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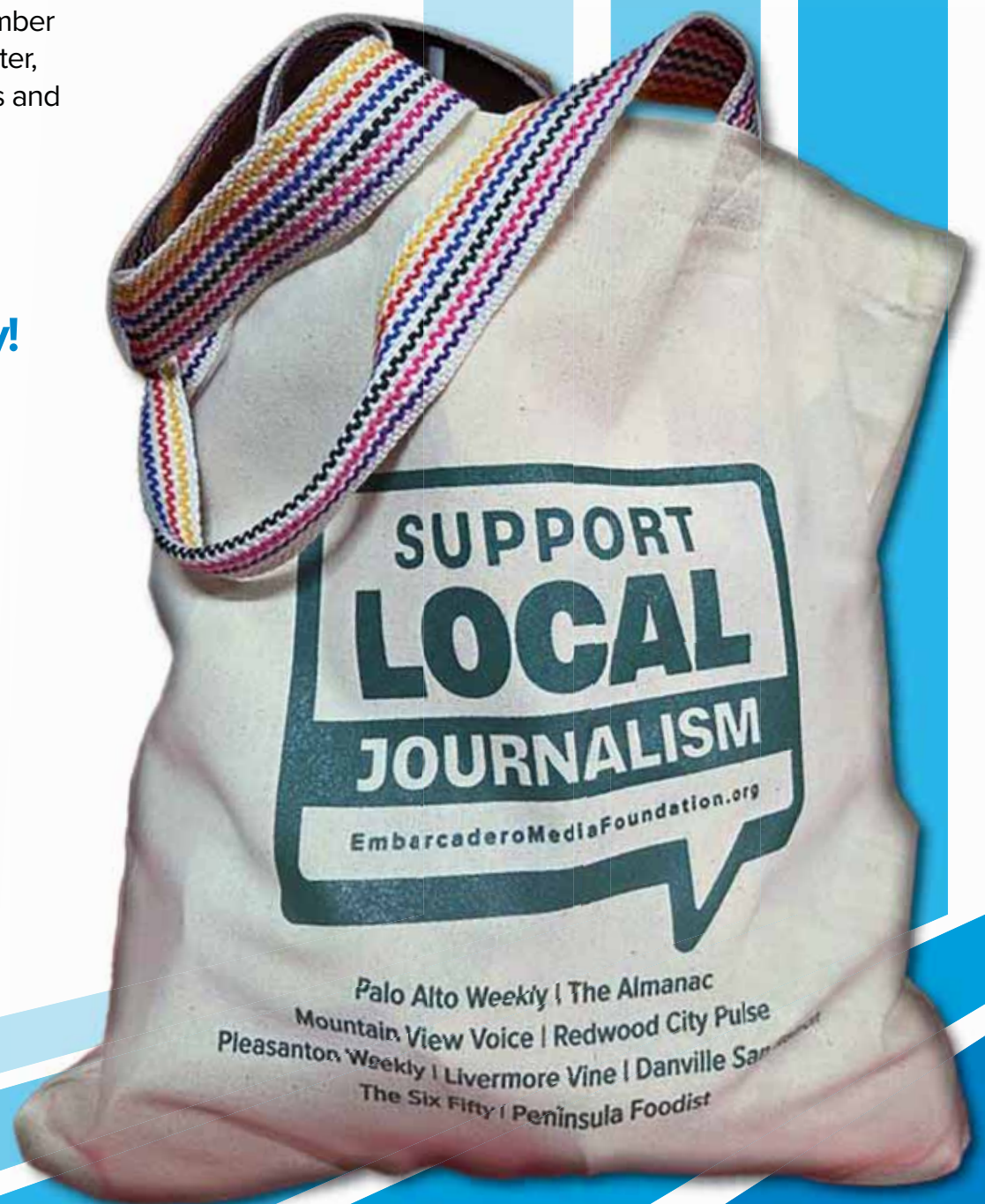
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Saving their stories

Soon after the news of Neil Sweeney's death, Donna Kamp McMillion and I started chatting about the connection to the local history book project they were both involved in: "Cruising Down Memory Lane: Stories of Pleasanton in the 1950s".

Sweeney, the founding principal of Foothill High School and a former teacher, coach and deputy superintendent in the school district, was one of nearly 40 storytellers featured in the book that was released in 2023 — and the seventh to pass since their interview, McMillion told me.

The project spearheaded by McMillion as lead interviewer, producer and editor has become a shining example of how critical it is to prioritize reporting the stories of one's community. And not just tales of the past.

"When I called each storyteller, I quickly realized the importance of this project by their enthusiasm and excitement for the book project," McMillion recalled. "A few interviewees were quite emotional when I talked about capturing their families' stories."

She added, "There were many benefits to this book project — the Museum on Main has all the videos and precious old photos in the archives, the Amador journalism class receives all the proceeds, the families have their stories documented for their future generations, the public has enjoyed hearing directly from the storytellers. There were 12 panel presentations throughout Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville."

"Cruising Down Memory Lane" captures a bygone era that both stands on its own in history as well as reflects a key moment in the evolution of the Pleasanton that preceded it and would come to follow.

Filled with original stories and photographs, the book stands as "a gift to the community to understand the history of our small, country town during the 1950s. During that time, families didn't feel the need to lock their front doors, they knew everyone in town, relied on their neighbors, and gave their children freedom to 'ride our bikes until the lights came on at night'. It was mentioned many times during the interviews," McMillion said.

"When Pleasanton had about 2,500 residents, the main occupations were ranching, farming, dairy, small businesses, politicians, and those who supported the farms and businesses," she added. A contrast to the Pleasanton of today ... but not entirely.

Dusting off my copy at home, I was reminded of the breadth and impact of the personal anecdotes — particularly from those whose

authors are no longer with us. Sweeney, a Pleasanton legend who died Nov. 30 at age 99, told of "A life and legacy of teaching".

Rich Guasco, the Hall of Fame drag racer who also passed away last year, shared about his journey "From the wrecking yard to life in the fast lane".

There are also tales from the late Bob Philcox (former mayor and banker), Susan Hanifen (whose mother taught many of the storytellers in their youth), Jacki Fiorio Del Duco (reflecting on Fiorio's Market) and Mary Allender Chaboya (another Pleasantonian and teacher's daughter).

McMillion, a featured storyteller herself, is still struck by the recitations of the late Gayle Cairo Lund, a former "Miss Pleasanton" and mayor's daughter, in the chapter "Growing up in Pleasanton was the best".

"He also had the task of playing Santa Claus, and on Christmas Eve, the Mayor would go door-to-door and hand out candy canes," McMillion recalled of the story. "Then the families starting asking if he would also hand out the children's toys that the parents left on the porch. After Reno (Cairo) was done being Santa Claus for the night, he'd return back to some of the homes to share a Christmas drink."

It's not all about the past with "Cruising Down Memory Lane"; the book is also synonymous with the future of storytelling in Pleasanton.

Proceeds from the book, which sold out two printed runs and can still be purchased online, go to the Amador Valley High School journalism program — one of the few remaining in all the Tri-Valley.

With support from fiscal administrator Three Valleys Community Foundation, Amador journalism has received two checks totaling \$13,000 to date. Now that another \$1,000 worth of the book has been sold on Amazon.com, another payment to the program should be on its way soon.

McMillion really became an "angel" for the program in its rebound from the pandemic, according to Wendy Connelly, media arts teacher and journalism adviser (and yearbook adviser and leadership adviser) at Amador.

The donations supported printing and website costs, new camera purchases and many regular supplies like batteries and memory cards for the self-funded journalism program — an elective that trains aspiring journalists in newspapers, podcasts, television, news websites and photography.

"I can't say enough wonderful things about Donna," Connelly told me Monday. "She really saved our little program." ■

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The recurring "Flora in Focus" exhibition is on display in the Harrington Gallery this winter. Photos courtesy Firehouse Arts Center.

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What does a perfect Sunday look like to you?



Delyana Stoyanova, with Fluffy
Housewife / dog mom

My perfect Sunday is spending quality time with my family and my dog and exploring our beautiful Bay Area. I love getting out into all of the diverse areas that surround us, from hiking trails to the coastline and everything in between.



Aleksandar Atanasov
Software engineer

A perfect Sunday for me involves a trip to the ocean to go whale watching or just going out on a boat somewhere not too far away, like Monterey. We just love Pleasanton's proximity to the ocean and like to take advantage of that on Sundays whenever we can.



Vee Rivas
Airport supervisor

I like to wake up early and enjoy a relaxing and unrushed cup of coffee. After that I like to take our dogs for a nice Sunday stroll to the dog park in Livermore. The rest of a perfect Sunday would be to come home, cook a good dinner for my family, and after that, to then just spend time resetting and preparing to begin a new week.



Nolan Roth
HVAC

On Sundays, I always hope it is bright and sunny so that I can happily and comfortably walk into our downtown. This usually includes a stop at the Meadowlark Dairy for some soft-serve ice cream, and also, a visit to my favorite jewelry store as well, since it is owned by my friend. We enjoy spending time together and catching up while he's working.



Marcus Staniford
Construction executive

A perfect Sunday for me has to be relaxing. That's the biggest thing. Sleeping in with no alarm, and then enjoying my coffee as I do the crossword puzzle and all of the other puzzles in the newspaper. After that, I like spending the rest of the day getting a workout and being with family and friends. I'm so pleased to be able to say that today has been that perfect Sunday.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Educational Options Center

Demolition has officially begun at Village High School as part of the Pleasanton Unified School District's Measure I bond-funded project to turn the site into the Educational Options Center, a space that will house the continuation school along with other similar PUSD alternative education programs.

Last month, the Pleasanton school board awarded Swinerton Builders, a construction company based in Santa Clara, with a \$2,235,800 contract — funded by the \$395 million bond — to begin demolishing the site.

Utility discount program

The city of Pleasanton is offering residents free, in-person help navigating the city's new Utility Discount Program, which offers a 30% discount on water and sewer charges for income-qualified households.

This program, which takes effect March 1, replaces the city's existing senior and low-income utility discount programs that both end on Feb. 28. All current discount recipients must reapply under the new program to continue receiving discounts.

The event, which takes place Wednesday (Jan. 28) at 3333 Busch Road from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., will allow residents to ask staff questions about the new program, confirm their eligibility and get help throughout the application process.

For more information, visit www.PleasantonWater.com.

Castlewood's 100th

The Club at Castlewood is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a series of events throughout 2026.

The festivities get underway next weekend with a sold out 1920s speakeasy event for members only.

"A Century of Tradition. A Lifetime of Memories." isn't just our tagline — it's what Castlewood represents. This kickoff is our chance to honor 100 years of history, bring our members together, and launch an exciting year of celebration and new memories," Amber Lindsey, director of administration and finance, told the Pleasanton Weekly. ■

Corrections

Last week's Newsfront story "Amador gets administrative shakeup after winter break" misstated the amount of money Janice Clark is making in her temporary vice principal role. The EDJOIN job posting that cites \$146,020 to \$174,502 reflects what the new permanent VP will earn in annual salary. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

'Discouraged and demoralized': PUSD substitute teachers express concern over pay cuts

Educators say they don't feel valued and are worried about their financial future following approval of cuts to daily pay rate

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton Unified School District substitute teachers recently shared their frustrations with the school board's decision to cut their daily pay rates by \$25 as part of the district's 2026-27 fiscal year budget reductions, saying the change both deeply impacts them financially and makes them feel unappreciated.

Those feelings were only exacerbated by Trustee Justin Brown's comments during a Nov. 20 special board meeting where he said the

substitute pay rate cuts "doesn't directly impact our staff."

"To insinuate that substitute teachers aren't staff, is just demeaning and felt insulting," longtime PUSD substitute teacher Kerry Gallagher-Pickett told the Pleasanton Weekly. "The future feels uncertain for PUSD substitute teachers because it does not feel like we are important or valued."

During the last half of 2025, PUSD's board of trustees spent a lot of time discussing and weighing out different budget cuts and

reductions in light of financial challenges that the district continues to face. In the last few months of the year, those budget discussions ramped up and the board began discussing a specific list of proposed reductions for the 2026-27 school year.

Teachers, parents, students and other PUSD employees across many departments and roles turned out in droves during those end-of-year budget meetings to voice their opposition to cuts to several staff positions and programs. And while

the final list of roughly \$11.2 million worth of budget cuts does have several notable reductions in staff positions, the board was able to limit most of the impact to district and site management along with other administrative changes.

However, one budget item that ended up making the list of proposed cuts at the last minute was the cut to substitute teachers' daily pay.

At its Nov. 20 special meeting, the

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JEANITA LYMAN

Vacant storefronts at Blackhawk Plaza in January, 2026.

