miles, read a letter he had written announcing his death. The 30-plus minute message included him following through on a commitment to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Adams announced his diagnosis in May 2025 after the public learned that former President Joe Biden also was suffering from metastasized prostate cancer.

Health permitting, Adams continued to do his daily podcast including one episode from a medical transfer ambulance en route to a treatment. He was broadcasting from a hospital bed in his home. His New Year's Day message bluntly stated there was no good news from his doctors.

His letter concluded, "I had an amazing life. I gave it everything I had. If you got any benefits from my work, I'm asking you to pay it forward as best you can. That is the legacy I want."

Adams jumped into the political debate when he publicly backed Donald Trump for president in 2016.

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# Former Dublin mayor Hernandez running for Congress

BART board president seeks to succeed Swalwell in D.C. as he continues gubernatorial bid

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tri-Valley voters in the congressional district currently represented by Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) are set to see a familiar face on the ballot in this year's election, with Melissa Hernandez throwing her hat into the ring for the seat last week.

With Swalwell launching a bid for the governor's seat months ago, the race for his current seat representing Congressional District 14 — which includes Pleasanton, Livermore, and portions of Dublin — is wide open for the first time in



Melissa Hernandez

the more than a decade since Swalwell's tenure began in 2012.

"In Congress, residents will always come first for me," Hernandez said in her campaign announcement Jan. 8. "I will show up every day ready to work on the big issues, like the rising costs of living, including housing, childcare, and healthcare."

Hernandez was elected to the BART Board of Directors in 2024 for a four-year term after being appointed to the District 5 seat representing a majority of the Tri-Valley upon the midterm resignation of the district's longtime representative, John McPartland.

She was elected last month as the board's new president for 2026. However, her time on the board could be cut short if Hernandez is

elected to Congress this year.

If so, it wouldn't be the first time that Hernandez has had to depart an existing elected position for a new opportunity, having resigned from her second term as mayor of Dublin in 2024 after her appointment to the BART board.

During her time as mayor, Hernandez emphasized increasing the city's housing stock and job opportunities, as well as affordable public transit — something that carried over into her work on the BART board as the agency continues to undergo turmoil such as budget challenges, unexpected outages, and impacts on ridership due to COVID-19.

Hernandez is also touting her current role as director of health services for Alameda County

Supervisor David Haubert, pointing to her overall capacity for "the experience and leadership necessary to bring people together and find solutions that keep residents safe and healthy, while growing the local economy."

"Washington is broken," Hernandez said in her campaign announcement. "Our legislative leaders are out of touch, barely working, and serving the interests of billionaires and special interests at the expense of everyday Americans. Meanwhile, the American Dream is slipping away."

Hernandez considers herself a product of the "American Dream," according to her campaign website, as the daughter of migrant farm workers who she said embody that concept and were driven to pave the way for her and her siblings to

have more opportunities — with Hernandez going on to be the first Latina woman to serve as either mayor of Dublin or on the BART board.

Last week's announcement means that Hernandez is joining a pool of four total candidates who have filed paperwork to run for the seat as of this week, with Democrats Abrar Qadir and Matt Ortega and Republican Wendy Huang also seeking the position. Additionally, a federal candidate filing suggests 10th District State Sen. Aisha Wahab has her eye on the seat, though she's not formally declared her intent to run.

More information about Hernandez and her campaign is available at melissahernandez2026.com. ■

## Amador gets administrative shakeup after winter break

Clark brought in as temporary VP while Medrano moved to split role at middle schools

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Amador Valley High School's administration team looks a little different this semester with a newly hired vice principal who will be serving in the role on a temporary basis.

"As we begin the second semester, we have temporarily reallocated a few administrative responsibilities to ensure a smooth transition as we work to welcome a new vice principal to our team for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year," AVHS principal Malcolm Norrington said in an administrative team update

sent out Tuesday.

Norrington was first appointed as the school's new principal in August — roughly one year after former principal Jonathan Fey's departure following accusations of grooming and other misconduct.

Janice Clark — a seasoned educator and administrator who has been with the district since 1995, according to her LinkedIn — is taking over as vice principal to support students between the last names Heil and Park. She is also in charge of the English and social studies departments as well as the visual and

performing arts program.

Clark filled the temporary position that was left vacant after Andrea Medrano was reassigned to serve as vice principal at Hart Middle School and Harvest Park Middle School to "fill an opening for a split role until the end of the school year," according to Susanne Frey, Pleasanton Unified School District's safety and communications coordinator.

Medrano held the position of vice principal at Amador Valley since July 2024, according to her LinkedIn, before she was transferred to the

two middle schools during this winter break for unknown reasons. According to PUSD's personnel document for the Jan. 15 school board meeting, Medrano's reassignment was made effective Jan. 1.

Frey told the Weekly that Clark will be filling in as Amador's third vice principal while the district looks for a permanent replacement. Frey said the job posting for the vice principal position at Amador has closed and that interviews will be starting soon.

Clark will be making between \$146,020 to \$174,502 in salary for

her temporary one-year contract and will also receive health benefits and other compensation including contributions to retirement, according to an EDJOIN job posting. PUSD first published the job on Dec. 19.

Neither Clark nor Medrano have responded to requests for comments regarding their new respective positions.

"I can assure you that our students and families will continue to receive the high level of service, communication, and support you expect from the Amador Valley administrative team," Norrington said of the transition. ■

## SCOTT ADAMS

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He reached out to Trump directly in November when he was frustrated by the pace of his treatment regimen by Kaiser Permanente. The president responded and asked a few of his cabinet officials, as well as his son, Don Jr., to respond. Based on Adams' latter comments, it was

clear that Kaiser officials also responded and he was more conciliatory in understanding what was required before the actual treatment.

When the United States military and justice department executed the operation to arrest Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his wife this month, Adams tweeted triumphantly, "This is why," referring to the reason he backed Trump in

what would be one of his final political comments.

His views sparked some controversy when in 2023, he commented on a survey about Black people's attitudes on white people, slamming Black people. That prompted his "Dilbert" distributor as well as most newspapers to drop the cartoon strip.

Adams launched "Dilbert" in 1989 while working at Pacific Bell

in San Ramon. The huge million-square-foot structure with its four wings provided the inspiration and fodder for the cartoon that was carried by more than 2,000 newspapers at its height.

One habit setting him aside was his routine of including his email in the cartoon — what he described as a good source of ideas.

He also wrote several books along the "Dilbert" theme as well as his own lessons from life. There are more than 10 choices on Amazon.

He was born in Windham, N.Y. and graduated from Hartwick College in Oneonta with a bachelor's in economics. He came west to work for Crocker Bank and earned an MBA from Haas Business School at University of California, Berkeley in 1986 when he also joined Pac Bell.

Subscribing newspapers for "Dilbert" grew to 100 in 1991 and 400 three years later. He was honored for the strip and his work by the national cartoonists' association in 1997 and launched a television show on UPN with "Seinfeld" writer Larry Charles that ran two seasons. It won a primetime Emmy in 1989.

He co-owned Stacey's Cafe with



EMF FILE PHOTO

Dilbert comic creator and Pleasanton resident Scott Adams.

its namesake at 310 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. The menu featured his jokes as well as favorite foods in the space that was built for a restaurant with patios for outdoor dining. It was open for lunch and dinner and was a favorite spot for contemporary comfort food.

A second location was at the Waterford in Dublin (off Tassajara at the corner of Dublin Boulevard) Both eventually closed — Elia is now operating at the Pleasanton site.

His custom-built home off Crellin Road on the east Pleasanton ridge features a tribute to "Dilbert" in the architecture.

Service arrangements are pending. ■



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# Concannon to see ownership transition this year

Lemmons Family Vineyards to buy back assets from Darcie Kent Winery and become sole owner

By JUDE STRZEMP

Livermore-based Lemmons Family Vineyards is set to become the sole owner of Concannon Vineyard later this year as part of a planned transition away from its dual ownership with Darcie Kent Winery.

Ahead of the shift effective Aug. 1, the Kent family will continue to manage day-to-day operations while also working with the Lemmons to pass the torch, according to a statement by Darcie Kent Winery officials last week announcing the change in leadership.

The transition was planned from the outset when Lemmons Family Vineyards acquired the Concannon vineyards and facilities from The Wine Group and also sold to Darcie Kent Winery the Concannon brand, inventory and business, Darcie Kent Winery co-owner David Kent told Livermore Vine.

"We will be selling back the assets on the same terms, which was always the plan," Kent said without disclosing the dollar value. "By August, the Lemmons will be in

a great position to directly manage all aspects of the Concannon Estate as it approaches its 143rd harvest."

During the past year, the families have worked together to prepare the vineyards, winery and brand for their return to local, private ownership, according to the statement.

The Lemmons family focused on restoring the site's production capacity and creating a re-planting plan for the 245-acre estate with new emphasis on Livermore's signature grape varieties Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc, Darcie Kent Winery officials said. The re-planting plan is also meant to honor Concannon's longstanding work with Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah.

Meanwhile, the Kent family has been dedicated to re-energizing the Concannon brand by expanding its offerings of estate-grown wines, redesigning labels and remodeling new spaces, Kent Family Estates president Amanda Kent Benjamin said in the statement.

Given remodeling work nearing

completion, the new spaces will establish Concannon as a "premier event destination", she added.

Ahead of the leadership transition, the Kent and Lemmons families will continue to work towards re-purposing a former bottling plant into a new maker space dubbed Livermore Valley Wine Country Center.

Located at 4592 Tesla Road, the future center is envisioned to resemble the Ferry Building in San Francisco. The center would feature producers of craft wine, beer and spirits; at least one destination restaurant and wine country amenities such as electric bike rentals, gourmet food stores and art galleries.

"As Concannon enters this next chapter, both families share a deep sense of excitement for the future" Lemmons Family Vineyards CEO Tom Lemmons said in the statement. "The combination of historic vineyards, multi-generational leadership and a shared commitment to elevating the Livermore Valley creates an extraordinary foundation for the years ahead." ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Catching up in Chamonix:** Piyajit Gassner visited former Pleasanton resident Frankie Brooks, who now lives in France, at the end of a European vacation last summer. "The Aug. 29, 2025 issue with the Take Us Along photo of Frankie and my neighbor came out just 5 days before I left for my trip to Italy," Gassner told the Weekly. "I had planned to visit her in Chamonix at the end of my two-week trip, so I brought the copy along."

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# 'No confidence': DTA blasts Funk as negotiations drag on

Superintendent contests claims of wrongdoing, aiming to 're-center on our shared goal' of students

By JUDE STRZEMP

The Dublin Unified School District teachers union recently expressed its near-unanimous disapproval of Superintendent Chris Funk over his alleged neglect of student needs, mismanagement of funds and misleading communication with the public — accusations which the supe has unilaterally denied.



Chris Funk

Accounting for nearly all of the Dublin Teachers Association's 710 members, over 90% cast votes of no confidence in the district leader, according to a statement last week by DTA officials.

Union and district negotiators remain at impasse over their collective bargaining agreement, with one mediation session under their belt since the stalemate was recognized Nov. 21 by the Public Employment Relations Board.

All the while, district officials stare down a budget reduction target of approximately \$8.4 million for the 2026-27 school year in the wake of a \$3.6 million budgeting error that triggered the DTA's vote.

Following DTA's statement Jan. 7 announcing the union's vote, Funk released a statement of his own, denouncing the accusations and defending the district's support of students and educators.

"It is disappointing to hear about this action taken at the same time the district and DTA have begun formal mediation," Funk said in the statement. "As mediation moves forward, I remain hopeful that both parties can re-center on our shared goal: doing what is best for students while honoring the work of our educators in a way that is responsible, transparent and sustainable."

However, from the perspective of union representatives, DTA is already focused on students.

"This vote of no confidence is about prioritizing our students and demanding leadership that will invest in our students' education," DTA President Brad Dobrzanski said in the statement.

According to DTA officials, Funk's mismanagement of taxpayer funds is signaled by his accounting error announced last month as well as the district's use of approximately \$12.9 million last school year on professional/consulting services and operating expenditures

— more than double the amount spent during the final school year prior to Funk joining the district in July 2021.

Under Funk's financial mismanagement, funds have been shifted away from student supports, DTA officials allege.

"Claims that the district has de-invested in students are not supported by the facts," Funk said in his statement.

He went on to explain that consulting services are limited and used only when legally required or necessary for students, safety or fiscal and operational compliance.

"They do not replace educators or come at the expense of instructional funding," he added.

Additionally, DUSD's financial pressures and reductions — totaling approximately \$10 million over the past two years in addition to another required \$8 million for next school year — are comparable to districts statewide, the supe explained.

Employee compensation as well as other costs like utilities, insurance, materials and supplies and the budgeting error are among the costs facing DUSD, he said. The district is also projected to have declining enrollment over the next



COURTESY DTA PRESIDENT BRAD DOBRZANSKI

The Dublin Teachers Association alleges that Superintendent Chris Funk has mismanaged public funds and de-invested in students, claims that the supe has publicly denounced.

six years, which negatively impacts state funding.

"These are structural challenges facing public education statewide, not the result of local priorities or leadership decisions," Funk said. "Despite these constraints, Dublin Unified continues to prioritize classroom instruction, student services and school-based staffing to the greatest extent possible."

Funk pointed to the district's high performance in state testing, high graduation rate and leading teacher compensation as examples of the district's focus on student success amid financial pressure.

But DTA officials claim Funk has failed to "respectfully engage" with teachers, staff and the community;

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## Emerald students win Congressional App Challenge

Winning program Synapse Match helps identify Parkinson's disease

By JUDE STRZEMP

A group of Emerald High School juniors were awarded first place in a congressional competition for creating an application that uses artificial intelligence to identify early-stage symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

The app dubbed Synapse Match bases its analysis on survey input from the user as well as voice and motor diagnostics.

For creating the app, Rushil Baidla, Imran Mirza, Nikhil Kalburgi and Riddhish Saravanan won the 2025 Congressional App Challenge for California's 10th Congressional District, a competition meant to encourage young people to learn to code and boost their interest in STEM.

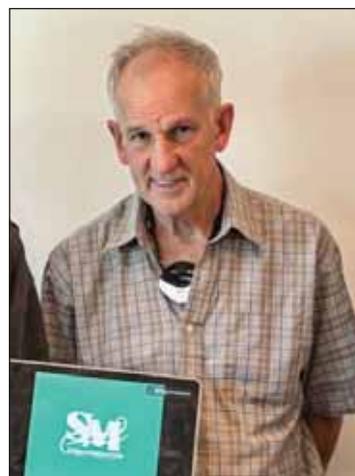
The winners were inspired to create Synapse Match upon learning that their physics teacher was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Mirza told the Pleasanton Weekly.

The instructor is one of more than 10 million people worldwide estimated to have the disease, according to the The Parkinson's Foundation website — a nonprofit dedicated to providing information and resources about the disease.

"We received a record number of submissions this year and I am



Left: Winners of the 2025 Congressional App Challenge for California's 10th Congressional District were Emerald High School juniors (from left, except center) Nikhil Kalburgi, Riddhish Saravanan, Rushil Baidla and Imran Mirza. Right: The students were inspired to create Synapse Match by their physics teacher who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.



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amazed by the innovation and ingenuity shown by all of our participants," Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) said in a statement Dec. 9 announcing the winners. "Congratulations to Rushil, Imran, Nikhil and Riddhish!"

"I was very proud," Mirza said of the team's collaborative effort and subsequent win.

Although Mirza has participated in tech challenges before, he said the team's participation in the app challenge was unique due to its focus on

human-centered problem-solving.

"We identified this problem in the community and we made this impactful solution that could help millions of people," Mirza said.

Given the group's limited resources, Mirza said that finding a cure to the disease was not an option for the team. However, a program for its early detection was in the cards, he said.

Although not intended to give a definitive diagnosis, the app could be used as the first step in identifying

symptoms of the progressive brain disorder such as tremors, slow movement and vocal changes. As a measure prior to receiving medical care, app users avoid financial barriers that may otherwise accompany a visit to the doctor's office, Mirza said.

Upon formal diagnosis by a medical professional, individuals may decide whether to take medication for disease management, according to the foundation website.

To use Synapse Match, a person would enter biographic information

such as age, weight and average sleep time. The user's input is then compared to individuals diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, an analysis rooted in machine learning algorithms.

Users would also input vocal samples for comparison to speech samples from diagnosed individuals.

A third diagnostic is run based on the user's ability to trace patterns.

The app also features a chatbot to explain the user's numerical results as well as information related to Parkinson's disease.

While not currently available to the public, Synapse Match may become available in the future depending on available funding, Mirza said.

Following Synapse Match, second place was awarded to Adhayan Veer Singh of San Ramon for creating Scholify, an application that connects students with scholarships that match their interests and aspirations, according to the statement. Third place went to Jayden Wong of Moraga for CellLab, a game meant to bolster enthusiasm for biology education.

The winning apps were selected by a panel of judges from STEM and education fields who live or work in California's 10th Congressional District, according to the statement. ■

# Draeger's closing store in 'declining' Blackhawk Plaza

Upscale grocery market – anchor tenant since 2007 – shuttering for good in mid-February

By JEREMY WALSH

**D**raeger's Market is set to become the latest major departure from Blackhawk Plaza, with the upscale grocery store announcing it will be closing its doors next month.

The Peninsula-based grocer is proud of its history serving greater Danville for nearly two decades, but the rundown state of the increasingly hollow shopping center forced the company reconsider its future in Blackhawk Plaza, owner F. John Draeger told DanvilleSanRamon on Friday afternoon.

"This decision was not made lightly and follows a thorough evaluation of the store's performance and its alignment with our long-term business strategy," Draeger said. "The declining condition and maintenance of the Blackhawk Plaza Shopping Center has strongly influenced our decision."

"We understand the important role this store has played in Danville, and we are grateful to our loyal customers and dedicated employees who have supported us over the years," he added. "Our priority during this transition is to provide support to our employees, offering opportunities within other store locations where possible."

Representatives from Blackhawk Plaza ownership and Vierergruppe Management, Inc. had not responded to a request for comment as of Friday afternoon.

Signs promoting a closure sale through February are posted outside and inside the store at 4100 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. "We remain committed to serving you with our high quality products and exceptional customer experience at our Menlo Park and Los Altos locations," the signs read.

Draeger said the store will shutter

near the middle of next month after being an anchor tenant since 2007. The company, which celebrated its 100th anniversary last year, will be down to two stores overall after closing its San Mateo location in 2025.

The grocer's upcoming departure is the latest blow for the plaza that aspires to serve affluent clientele in the Blackhawk and east Danville communities.

The Grille at Blackhawk closed its large restaurant space almost a year ago, the movie theater building remains vacant with the anticipated Apple Cinemas arrival in limbo, and a majority of the plaza's interior-facing tenant spaces sit empty, as do a handful around the exterior.

Remaining marquee tenants include Blackhawk Plastic Surgery, Fat Maddie's, Joya, CorePower Yoga, Brown Butter, Starbucks and Blackhawk Montessori. ■



JEREMY WALSH

"Closing sale" signs (and discounts) greet shoppers at Draeger's Market in Blackhawk Plaza on the afternoon of Jan. 9.

## Chamber promotes Theodorou to president/CEO

Longtime employee served as de facto leader for all of 2025 in wake of prior change at top

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

**T**he Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce recently announced that Yianna Theodorou has taken over the reins as the new president/CEO as of Jan. 1.

"It's an honor to step into this role," Theodorou told the Weekly. "I have a deep love for this community and great respect for the leaders whose dedication built such a strong Chamber. I look forward to building on that foundation."

The appointment comes a little more than a year after the chamber parted ways with former president and CEO James Cooper in December 2024. The chamber

never revealed why it decided to move on from Cooper, who joined the Pleasanton organization in June 2022.

Theodorou has been with the organization for more than 13 years serving as business operations manager, according to a Jan. 9 press release from the chamber. After Cooper left the chamber, Theodorou stepped in as chief operating officer where she "played a critical role in overseeing day-to-day operations, advancing strategic initiatives, and supporting the continued growth and success of the organization."

"The Pleasanton Chamber, as well as the entire Pleasanton business

community, is extremely fortunate to have Yianna leading and serving in this capacity," Brock Roby, the chamber's incoming board chair, said in the press release.

"Yianna's ability to be smart, hard-working, and thoughtful all at the same time allows her to bring out



Yianna Theodorou

the best in the people she leads."

During her tenure, Theodorou has strengthened member engagement, expanded programs and events, supported local businesses and fostered "meaningful partnerships throughout Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley region", according to the chamber. She also managed the Leadership Pleasanton program, which teaches residents about how their local government works.

According to the chamber,

Theodorou's experience, leadership and commitment to the chamber's mission make her the ideal president and CEO who will help "guide the organization into its next chapter".