Closing time? Blackhawk Plaza faces foreclosure amid increasing vacancies

Lawsuit alleges property owners defaulted on \$5 million loan, receivership hearing coming later this month

By JEANITA LYMAN

Blackhawk Plaza could find itself in new hands once again, with a court hearing in southern California later this month on a request to put the property into receivership status as a lender seeks to go after a \$5 million loan they say that the property owners have defaulted on.

Ramanujan Group LLC, which purchased the plaza in 2020 for \$38.3 million, is being accused by its creditor Nano Banc

of defaulting on the loan in a complaint filed last summer in Orange County alleging a breach of guaranty agreements and seeking the appointment of a receiver.

The move came amid mounting legal and financial trouble for Andrew Stupin, the owner of Ramanujan Group, who filed for bankruptcy early last year. Bankruptcy proceedings concluded in October.

Representatives for the plaza did not respond to a request for comment as of press time. And

while no public announcements have been made from owners or management about turmoil behind the scenes at one of the San Ramon Valley's most prominent retail hubs, its uncertain future is something that has become evident to residents and shoppers as businesses have departed in recent years and vacancies have grown.

At Draeger's, the latest prominent tenant to announce its

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Another court victory for Eden Housing project

Developer aims to begin construction downtown late 2026

By JUDE STRZEMP

Following years of legal challenges, the California Supreme Court has closed the case regarding Eden Housing's affordable apartment complex proposed for downtown Livermore in favor of the project's advancement.

Planned for construction at the southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and L Street, the development is set to have 130-units of one- to three-bedrooms with pricing for families earning 20% to 60% of Alameda County's area median income.

Taking issue with the downtown locale of the proposed development — a property the city acquired for affordable housing — community group Move Eden Housing (MEH) most recently petitioned the California Supreme Court to review a ruling they lost in the state appellate court.

Within the petition for review submitted Nov. 17, 2025, MEH and co-petitioners Richard Ryon and Thomas Ramos, alleged that Livermore City Council violated a section of the California Elections Code by enacting a resolution in 2024 approving the housing development that was "essentially the same" as a previous resolution that

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Tri-Valley Conservancy awards first loan from new replanting program

Funds enable recipient Thatcher Bay Vineyards owner to replant eight acres of land in Livermore

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Nonprofit land trust Tri-Valley Conservancy recently granted its inaugural low-interest loan for local vineyard replanting in an effort to support the wine industry and maintain Livermore's viticultural heritage.

The first loan was awarded this month to Thatcher Bay Vineyards owner Scott Burkhart to replace half of his 16-acre vineyard in east Livermore, swapping out four acres of Merlot that bore declining yield and another four acres of Cabernet Sauvignon due to its surplus in the marketplace.

Available through TVC's new Sponsored Replanting Program, 15-year loans are offered at up to \$15,000 per acre to replant varieties suited to growing in Livermore, according to a statement from organization representatives announcing Burkhart's award.

"There's a lot of places that nonprofit groups can spend their money on and to spend money on making sure that vineyards stay in the Livermore Valley area is a wonderful thing," Burkhart told Livermore Vine.

Thanks to the loan, Burkhart intends to plant three clones of



COURTESY TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Thatcher Bay Vineyards owner Scott Burkhart was awarded Tri-Valley Conservancy's first low-interest loan for local vineyard replanting.

Cabernet Franc — one of the Livermore Valley's signature varieties — as well as Alvarinho during May or June of this year, according to the TVC website.

He expects the new vines to first yield grapes during 2029.

"I'm not sure I would have necessarily kept all of the acreage and grape vines without the generous

support of the TVC, so I'm endlessly thankful to them for encouraging and supporting this," Burkhart said.

Meanwhile, grape growers across the region have seen a recent decline

in sales, according to Burkhart.

Wineries have enough inventory, which means they don't need to purchase grapes for additional wine production, Burkhart explained. In effect, grapes are sometimes left unharvested on the vine.

At Thatcher Bay Vineyards last year, 70% of the grapes were left on the vine, Burkhart said.

"I'm glad to have this opportunity to keep growing, because I believe the wine economy is due for an incredible comeback," Burkhart said in a statement.

A vital part of the Tri-Valley's identity and economy lies in viticulture, Tri-Valley Conservancy Executive Director Rebecca Spector said in a statement. Similarly, replanting is a key to the region's future.

"We launched this program to ensure that growers, who are stewards of both the land and the viticultural heritage, have access to the capital they need to keep this legacy alive," Spector said.

The program remains open to landowners with conservation easements through TVC, with support from Aptos-based nonprofit FarmLink, a certified Community Development Financial Institution. ■

BART announces new Uber partnership, app integration

Collaboration seeks to help make public transit more attractive by eliminating need to be juggling between different applications

BY ANDRES JIMENEZ LARIOS /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

BART and Uber officials on Tuesday morning announced a new partnership that they expect will streamline trips and provide more transportation options to the public.

Travelers using the BART mobile app will now be able to plan, request, and book Uber rides to and from all 50 BART stations for trips ranging from 2 to 7 miles.

BART General Manager Bob Powers said at Tuesday's announcement, held at the agency's Daly City station, that the collaboration between BART and Uber will help make public transit more attractive because it eliminates the need to be juggling between different applications.

Powers added that while BART is one of the region's largest operators, there is still work to be done to help commuters travel more easily to and from stations.

"Not everybody lives right adjacent to a BART station or a bus line and this is going to improve their experience," said Powers. "This unique relationship with BART and Uber is not a common occurrence

in the transit industry."

Private ride-hailing companies have been partnering with transit agencies across the country to provide paratransit services, like in Los Angeles, Dallas, and Washington, D.C., but the partnership with BART marks a unique instance in which Uber is integrating its services into the app of an operator.

The head of transit partnerships at Uber, Chris Margaronis, said the partnership comes at a time when public transportation in the Bay Area faces major budgetary challenges and Uber wanted to help make incremental improvements to make transit easier.

"We can't sit by idly waiting for a massive innovation or a public-private partnership that's going to solve all problems, we need to focus on consistent, achievable wins," said Margaronis. "While BART remains the indispensable backbone of the public transit system, Uber can act as a support system, providing efficiency and working on the edges."

Uber set aside a \$50,000 subsidy that will provide a limited number of discounts for Uber trips beginning or ending at 10 BART stations. Those include Antioch, Bay Fair,

Concord, Daly City, Fruitvale, Lake Merritt, MacArthur, Richmond, Walnut Creek, and West Oakland.

Alvaro Villagran of the Shared-Use Mobility Center, a nonprofit organization that advocates for public and private collaborations to address transportation needs, said the new partnership could help incentivize people to take public transit more often.

"It's an opportunity to provide that first and last mile service, expand the service area, and the outreach for an agency," said Villagran.

While Uber partnerships have been successful for some transit agencies, Villagran said that more time would be needed to see how successful BART and Uber's new agreement will be.

BART is still recovering from a major decline in ridership during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency traditionally relied on fares for operations, but post-pandemic, its funding model is struggling to cover operating costs.

Looking ahead, BART will have to find new sources of funding to keep it running for the millions of people that rely on the train service. Data shows 4,953,907 more

exits in 2025 than in 2024, marking the agency's highest ridership since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic but still lagging behind pre-pandemic trends.

Even with positive trends, July 2026 will mark the end of federal financial assistance initially provided

to public transit systems that lost revenue due to the COVID-19 lockdown. BART officials hope to diversify their income stream, but the future remains uncertain.

For more information and to download the BART mobile app, visit bart.gov/apps. ■



ANDRES JIMENEZ LARIOS / BAY CITY NEWS

BART Assistant General Manager of Technology Ravi Misra (left) is congratulated by BART General Manager Bob Powers (right) at the Daly City BART station in Daly City for his work on a new partnership with rideshare company Uber on Jan. 20. People will now be able to book and pay for Uber rides directly through the BART mobile app.

PUSD opening 2026-27 enrollment for new students, transitional kindergarten

Parent information night scheduled for Jan. 28 as district continues expansion of TK classrooms funded by Measure I

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

The Pleasanton Unified School District will be opening its 2026-27 enrollment period for new incoming students, including transitional and standard kindergarten students, starting Feb. 2.

“Enrollment is only for students who are new to the Pleasanton Unified School District or a returning student who had a lapse in enrollment,” according to the PUSD website. “New enrollments are accepted throughout the school year when a new student moves into the Pleasanton Unified School District boundary.”

Families with young children are

invited to attend a transitional and standard kindergarten parent information night Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., according to the district website. The meeting will take place at Fairlands Elementary School and will also be live streamed.

“Families will learn about (transitional kindergarten) and (kindergarten) programs, eligibility, and enrollment steps for the 2026—27 school year,” the school district stated in a Jan. 14 E-Connect newsletter.

The expansion of transitional kindergarten (TK) space across all PUSD elementary schools was one of the key projects listed under the

\$395 million Measure I school bond program, which voters approved in 2022. Since the bond’s approval, the district has been working on the project designs for all the schools.

According to the school’s website, construction of new TK classrooms is expected to be complete at Donlon Elementary School and Fairlands Elementary School this fall in time for the 2026-27 school year.

A new TK playground and Kids Club portables have also been constructed at Valley View Elementary and construction of new classrooms are set to begin soon, according to the district. The TK project at Mohr Elementary School was also

recently completed.

“The new playground is open and the kids are loving it,” the district website stated regarding Mohr Elementary. “In addition to a new playground, our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are using three newly modernized classrooms with new furniture.”

Other TK related projects at Hearst, Lydiksen, Alisal and Vintage Hills will be coming soon, according to the district website.

In order for a student to qualify for TK, the child has to be 4 years old by or before Sept. 1, 2026. For kindergarten eligibility, the student must be 5 years old on or

before the same date.

Students who are currently enrolled in TK do not need to complete new enrollment for kindergarten, according to PUSD.

As far as capacity for TK students, the district stated that schools will hold lotteries for TK and kindergarten spots when the “number of students that enroll exceeds the available space at the school site.”

“Enrollments received after Feb. 28, 2026, are received on a first-come, first-serve basis,” the district stated in its website. “If a school site does not have space remaining in that particular grade level, the student will be overflowed (placed) at one of our other PUSD schools.” ■

Livermore’s ‘Vision Zero’ plan seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities, severe injuries

Community meeting scheduled this month for public input on newly developed framework

By **JUDE STRZEMP**

The city of Livermore aims to create a plan by this summer to reduce and eventually eliminate traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries within the city amid growing concerns about road safety.

Among the concerns is the rising number of injury collisions in Livermore — totaling 195 in 2024, up from 122 injury collisions in 2020, according to city spokesperson Sonia Lee.

The city’s initiative dubbed Vision Zero Action Plan — part of a multi-national safety project — will involve engineering, education and enforcement with an initial focus on addressing “high-injury corridors” where the majority of severe crashes took place during a five-year study period from 2020 to 2024, Lee said.

In an effort to create the plan, city officials are scheduled to host their second relevant community meeting on Wednesday (Jan. 28) alongside a consultant to collect residents’ input on their traffic safety concerns.

As for the role of the initiative, city officials suggested that it will help bolster ongoing safety efforts made through the city’s general and active transportation plans, Lee said.

“The Vision Zero Action Plan builds on this groundwork and is consistent with other efforts the city has already undertaken to improve roadway safety,” she added.

Initially launched internationally in 1997, the city officially began developing a Vision Zero Action Plan in September of 2025 thanks to a \$560,000 grant through the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All, according to Lee.

A preliminary analysis of collision data from 2020-24 “demonstrates escalating safety concerns, particularly for vulnerable road users”, Lee told Livermore Vine.

In total, 833 injury collisions were reported in the city from 2020-24, including 57 crashes involving fatalities or severe injuries (KSI), Lee said. Of the KSI collisions, 35% involved pedestrians or bicyclists.

“While we’re encouraged to see a slight decrease in KSI collisions, the Vision Zero Action Plan aims to reduce these numbers even further — with the ultimate goal of reaching zero.”

Sonia Lee,
city of Livermore spokesperson

According to the city website, traveling at an unsafe speed and driving under the influence were the primary causes of KSI collisions. Intersections proved especially dangerous with 75% of KSI collisions occurring at crossroads.

Compared to the previous five years, the number of annual KSI collisions was down during 2020-24 — A range of 9 to 17 KSI collisions annually decreased to a range of 8 to 16 KSI collisions annually.

“While we’re encouraged to see a slight decrease in KSI collisions, the Vision Zero Action Plan aims to reduce these numbers even further—with the ultimate goal of

reaching zero,” Lee said.

Although not included in a preliminary analysis of the 2020-24 period, Livermore Police Department officials said that five fatalities were recorded last year during four collisions in the city.