"As we celebrate the Chamber's 80th year in 2026, my focus is on strengthening relationships with our members and community, supporting local businesses, and working with a new team to build on and carry forward the Chamber's strong legacy," Theodorou said. ■

### NEGOTIATIONS

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caused a standstill in labor negotiations and provided misleading and inaccurate information to the community.

Complaints regarding poor relations with staff and an inability to manage the budget led to his departure from his prior employer East Side Union High School District, DTA officials added.

According to a statement by the East Side Teachers Association in August 2020, the district's school board terminated Funk's contract one year early. However, a statement from the district's Board of Trustees just days prior expressed appreciation for Funk's achievements in response to his resignation.

Regarding DUSD, Funk said the district has participated in the bargaining process with good faith

through multiple sessions, responses to proposals and entrance into mediation. Additionally, the district's communications are based on financial data and board-approved documents, he said.

"Teachers are calling for the school board to take immediate action and hold him accountable," DTA officials said in their statement.

Union representatives do not recommend specific repercussions, as that is the board's purview, Dobzenski told the Pleasanton Weekly. However, he expressed hope that the board would take action ahead of Funk's planned retirement at the end of the school year.

"Our greatest hope for what can come out of all of this is that our students are being prioritized and invested in and all the decisions that are being made keep students at the center of them, where they belong," Dobzenski told the Weekly. ■

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Residents of Pleasanton gathered at Delucchi Park on Jan. 8 for a candlelight vigil honoring Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old woman whose killing during an immigration enforcement operation in Minneapolis has sparked outrage and grief across the country.

## Tri-Valley residents protest, mourn after fatal ICE shooting

Demonstrations 'demand accountability' for Renee Good's death in Minneapolis

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

Protesters gathered across the Bay Area on Saturday to rally against the shootings of unarmed civilians by federal officers, including the killing of a woman in Minneapolis last week.

About 450 assembled to be photographed in a human banner on Ocean Beach in San Francisco, spelling out, "It was murder, ICE out!!" — a reference to the

death of Renee Nicole Good by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer on Jan. 7.

"We're mobilizing across the country this weekend to honor Renee Nicole Good, demand accountability for ICE's killing of Renee, and make visible the human cost of ICE's terror," the grassroots network Indivisible said in a statement.

Several dozen demonstrations

occurred in the Bay Area during the past week after Good was killed, including a candlelight vigil at Delucchi Park in downtown Pleasanton on Jan. 8 and an anti-ICE and anti-war protest in downtown Livermore on Saturday organized by Livermore Indivisible. ■

*Editor's note: Pleasanton Weekly editorial director Jeremy Walsh contributed local information to this report.*



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An anti-war and anti-ICE protest at Livermore Plaza, organized by Livermore Indivisible on Jan. 10.

## PIVOT

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However, one thing he said the Tri-Valley lacks is event spaces.

When the former general manager of the Four Points by Sheraton hotel in the Hacienda Business Park first told McDonnell about FAZ Restaurants and Catering closing and showed him the empty space almost four years ago, he and founding chef and partner Francis

Hogan — the head chef at Sabio on Main — decided a sports bar would be a perfect fit.

"We've been eagerly anticipating the opening of Pivot Craft Kitchen and Sports Bar — not just for locals, who are going to love this unique new spot, but for visitors as well," Robin Fahr, vice president of marketing and communications at Visit Tri-Valley, told the Weekly.

"Pivot is the kind of place that instantly becomes a must-visit," Fahr

added. "With its location at the Four Points by Sheraton Pleasanton, right next to several hotels and with easy access to BART and I-580/680, it's a natural gathering place for visitors, especially those coming to the Bay Area for the Big Game in February and FIFA this summer."

Located at 5121 Hopyard Road, the 11,000-square-foot restaurant, bar and event space is connected to the Four Points hotel. McDonnell said he appreciated this set up because — in addition to providing potential customers — the hotel had just gone through a full renovation and now offers one of the largest event spaces in the Tri-Valley on the second floor where his restaurant can provide catering.

"I think we're bringing something unique to the community," McDonnell said.

With a broadcast booth at the entrance and a tunnel similar to those that football players run through before stepping on the field, the space is also decked out with sports memorabilia of various teams because one of the main things McDonnell said he wanted to do is recreate an authentic stadium experience.

In keeping with the sports bar motif, Pivot offers luxury suites

similar to the ones you would find in a stadium where guests can rent out the room and have watch parties for their sports teams or have other casual corporate or family events.

One of the more unique aspects of Pivot's suites is the one that mimics the owners box stadium suite, which is hidden behind a secret cabinet that is opened by a sliding mechanism disguised as a Heisman trophy.

McDonnell also said a lot of attention will be put toward the food because he is essentially offering a sports bar menu but with a fine-dining twist. For example, McDonnell said the chicken wings will take three days to prepare, the sauces will be made from scratch and the mozzarella sticks will be hand-breaded.

"There's a very, very high attention to detail," he said. "It'll look like a sports bar menu but it will taste a lot more elevated."

Pivot also offers two Topgolf suites that feature sports simulators where people can throw a football, kick a soccer ball, or put a golf ball into screens that calculate the distance. These Topgolf screens will come with several settings for different sports and at least four games

specifically designed for kids.

According to McDonnell, the Topgolf suites won't be available for a couple of weeks after the soft opening. The restaurant will also have outdoor lounge seating and firepits, which McDonnell said he expects to open by spring.

"Pivot brings something fresh and exciting to Pleasanton, giving residents and visitors a new reason to come out, stay longer, and enjoy our city," Yianna Theodorou, who was just promoted to president/CEO of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, told the Weekly. "The team has done an incredible job creating a dynamic, welcoming space, and concepts like this play an important role in supporting our local economy."

McDonnell said he also plans on dedicating a wall at the restaurant to Tri-Valley high school sports where he will feature different local teams on a rotating basis.

"One of the things that we really believe in, that's very important for our restaurant, is (being) deeply invested in the community," he said. "So, certainly, high school athletics is one that we want to be very invested in, both in terms of supporting those but also illustrating the teams." ■



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pivot's bar area opens to the public this week. McDonnell said he will phase out the opening of the rest of the restaurant and luxury suites over the next several weeks.

# SRVFPD veteran Aguiar promoted to fire chief

New leader in first week at helm of district after taking reins from retiring Meyer

By JEANITA LYMAN

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is under new leadership for the first time in a decade following the retirement of its longtime chief last week, who passed the torch — or hose — to his successor at a ceremony over the weekend.

SRVFPD Fire Chief Jonas Aguiar began his tenure in the position effective Jan. 8 after former chief Paige Meyer's last day on the job Jan. 7, with both men celebrated by the district's board during a transfer of command ceremony Jan. 10.

"I am deeply honored to be chosen as the next Fire Chief of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District," Aguiar said in a press release Monday. "Having grown up and spent my career serving within

this department and county, this opportunity is both humbling and profoundly meaningful."

Aguiar was appointed as chief after 20 years with the district, having risen through the ranks over the years to his previous role as deputy fire chief, during which he oversaw emergency medical services, training, and communications for the district while managing its \$65 million operating budget and more than 160 employees.

"The men and women of this organization embody the highest standards of professionalism, compassion, and dedication. It is a privilege to lead them as we continue to serve and protect the citizens of the San Ramon Valley. I look forward to building upon our department's proud history and

working collaboratively to ensure a safe and resilient future for our communities."

Meyer said during his retirement announcement that his decision to leave the district was a difficult one, but it became clear that it was the right move with a reliable successor in place in the form of Aguiar.

Aguiar was selected for the role by the SRVFPD board in November.

"Jonas Aguiar is a proven leader who brings both operational expertise and a clear vision for the future of our District," SRVFPD Board President Matthew Stamey said. "His commitment to firefighter safety, community service, and organizational excellence makes him exceptionally well qualified to lead the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District into its next chapter." ■



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The SRVFPD board held a transfer of command ceremony on Jan. 10 for former chief Paige Meyer and new chief Jonas Aguiar.

## Feds say drilling by parks will have 'minimal' impacts

Mount Diablo, Black Diamond Mines among potential targets in greater Bay Area

By ALISE MARIPUU /  
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

President Donald Trump administration's plans to expand oil drilling across the state, including in parts of the Bay Area, are another step closer to moving forward after the federal Bureau of Land Management announced Monday that fracking would have "minimal" negative impacts on the environment.

With Trump's efforts to reduce America's reliance on oil imports by increasing drilling on U.S. soil, a renewed plan to boost oil production in California is back in motion.

"America is blessed with an abundance of energy and natural resources that have historically powered our nation's economic prosperity," reads Trump's executive order to boost domestic oil drilling. "It is thus in the national interest to unleash America's affordable and reliable energy and natural resources."

Under the onshore plan, BLM is eyeing a total of more than 1 million acres across the Bay Area, Central Valley and Southern California for fossil fuel drilling.

In the Bay Area, the proposal

could target lands around Pinnacles National Park, Mount Diablo State Park, Henry W. Coe State Park and the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve.

BLM released a draft supplemental environmental impact statement for the Central Coast region on Monday, a 100-page review that was conducted to analyze the potential environmental harms that drilling for oil could pose in the areas slated for development.

It concluded that "emissions from oil and gas development are minor and not expected to significantly impact regional air quality or public health."

It also determined that risks to water resources and wildlife "are minimal," the statement said.

But environmental advocacy organizations, like the Center for Biological Diversity, said the new analyses are "still inadequate."

"California's public lands are a refuge for human wonder and beautiful wildlife, not places for Trump's oil and gas cronies to exploit and pollute," said Victoria Bogdan Tejada, an attorney with the center, in a statement.

The areas targeted for drilling are home to threatened and endangered animals and plants like San Joaquin kit foxes, giant kangaroo rats, burrowing owls, California condors and the California jewelflower, according to the Center.

"We'll fight his perverse effort to worsen climate change and expose California's people and wildlife to more toxic pollution from dirty drilling and fracking," Bogdan Tejada said.

The draft supplemental environmental impact statement was a required part of BLM's plans to expand oil and gas production in

the state after several environmental groups and counties challenged the Trump administration's initial plans to expand oil drilling during his first administration.

In 2020, the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, and the counties of Santa Cruz and Monterey filed a complaint against BLM, arguing that the plan did not sufficiently evaluate the possible harm to the environment.

As part of a settlement agreement, BLM was mandated to perform the additional environmental review.

The BLM is accepting public comments on the plan until March 6,

with a finalized version of the environmental impact statement slated to be published in May.

The Trump administration's efforts to boost oil drilling has also eyed offshore sites along California's coast, a move that environmental activist groups say could increase the risk of oil spills and harm to natural habitats.

Public comments regarding the offshore drilling plan will be accepted until next Friday (Jan. 23).

"We won't let this administration get away with permanently destroying our public lands," Bogdan Tejada said. ■

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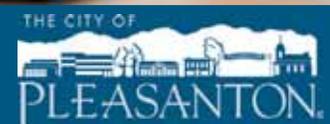
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## 'Addams Family' musicals coming to both Bankhead and Firehouse

Tri-Valley Theatre Company is producing "The Addams Family" at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore (above photo by Sara Leyva/TVTC) while Pleasanton Youth Theater Company presents "Addams Family Younger@Part" at the Firehouse Arts Center (below photo courtesy of Pleasanton).

By JUDE STRZEMP

The iconic Addams family is set to arrive at theater stages in the Tri-Valley this month for separate adaptations of the musical comedy.

Tri-Valley Theatre Company is set to present full-length productions of "The Addams Family" at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, while condensed youth performances of "Addams Family Younger@Part" are being produced by Pleasanton Youth Theater Company at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Both centering on the Addams family, characters created by Charles Addams, the productions feature the peculiar group's run-in with "normal".

Contrary to the Addams family, grown daughter Wednesday falls in love with a young man from an ordinary family. After confiding in her father Gomez Addams, Wednesday pleads with him to keep the romance a secret from matriarch

Morticia Addams.

But the families unavoidably cross paths, as the two gather for a shared dinner at the Addams' house.

"The core of 'The Addams Family' musical is really about love and acceptance," TVTC show director Glen Riggs told the Pleasanton Weekly. "It is embracing the differences that we all have".

Amid the show's humor, characters and their relationships are grounded in reality, Riggs said.

Whether it's a challenging father-daughter relationship or one between siblings who are separated by an age gap, the audience can relate to the characters on stage, Riggs explained.

"Artistically, I want it to be believable — the relationships, the people — I want the audience to actually believe that that person exists," Riggs said.

"My goal is to put the 'family' in 'Addams Family,'" he added, noting that the cast

has successfully achieved the family-like bond. "I know that the audience is going to feel that love and those relationships coming from the stage."

Among those to catch a glimpse of TVTC rehearsals was Ruth Egberman, director of marketing for Bankhead operator Livermore Valley Arts.

"I am certain this will be a fabulous time out for families to enjoy together," she said of the production.

Egberman is not alone in her experience of rehearsals; Riggs has been privy to over 15 run-throughs of the production.

"Each time I watch it, I get chills, I smile, I laugh. If I'm able to see it that many times and still have those feelings about it, I'm so excited for our audience to see it for their first time," Riggs said.

In addition to Riggs, production leadership includes choreographer Shelly McDowell (who plays Morticia), vocal

and music director Jed da Roza, producers AJ Amstrup and Brian Olkowski as well as costumer Liz Nelsen. Amstrup also serves as backstage manager and Olkowski also serves as stage manager.

The show's 21-person cast includes Phillip Leyva as Gomez, Emma Marie Wall as Uncle Fester, Pleasanton's Jill Vellinger as Grandma, Jocie Purcell as Wednesday, Luca Varela as Pugsley Addams, Livermore's Keith Thomson as Lurch, Livermore's Etienne Urbain-Racine as Mal Beineke, Livermore's Mary Fielding as Alice Beineke and Christopher Dean as Lucas Beineke.

The TVTC's production is based on the book by Academy Award-winner Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, an Outer Critics Circle Award winner. Music and lyrics were created by Andrew Lippa, Tony Award-nominee and Drama Desk-winner.

"The Addams Family" is set for 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. on Sundays from Jan. 17 to Feb. 1 at the Bankhead. An additional matinee performance is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 31. For tickets and more information,

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# Museum to honor 2026 History Makers at gala

Awards go to Brad Hirst, Nancy and Gary Harrington for many contributions to Pleasanton



CHRISTINA GRAY / BELLA LUNA STUDIOS

2026 History Makers (above, from left) Brad Hirst and Nancy and Gary Harrington will be honored at Museum on Main's Wines & Valentines on Feb. 6. A snapshot of last year's gala is at top of page.

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Museum on Main will be recognizing three longtime Pleasanton contributors who have left their mark on the city's history during the museum's annual Wines & Valentines fundraising gala next month.

Brad Hirst, along with Nancy and Gary Harrington, will be presented with this year's History Makers, an accolade that the museum awards to residents as part of the annual event. This year marks the 19th anniversary of the gala, one of the museum's primary fundraisers, according to a press release from the downtown museum.

"Wines & Valentines is more than a gala — it is the Museum on Main's most important opportunity each year to celebrate the people who helped shape Pleasanton while ensuring our history is preserved for future generations," Executive Director Tony Cruz said in the press release.

"By honoring Brad Hirst and Nancy and Gary Harrington, we recognize extraordinary civic leadership while bringing the community together in support of the museum's work," Cruz added.

According to the museum, Hirst grew up with a passion for public service, so it wasn't much of

a surprise when he got involved in Pleasanton's development by joining the Rotary Club and Planning Commission shortly after he moved to the city in 1967. It was then, during the '70s, that Hirst and a core group of others contributed to the city's growth spurt that included the development of the Hacienda Business Park and Stoneridge Shopping Center, along with dozens of housing developments.

"They were all on board in their goal to make Pleasanton a city of Planned Progress that all residents could be proud of," according to the museum's press release.

In the following decades, Hirst went on to serve on the board of directors of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, founded the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Foundation in 1997 and became the president of the chamber in 1997. He has served on the George A Spiliotopoulos Invitational Golf Tournament, which has raised charity money to help provide scholarships to high school seniors, for over 20 years.

Hirst said he was both surprised and grateful upon learning of his recognition as a History Maker, which he was informed about just before Christmas.

According to the museum, Hirst has won dozens of awards throughout his life including

the key to the city of Pleasanton with the Mayor's Award and the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Award. He said local awards such as the museum's History Makers award mean a lot to him because it comes from his community.

"When you get recognition and an honor from your peers, it's more meaningful and appreciated because they know your strengths and they know your flaws," Hirst said.

Hirst knows communities don't just grow overnight. He said it takes a village of people volunteering, which is why he is particularly honored by this award because he gets to be included as one of those many people who contributed to Pleasanton's growth over the decades.

"I don't look at myself as necessarily a History Maker, but as one of many," Hirst said.

From how well the city's traffic flow is compared to other cities, to its historic homes that have stood the test of time, to people continuing the spirit of volunteerism, Hirst said he is proud of how well Pleasanton has grown over the decades, which he said is crucial in any city's development.

The Harringtons, who moved out of Pleasanton to the state of Washington last year, also told the Weekly that they were also honored to be recognized by the museum but added that they were a bit surprised at the fact that they are now seen as History Makers in the city they called home for so long.

Back in the '70s, which is when the two first moved to Pleasanton, the couple spent a summer traveling across all 50 states in the U.S. and noticed one main similarity between all of the cities they really loved while visiting: they all had an abundance of public art. So when they returned to Pleasanton and noticed the city was lacking public art installations, they made it their sole purpose to do something about it.

Nancy Harrington said she never thought of herself as a History Maker. She always just saw herself as someone who loved her city and wanted to decorate it with memorable art.

But after hearing the news that she and her husband were being recognized with the museum's annual award, she said she began

realizing that those art installations have become — and will continue to be — a part of Pleasanton's history. She said it means a lot to know that those art installations will be her and her husband's legacy.

"I really had never thought about leaving a legacy in Pleasanton, but Pleasanton does have a big part of our hearts," Nancy Harrington said. "We just really love the community."

One of the pieces the two fondly reflected on was the "Pioneer Founders Mural," located in downtown Pleasanton. The art piece, which portrays some of the key founders of the city, was partially funded by the Harrington Art Partnership that the two former public educators founded.

Nancy Harrington said it took a lot of research to make sure everything was right with the mural but in the end, she and her husband were tremendously happy with how it turned out and how it will not just live in perpetuity with the city, but it also holds significant value in telling the city's history.

The two were also proud of several other art installations across Pleasanton, the city's commitment to working with art organizations and even the city's recent efforts with the museum to create a pamphlet and maps so people know where all the public art installations are located throughout the city. The two also said they hope that collaboration and continued push on keeping the arts alive in Pleasanton

continues into the future.

"From artwork to wheelchairs, floors to food, park facilities to scholarships, Nancy and Gary Harrington have been History Makers in many, many ways," the museum stated in its press release.

In addition to the History Makers award ceremony, the museum's annual gala will also feature a four-course meal, a silent and live auction, music and dancing and other fundraising activities. The event will last from 5-10 p.m. Feb. 6 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, located at 7050 Johnson Drive.

Tickets are now on sale at the museum's website, [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org). ■

**'Celebrate the people who helped shape Pleasanton while ensuring our history is preserved for future generations'**

**Tony Cruz,**  
Museum executive director

# Discover Diablo series kicking off this month

New additions, recurring favorites among lineup for Save Mount Diablo's free outdoor events in 2026

BY JEANITA LYMAN

With the new year comes a new season of Save Mount Diablo's Discover Diablo programming, consisting of new additions as well as the return of some familiar favorites.

The organization has announced the 2026 lineup of 37 events, which features a new opportunity to explore the former Green Ranch site on the southern slopes of Mount Diablo to the east of the San Ramon Valley, as well as a Spanish language hike.

"Our saunter takes us past spring wildflowers and other botanical wonders to the site of historic Green Ranch," Save Mount Diablo organizers wrote in the description for the March 24 outing. "We'll explore the remains of the once celebrated house and surrounding structures and share tales of the area's fascinating history."

Meanwhile the Spanish language hike through Pine Canyon is set for May 9. While the event marks the first of its kind in the Discover Diablo lineup, this year's offerings also include a walk along the Bay Point Regional Shoreline in both Spanish and English, led by the organization's senior land use manager and conservation chair Juan Pablo Galvan and land stewardship manager Roxana Lucero on March 21, a prime time of

year for birdwatching as shorebirds migrate north for the spring.

"It is the goal of the Discover Diablo program to build connections between people, Save Mount Diablo, and the land, helping our communities develop a strong sense of place and a deepened appreciation for our collective backyard," Save Mount Diablo Executive Director Ted Clement said in the press release.

"Most importantly, we want to cultivate a love of the land in participants, as that is what it will take to ensure the precious Diablo natural areas are taken care of for generations to come," he continued.