Up for immediate remediation in Livermore’s Vision Zero Action Plan are 13 high-injury corridors including Vasco Road from Scenic Avenue to W Gate Drive, First Street from Interstate-580 to P Street, Airway Boulevard from Sutter Street to Kitty Hawk Road, East Avenue from N Mines Road

to S Vasco Road and Jack London Boulevard from Discovery Drive to Murrieta Boulevard, Lee said.

The city’s strategy involves supporting the development of a bike network with lanes, creating safe routes to schools and public transportation, considering innovative designs for intersections, promoting public education on safe driving and prioritizing funding for safety and multimodal projects, the city website states.

The plan will also take into account the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National

Roadway Safety Strategy, according to the city website.

Once complete, the plan will be considered a living document with updates every few years to assess high-injury corridor destinations and strategies to meet the goal of zero KSI, Lee explained. Additional funding will be required to implement the Vision Zero Action Plan.

City officials plan to host the virtual community meeting from 6 - 7 p.m. next Wednesday via Zoom. Sign-on details are available on the city’s website. ■

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Former police chief takes new role at AI startup

Carlson serving as public safety ambassador for tech tool aimed at managing troves of digital evidence

By JEANITA LYMAN

Weeks after his retirement from public employment, San Ramon's former police chief is finding himself back in local police stations once again — but this time in a new capacity, as a civilian and representative for a San Francisco-based tech company.

When Denton Carlson was concluding his 27-year career in law enforcement — culminating in three years at the helm of the San Ramon Police Department — in early December, he said he was not necessarily on the market for a new endeavor.

But that all changed following a series of conversations with the CEO and founder of Longeye, an AI startup offering a platform aimed at helping detectives, prosecutors and public defenders contend with the mounting quantities of digital evidence at their fingertips in quantities that can sometimes hinder, rather than help, fulfill their duties.

“Because of what I see this platform can do, my goal is to get it into as many law enforcement agencies and as many DA's offices, and ultimately as many public defenders' offices as possible, because it's really just going to change the perspective and change how digital evidence is analyzed throughout the whole criminal justice system,” Carlson said in an interview with DanvilleSanRamon.

While the increased ubiquity of cellphones and other smart devices and the rise of digital data collection in general over the past two decades have allowed police and prosecutors to find evidence and solve cases they otherwise might not have been able to, that has come at a cost, Carlson said.

“I was a detective before the mountains of digital evidence really started coming into play,” Carlson



COURTESY DENTON CARLSON

Former SRPD Chief Denton Carlson poses at his home office.

said. “About 15 years ago when I was at the desk and I was investigating all these different crimes — I remember back then, we were investigating some specific cases and we were listening to the jail calls that suspects were making in custody. Even then, it got to be so cumbersome.”

As a detective, Carlson said he used to spend his commutes listening to audio evidence, which was “the only possible way” to keep up with the volume of files available at that time.

With the rise of cellphones, there is even more evidence at detectives' fingertips, some of which can be crucial to investigations — but much of which is not, something Carlson said was a major factor in investigating cases such as the two high-profile robberies at Heller Jewelers in San Ramon over the past three years.

“Both of those cases had massive amounts of digital evidence with them, because you start writing search warrants for cellphones, and search warrants for data, iCloud accounts,” Carlson said.

While digital evidence played a key role in the investigation of the 2023 robbery that led to the conviction of five men more than a

year and a half later — despite their efforts to evade authorities — the vast amount of digital evidence now available has outpaced the capacities of humans throughout the criminal justice system, Carlson said.

“None of us want to see someone wrongly accused or wrongfully convicted of a crime they didn't commit,” Carlson said. “Cases are being lost right now, and on the defense side when it comes to criminal cases, there may well be evidence that is being lost by the public defender's office as well.”

More recently, automated license plate readers and other advancements in surveillance technology have given police even more potential evidence to sift through, and given Carlson experience considering the risks and benefits of new technology in law enforcement.

“That really changed everything, and in reality, some of the major cases that we have in San Ramon, I don't know that we would have been able to solve those without those advancements in technology,” Carlson said.

But just as importantly, he noted, was ensuring that new technology is implemented in a way that reduces potential harms.

“I think if you introduce AI into the law enforcement world, it has to be done with the proper safeguards to make sure that it's being done ethically and it's being done responsibly,” Carlson said.

With that ethos in mind, Carlson said that he had never expected to find himself working for an AI startup — but that speaking with its founder and other leaders ultimately changed his mind.

“Right around a month from when I was going to be retired, the CEO and founder of Longeye just randomly reached out and said ‘hey, what are your plans?’” Carlson said.

That inquiry led to a phone conversation and further talks at the company's downtown San Francisco office, culminating in Carlson's new role as its public safety ambassador, a role he and founder Guillaume Delepine developed specifically to leverage the former SRPD chief's expertise in both law enforcement and public outreach.

“Really what got me was their passion for it, and just their excitement for what they'd created, their enthusiasm for what they were going to do — it was just contagious,” Carlson said.

It wasn't just the contagious sense of enthusiasm — a common driving factor at AI startups and public companies alike — but safeguards against concerns about the rise of AI, specifically accuracy and bias when it comes to its use in law enforcement.

“Inherently, AI will fill in the gaps,” Carlson said. “This is designed not to fill any gaps, because it's not pulling any information outside of the evidence that's submitted, and it's only comparing that evidence that's submitted against the case details.”

“It's all internal,” he continued. “It's a self-hosted system, and it's

an AI system that's created from the ground up by Longeye. It's not filling in the gaps with misinformation, because it's only pulling an AI against the evidence that's submitted.”

While Carlson said he believes SRPD — and other law enforcement agencies across the country — could benefit from the new tool, he noted that the department is no longer under his purview, with decision-making now in the hands of its new chief Becky Chestnut.

Currently, Longeye's technology is only being actively used by one agency: the Redmond Police Department in Washington state, where it was introduced last fall. But Carlson aims to change that, and pointed to one example of it already being put to use in the Bay Area.

Carlson said he spoke with a South San Francisco Police Department sergeant during a demonstration last week who agreed with his assessment of the product: “This is going to change everything.”

“We were in the door, demonstrated Longeye to their detectives, trained them up, and had their detectives operating in platform within 90 minutes,” Carlson said.

During the visit, SSFPD detectives uploaded 25 hours worth of audio files associated with an attempted homicide case they were investigating.

“In under five minutes, Longeye found a recording (in Spanish) in which the suspect told his girlfriend about his interview with SSFPD detectives and instructed her to connect with his co-defendant's girlfriend to ensure their alibis lined up so it would be harder to pin the crime, and several other robberies, on him,” Carlson said. “From demo to training to evidence found. It all happened in a two-hour period while we were on-site at SSFPD.” ■

BLACKHAWK

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departure from the plaza, the property owners' financial trouble was an open secret among shoppers who flocked to the store on a sunny Friday afternoon, seeking deals on the increasingly empty shelves in the business's final weeks — as well as information and solace on the closure.

Just as prominent as some fitting pieces of the soundtrack playing over the grocery store's speakers that day — including Green Day's “Closing Time” and Fleetwood Mac's “Landslide” — was buzz about Stupin's bankruptcy, the future of the plaza, and concerns over its apparent demise.

While the bankruptcy proceedings and receivership hearings in

Orange County are far away from home, trouble at the plaza has been evident in both its increasing vacancy rate, buzz from residents on social media and in person, and five different cases in Contra Costa County court between Ramanujan Group and its tenants.

One of those complaints was filed last summer by the owner of the sushi restaurant Blue Sakana — one of the remaining businesses overlooking the plaza's vast duck pond and ornate architecture — alleging a breach of contract, intentional interference with contractual relations, and unjust enrichment.

Attorneys for Jung Choi allege that he and other business owners were required to make payments for marketing and promotional activities that were never

implemented, with the fees never being reimbursed despite not being used for their intended purposes, as well as denying access to insurance benefits that were also allegedly paid for by the plaintiff.

In Choi's case, attorneys estimate that these factors cost him more than \$750,000.

Choi's attorneys also contend that the owners interfered in his attempt to sell the business by “extracting consideration” that Ramanujan Group was not entitled to, for more than \$300,000 in additional loss. They allege that the LLC unjustly enriched itself by overcharging more than \$200,000 in payments from Choi.

That complaint is continuing to make its way through the local court, as well as a breach of contract complaint from Kiki Browns,

alleging that the owners violated the contract by seeking to add an additional term to the lease upon renewal, ultimately declining to renew the lease when that term — which stipulated that the longtime beauty shop get an agreement from a competitor in the same plaza — wasn't agreed to.

Meanwhile, other business owners at the plaza have found themselves as defendants in complaints initiated by Ramanujan Group. The company filed a complaint for damages against the owners of the Peasant and the Pear and an unlawful detainer against Crunch Fitness in 2021, and a breach of contract complaint against Nekter Juice in 2022, all of which have since been dismissed.

In the Orange County receivership case, Nano Banc argues that it

has access to the property according to the terms of the defaulted loan agreement, for the sake of “protecting and preserving” it, and for collecting the more than \$5 million in outstanding debt via rental revenues or a sale of the plaza.

While attorneys for Nano Banc point to a number of different avenues that could be used to recoup the loan debt from Ramanujan Group, District 2 Supervisor Candace Andersen said that she expects the property will be sold, depending on the outcome of the foreclosure case.

An Orange County judge is set to hear a motion to appoint a receiver on Jan. 30, as well as a demurer to a cross complaint from Ramanujan Group and Stupin on Feb. 6 during a case management conference. ■

LVJUSD stops morning meetings amid ‘trust issues’

Trustees scheduled to gather for evening-only sessions for rest of this school year

By JUDE STRZEMP

Livermore school trustees agreed last week to revise their regular meeting calendar for the remainder of the academic year, axing all morning meetings in favor of hosting evening-only sessions for the sake of bolstering community trust.

Under the approved calendar, daytime workshops, wherein trustees do not take action or vote on items, can be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

The new schedule marks a shift away from the previous calendar, in which most months featured one evening meeting and one morning meeting for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education, with daytime sessions focused mainly on school site presentations.

Coinciding with the scheduling discussion at the Jan. 13 regular meeting, the boardroom was tense with community members expressing their opposition to budget cut options and support for the board’s approval



JUDE STRZEMP

The LVJUSD Board of Education decided on Jan. 13 to cancel morning meetings for the remainder of the school year in favor of adding two evening meetings.

of a tentative agreement with the teachers union Livermore Education Association.

The board adopted the calendar revision via 4-1 tally — Trustee Deena Kaplanis casting the sole dissenting vote — in effect, setting up two additional evening meetings this school year including Feb.

24 and March 24.

“In the past several months, we’ve had trust issues with the community and I think the addition of two evening meetings is worth a step towards building that trust,” Board President Steven Drouin said.

Last May, the board approved a meeting calendar to host one

evening and one morning meeting most months.

“When we went to these morning meetings, the perception was lack of access and I think... public access to public institutions is essential,” Trustee Craig Bueno said.

The trustees started revisiting the schedule during their Dec. 9 meeting, but ultimately tabled a decision on whether to rename several morning meetings as workshops. The reclassification was meant to align the name of morning meetings with their format and function of “deeper, topic-focused discussion and school site presentations,” according to the staff report.

Upon returning to the subject last week, options before the board included maintaining the previous schedule as well as hosting one evening meeting and one morning workshop most months, Drouin explained.

In response to the possibility of meetings becoming evening-only, Trustee Emily Prusso expressed a scheduling conflict due to her

working hours. However, Prusso said she would try to attend the meetings if the board voted for the schedule.

“I want you to be there — Trustee Prusso — but I also think that at this particular juncture for our community, transparency is paramount,” Trustee Christiaan VandenHeuvel said.

VandenHeuvel’s comment was met with cheers from the audience.

Kaplanis also expressed support for transparency and alternatively backed a schedule of one evening session and one morning workshop most months, with workshops excluding items that the public might want to comment on. Students will be able to attend more of the board meetings if they are held once a month, Kaplanis added.

“We can say that workshops won’t cover items that the public wants to comment on, but there’s a trust issue with the community right now,” VandenHeuvel replied.

Upon passage of the new schedule, the crowd once again broke out into cheering and applause. ■

EBRPD board backs out of appointing Doyle to interim GM

Members provide no explanation for pulling vote from Jan. 13 agenda

By JUDE STRZEMP

Over two months since East Bay Regional Park District effectively parted ways with its general manager, the organization continues to operate without an interim leader given the Board of Directors’ unanimous decision at last week’s meeting to axe an agenda item for an appointment to the temporary post.