While Save Mount Diablo was founded 55 years ago with the goal conservation and stewardship of the Mount Diablo Region in particular, the Discover Diablo lineup consists of events across the organization's conserved areas and on parklands in the mountain range throughout Contra Costa, Alameda, Stanislaus, and San Benito counties, aimed at providing opportunities for a range of outdoor adventures both near and far.

Returning favorites this year include rock climbing on March 7 and Oct. 3, the Pinnacles condor hike on Feb. 13, the Mitchell Canyon Medicinal Herb Walk on May 2, the Queerness in Nature Hike in partnership with



COURTESY SMD

Rock climbers pose during a past Discover Diablo excursion. The popular series with a variety of events around Mount Diablo returns for 2026 later this month.

Branching Out Adventures on Sept. 23, stargazing with the Mount Diablo Astronomical Society on June 20, and the two Tarantula Treks on Sept. 4 and Sept. 18.

2026 marks the ninth year of the Discover Diablo program, which was founded with the goal of spreading Save Mount Diablo's efforts to make community connections and foster residents' bonds with the natural beauty of the region.

While Save Mount Diablo engages in other efforts throughout the year aimed at fundraising and garnering

support for their land acquisition and stewardship efforts, the Discover Diablo series is always free and open to the public. In addition to educating and entertaining the community, the events are a way for Save Mount Diablo experts to showcase their passions for the region.

"Discover Diablo hikes are guided by experts steeped in the natural history and lore of the region, who both educate and entertain while emphasizing the breathtaking beauty that the Diablo Range has to offer," Save Mount Diablo officials said in their

press release. "Save Mount Diablo hopes the Discover Diablo series will spark a passion for the Diablo Range and deepen people's connections to the land and nature."

Registration is now open for the first two events of this year's program: the annual Dr. Mary Bowerman birthday hike on Jan. 25, and a landscape and wildlife photography excursion at Pinnacles National Park on Jan. 31. Registration for each event opens approximately one month ahead of time. More information is available at [savemountdiablo.org](http://savemountdiablo.org). ■

## ADDAMS

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visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org)

Debuting the same-day, Pleasanton Youth Theater Company is set to present "Addams Family Younger@Part".

Clocking in at 30 to 45 minutes, the youth edition has been trimmed down from the original, while maintaining its general story line and its funniest elements, show directors Leila Brown and Veronica Pascual told the Weekly.

As a production focused on

character building, Pascual said the youth performers have excelled in character creation.

"They're always asking questions and suggesting new things to add to the musical which makes me feel confident that the 'Addams Family' will be an amazing show!" Pascual

told the Weekly.

Unique to the youth production is the inclusion of 5- and 6-year-old performers dubbed Lil Sprouts.

"It's always so fulfilling to see the end result with the Sprouts and Lil Sprouts working together to tell a story, and they end up having

so much fun meeting each other," Brown said.

PYTC is set to perform "Addams Family Younger@Part" this weekend (Jan. 17-18) and next (Jan. 24-25) at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown. For tickets and more information, visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org). ■

## Library exhibit highlights 'Our Livermore Stories'

'It's amazing what happens when our Livermore community comes together through literacy'

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Livermore Civic Center Library is hosting an exhibit this month to spotlight the city's adult literacy program and those who have benefited over the years.

"Our Livermore Stories" sees writings lining the corridor wall by adult learners showing off the skills they've honed at the library's English conversation groups and/or in meetings with volunteer tutors — a special display that celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Livermore Public Library's literacy program, as well as the 150th anniversary of Livermore's incorporation as a city.

"Each author determinedly models the practice of lifelong learning and represents the thousands of adult learners served by the Library's Literacy Program through the years," library officials said in a press release ahead of the exhibit's

opening at the beginning of January.

"These writings also recognize the supportive and dedicated literacy volunteers, past and present, who often share how life-enriching it is meeting with adult learners," they added. "It's amazing what happens when our Livermore community comes together through literacy — there is so much to celebrate!"

Attendees can add their own stories by writing a message about why Livermore is special to them on the notepaper provided. The exhibit remains open through Jan. 31 at the main library at 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

To learn more about the literacy program, including how to participate as an adult learner or a literacy volunteer, contact the literacy office at the Civic Center Library, email [literacy@livermore.lib.ca.us](mailto:literacy@livermore.lib.ca.us) or call 925-373-5507. ■



COURTESY LIVERMORE LIBRARY

"Our Livermore Stories" is running at the Civic Center Library throughout January.

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Fencing school owners accused of bilking immigrant instructors from Ukraine, Poland

A former Ukraine National Fencing Team member and his spouse, who run a training school for the niche sport in the Tri-Valley, have been charged after allegedly failing to properly pay immigrant instructors they recruited to the Bay Area from Eastern Europe, including his war-torn homeland.

Bogdan Dolzhenko and Jeanne Amistoso are due in court next week for their first appearance in the criminal case filed by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on Jan. 5, following separate investigations by local and federal authorities into allegations made over a year ago of labor violations, wage theft and possible human trafficking.

"Once in the United States, the victims quickly realized that the \$2500 monthly salary and 40 hour work week schedule they were originally promised were much different," DA's inspector James Henry wrote in a probable cause statement that set the stage for the criminal complaint.

Dolzhenko, 31, faces 12 counts and a slew of special allegations while his wife Amistoso, 63, is charged with four felonies, one misdemeanor and potential enhancements. They remain out of custody, according to county jail records.

The coaching couple, who operate Prime Fencing Academy in Dublin, did not respond to a request for comment as of Tuesday. They had no legal representation listed in the court file ahead of their arraignment date of next Thursday (Jan. 22), which is the earliest they could enter a formal plea to the charges against them.

Operating in an office and industrial park on Sierra Court just off Dublin Boulevard, Prime Fencing Academy caters to the training needs of fencers of all skill levels and ages, including a particular focus on youth athletes. The business previously operated in Pleasanton and potentially under different names in the past.

Dolzhenko and his Prime Fencing Academy first came upon authorities' radar in November 2024 when the Polaris Project's National Human Trafficking Hotline received a tip about the Dublin business, according to Henry.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security subsequently submitted an initial report to the

DA's Office with the statements of one current and one former employee, the inspector wrote. During the ensuing local investigation, Henry was able to find two more victims who formerly worked for the academy.

"The four victims were living in Ukraine and Poland areas when they were contacted by Suspect Bogdan Dolzhenko. The name Bogdan Dolzhenko is well known in this part of Europe," Henry stated.

Dolzhenko competed in fencing for over 15 years, including seven years on the Ukrainian national team and had notable finishes in individual and team events at major tournaments like the European Championships, the World Championships, the Junior World Cup and the Ukraine National Championships, according to his biography on the school's website.

Amistoso has been involved in fencing for more than 20 years as both a coach and an athlete, including medaling in national and regional tournaments in senior divisions, according to her bio.

Authorities allege Dolzhenko and Amistoso enticed the foreign fencers to work for them under the Uniting for Ukraine temporary visa program, applying to sponsor as many as 10 U4U visas for others as of April 2024.

The victims all told investigators similar stories, according to Henry — Dolzhenko promised them jobs in the U.S., help with immigration sponsorship, a place to live and a monthly salary of \$2,500 if they would coach at his fencing academy in Dublin.

They came to America and started at Prime Fencing Academy during 2024, but found the circumstances far from what was described. They were working nine hours per day during weekdays and 10 to 14 hours a day on weekends, their apartments were under Dolzhenko's name, and they only received \$200 to \$1,500 a month while being told rent and other costs were being deducted but without proper documentation, according to the DA inspector.

"They were advised it was 'customary' in the United States to not get paid for the first month of work," Henry wrote.

The investigation revealed the four workers, who have all left the school now, were paid below minimum wage, they were misclassified as independent contractors and that Dolzhenko and Amistoso were the only employees legally listed for the business from 2022 and 2024, according to Henry.

Dolzhenko is charged alone with four counts of wage theft and three counts of obtaining labor under false pretenses, and he and his wife

together face four felony counts related to tax evasion and insurance fraud as well as misdemeanor failure to secure workers' compensation. There are also special allegations for vulnerable victims, sophistication of crime, coercion and financial damages.

They are scheduled to appear at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin at 9 a.m. Jan. 22. According to the DA inspector's report, the federal investigation by DHS is still pending and could result in further charges.

— *Jeremy Walsh*

### Second man convicted in murder-for-hire plot

Federal prosecutors obtained a second conviction in a murder-for-hire scheme involving accomplices from Manteca and Dublin, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

Shaminderjit Singh Sandhu, 52, was sentenced to seven and a half years in federal prison Jan. 8 for conspiring to use interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire.

According to prosecutors, Sandhu conspired with Jagninder Singh Boparai, 49, and allegedly with Dublin resident Ramesh Kumar Birla Jr., 46, to murder someone referred to as "Victim 2" in court documents.

In February 2023, Boparai met with a person he believed to be a hitman at a Starbucks in Manteca who was actually an undercover FBI agent, prosecutors said. Boparai told the supposed hitman that the first job involved the assault of "Victim 1", and "once he proved his trustworthiness, he would be given another job".

The following day, Boparai met the confidential informant again and offered to pay \$6,000 for the assault of Victim 1.

In March 2023, allegedly in the presence of Birla and another person, Boparai met with the confidential informant, and Boparai gave the undercover agent \$1,000 as a down payment for the assault.

The confidential informant later showed Boparai a staged photo of Victim 1 laying on the ground covered in bruises, dirt, and blood to indicate the assault had occurred. Boparai said he liked the photo and told the confidential informant that he had two other "jobs", one of which involved robbing a business, and the other involved making a person "disappear," prosecutors said.

According to court documents, in March 2023, Boparai met with the confidential informant to pay them \$10,000 as a down payment for the murder of Victim 2. Sandhu provided Victim 2's address, and Boparai instructed the confidential informant that Victim 2 must

"disappear without any evidence remaining", the DOJ said.

Boparai then allegedly made two calls to Birla asking for Victim 2's Facebook profile, which he showed to the undercover agent.

On March 24, 2023, Sandhu met with the confidential informant in a parking lot in Manteca. Sandhu claimed that Boparai was out of town, but Boparai was observed by surveillance remaining in a car in the same parking lot, according to prosecutors. Sandhu allegedly instructed the confidential informant to kill Victim 2 and take Victim 2's remains to Mexico in a suitcase. Birla was allegedly involved in this as well.

All three defendants were arrested on March 31, 2023.

Boparai pleaded guilty on Jan. 23, 2025 and he was given nine years in federal prison.