The board was initially poised on Tuesday (Jan. 13) to consider appointing retired GM Robert Doyle

to the interim position for the period of Jan. 14 to Feb. 6. If approved, Doyle would have filled in for Sabrina Landreth, who resigned from the helm Nov. 6, 2025 and scheduled Feb. 6 as her last day at the district.

It is unclear why the board decided to modify the agenda during open session, as directors did not discuss the vote and, according to the meeting’s staff report, Doyle was



Robert Doyle

considered to have the experience and qualifications to serve as interim GM.

Without an interim, acting general manager Max Korten will serve at the post.

Speaking in an unaffiliated capacity, EBRPD Board President

Olivia Sanwong explained her vote as being tied to the logistics of Landreth’s departure.

“While personnel matters must

stay confidential, I was not ready to proceed with appointing an interim General Manager, as our previous General Manager remains in position until February 6th due to her resignation terms,” Sanwong told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Additionally, Sanwong anticipates seeing an interim general manager appointment item brought back to the board for their Feb. 3 meeting.

Meanwhile, EBRPD remains fully operational, she added.

“Our parks are open, staffed and

providing the safe, healthful recreation and environmental education that are central to the East Bay Regional Park District’s mission,” Sanwong said.

Upon asking EBRPD officials why the board skipped a vote on Doyle’s appointment and the status of his future eligibility, EBRPD officials recounted the board’s unanimous decision and confirmed Korten’s ongoing role at the district “while the Board works with Human Resources to determine next steps.” ■

EDEN HOUSING

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was “entirely repealed” by voter referendum.

However, marking a final win for the city, Eden Housing and former city clerk Marie Weber, the California Supreme Court denied the petition for review Jan. 14 and accompanying request for judicial notice submitted by MEH, according to the court website.

Eden Housing officials now aim to break ground on the project during late 2026 for completion by early 2028.

“We are encouraged by the Court’s decision and the numerous published opinions confirming our right to build this housing, and remain committed to bringing this much-needed housing to the community,” Eden Housing President

and CEO Linda Mandolini said in a statement.

“We are eager to finally move this important project forward,” she added.

Leading up to the court’s rejection this month, the city council approved a resolution in 2022 to authorize the execution of an amended and restated disposition, development and loan agreement (DDLA) for the housing and park project.

After city officials declined to process a referendum petition aiming to overturn the council’s approval of the 2022 resolution, MEH brought the issue to court. The petitioners lost in trial court, but the appellate court ruled in favor of MEH, determining that the resolution was subject to referendum because it included the construction of and improvements to Veterans Park.

Upon being presented with the options of rescinding the 2022 resolution or taking the issue to voters in 2024, the city council voted to rescind the resolution. Immediately after rescinding the 2022 resolution,

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Linda Mandolini, Eden Housing President and CEO

the council approved a nearly identical resolution to ratify, reaffirm and readopt the DDLA, minus provisions related to Veterans Park.

MEH filed another lawsuit

wherein the trial court sided with the group, determining that the city council prematurely approved the 2024 resolution because the election code’s one-year waiting provision had been violated.

The appellate court later overruled the trial court decision, determining the city was permitted to readopt a development agreement in 2024 for the housing project,

sans Veterans Park.

MEH was unsuccessful in challenging the appellate court decision, leading the group to seek review by the California Supreme Court.

Winston Stromberg, an attorney for MEH, did not respond to a request for comment as of Monday morning.

“We are deeply grateful to the City of Livermore and our many partners for their steadfast leadership and support throughout this effort,” Mandolini said in a statement.

“Had it not been for these meritless lawsuits, 130 families would have already been living in high-quality, affordable homes for the past two years,” she added.

City officials declined to comment on the recent win, instead directing Livermore Vine to the Eden Housing website. ■

New legislation mandates ‘American’ labeled wines to use only US grapes

‘AB 1585 is about ensuring there is truth in labeling of a product that is important to California’, says co-author Asm. Rhodesia Ransom

BY TANAY GOKHALE /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

State legislators from San Rafael and Tracy have introduced a new piece of legislation that would require wine labeled as “American” to be made exclusively from grapes grown in the United States.

Current federal standards allow winemakers to use up to 25% imported wine and still label it as American. California-labeled wines are already required to be produced using only California-grown grapes, according to state law.

The legislation introduced this week, Assembly Bill 1585, is authored by California Assemblymembers Damon Connolly D-San Rafael, and Rhodesia Ransom, D-Tracy, and is co-sponsored by the California

Association of Winegrape Growers and Family Winemakers of California.

“California produces 85% of all U.S. wine with many of the California winegrapes coming from the heart of the Central Valley,” said Ransom in a news release. “AB 1585 is about ensuring there is truth in labeling of a product that is important to California. It is a commonsense measure that says if you label your wine ‘American’ it better be 100% American.”

Michael Miller, the director of government regulations for the California Association of Winegrape Growers, said that the legislation intends to better inform consumers about the wine they are purchasing.

“You could have bottles of wine on a shelf that have the exact same

label, but one of them is 25% from South America, another is 25% from Europe, New Zealand, or Australia,” Miller said. “There’s no way right now for the consumer to actually know what is in the bottle.”

CAWG does not have exact data about wineries’ imports since that data is maintained by the individual wineries. But Miller noted that there has been an increase in the import of bulk wine over the past year due to market forces. Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, and France are the main sources of imported bulk wine.

“Especially in California, consumers really care about their wine, and they also care about climate change. If they see a bottle labeled ‘American’ and if they don’t know that that wine has a huge carbon footprint, they’re being misled,” he said. ■



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Carignan vines grow in a Redwood Valley American Viticultural Area vineyard in Calpella, Calif., on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023. Carignan is a black-skinned wine grape commonly used in red wine blends with Grenache and Syrah.

PAY CUTS

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board agreed to reduce the district’s certificated substitute pay rates by \$25, which is projected to save the district about \$125,000.

According to the district’s website, the current daily rates for certificated substitute teachers are as follows: \$225 for assignments that last from one to 10 days, \$250 for assignments that last 11 to 60 days, and \$275 for assignments lasting more than 61 days. The last two brackets require the substitute to work consecutive days in the same classroom for the same teacher.

“Substitute costs cover both sick leave and professional development absences,” PUSD Safety and Communications Coordinator Susanne Frey told the Weekly. “PUSD spent approximately \$2.97 million on certificated substitute teachers in the 2024–25 school year. That year, the district made adjustments to substitute rates and decreased the use of designated substitutes, which helped reduce costs.”

According to Frey, the board came up with the \$25 daily pay cut by comparing PUSD’s rates to neighboring districts.

“Staff conducted regional rate comparisons and identified a modest adjustment intended to keep PUSD rates comparable and competitive,” she said. “The substitute rate adjustment is expected to take effect June 1, 2026, for the 2026–27 school year.”

But for teachers like Gallagher-Pickett, who has spent the last 12 years working as a substitute, that pay cut is significant.

She said she first got into the

profession because she wanted to make extra money in order to help with the “high cost of raising children in Pleasanton” while also being able to be with her children as much time as possible. But even now, she said the additional income is valuable to her family’s overall finances.

“I depend heavily on my substitute teaching salary,” Gallagher-Pickett said. “This is my job and career. This is not a side job or a way to earn a little extra spending money. My family and I depend on this income and any pay cut is a hard and serious financial hit.”

One substitute teacher, who wished to remain anonymous out of fear of losing work for speaking out, told the Weekly the income she makes from being a substitute teacher helps pay for her family’s health insurance and medical bills but that due to federal subsidies ending this year, her family will have to start paying thousands of dollars out of pocket. That’s why she said she was worried about her financial future when she heard about the pay cut to her substitute teaching job.

Another teacher who also wished to remain anonymous, said she was surprised to hear about the cuts, especially after the district cut their pay in 2023.

“When I heard that the PUSD substitute teachers were going to receive another \$25 pay cut (2nd one in three years), I felt angry, disheartened and worried,” Gallagher-Pickett said.

Gallagher-Pickett and other fellow substitutes also said the cuts almost reflect how underappreciated substitutes feel and how they don’t have anyone to fight for them

whenever the district needs to find ways to save money.

“We are not allowed to be part of a union, have no one advocating or protecting us, never get reviewed or rewarded for years of service or quality of our work, can have our jobs canceled (at the) last minute and then not be paid,” Gallagher-Pickett said.

They were particularly disheartened by Trustee Brown’s comments following the board’s discussion and approval of placing the substitute pay cuts on the list of budget reductions.

“The board president even went on record and said that cutting our pay was ‘actionable and doesn’t impact our staff’ which was not only demeaning, but also insulting,” Gallagher-Pickett said. “We should be considered staff. Most of us work really hard to connect with students and staff, carry out lesson plans, maintain a safe and orderly classroom, meet students where they are, and manage students and classwork to ensure the best learning continuity as directed by their permanent teacher.”

However, following the November board meeting, Brown replied to a Dec. 19 Letter to the Editor from a substitute teacher who wrote about their similar concerns regarding Brown’s comments where he clarified that he never meant any harm.

“It was never my intention to disrespect the great work done by PUSD substitute teachers as I know it’s a difficult job to follow up on someone else’s lesson plan and to do so with short notice,” Brown said in a statement to the Weekly. “The comment was made strictly in context to the public discussion

of other reductions affecting ‘permanent’ staffing.”

Still, with the looming pay rate cuts set to take effect later this year, Gallagher-Pickett and her colleagues are unsure about their future being a substitute teacher at PUSD.

“What is to say that we will not get another pay cut if the budget keeps being an issue?” she said. “I love my job and I love the students and staff, but I am feeling underappreciated and after 12 years of being a substitute many times, I feel discouraged and demoralized.” ■

TAKE US ALONG



Summer on the sea: Pleasanton’s Willis family traveled on a yacht for eight days around Italy and France last summer. They shared this photo from their stop on the French island of Corsica. From left: James, Johnny, Claire, Lisa and Stan Willis.

To submit your “Take Us Along” entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.



COURTESY ELEANOR RAAB

Death cap mushrooms are common in California and eating them can be deadly.

Mushroom poisonings rise amid rainy season outbreak

By JENNIFER YOSHIKOSHI /
THE ALMANAC

Three people in California have died after consuming wild death cap mushrooms, a fatal fungus that can cause severe liver damage from amatoxin poisoning. Within two months, the toxic mushroom has sent 35 people to the hospital, with three people needing liver transplants.

The death cap mushroom, also known as *amanita phalloides*, has led to an outbreak of poisonings since December, affecting individuals between the ages of 19 months and 67 years old. The California Department of Public Health announced on Jan. 14 that the total number of hospitalizations has grown.

State officials are urging people to stop picking or eating wild mushrooms.

State officials are urging people to stop picking or eating wild mushrooms. The death cap mushroom can easily be confused for lookalike mushrooms that are safe to eat. Another toxic mushroom popping up this rainy season is called the western destroying angel mushroom, or *amanita ocreata*.

Reports of mushroom poisoning have come from across Northern California and the Central Coast,

from Sonoma to San Luis Obispo. People have sought medical treatment in several local counties, including San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Contra Costa, Alameda and Monterey.

Mushroom poisonings are more common among people who are new to California and used to foraging similar edible mushrooms in their home countries, according to state health officials.

Expert mushroom foragers say that this winter's mushroom season has seen an abundance of death cap mushrooms sprouting across California. The deadly fungi grows near oak trees and other hardwoods.

Treatment for amatoxin poisoning can be more difficult once symptoms start, according to the CDPH. Initial symptoms after eating a toxic mushroom can cause watery diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and dehydration within six to 24 hours. Although symptoms will subside within a day, patients may experience serious or even fatal liver damage days after eating the mushroom.

Mushroom poisonings can also lead to kidney damage, seizures, hallucinations and death, according to public health officials.

The best way to stay safe from potential poisonings is to not eat wild mushrooms, avoid mushrooms picked by friends or family and to be cautious of pets and young children playing around areas where mushrooms grow.

If you or someone you know has consumed a poisonous mushroom, immediately contact the

California Poison Control System hotline at 800-222-1222.

Local mycological societies can help people identify mushrooms properly before consumption to prevent potential poisonings. Find resources at the San Francisco Mycological Society, Peninsula Mycology Circle, Bay Area Applied Mycology, Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz and Sonoma County Mycological Association.

For more information, visit cdph.ca.gov. ■



Thelma "Elaine" Koopmann

January 31, 1929 – November 9, 2025

We lost our beloved Elaine, a ninety-six-year-old, beautiful spirit. She had been a resident of Livermore, CA, for the past fifteen years. Elaine passed away in the comfort of her own home, under Hospice of the East Bay care. Her love, kindness, generosity, strength...and smile, will always be remembered.