Birla is scheduled for a further status conference on Feb. 12. If convicted, he faces a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

— *Katy St. Clair, Bay City News*

### Motorcyclist dies on Vasco

A motorcyclist was killed Monday on Vasco Road just north of Dyer Road in Contra Costa County, the California Highway Patrol said.

Just after 5 a.m., a man in his 70s was traveling south on Vasco Road on his motorcycle when for reasons still under investigation, he left his lane and crossed over the northbound lanes, ultimately crashing into the east guardrail there. He was thrown from his bike and landed down an embankment. He was declared deceased at the scene.

After the collision, the man's motorcycle continued to roll for a significant distance and ended up blocking the northbound lane, the CHP said.

The exact cause of the crash remains under investigation. No other persons were injured.

— *Bay City News Service*

### Defendant in police chase pleads not guilty

The driver of a black Volkswagen that was the subject of a late night police pursuit pleaded not guilty last week to the numerous felony charges he is facing following the incident, which left one San Ramon officer with minor injuries.

The driver — 25-year-old Anthony Parsons of Oakley — is facing five counts of assault on a peace officer for allegedly driving his car into multiple San Ramon Police Department vehicles, one count for fleeing from police while driving recklessly, and one count for knowingly receiving a stolen vehicle.

Police were in the area for a surveillance operation near Kyler Court and Kyler Lane, believing that the suspects in a series of recent car thefts would be returning to the scene where a stolen vehicle had been abandoned.

Parsons and three other suspects arrived in the area after 11 p.m. on Dec. 29, at which point police attempted a "high-risk vehicle stop", leading the suspects to flee the scene and strike multiple police cars in the process.

Parsons and another suspect, who has not been charged, were detained later that evening after abandoning the Volkswagen that had led the police chase and attempting to flee on foot through an apartment complex on Ivy Hill Way. Despite an extensive police search, two other suspects were not located that evening.

— *Jeanita Lyman*

### Double murder suspect dies in jail incident

A man arrested on New Year's Eve for allegedly killing his parents died in jail last week after purposely banging his head on something, according to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office.

Kirk Richardson, 61, of Concord died after apparently banging his head in his cell at the Martinez Detention Facility. He was taken to a hospital for treatment, then taken back to the jail and was given medication by jail staff, according to the sheriff's office.

Richardson was allegedly uncooperative with deputies while being taken from the hospital back to jail after he was medically cleared at about 8:30 a.m. Jan. 8 and was later given an undisclosed type of drug by medical staff.

At about 5:50 p.m., a deputy found Richardson unconscious in his cell.

Jail medical staff, deputies, a fire crew and ambulance all responded to provide CPR and first aid but Richardson died at the scene, according to the sheriff's office.

Richardson, whose bail was set at \$4 million, had been in jail since Dec. 31 after being arrested on suspicion of shooting his parents to death at their home in the 3900 block of Walnut Avenue in Concord.

He was facing two counts of murder, with a gun enhancement for each charge, according to court records.

In accordance with the county's law enforcement-involved fatal incident protocol, both the sheriff's office and the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office are investigating Richardson's death. ■

— *Kiley Russell, Bay City News*

# Opinion

## Paying tribute to Jeb

After the Pleasanton Weekly shared news last week of editor emeritus Jeb Bing's death during the holiday season, dozens of readers shared remembrances of our founding editor in comments on social media. Here is a snapshot:

Sad news. He cared so much about people, accurate news, and the well being of Pleasanton. Condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

— Catharine Baker

Jeb will be missed by our Olson family. He was instrumental in getting help here for us after our accident. He reported how and when we needed help from the community. He followed up with an interview a few years later with one of my daughters, Ashley, who is paralyzed and asked how she and the family were doing.

I give him a lot of credit for the wonderful help that we did receive because of his reporting. It is such a loss. Peace be with the family.

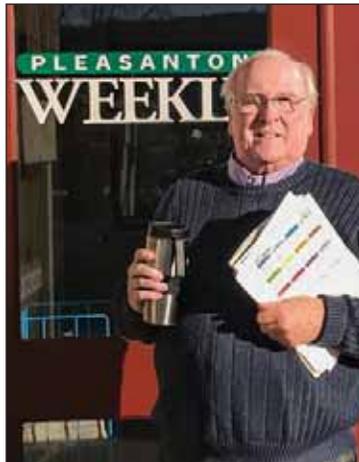
— Elaine Olson

Rest in Peace Jeb, give Dolores a hug, what a fantastic team.

— Gary Winter

R.I.P. To my friend Jeb. The memories of all the people you touched lives on!

— Herb Ritter



COURTESY BING FAMILY

Founding editor Jeb Bing outside the prior Pleasanton Weekly office.

Oh no - I'm so sorry to hear this. He is a legend. Condolences to his family.

— Christina Nystrom

Pleasanton will deeply miss him. Thank you for all the support and love you gave me.

Rest in peace Jeb.

— Kathleen Long Martin

Rest In Eternal Peace Jeb. Thank you for being a voice of Pleasanton.

— Susan Thomas

Oh Wow. I know everyone passes but Jeb has been such a fixture, had such an amazingly positive impact. He embodied the intersection of journalism and heart for the community.

— Susan Sasek

So sad. I remember his early days. Our early days in the community.

— W. Ron Sutton

I am so sorry for his loss. I was the President of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton between 2015-2016. He was in charge of finding speakers for our meetings.

If everyone remembers 2016 was a presidential election and Hillary Clinton was running against Donald Trump. Also the Republican primaries were happening and there were lots of Republican candidates, including Jeb Bush. At one meeting I introduced Jeb as Jeb Bush. I was so embarrassed and I apologized.

For the rest of my presidency, Jeb was referred to as Jeb Bush and I was referred to as President Hillary. He was a great sport, a great leader and great person. I will miss him.

— Janet Bowman Yarbrough

I hope the Pleasanton Weekly continues on. I did not know who founded it.

— Bob DeCarli

Jeb was a great father, grandpa, husband, compassionate member of Pleasanton who served us well.

— Tom Fox

Sad news...RIP Jeb.

— Jerry Pentin

What a wonderful man who ran an amazing paper! He will be missed.

— Shelley Mercer Despotakis

Rest in Peace. I grew up in Pleasanton and have lived in the Northwest for many years and have kept tabs on Pleasanton by following this publication. Thank you.

— Patty Walker Cleveland

Rest in Peace Jeb! You will be missed.

— Vicki LaBarge

Jeb was so sweet and kind to me, even when I was rocking the boat. He liked to tease me and it took me far too long to understand his dry sense of humor. He and his family were always supportive of downtown businesses and as a previous owner, I deeply appreciated his support.

He was a friend to all of us. Sending the Bing Family lots of love.

— Melanie Sadek

A life lived well surrounded by a loving family. Certainly is missed. I am sorry to hear this.

— Cheryl Cook-Kallio

A true paragon. I am grateful to Jeb for so many reasons.

— Nancy Lewis

Rest in peace, Jeb, and thank you for your levelheadedness, fairness, warmth and ability to keep things real.

— Cameron Sullivan

What an asset to the community he was! I always enjoyed reading his columns. Rest easy, Mr. Bing.

— Kellie Collier

Thinking of Jeb's family & friends. He will be missed by many.

— Kelly Watson French

Jeb was dedicated to covering local news and did it well. So sorry to hear this. He was a very nice man.

— Susan Houghton

He did so much for Pleasanton and I always enjoyed reading his columns. His legacy lives on!

— Amy Moellering

What a great man and such an incredible icon in Pleasanton. I'll never forget that he gave me my first paid journalism assignment and trusted me with the cover — a profile of another great Pleasanton icon, George Lydixsen.

Jeb was such a class act and a pleasure to work with. One of a kind. Sending my sincere condolences to his family.

— Kathy Hill Cordova

My sincere condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. Jeb was a kind, warm, and very intelligent man, and he contributed greatly to our community. I always enjoyed our interactions, and his gentle, wry teasing.

May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing to his family and all who loved him.

— Andrew Gelb

## LETTERS

### We believe we can

Thank you (Jeremy) so much for supporting Alan Hu Foundation to create hope! Happy holidays!

With your support, the Alan Hu Foundation believes we can! This year, we hosted nine free educational webinars in our Mental Health Lecture Series via Zoom, presented by eminent professors, physicians and researchers. Recent lectures are available in English, Chinese and

Spanish to serve a broader audience. Our newly updated website includes all of our previously recorded mental health lectures, valuable resources and ways to help.

Proceeds from our benefit concert, "Over the Rainbow", supported 22 Alan Hu Foundation Scholarships for promising seniors from Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore high schools who will study psychology, psychiatry or neuroscience in college, or train as nurses, school counselors, teachers and first responders.

As a result, we were honored to be selected as 2025 Nonprofit of the Year by 16th California District Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

Thank you for your support and generosity. 100% of your donation is invested in our mission to promote mental health, raise awareness and remove stigma surrounding psychiatric disorders and support fundamental research for cures.

We believe we can, with heartfelt ambition.

— Xiaofang Chen, president/co-founder

### Repro Rights Gathering

A few years after the Dobbs decision, many people continue to feel exhausted, concerned and sometimes heartbroken about the state of reproductive rights.

This February, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, your local secular Jewish community, is offering something simple

and sustaining: time together, shared values and space to breathe.

TVCJ's Repro Rights Gathering, taking place Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. in Livermore, is a relaxed, welcoming afternoon centered on reproductive rights, Jewish Humanistic values, and the comfort of community. With lots of challah, open conversation and a lighter heart, the gathering is designed to feel supportive, rather than heavy.

This is not a lecture or a debate. It's an invitation — to show up as you are, to listen and be heard, to connect over food and shared values, and to remember the strength that comes from being together.

Whether you come for the challah, the conversation, or the sense of belonging, you'll find a space that's warm, meaningful, and gently joyful. In challenging times, this gathering is a reminder that community itself can be an act of care.

TVCJ is proud to create inclusive, meaningful Jewish celebrations that reflect diverse Jewish and multicultural backgrounds. People of all gender identities, sexual orientations, and family structures are welcome and celebrated.

Reservations are required and a donation of \$15 per non-member adult is suggested, though all are welcome regardless of ability to donate. For more information, directions or to RSVP, please email CulturalJews@gmail.com or call 925-399-8029.

— Rabbi Judith Seid

## Ford G. Roberts

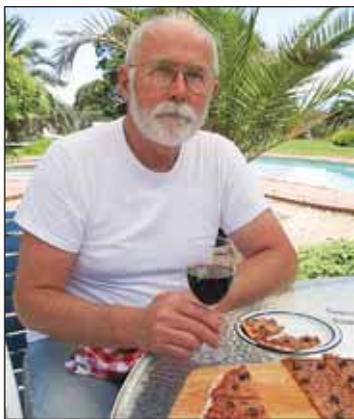
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Join us for the Celebration of Life of Dr. Ford Roberts on Saturday January 24th from 2-4 PM at the Veterans Memorial Hall in downtown Pleasanton. The address is 301 Main St., Pleasanton.

This will be a casual, fun event, and wearing black is prohibited (per Dad's specific instructions!). If Dr. Roberts could join us, he would want pizza and wine! So – there will be pizza hors d'oeuvres from Gay Nineties as well as alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

If you knew my dad or any of the family, you are welcome to join us. Please also pass this on to anyone who may not be on Facebook or see the Pleasanton Weekly. We would love to see you and hear your stories about Dr. Roberts!

If you have any questions about the Celebration of Life event, please reach out to Glynnis at glynnisnance@gmail.com.



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Amador boys open EBAL soccer season with win

Highlights from the pitch for Amador girls, Foothill boys; Dons see tough losses on the hardwood

The Amador Valley boys' soccer team kept its impressive run alive, opening the East Bay Athletic League season with a 2-1 win over Livermore.

The Dons broke a scoreless tie just before halftime when Mateo Eichler buried a goal off a Jio Lee assist.

Livermore came back and tied it in the 44th minute, but the Dons went right down and scored the game-winner when Lucas Cimas scored off an Eichler assist.

The game turned physical and there were multiple yellow cards issued. Livermore made a late push, but the Amador defense held to give the Dons the win.

Amador's junior varsity team also

started the EBAL season with a win, topping Livermore by a 1-0 final.

Player of the Match Nico Rodriguez scored off a Taru Aware cross in the second half to secure the win.

The defense secured the shut-out through solid efforts by Jace Danielson, Josue Reyes Perez, Mathias Tempero and Noah Camp.

The Amador freshman team had a mixed week, winning one and losing one.

The win was a 5-0 romp over College Park. Yabin Dong scored a hat trick in the first half, with Rishen Patel and Alex Carlson adding the final two goals in the second half.

Earlier in the week, the Dons dropped a 3-0 game to Berkeley.

#### Foothill boys' soccer

The Falcons won a pair of games last week, one in league and one non-league affair.

Foothill opened EBAL play with a 1-0 win over Dougherty Valley. Kevin Tippet scored the lone goal for the Falcons.

Two days later it was a convincing 6-0 win over Mission San Jose.

Tippet scored twice as did Ashrith Gandluru. Nickolas Valencia and Kavin Srivastava scored one goal each to round out the scoring.

#### Amador boys' basketball

The Dons came into the EBAL as one of the favorites, but someone forgot to tell Livermore as the



COURTESY NOAH CAMP

The Amador Valley varsity soccer team huddling before their game with Livermore.

Cowboys handed the Dons a 74-63 loss in the opening league game for both teams.

Cade Krueger had 26 points for the Dons and Elijah Stanley added 14 points. Jaylen Smith added nine points for the Dons.

The next day, Amador fell 69-47 to Modesto Christian.

#### Amador girls' soccer

The Dons opened defense of their EBAL title with a 2-0 win over Livermore.

Addison Stout gave the Dons a

1-0 lead with a goal from 25 yards out. Five minutes later it was 2-0 when Stout put a corner kick on Mia Harris, who in turn put it away for the final goal.

The second half was all about ball control and the Dons did their job, controlling the majority of the possession time. ■

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619837  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Bay Area Auto Sales , located at 37525 Glenmoor Dr STE 16 Fremont, CA 94536, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SAN JOSE MOTOR GROUP  
1440 Bob White Place  
San Jose, CA 95131  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
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**THE PUZZLE SWAP SOCIETY**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 620038  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) The Puzzle Swap Society , located at 960 Shorepoint Court, Unit 103, Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
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**GOLDEN WORKWEAR**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 620054  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) GOLDEN WORKWEAR , located at 19367 Mission BLVD, Hayward, CA 94541 , Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
GOLDEN WORKWEAR & PRINT CO LLC  
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Hayward, CA 94541  
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**ARTEREX**  
ARTEREX, PLEASANTON CA  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619967  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Arterex , 2.) Arterex, Pleasanton CA , located at 1043 Serpentine Lane Ste A, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ADROIT USA, INC.  
1043 Serpentine Lane Ste A  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
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**CIRCUITRY ELECTRIC**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619883  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Circuitry Electric , located at 3389 Smoketree Commons Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 1003 Black Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
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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):  
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Dublin, CA 94568  
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**RILEY RECOVERY CENTERS FOUNDATION**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619280  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) RILEY RECOVERY CENTERS FOUNDATION , located at 20880 BAKER RD. CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, ALAMEDA County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ARETHREE CORP  
20880 BAKER RD  
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State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
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**CTI**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619576  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) CTI , located at 6601 Owens Drive, Ste 105, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
CAREER TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE  
6601 Owens Drive, Ste 105  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA  
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**CLEARVIEW INV**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619308  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) CLEARVIEW INV , located at 355 CHESTER STREET Oakland, CA 94607, ALAMEDA County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
THOMAS KAN  
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San Francisco, CA 94122  
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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):  
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11754 Murietta Ct  
Dublin, CA 94568  
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**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):  
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Castro Valley, CA 94546  
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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  
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**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  
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**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  
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**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  
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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):  
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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):  
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1201 Creek Trail Drive  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
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**TREASURY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS**  
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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.  
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**3068 GARDELLA PLAZA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619136  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) 3068 GARDELLA PLAZA , located at 3068 GARDELLA Plaza, 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):  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619228  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) GROUP INTELLECT , located at 1047 Serpentine Lane 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 Lane Suite 200  
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State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
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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  
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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):  
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678 Concord Pl  
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**3162 GARDELLA PLAZA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619138  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) 3162 Gardella Plaza , located at 3162 Gardella Plaza, 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):  
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1201 Creek Trail Drive  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
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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

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4067 VINEYARD AVE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619135

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

1.) 4067 VINEYARD AVE , located at 4067 VINEYARD AVE Pleasanton, CA 94566, 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

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STONERIDGE NOTARY & APOSTILLE  
STONERIDGE TAX & BOOKKEEPING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619684

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

1.) STONERIDGE NOTARY & APOSTILLE , 2.) STONERIDGE TAX & BOOKKEEPING , located at 4465 Clovewood Ln, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

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

PJ SINGH MANAGEMENT INC  
4465 Clovewood Ln  
Pleasanton, CA 94588

State of Incorporation/Organization: CA 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 26 2025.

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

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 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 11 2025.

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

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.

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

(PLW Dec 19, 2025, Jan 2, 9 and 16, 2026)

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 11 2025.

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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.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 08 2025.

(PLW Dec 19, 2025, Jan 2, 9 and 16, 2026)

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.

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

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.

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

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.

(PLW Dec 19, 2025, Jan 2, 9 and 16, 2026)

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)

TIPS OF BEAUTII  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 619398

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

1.) Tips Of Beautii , located at 644 Amberwood Way Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County.

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

KEELY PAYNE  
644 Amberwood Way  
Livermore, CA 94551

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.

(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.

(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.: 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.: 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.: 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.: 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.

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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.

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Thomas 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: 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.

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Thomas 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.

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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/](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/legal_notices/)**

For assistance email [LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com).

## Entertainment

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

**TVTC'S THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL** Tri-Valley Theatre 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](http://livermorearts.org).

**MOTOWN MANIA** Revisit the classic songs and stars of the era with The Best Intentions, a five-man vocal group extraordinaire as they perform heart-stopping harmonies, dazzling choreography and the memorable hits from Motown golden age. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 23. Tickets \$49-\$69. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**CONCERT PIANIST DANIEL GLOVER** Experience a special musical event as International concert pianist Daniel Glover performs the music of Italy in Viva l'Italia, a benefit for Valley Concert Chorale. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 24. First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Tickets \$30. Visit [valleyconcertchorale.org](http://valleyconcertchorale.org).

**NEIL DIAMOND CONCERT EXPERIENCE** Rob Garrett and his top notch showband take a break from their current full time residency in Las Vegas to take their award-winning show cross country. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30. Tickets \$49-\$69. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**NAVARASA RAMAYANA** Namaha Foundation for the Arts presents Navarasa Ramayana, a retelling of the epic Ramayana through nine emotions of Lord Rama. Presented by the senior students of Ushanjali School of Dance. 3 p.m., Jan. 31. Tickets \$28. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**COMIC/SONGWRITER AT CONGREGATION BETH EMEK** Daniel Cainer, an award-winning songwriter who has composed for the BBC, casts an ironic but loving eye on all things Jewish and brings his irreverent take on family,

feuding tailors, bagels and a less-than-reputable rabbi to a concert at Congregation Beth Emek. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 1. Tickets \$10-\$20. Visit [bethemek.org](http://bethemek.org).

## Exhibits

**OUR 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, Now to Feb. 28. 6-8 p.m., weekends. 2250 First St., Livermore.

**FIREHOUSE LOBBY EXHIBIT** Where Waters End: Wei-Ting Chuang Art Journey, features nearly 20 works by the artist including the artist signature works of East Asian brushwork, ink and pigment on paper. Now to Feb. 28. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://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. Now to March 7. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://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](http://livermorearts.org).

**IMAGINATION EXPRESSED 2026** Stop by Museum on Main to see what Pleasanton's art community has been up to recently at the

annual show of new work from PAL featuring paintings, photography, drawings, jewelry and other media from Tri-Valley artists. Through March 14. 603 Main St.

**MEMORIAL WALL EXHIBITION** The work of Jean Batchelder will be on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall featuring 15 of the artist representative watercolor works utilizing techniques of subtractive painting and watercolor on yupo paper. Jan. 17 to March 14. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://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 and see who spots the most types of birds. Meet at the Arroyo Mocho Picnic area. No registration required. 10-11:30 a.m., Jan. 17 and 31. Visit [ebparks.org/things-to-do](http://ebparks.org/things-to-do).