Elaine was born to Edward and Thelma (Schilling) Secada in Oakland, CA, on January 31, 1929. Her family was living in San Francisco and moved to Sunol in 1938. She graduated from Sunol Glen Elementary School with nine other classmates. She was a cheerleader while attending Amador High in Pleasanton, for three years. Elaine spent her Senior year at the old Hayward High School (where Hayward City Hall now stands), graduating there.

Elaine married the love of her life, a native of Pleasanton, Robert L. "Bob" Koopmann in 1947. They were married sixty-four years. In their retirement, they traveled across the United States with their trailer, boat and fishing poles, meeting up with and making lifelong friends. They also traveled to Europe several times to follow their ancestry. In 1984, Bob and Elaine built a home in Murphys, CA, where they lived until health issues required them to move to Livermore.

Bob and Elaine were instrumental figures in the development of Pleasanton and active in the community. Elaine and Bob started a linoleum and carpet business in 1953. Koopmann Linoleum was located on the corner of Main Street and Angela Street for twenty-three years. Later, they built a shopping center, Adobe Plaza, which was completed in 1978 on Ray Street and soon moved their business there. Bob renovated the Kottinger Adobe Barn/jail of 1852 that was located on the property. With Elaine's efforts, this site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. Elaine sold the Adobe Plaza in 2021 to Bruce and Erika Torquemada. Through the Torquemada's love of Adobe Plaza, the Koopmann legacy lives on.

Elaine joined the Pleasanton Soroptimist business women's club in 1956 and became a Life Member. She was instrumental and spearheaded the chartering of the Dublin Soroptimist in 1982. Elaine was President in 1962-63, and 1972-73. She proudly represented her club, on the Board of Directors for Amador Valley Scholarships Inc. for 14 years. She was a pillar for women in business. Other affiliations were many but, she was a longtime member of Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW), (Elaine was a dual member to Ruby Parlor, Murphys and Angelita Parlor, Livermore); NDGW Past Presidents Association; Museum on Main; Tulancingo Sister City; Hayward Historical Society; Business and Professional Women's Club (PBW); and most recently a Life Member of VFW Auxiliary Post 7265, Livermore. She attended meetings up until her last year at age ninety-six for these charitable organizations.

Elaine joins her late husband Bob Koopmann, son Dennis Michael Koopmann (infant death) and daughter Marilyn Koopmann Rowe (died 1997). She is survived by her sister Carole Lewis of Fremont; and two children Sheryl Stanger (Virgil) and Robert C. "Bob" Koopmann (Julie). Her grandchildren: Sarah (Brick), Monnica, Tonya, Virgil "Russ" (Polly), Rosie, Sheryl Anna, Tyler and Abbie. Her great grandchildren are: Kayla, Joe, Nikki, David, Carlie, Hadley, Sadie, Kaden, Lupin and Benny. The extraordinary love she shared with all of us remains in our hearts forever. We will always miss her.

Saturday, January 31, 2026 at the Adobe Barn at 200 Ray Street, Pleasanton from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Amador Valley Scholarship fund or ndgw.org.

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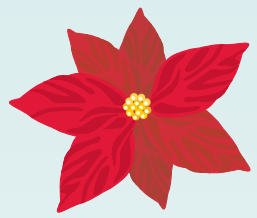


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We have now reached the conclusion of the 2025-26 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. Over the course of the campaign, 145 donors have contributed \$43,651 to the fund. All of the money raised during the Holiday Fund will be split among ten nonprofit beneficiaries. This final list of contributors includes donations received and reported on or before Jan. 21, 2026.

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Trivago the cat with his new family.

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LISA TOM / CITYSERVE

Dennis takes a few tries to get up to his walker after CityServe's Ironwood class. Earlier this autumn, he stood up on his own after the first try. Everyone there was so supportive and gave him a big cheer, according to CityServe staff.

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VICTORIA CHAVEZ / SUNFLOWER HILL

Sunflower Hill program participants during their hands-on garden group class.

This year's Holiday Fund recipients that will share in fund contributions are:



Axis Community Health is the Tri-Valley's only community health center providing comprehensive care to patients of all ages, Axis is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of vulnerable, low-income and underserved people in the region.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER

Top: "Vertical Bloom", colored pencil by Rekha Joshi.
Bottom: "Hydrangea Symphony", East Asian Brush painting by Wei-Ting Chuang.

Creativity blossoms

'Flora in Focus' fills Firehouse gallery with flower art

BY JEREMY WALSH

The beauty and power of flower art have taken root once again in the Firehouse Arts Center, with the latest installment of the recurring "Flora in Focus" exhibition on display in the Harrington Gallery this winter.

The nearly 100 works by a group of Bay Area artists present a diverse bouquet of media for viewers, including watercolor, oil, glass, pen and ink, East Asian brush painting, colored pencil, acrylic and special ikebana installations — all centered on the flower as the subject or inspiration.

"Flora in Focus" is a celebration of flowers, friendship and fellowship," said Meghana Mitragotri, lead organizer and a featured artist in the exhibition, now in its third consecutive year.

"Together, we have created a show that honors both the beauty of nature and the connections that bloom between people as much as the flowers on the canvas," Mitragotri added. "In a time when our communities and the world at large need compassion and love more than ever, this exhibition reminds us of the joy, hope, and connection that art can inspire."

Painter Usha Shukla found inspiration in the movement of nature for her pieces in the exhibition.

"When outdoors, I am intrigued by how the breeze moves the light, shadows, hues, and textures," Shukla said. "My floral abstract paintings portray this harmony of color and movement, which I recreate in the studio by moving diluted paint with air using blowers, including a leaf blower for larger works."

Glass artist Peggy Kervin said she was able to explore the playful side of her medium to "display whimsy, gracefulness, as well as vitality in these lampworked glass figures. Adding a small image in the flowers for observers to find is another prize."

"Each piece begins with direct observation from life, from studying flowers in a vase to plein air

sketches and visual notes drawn from my own backyard ecology," added Wei-Ting Chuang. "These observations are re-composed to express the spirit and vitality of the flowers rather than a literal depiction."

Watercolorist Charlotte Severin said she hopes viewers experience the same "special joy" she feels when painting flowers.

And Ranjini Venkatachari was able to use "floral imagery as a narrative space shaped by dramatic light, layered hues, and meticulous detail."

"Working in colored pencil and oil, the flowers move beyond botanical representation to convey mood and emotion. The works invite close looking, revealing stories embedded within beauty," Venkatachari said.

The other artists in the static "Flora in Focus" display are Helene Roylance, Tuan Karsevar, Jenna Hobbs, Rekha Joshi, Lynda Briggs, Tejal Shah and Monique Makepeace. One of Karsevar's works is a group portrait of all 13 participating artists.

Supplementing the exhibition are collaborative ikebana floral installations by Cindy Ting, a city library contracted instructor, and her students being shown during the next week to coincide with the artists' reception.

"Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, emphasizes balance, space, and intention, transforming natural materials into expressions of harmony," Ting said. "For this collaboration, my students and I will each create an ikebana arrangement inspired by a selected art piece from the exhibition. We are honored to collaborate with such talented artists and look forward to sharing our ikebana creations with you."

"Flora in Focus" opened Jan. 10 in the Harrington Gallery and will remain on display until March 7.

The reception is set for next Saturday (Jan. 31) from 1-3 p.m. at Firehouse, 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton. Attendees can meet and mingle with the artists, sample light refreshments

and participate in raffles for exclusive prizes.

Beforehand on Jan. 31, Chuang will lead the first of eight live art demonstrations and talks as part of the "Flora in Focus" experience — hers is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on spring blossoms and the East Asian brush painting technique.

Other demos include Severin with "Flowers for Valentine's Day" on Feb. 14, Makepeace with "Playing with Prisma Pencils" also on Feb. 14, Mitragotri with "Blushing Flowers in Watercolor" on Feb. 28 and the finale with Hobbs, "Dramatic Contrast for Floral Painting (Gouache)", on March 7.

TWO SOLO SHOWINGS TOO

Artwork by Chuang is featured elsewhere in the Firehouse as well, with a solo exhibition on display in the first-floor foyer now through Feb. 28.

"Chuang's exhibition features nearly 20 works utilizing traditional East Asian brushwork with ink and pigment on paper, reimagining contemporary Californian landscapes as expressive ink portraits inspired by Tang Dynasty aesthetics," Firehouse officials said.

And in the second-floor exhibition area, the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall, Jean Batchelder has a solo display through March 14 with 15 watercolor works, a mix of landscapes and still lifes. "Utilizing techniques of subtractive painting and watercolor on yupo paper, the presentation demonstrates the artist's mastery of the water-based medium," Firehouse reps added.

Like "Flora in Focus", Batchelder's gallery reception is also 1-3 p.m. next Saturday (Jan. 31). Chuang's event follows two weeks later, 12-2 p.m. Feb. 14.

All exhibition spaces at the Firehouse are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and around scheduled performances and events at the theater. Admission is free. Learn more at firehousearts.org. ■

Museum announces 2026 speaker series lineup

JFK, Tina Turner, Sojourner Truth, Lizzie Borden and more coming to Firehouse stage

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

More than half a dozen performers will be bringing historically prominent figures such as activist Sojourner Truth, former president John F. Kennedy and rock icon Tina Turner back to life as part of the Museum on Main's 2026 Ed Kinney Speaker Series.

"We are thrilled to announce the 2026 line-up and have chosen dynamic performers who will portray a range of fascinating and pivotal historic figures," Tony Cruz, executive director of the Pleasanton museum, said in a recent press release.

These performances involve scholar-actors dressing up to fully embody those historical figures in the Chautauqua style as they present a scripted biography of their persona and answer audience questions both in character and out of character at the end of the show.

"This community continues to embrace the performance style known as Chautauqua," Cruz said. "Chautauqua performances are a unique way for people, young and old alike, to engage with history. The performance style links acting and scholarship together to bring historical characters to life on stage."

The museum is entering its 17th year hosting the program — also known by its event name "An Afternoon or Evening with..." — that Cruz said has been so popular that over 3,000 people attended last year's speaker series. The performances will begin next month and run once a month, except July, for the rest of the year.

Every performance, which offers a 2 p.m. and a 7 p.m. showing, will take place at the Firehouse Arts Center and there will also be a virtual viewing option, which begins in March.

The series will kick off on Feb. 26 with Madelyn Porter portraying Sojourner Truth, an African American and women's rights activist and abolitionist.

"In this compelling portrayal, witness the journey of the woman born into slavery as Isabella Baumfree, who escaped bondage," the museum stated in its press release. "She transformed herself into an itinerant preacher and outspoken champion of abolition and women's rights."

Then, on March 26, Chautauqua actor James Armistead will be bringing to life the story of his ancestor who was a spy during the Revolutionary War.

Cruz said he is personally

excited to see Armistead — who has frequently taken part in the speaker series over the years — perform as his own ancestor who successfully infiltrated British camps posing as a runaway.

"The story correlates perfectly with the 250th anniversary of America," Cruz said.

The following month, on April 30, members of the public will be introduced to Grace O'Malley, a pirate queen who "sailed the high seas in the 16th century". Portrayed by Karen Vuranch, people will be able to learn more about the Irish legends of O'Malley who fought against British conquest as she "commanded an army of men and remained a leading political figure in a time when few women held any personal power".

Next on the list of speakers is Kim Harris who will be portraying Lizzie Borden, a 19th century woman who was accused — and widely believed to have been guilty — of murdering her father and stepmother with an axe. She was eventually acquitted but public opinion maintained that she was guilty.

Harris' portrayal of Borden will take place on May 7.

On June 4, famous former president John F. Kennedy will be brought back to life by Jeremy Meier who will talk about Kennedy's final and defining year of his presidency, which entailed the shadow of nuclear war, the moon landing and the fight for civil rights.

The following month, on Aug. 6, rock icon Tina Turner will step onto the stage once again as Rebecca Jimerson will portray the iconic musician who was dubbed the queen of rock & roll after she "rose from modest beginnings and endured years of hardship, heartbreak, and challenge".



COURTESY OF THE MUSEUM ON MAIN

Former president John F. Kennedy will be brought back to life by scholar-actor Jeremy Meier at the Firehouse Arts Center in June as part of the 2026 Ed Kinney Speaker Series.

"Her transformation from the Ike & Tina Turner Revue to global superstardom as a solo artist reflects resilience, reinvention, and the triumph of spirit; an inspiring story of survival and strength that continues to captivate audiences worldwide," according to the museum.

Next up is actor Laura Keyes who, on Sept. 17, will be portraying Elizabeth Packard, an early women's rights and mental health reform activist who was committed to the Illinois State Hospital, the state mental asylum in 1860, for three years even though she continuously protested her sanity.

During the first day of October, members of the public will be introduced to Audrey Hepburn, one of Hollywood's most known female actors of all time. Portrayed by Leslie Goddard, audiences will learn more about her time as a child during World War II, her success as an actor

and her "lifelong efforts to find real love and overcome her own deep-seated fears".

The final performance at the Firehouse will be Nov. 19 where Doug Mishler will be bringing to life Phineas Taylor Barnum — also known as P.T. Barnum. Mishler will explore Barnum's life as a former state legislator and mayor who turned showman and helped establish the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

"Mishler's performances are known for their 'big, manic energy' and direct interaction with the audience, bringing history to life," the museum stated in its press release.

Tickets are now available for museum members, and they will go on sale to the general public starting next Tuesday (Jan. 27).

For more information, including ticket prices, visit the museum website at www.museumonmain.org. ■



COURTESY OF THE MUSEUM ON MAIN

On Aug. 6, rock icon Tina Turner will be portrayed by actor Rebecca Jimerson.

Musical storytelling with Jewish 'flavor' comes to Pleasanton

British songwriter Cainer in concert Feb. 1 at Congregation Beth Emek

BY JUDE STRZEMP

Award-winning songwriter and pianist Daniel Cainer is set to perform in Pleasanton next month for an evening of personal stories rooted in his Jewish identity.

Scheduled to make his way to Northern California for the first time in over five years, the British musician has been recognized with the Three Weeks Edinburgh Award, the Galway Fringe Award for Excellence as well as the Best of Edinburgh Award and NYC Fringe by SoHo Playhouse in New York City, according to his website.

Everyone is invited to attend the concert at Congregation Beth Emek, regardless of their religious affiliation, Cainer said.

"There is something for everyone here because it's really about the

human condition and that's what people relate to," Cainer told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Cainer began writing songs during childhood, entering a residency as a 14-year old in Leeds, England.

He went on to write songs for television and radio, including BBC and London's station LBC.

"Keeps your blades very sharp," he said of the challenging task of writing weekly songs from scratch.

With the help of a therapist during a self-described midlife crisis, Cainer turned his focus towards his Jewish roots.

"It became this very rich scene, that suddenly I had a voice — a unique voice," Cainer explained.

Touring on and off since then, he has performed musical storytelling with a Jewish "flavor", Cainer added.

Although some have considered the performer a comic, he doesn't describe himself as such.

"Some of the songs are funny, there's no doubt about that, but I think they've all got serious intent," Cainer said. "But what better way to make a serious point than to find the humor in it?"

Among the topics he covers, he delves into his feelings and the difficulties that accompany being a public Jewish performer. He also takes on stories about his parents and grandparents.

"Underneath it is a musical narrative that is emotionally engaging," he said.

Cainer's concert at Congregation Beth Emek is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. next Sunday, (Feb. 1). For tickets, visit the congregation's website at bethemek.org. ■



COURTESY OF CAINER

Daniel Cainer.

East Bay Parks launches 2026 Trails Challenge

Pleasanton Ridge, Del Valle, Las Trampas among featured locations in Tri-Valley

By JEREMY WALSH

The East Bay Regional Park District is encouraging residents to explore the natural parks and trails in their backyard — and beyond — all year long through the 2026 Trails Challenge.

The annual program, now in its 33rd year, offers a commemorative pin and bragging rights to registered participants who complete any five of the 20 featured trails or log 26.2 cumulative miles on any trails in the EBRPD system by Dec. 31.

The Trails Challenge is a great way to experience the range of EBRPD properties — “not only a person’s regular favorites, but also planning adventures to parks farther out,” according to Mike Moran, interpretive and recreation services manager for the district.

“The Park District’s 73 parks are spread throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties, offering quite a range of landscapes to enjoy,” Moran said in a press release. “Visitors can be on the beach today observing shorebirds, then tomorrow head into the redwood groves found in the Berkeley and Oakland hills or tackle a long stretch of the oak-covered Pleasanton Ridge.”

Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park is one of five Tri-Valley parks on the featured list, joining Ohlone



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Alice Chang submitted this photo while participating in the East Bay Regional Park District’s 2025 Trails Challenge.

Wilderness Trail in Sunol, Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve in San Ramon, Brushy Peak Regional Preserve in Livermore and Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore.

For those interested in group hikes, the district has events planned throughout the year such as next Saturday (Jan. 31) at 9 a.m. Pleasanton Ridge, “Colors of Nature: Blooms, Birds and More!” at Del Valle on March 28 and the “Hiking Poles Training Plus

Springtime Practice Hike” in Sunol on April 11.

Participants can pick up a free Trails Challenge guidebook and T-shirt at any EBRPD visitor center, while supplies last. A digital version of the guidebook can be downloaded in English or Spanish on the district’s website.

Those who record and submit their logs online also qualify for monthly prize drawings and other giveaways while supplies last, district officials said. There will also



COURTESY EBRPD

Participating in the East Bay Regional Park District’s 2025 Trails Challenge.

be drawings for people who post selfies on social media and tag #TrailsChallengeEBRPD.

The program is sponsored by the

Regional Parks Foundation, Kaiser Permanente and AllTrails. For more information, visit ebparks.org/trailschallenge. ■

‘Viva l’Italia’ benefits Valley Concert Chorale

Accomplished pianist Glover mixes entertainment and insight

By JEREMY WALSH

Classical music fans in the Tri-Valley will have the opportunity to learn more about the influence of Italian minds — and fingers — on piano compositions from the very beginning during a special benefit show supporting Valley Concert Chorale this weekend.

Renowned pianist Daniel Glover, who has performed around the world and recorded 10 solo albums in his career, is presenting a deep dive into the evolution of Italian composers that mixes entertainment and educational enlightenment, according to VCC reps.

“Mr. Glover’s piano concerts are always a popular event,” Sarah Allendorf, VCC board president, said in a press release. “He is an internationally known concert pianist and has a great following around the world. We are so very fortunate to have him as the Chorale’s accompanist for so many years and we enjoy offering the community an opportunity to experience his great talent each year.”

VCC positions Glover’s “Viva



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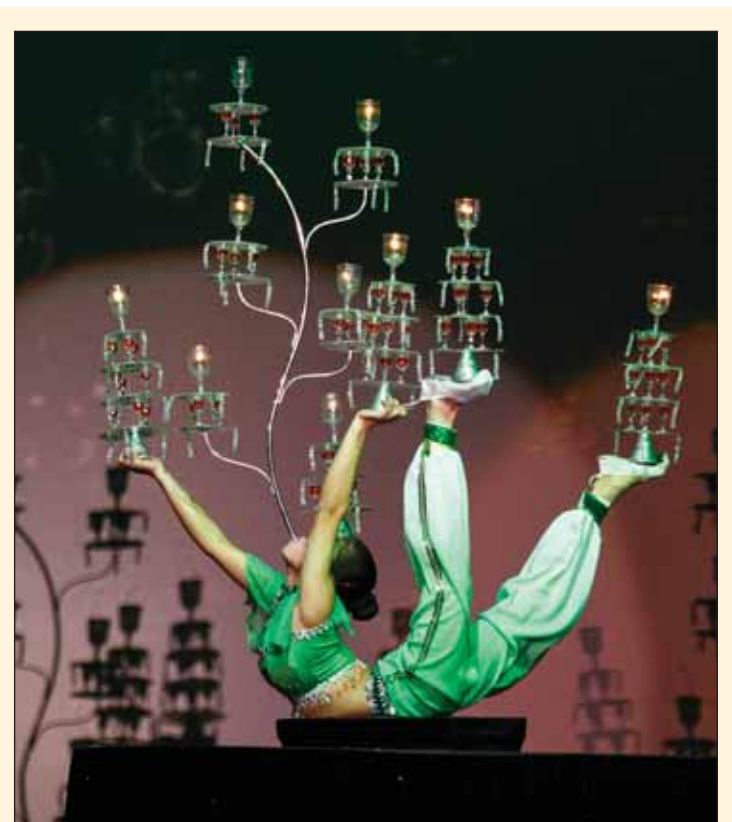
Pianist Daniel Glover.

l’Italia” show as a testimonial to “the tremendous impact that Italy’s literature, art and culture made on the history of the piano ... Did you know that the piano was invented in Italy in the early 1700s?”

“Featured composers include Italians from the Baroque to 20th Century: Alessandro Marcello, Muzio Clementi and Alfredo Casella. Three technically dazzling Etudes by Schumann and Liszt/Busoni will

display the tremendous influence Niccolò Paganini’s virtuoso violin playing had on the Romantic virtuoso pianists,” VCC reps said. “The program will also include works inspired by specific places in Italy.”

The Glover concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 24) at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore. For tickets and more information, go to valleyconcertchorale.org. ■



COURTESY LVA

‘Defy the laws of physics’

“Breathtaking stunts, acrobatics and traditional Chinese artistry” are coming to the Bankhead Theater next month leading into the Lunar New Year celebration season. The Peking Acrobats, a traveling troupe who “defy the laws of physics” on stage, blend “centuries-old tradition with modern-day excitement” in their show performed worldwide, according to Livermore Valley Arts. A limited number of tickets remain available for their appearance in downtown Livermore, scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 2. Visit livermorearts.org to learn more. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton police vehicle, other car involved in injury collision at intersection near downtown

A Pleasanton police officer and a civilian driver were injured when a patrol vehicle and another car collided near downtown Saturday afternoon, according to a department spokesperson.

The situation unfolded at about 3:30 p.m. at Division and Fair streets. "A Pleasanton Police patrol unit was responding with lights and sirens activated to an emergency call for service when they were involved in a traffic collision at the intersection," Lt. Nicholas Albert told the Pleasanton Weekly.

The officer and the other driver were transported to area hospitals with injuries that were not considered life threatening, according to Albert.

The circumstances of the traffic collision are being investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

The crash and resulting investigation led to law enforcement closing the intersection and detouring motorists around the area Saturday afternoon, according to a Nixle alert from the Pleasanton Police Department.

— Jeremy Walsh

Authorities investigating in-custody jail death of unhoused man

An incarcerated unhoused man died in custody at the Contra Costa County jail on Sunday evening, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Just after 5 p.m. at the Martinez Detention Facility, a deputy discovered an unresponsive man in his cell in the B module, a spokesperson for the Sheriff's Office said.

Jail staff and first responders attended to the man, but he was declared deceased at the scene.

The inmate is identified as Victor Jose Faria, 62, an unhoused person.

Faria was arrested by the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office on Thursday for trespassing and a felony probation violation and was booked into the jail.

Faria's death is being investigated by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. His exact cause of death will be determined by a medical examiner.

This is the second in-custody death at the jail this month. On Jan. 9, inmate Kirk Richardson, 61, died after apparently banging his head in his cell, according to the Sheriff's Office.

— Bay City News

'Completely innocent': Fencing coaches deny allegations of swindling immigrant instructors

The owners of a fencing training school in the Tri-Valley are speaking out through their lawyers to deny allegations from Alameda County prosecutors that they bilked prospective immigrant instructors from Eastern Europe.

Bogdan Dolzhenko and Jeanne Amistoso were charged this month with felony labor violations and other allegations following an investigation initiated in response to a tip sent to the national human trafficking hotline in late 2024. After the Pleasanton Weekly published an article detailing the charges Wednesday, for which the defendants did not respond to email requests for comment, their attorneys followed up with a strong statement in defense Thursday afternoon.

"They are completely innocent of any wrongdoing, and we categorically reject the portrayal of their actions as exploitative. Nothing could be further from the truth," attorneys Julia Jayne (who represents Dolzhenko) and Emily Dahm (who represents Amistoso) told the Weekly.

"We are confident the full facts will show they did everything possible to help these individuals and operated Prime Fencing Academy ethically," the defense lawyers added. "It is deeply unfair that such unfounded allegations have been made against these kind-hearted individuals and a first-rate fencing instruction studio. We look forward to setting the record straight and restoring our clients' and their business's well-deserved good reputation."

Dolzhenko, a former member of the Ukraine National Fencing Team, and his wife Amistoso, a fencing coach and athlete with notable finishes in senior division competitions in the U.S., remain out of custody and are scheduled to make their first court appearance in Dublin next Thursday (Jan. 22).

Dolzhenko, 31, is charged alone with four counts of wage theft and three counts of obtaining labor under false pretenses, and he and 63-year-old Amistoso 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.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office launched a nearly year-long investigation against Dolzhenko, Amistoso and their Prime Fencing Academy that unearthed four former workers who alleged Dolzhenko recruited them from Poland and war-torn Ukraine

to be fencing instructors at the couple's Dublin-based school under false pretenses, according to court records.

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

The victims alleged they were underpaid and overworked for months, leading them to quit, while investigators also claim the couple paid below minimum wage, misclassified the immigrant employees as independent contractors and failed to follow tax, insurance and workers' compensation laws.