**MUSHROOM MADNESS** The annual mushroom hunt returns to the park where the Bay Area Mycological Society joins LARPD rangers to lead groups into the park in search of fruiting fungi. 1-3 p.m., Jan. 18. Free registration at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**NATIONAL TAKE A WALK OUTDOORS DAY** Celebrate National Take a Walk Outdoors Day with an LARPD Naturalist at the Sycamore Grove Park Arroyo Road Entrance. Pets are welcome and must be on leash. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Jan. 20. Free registration at [larpd.org](http://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. All levels of experience welcome. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jan. 16, Feb. 6 and 27. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**RANGER PROGRAM** In this Ranger Program on Bird Adaptations, an LARPD ranger will share how birds are adapted to various ways of eating, nesting and keeping warm. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jan. 25. Meet at the Ranger Station Picnic Area. Free registration at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**2026 TRAILS CHALLENGE** Explore the beauty of the East Bay by hiking, biking, or horseback riding on trails throughout the Regional Parks System. Finish five of the routes featured in the guidebook or a combination of 26.2 miles on any trails in the regional parks. Visit [ebparks.org/trails-challenge](http://ebparks.org/trails-challenge).

## PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

### Boyish Benjamin

Lovely puppy Benjamin is available through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's Foster-to-Adopt program. This adorable boy is almost 4 months old and he currently weighs 15 pounds. He is an Irish Wolfhound mix and is expected to be a large dog when fully grown, between 50 and 70 pounds. He has a very mild and quiet personality. He does well with other dogs and appears to be good with cats. Visit [tvar.org](http://tvar.org).

## Talks

**AUTHOR EVENT** Cara Black is the author of twenty-one books in the New York Times bestselling Aimee Leduc series. Stop in for Cara Black in conversation with Michelle Chouinard, 2 p.m., Jan. 18. Free RSVP at [townecenterbooks.com](http://townecenterbooks.com).

**SCAM PREVENTION WITH LIVERMORE PD** Join for an important scam prevention presentation with Officer Swanson of the Livermore Police Department and learn about the most common scams targeting seniors. Get practical tips on how to recognize warning signs and protect yourself. 1-2 p.m., Jan. 20. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**CARETAKER WEBINAR** Join Sunflower Hill for a special live webinar showcasing the Dani Plan, a centralized hub to organize and consolidate all information needed to care for an individual with special needs. 6 p.m., Jan. 21. Visit [sunflowerhill.org](http://sunflowerhill.org).

**THEN & NOW: LIVERMORE STORIES** Jeff Kaskey presents a Then & Now program entitled Sit Straight, Eyes Front: Livermore Early Schools. 7 p.m., Jan. 21. Livermore Civic Center Library Storytime Room.

**CONSUMER FRAUD: SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS** Get tips for protection and prevention, discuss common scams and forms of fraud and receive practical tips on how to recognize scams and protect oneself. 1-2 p.m., Jan. 22. Free registration at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**AUTHOR EVENT** Join for Read It & Eat with Gabriel Tallent, New Times best selling author of My Absolute Darling. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 26. Purchase tickets at [townecenterbooks.com](http://townecenterbooks.com).

**THE RAE DOROUGH SPEAKER SERIES** Louise Leakey, born in Africa and heir to the famed Leakey dynasty of fossil seekers, presents Digging for Humanity Origins. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 29. Tickets \$50-\$80. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING** Author Lisa Gray, LMFT, will discuss and sign copies of her books, Thriving in a Relationship When You Have Chronic Illness and Healthy Conflict, Happy Couple. 2 p.m., Feb. 1. Livermore Civic

Center Library. Towne Center Books will sell copies of Lisa Gray books at the event.

## Business

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS MIXER** Chamber members host an open house at their business, inviting attendees to a first-hand view of their facilities, products and services. This is networking at its best with entertainment, food and beverages. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Jan. 21. Visit [livermorechamber.org](http://livermorechamber.org).

**THE JOB CLUB** Join this zoom meeting every Monday at 12 p.m. for a supportive, energizing meeting designed for job seekers at any stage of their search. Visit [livermorechamber.org](http://livermorechamber.org).

## Government

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** Pleasanton City Council meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Jan. 20. City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Seniors

**WOODSHOP** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Drop-in fees apply. Pleasanton Senior Center.

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

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

## Support

**VA MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH UNIT** The VA Palo Alto Health Care System mobile medical outreach unit will be at the Livermore Civic Center Library parking lot and community rooms where medical providers will be on-site to offer examinations, consultations and referrals to veterans enrolled in the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. No appointment is necessary. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 22. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

# Employment

**Seniors Helping Seniors® Tri-Valley**  
Hiring active and compassionate seniors.  
Companionship and Personal Care.  
\$19-\$21/hour  
Email: [Care@TriValleySHS.com](mailto:Care@TriValleySHS.com)  
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# Real Estate



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Left: Entrance to historic Spotorno Ranch in Pleasanton, which is being developed for luxury housing by the family in partnership with Haven. Right: A bypass road for Callippe Preserve Golf Course access is not in the mix, which leaves the “temporary” route in place for 20 years and counting.

## Plans for luxury estates moving ahead on Alisal

Haven Development website touts 22 properties at \$5M-\$6M on their way in Happy Valley at long last

BY TIM HUNT

Last November, Pleasanton and its golfers celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

Notably, for residents of Sycamore Road and Alisal Road, it marked the continuation of the city’s failure to follow through on its commitment to get the golf course traffic off their narrow roads. The bypass road through the Spotorno property, a family cattle and sheep ranch since 1867, was drawn on a map through the land that was supposed to connect with the road serving Sycamore Heights and the golf course

access road near the big water tank on the hill overlooking the course and the homes surrounding it.

When the land was analyzed during the development process, geologists determined it was not appropriate for a road given the soil and earthquake fault condition.

The family had pursued development for decades, both before and after the golf course project under patriarch Al Spotorno. He passed in 2018 at 92.

In partnership with Haven Development of San Ramon, they won an approval for the flat land where Alisal makes a 90-degree

turn. The hills remain out-of-bounds. That project, covered by environmental work done for the Happy Valley Specific Plan in 1998, won council approval in 2022 for 22 units. That approval was set to expire in 2024, but the city granted a two-year extension that ends March 24, 2026.

Check Haven’s website and you will learn “Lusso at Sportorno (sic) Ranch” is coming this year with 22 luxury homes, each with a casita, and 11 floor plan options. The website reads that prices will be \$5 million to \$6 million. Presumably the project will improve Alisal Road around the perimeter,

but there’s no bypass road for the golf course in the mix.

That pencil line on the sketch should be erased as well the sign proclaiming temporary access to the golf course removed. No longer a joke, folks.

For Pleasanton, should the project succeed in selling 22 homes in that price range, it will be a huge property tax windfall in line with what the highest end Ruby Hill homes sell for. It will contrast sharply with the reduced prices for commercial and retail space occurring elsewhere in the city and broader Bay Area. ■

## HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during Oct. 27-31 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Dec. 15-19 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 102 Castlewood Drive** J. Rutkin to S. & Z. Sharif for \$2,200,000
- 7867 Fairoaks Drive** Buck Family Trust to B. & W. Yang for \$1,750,000
- 1927 Foxswallow Circle** Tandowsky Trust to M. & V. Vinnakota for \$1,565,000
- 4120 Lucca Court** Hernbroth Family Trust to N. & R. Bliznets for \$1,021,000
- 389 Mavis Drive** Garrigan 1997 Family Trust to Bayco Estates LLC for \$1,350,000
- 4267 Pleasanton Avenue** G. & M. Minnis to D. & A. Wang for \$635,000
- 2147 Pomezia Court** Lorentz Living Trust to J. & R. Lu for \$2,400,000
- 2321 Sandpiper Way** Point Green Home Solutions LLC to Jandhyala Family Trust for \$2,100,000
- 1817 Sinclair Drive** Gates-Seid Family Trust to S. & J. Zhu for \$1,380,000
- 6839 Singletree Court** T. Lam to Sayson Living Trust for \$1,500,000
- 6355 Singletree Way** Gomes Family Trust to S. & P. Rajpurkar for \$1,330,000
- 3253 Verde Court** R. Janarthanan to P. & S. Ghawde for \$1,025,000

### Livermore

- 3732 Carrigan Common** G. Sandhu to R. & D. Anderson for \$649,000
- 457 Coleen Street** A. Ashley to Ho Living Trust for \$1,230,000
- 5179 Crocus Way** R. & V. Gatewood to Nextwave Radio LLC for \$922,000
- 654 Daisyfield Drive** J. Reece to J. & P. Flanner for \$1,575,000
- 766 Joyce Street** Pm25 Holdings LLC to R. & S. Chipman for \$1,225,000
- 1164 Lexington Way** C. & M. Moreno to V. & N. Aggarwal for \$2,325,000
- 727 Sandpiper Common** J. & C. Cusimano to J. Hernandez for \$599,000
- 125 Scherman Court** Earley Family Trust to B. & N. Patel for \$1,475,000
- 4754 Zinnia Court** Loggins Living Trust to H. & Y. Huang for \$910,000

### Dublin

- 6983 Alamo Creek Trail** Catapult Custodian LLC to J. & S. Fan for \$1,210,000
- 7035 Allegheny Drive** Kurtzer Trust to 3K Investments Inc for \$881,000
- 6574 Conestoga Lane #63** Carlson Trust to T. Lee for \$531,000
- 5636 North Dublin Ranch Drive** S. Aini to S. & A. Chittawadgi for \$1,982,000

- 4986 Grayhawk Court** Y. Yu to M. & P. Kapoor for \$2,500,000

### San Ramon

- 2828 Aptos Way** Worthington Living Trust to S. & A. Gupta for \$1,500,000
- 1628 Banbury Drive** N. Plante to Saravanan Living Trust for \$1,800,000
- 3376 Camarones Place** Duckworth Trust to W. & W. Lai for \$1,300,000
- 300 Caraway Court** H. Karthik to A. & A. Thukral for \$1,975,000
- 305 Daybreak Court** Salas Family Trust to N. & M. Kumar for \$770,000

- 9832 Del Mar Drive** J. & P. Dow to A. Bravo for \$1,345,000

- 3217 Ensenada Drive** W. Gage to B. & A. Sahin for \$1,350,000

- 4 Henry Ranch Drive** J. Scivally to A. & A. Shrivastava for \$2,200,000

- 3005 Ivory Terrace** Summerhill City Village LLC to Yu & Lin 2006 Trust for \$1,158,000

- 2994 Marlboro Way** L. Dobson to K. & K. Berger for \$1,530,000

- 4704 Norris Canyon Road #101 A.** Subramanian to E. & D. Lu for \$705,000

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Oct. 27-31)

**Total sales reported:** 12  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$635,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,400,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,521,333

### Livermore (Oct. 27-31)

**Total sales reported:** 9  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$599,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,325,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,212,222

### Dublin (Oct. 27-31)

**Total sales reported:** 5  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$531,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,500,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,420,800

### San Ramon (Dec. 15-19)

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$705,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,200,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,350,000

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