The defense attorneys told the Weekly that the stated allegations "are false and profoundly misleading."

"Mr. Dolzhenko and Ms. Amistoso helped these individuals temporarily relocate to the United States, provided housing and support, and acted at all times in good faith," the lawyers said. "The fencers were paid fairly under mutually agreed upon terms, and none were ever forced to work excessive hours, nor was it possible for any of them to work as many hours as alleged."

According to the DA inspector's report, a separate federal investigation by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is still pending.

Prime Fencing Academy, located in an office and industrial park on Sierra Court in Dublin, caters to fencers of all skill levels and ages, including a particular focus on youth athletes.

— Jeremy Walsh

PPD arrests driver suspected of causing multi-car crash on Bernal Avenue

A motorist was placed under arrest for driving under the influence Sunday near downtown Pleasanton after police said they were at fault for a multi-car collision that caused significant traffic that day.

Pleasanton Police Department Lt. Nicholas Albert told the Weekly that officers responded to the accident, which occurred near the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Sunol Boulevard, and found five vehicles that were involved.

"The investigating officer determined the driver who caused the collision showed signs of impairment," Albert said. That driver was consequently arrested.

The other drivers and involved parties only reported minor injuries, according to Albert. Eastbound traffic on Bernal Avenue was impacted for roughly one hour due to

the crash, he said.

This incident came one day after a Pleasanton police officer and a civilian driver were injured when a patrol vehicle and another car collided near downtown.

— Christian Trujano

New mail delivery system for Santa Rita Jail set to take effect next month

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office will be implementing a new mail delivery process where, starting Feb. 23, all non-privileged mail will have to be sent to Pigeonly Corrections' mail processing center in order for it to be delivered to inmates at the Santa Rita Jail.

According to its website, Pigeonly Corrections is a mail delivery service that has been shipping "contraband-free mail to correctional facilities for over a decade." The Alameda County Sheriff's Office stated in a recent press release that the change in its mail delivery system will help "enhance the safety of incarcerated individuals, staff, and the public."

"The Alameda County Sheriff's Office recognizes the importance of personal connections for individuals in our custody and their

families," the sheriff's office stated in a press release. "The new process balances safety with the need for timely and reliable correspondence."

In its press release, the sheriff's office noted how postal mail can be used to bring in contraband, including drugs, into correctional facilities and that in recent years, the office has seen "multiple fentanyl exposure incidents linked to mailed substances."

"These incidents required emergency responses and, in several cases, life-saving interventions," the sheriff's office stated. "This new mail process is a proactive step to reduce these risks while continuing to support meaningful communication between incarcerated individuals and their loved ones."

According to the press release, any non-privileged mail sent to the Dublin jail after March 25 — 30 days after the new mail delivery system is implemented — will be returned to the sender. Privileged mail such as books, magazines and newspapers sent directly from publishers or distributors will not be processed through Pigeonly Corrections and will continue to be delivered directly to Santa Rita Jail, according to the sheriff's office. ■

— Christian Trujano

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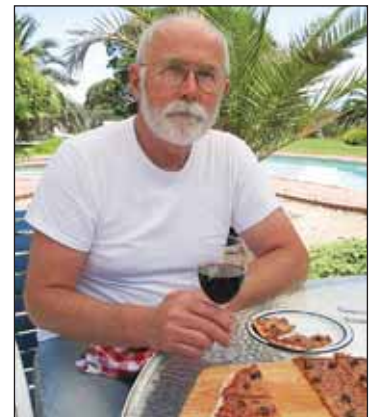
July 26, 1939 – October 14, 2025

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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Sports



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Mixed results for Amador teams last week

Smith, Krueger help Dons bounce back with key basketball wins; boys' varsity soccer loses three games — each by 2-1 score

The Amador Valley boys' varsity soccer team's seven-game winning streak came to a halt last week as the Dons dropped three consecutive matches, all by a score of 2-1.

Facing a gauntlet of opponents — Granada, San Ramon Valley and Berkeley — starting Jan. 13, the Dons remained competitive throughout. Goals from Atishay Sati, Nader Hanna and Mateo Eichler kept Amador in the hunt, but they were unable to overcome bursts of back-to-back goals from their opponents in each contest.

The junior varsity team finished the week with a 1-0 loss to Granada, a 2-2 tie with San Ramon Valley and a 4-1 loss to Berkeley.

Against San Ramon Valley, goals from Kingston Smith and Oliver Heid gave Amador a 2-1 lead late into the match. However,

heartbreak struck in the final moments when the Wolves converted a penalty kick to force a 2-2 draw.

The freshmen team took the lone win for the program with a 2-1 victory against Granada. Later in the week they fell to San Ramon Valley.

Amador boys' basketball

The Dons came through with three wins last week, two East Bay Athletic League wins and one big non-league win.

The week started with a 50-44 win over Granada. Jaylen Smith had 18 points and Cade Krueger added 17.

Next was a 53-50 win over San Ramon Valley with Krueger pumping in 27 points and Smith adding 12 points.

Finally on Jan. 17, Amador beat Liberty 46-45, dropping the Lions to 16-3 on the season.

Smith had 22, with Krueger adding 14.

Amador girls' soccer

The Dons got a big 2-1 win over Granada on Jan. 13.

Leena Khan jumped on the rebounded shot by Hayden Moe to open the scoring in the first half and give Amador a 1-0 lead.

In the second half the Dons made it 2-0 when Penny Brown scored off of a Mira Giruda corner.

The Matadors got one back in the final minutes of the game when their goalie came up to add extra numbers and knocked in a goal on Granada's first corner kick of the match.

New Year, New Gear

The Student-Athlete Community Foundation, founded by former Foothill High basketball player Anirudh Murugesan, is an



NOAH CAMP

The Amador boys' soccer team huddles before one of their EBAL matches the week of Jan. 12.

organization that empowers student-athletes to become community leaders by combining mentorship with student-led service projects.

One of their biggest events takes place over the next couple of weeks with the sixth annual New Year, New Gear Drive.

The drive seeks to collect clothing and shoes; athletic equipment; bags, hats and gloves. The benefactors are the St. Anthony Foundation and EAT Sports Foundation.

The dates and locations for dropping off donations are:

- Jan. 19-23 at Dougherty Valley High School. School days — Leadership room; Basketball games — main gym lobby.

- Jan. 23 at Foothill High, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 4-9 p.m. School day — Leadership room; Basketball game — gym.

- Jan. 25 at Pleasanton Middle School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton gyms, 1-6 p.m.

- Jan. 27 and 30 at Amador Valley High, 4-9 p.m. Amador main gym.

For more information, go to www.thesacf.org. ■

Crawford named to Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame

'It's very humbling and a huge honor for me,' says Foothill alum and retired SF Giants shortstop

By EMMA MONTALBANO

Brandon Crawford, the decorated former San Francisco Giants' shortstop, is one of five athletes slated for induction into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame this spring.

A Bay Area native, Crawford was born in Mountain View and grew up in Pleasanton, graduating from Foothill High School in 2005.

"Being from the Bay Area, all my favorite players are in the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame, so it's

very humbling and a huge honor for me," Crawford said through a Giants' spokesperson.

The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame announced its 2026 class of inductees Jan. 14. Along with Crawford, the list featured five-time Olympic gold medal winning swimmer Missy Franklin; two-time track and field world record holder Eddie Hart; four-time Super Bowl champion Jesse Sapolu; and rugby coach Jack Clark, who has led his UC Berkeley team to 30 national championships.

Crawford was born at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View and spent his early childhood in Menlo Park. When he was around 6 years old, his family moved over to Pleasanton, where he played baseball and football for Foothill High School.

Crawford showed signs of athleticism from a very young age, his mother Lynn Crawford said in an interview last year with the Pleasanton Weekly. Growing up,



FILE PHOTO

Brandon Crawford.

he and his family rooted for the Giants, and he always knew it was the team he wanted to play for professionally, Crawford told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Out of his 14 years in major league baseball, he played with the Giants for all but one. During his debut game both in the league and

with the San Francisco team in 2011, he hit a grand slam against the Milwaukee Brewers, which proved to be just the beginning of a successful career donning orange and black.

"It was a dream come true to get to play for the Giants and be there as long as I was and accomplish the things I was able to do with the World Series and individual awards," Crawford said. "It was obviously very special."

He played more games at shortstop than any player in Giants' history, according to a press release from the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame. Before he retired from baseball in 2024, he had earned two World Series championships, four Gold Gloves and two Wilson Defensive Player of the Year awards, as well as appearing in three All-Star Games.

Crawford's name will be among more than 200 athletes who have been inducted into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame since its inception in 1979, including his longtime teammate Buster Posey and former manager Bruce Bochy.

The enshrinement dinner and celebration for this year's inductees is scheduled for May 14 at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. For more information, visit bashof.org. ■

Employment

Albertson's LLC hiring Sr. Digital Product Designer in Pleasanton, CA. Create wireframes & detailed designs & pitch work for internal stakeholders. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. \$168,112-217,140/yr. Email resume: TA.Applications@albertsons.com, Attn: B. Verona. Ref# 1222ZZ.

The Foothill High boys golf team is seeking an assistant coach for the upcoming season. Needed 3 afternoons a week. Contact Doug Mead at (925) 209-8470 or dk_mead@yahoo.com.

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Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588041

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): ALAMEDA INFORUM & MARKETING MEETING 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022 UNDER FILE NO. 588041 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 604406

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): HELLOJIN SANSU 20460 Summercrest Dr Castro Valley, CA 94552 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 03/04/2024 UNDER FILE NO. 604406 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): JIN HO KIM 20460 Summercrest Dr Castro Valley, CA 94552 SUNGYEON JOH 20460 Summercrest Dr Castro Valley, CA 94552 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Married Couple.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 14 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588045

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): TRI-CITIES MARKETING COUNCIL 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022 UNDER FILE NO. 588045 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588046

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): VALLEY REAL ESTATE NETWORK 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022 UNDER FILE NO. 588046 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588044

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

Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): REAL ESTATE ALLIANCE OF LIVERMORE

7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022 UNDER FILE NO. 588044 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

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File No. 588042

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): CENTRAL COUNTY MARKETING GROUP 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022 UNDER FILE NO. 588042 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 614882

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): SEQUOYAH COUNSELING CENTER 21636 Redwood Rd., unit F Castro Valley, CA 94546 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 05/28/2025 UNDER FILE NO. 614882 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): JEFFREY E. KLIPPENES 21636 Redwood Rd., unit F Castro Valley, CA 94546 JACQUELINE R. KLIPPENES 21636 Redwood Rd., unit F Castro Valley, CA 94546 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Married Couple.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on December 30 2025. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

JD'S HANDYMAN & HAULING SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620043

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) JD's Handyman & Hauling Solutions , located at 521 22nd Street Oakland, CA 94612, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): THOMAS J. DOOHAN 521 22nd Street Oakland, CA 94612 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 09 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

DEBORAH'S HOME CARE SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619426

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Deborah's Home Care Services , located at 5648 Bay St. Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1096 Cape May Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565 This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DEBORAH MBOYA 1096 Cape May Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565 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 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

ALL ABOUT LANDSCAPING AND ROOFING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620148

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) ALL ABOUT LANDSCAPING AND ROOFING , located at 22244 MOYERS ST CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MODERN GREEN CONSTRUCTIONS INC 14014 E14TH ST SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 14 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

BAY AREA AUTO SALES 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 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 05 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

THE MENOPAUSE PLATE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619597

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) The Menopause Plate , located at 6937 Village Parkway #2163, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): WENDY MADIEROS 6937 Village Parkway #2163 Dublin, CA 94568 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/20/25 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 22 2025. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

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 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 07 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

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. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MOSAHA HERRERA-PEREZ PO BOX 1003 Black Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 05

2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

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 CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/20/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 04 2025. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

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 PO BOX 22692 San Francisco, CA 94122 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 Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

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. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): KATHERINE EBY 960 Shorepoint Court Unit 103 Alameda, CA 94501 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 09 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

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 19367 Mission BLVD Hayward, CA 94541 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/08/2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 09 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

FLOOR COVERINGS INTERNATIONAL OF EAST BAY, CA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619796

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Floor Coverings International Of East Bay, CA , located at 5600 Sunol Blvd, STE D Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DJSWM C15, INC. 5600 Sunol Blvd, STE D Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/2/26 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 02 2026. (PLW Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026)

A2B TRADING COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619544

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) A2B Trading Company , located at 7668 Las Positas Rd Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): A2B LINK, INC. 7668 Las Positas Rd Livermore, CA 94551 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/08/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 17 2025. (PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

BERKELEY DENTAL CENTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619767

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Berkeley Dental Center , located at 2999 Regent St. #714, Berkeley, CA 94705, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 2383 California Street, Suite 5 San Francisco, CA 94115 This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): BAY AREA DENTAL INC. 2383 California Street, Suite 5 San Francisco, CA 94115 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/17/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 31 2025. (PLW Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026)

MIGHTY MECHANICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619397

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Mighty Mechanics , located at 5834 Newfields Ln Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MIGUEL QUINTERO LOPEZ 5834 Newfields Ln Dublin, CA 94568 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 10 2025. (PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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 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 18 2025. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

STARFIRE ORIGINS STARFIRE JEWELS AND GEMS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619875

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Starfire Origins , 2.) Starfire Jewels And Gems , located at 11754 Murietta Ct, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MARY K FERRIS 11754 Murietta Ct Dublin, CA 94568 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 05 2026. (PLW Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026)

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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):
MANISH PARMAR
22003 Hoffman Way
Castro Valley, CA 94546
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/20/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 24 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

PAYMORE DUBLIN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619512
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PayMore Dublin , located at 7007 Dublin Blvd Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
DUBLIN ELECTRONICZ LLC
7007 Dublin Blvd
Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/1/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 16 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

GROUP INTELLECT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619228
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GROUP INTELLECT , located at 1047 Serpentine 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
Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/02/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 03 2025.
(PLW Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026)

AYUDA MIGRANTES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619617
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) AYUDA MIGRANTES , located at 22302 CENTER ST. APT 27 CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
GRETHEL ISABEL GOMEZ
22302 CENTER ST. APT 27
CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 22 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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):
LIUDEMILA FILKOVA
678 Concord Pl
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 15 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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):
ALBERT WILCOX
1201 Creek Trail Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/1995
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 25 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

WALKER & DAUGHTERS BUILDERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619499
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Walker & Daughters Builders , located at 2356 Cantalise Drive Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
EVAN WALKER
2356 Cantalise Drive
Dublin, CA 94568
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 15 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/19/25
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 25 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

2335 CHESTNUT ST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619137
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) 2335 Chestnut St , located at 2335 Chestnut St. Livermore, CA 94551, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1201 Creek Trail Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ALBERT WILCOX
1201 Creek Trail Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/1977
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 25 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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)

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):
ALBERT WILCOX
1201 Creek Trail Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/1997
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on November 25 2025.
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 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)

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)

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

Case No.: 26CV164897
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Andrew James Ochoa-Pratt filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ANDREW JAMES OCHOA-PRATT to ANDREW JAMES OCHOA
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: 03/06/2026, 9AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, California 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: January 16, 2026
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

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

COUNTY
Case No.: 26CV163842
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Burl Steven Smith III filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
BURL STEVEN SMITH III to STEVEN SMITH
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. 27, 2026, 9 a.m., Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: Jan. 12, 2026
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 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.: 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.: 25CV158838
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Mary Louise Allen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MARY LOUISE ALLEN to TAMAR LOUISE ALLEN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: 02/13/2026, 9:00am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 12/10/2025
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 25CV158079

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Cuong Duc Nguyen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CUONG DUC NGUYEN to KEVIN CUONG NGUYEN

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: February 13, 2026, 09:00AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: December 08, 2025

Thomas J. Nixon

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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

SUMMONS

CASE No. CV427757

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(A VISO AL DEMANDADO):

Jennifer L. Peterson, Jeremy Barringer, Michael Malcom Sidorick, Cesar Ontiveros, Charles Schaffner, Paul Russo, and Marlena Russo, and Does 1 through 100, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

IAVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la informacion a continuacion. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legates para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de/eyes de su candado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presents su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que /ame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llama, a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con las requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AV/ SO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar / as cuotas y /os castos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cua/quier recuperacion de \$10,000 6 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una cancelacion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Lake County Court 255 North Forbes Street, 4th Floor Lakeport, CA 95453 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono de/ abogado de/ demandante, o de/ demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Jacqueline S. Vinaccia, Vanst Law, LLP 8880 Rio San Diego Dr. Ste. 800, San Diego, CA 92108 858 243 4299 (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND
Louella Hunter,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Vicki Brooks,
Defendant.
IN THE CIIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
CASE NOS.: 2025-CP-40-
AMENDED SUMMONS
TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint upon the subscriber at Jabber & Isaac, P.A., Post Office Box 1984, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within that time, the Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
JABBER & ISAAC, P.A.

By: _____s /Tameika Isaac Devine_____

Tameika Isaac Devine, Attorney for Plaintiff
SC Bar # 13486
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1419 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201
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Columbia, South Carolina
September 4, 2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Louella Hunter,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Vicki Brooks,

Defendant.

IN THE CIIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

CASE NOS.: 2025-CP-40-

AMENDED SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint upon the subscriber at Jabber & Isaac, P.A., Post Office Box 1984, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within that time, the Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
JABBER & ISAAC, P.A.

By: _____s /Tameika Isaac Devine_____

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Louella Hunter,

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vs.

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IN THE CIIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

CASE NOS.: 2025-CP-40-

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

Plaintiff, by and through her undersigned

counsel, complaining of the Defendant,

would

respectfully show unto this Court the

following:

1. Plaintiff, Louella Hunter, is a resident of the

State of Colorado.

1. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Vicki Brooks, is a resident of the State of California.

1. The property at issue is located in Richland County, South Carolina; jurisdiction and venue are therefore proper pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 15-5-10 and Rule 82, SCRPC.

FACTS

1. Edna Bowman was the record owner of real property located at 1111 Pine Street, Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County, having been conveyed the subject property by deed from Lyle McDonald dated November 11, 1911 and recorded on the Office of the Register of Deeds for Richland County in Book FB at page 77.

1. Edna Bowman died September 28, 2011.

1. Prior to her death, Edna's son, Heyward C. Bowman, Jr., predeceased her on June 10, 2011.

1. Heyward C. Bowman, Jr. died without leaving any biological children or lineal descendants.

1. At the time of Edna Bowman's death, her only surviving heir-at-law was her daughter, the Plaintiff, Louella Hunter.

2. Per her Last Will and Testament dated August 6, 2004, Edna Bowman left her property to her children in equal shares, with the provision that if any of her devisees failed to survive her, that their share would be given to her heirs at law according to the laws of intestate succession of Oklahoma.

1. By operation of the laws of intestate succession of Oklahoma and South Carolina, Plaintiff Louella Hunter is the sole heir-at-law of Edna Bowman and the sole rightful owner of the property located at 1111 Pine Street.

1. Despite Plaintiff's sole heirship, the Defendant may assert or cloud title to the property, thereby necessitating this action to confirm Plaintiff's sole ownership.

FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaration of Heirship and Title)

1. Plaintiff realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.

1. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration of this Court that she is the only heir-at-law of Edna Bowman, deceased, and therefore the sole fee simple owner of the property located at 1111 Pine Street.

FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Quiet Title)

1. Plaintiff realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully repeated herein.

1. Should the Court find that Defendant or any other person has any legal interest in the property, then Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the subject property based the fact that Plaintiff has paid all taxes, maintenance and insurance on said property without contribution from the Defendant since 2011.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court:

A. Declare Louella Hunter the sole heir-at-law of Edna Bowman, deceased;

B. Declare Louella Hunter the sole owner in fee simple of the property located at 1111 Pine Street, Columbia, SC;

C. Order that title be quieted in Plaintiff's name and that any cloud on title created by Defendant's claims be removed; and

E. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

JABBER & ISAAC, P.A.

By: _____s /Tameika Isaac Devine_____

Tameika Isaac Devine, Attorney for Plaintiff
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CALENDAR

Entertainment

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

TVTC'S THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL Tri-Valley Theater Company's The Addams Family is a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, featuring an original story. Jan. 24-25, Jan. 31 to Feb. 1. Tickets \$45. Visit 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's golden age. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 23. Tickets \$49-\$69. Visit livermorearts.org.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Join singer Jenna Mammina, John R Burr on keyboard, Jason Lewis on drums and Matt Finders on bass. Seating limited, reservations at meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society/. 6-7:30 p.m., Jan. 30. 530 Main St., Pleasanton.

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.

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.

THE TEN TENORS Experience the vocal powerhouse of The Ten Tenors for an unforgettable evening of world-class harmonies and breathtaking performances. 7:30

p.m., Feb. 5. Tickets \$70-\$100. Visit livermorearts.org.

RUTHIE FOSTER & BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA Grammy-nominated powerhouse Ruthie Foster brings her blend of blues, gospel and folk to the stage featuring the legendary Blind Boys of Alabama, whose rich harmonies and timeless spirit have inspired audiences for decades. 8 p.m., Feb. 6. Tickets \$65-\$95. Visit livermorearts.org.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH James Garner and his incredible band captures the live sound of Johnny Cash's legendary music with stunning accuracy, captivating audiences across the country. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6. Tickets \$43-\$48. Visit firehousearts.org.

ASPEN TRIO AT THE BANKHEAD One of the rare professional string trios performing and touring today, known for insightful programming and virtuosic performances offered with humor and insight. 3 p.m., Feb. 7. Visit livermorearts.org.

Talks

MLK FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & AWARDS Three Valleys Community Foundation is hosting the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast & Awards, celebrating community service with the theme "The Fierce Urgency of Now," with keynote speaker three-time Super Bowl Champion William "Bubba" Paris. 8-9:30 a.m., Jan. 26. Visit 3vcf.org.

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

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

PLEASANTON
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BLACH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Pleasanton Unified School District - Amador Valley High School Campus Renovation - Increment 1

NOTICE SOLICITING PROPOSALS

Pursuant to California Education Code 17406, notice soliciting proposals is hereby given that Blach Construction will be accepting subcontractor bids for the Pleasanton Unified School District - Amador Valley High School Campus Renovation - Increment 1. *The first increment of the project includes: The modernization of the Music Building and Gym & Locker Rooms. Excavation and implementation of underground utilities, rough grading, and pad preparation for future new Competition Gym and Theater Buildings.*

**No PLA on this job.*

All subcontractors who intend to submit a bid or proposal for any such work must:

- Prequalify with Blach Construction and the Pleasanton Unified School District. To obtain instructions on how to prequalify, please contact Alex Waldsmith (alex.waldsmith@blach.com).

- Adhere to Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirements, as stated in Public Contract Code 2601 and 2602 as well as Senate Bill 693.

Interested parties may obtain a free copy of the Bidding Documents by e-mailing Alex Waldsmith (alex.waldsmith@blach.com).

All bidders must provide the fully completed documentation in a sealed package to Blach Construction on or before Thursday, January 29th, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

Real Estate

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 3-7 for Pleasanton, Livermore Dublin and Sunol, and Dec. 22-26 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

3778 Angus Way K. Mok to M. & J. Maira for \$1,650,000

786 Bonita Avenue K. & T. Mankowski to Z. & F. Hemmati for \$1,685,000

7875 Canyon Meadow Circle #G Y. Ko to Brostrom Trust for \$625,000

573 Junipero Street Elling Trust to Nitin for \$1,625,000

3735 Oak Brook Court Fredette Trust to P. & R. Gattani for \$1,475,000

2058 Palmer Drive Weakley Trust to X Vision LLC for \$2,050,000

141 Ray Street Morns Family Trust to I. & I. Maleev for \$1,935,000

543 Tawny Drive R. Alvarez to J. & R. Dejesus for \$870,000

4425 Valley Avenue L. Li to M. Ng for \$840,000

2531 Willowren Way Helping Homes Ca LLC to P. & D. Chavan for \$1,900,000

Livermore

319 Basswood Common #15 D. Patra to X. & K. Hsu for \$800,000

734 Bellflower Street B. & C. Marchis to B. & A. Feidy for \$1,000,000.00

646 Brighton Way Rosingana Trust to J. & M. Portugal for \$1,140,000

80 Canary Court Malone Family Trust to D. & J. Phillips for \$1,560,000

1348 Carlton Place Knuth Trust to R. & S. Bhasin for \$2,450,000

5311 Charlotte Way E. Marquez to Maya Holdings LLC for \$965,000

4382 Colgate Way Folkers Trust to B. & W. Staats for \$1,160,000

678 Crane Avenue Dane Family Trust to S. Prabhala for \$1,060,000

847 Crane Avenue Saunders Living Trust to J. Rollins for \$875,000

1370 Daisy Lane T. & B. Somerday to K. Ristow for \$815,000

1304 Heather Lane Delima Living Trust to J. Loyola for \$925,000

188 Heligan Lane #1 K. Suddarth to V. & T. Morgunova for \$662,500

2671 Mc Larren Court Bales Family Trust to F. & J. Bachman for \$2,375,000

765 Moraga Drive A. & A. Beraha to A. & N. Duarte for \$985,000

1349 Saybrook Road Taylor Trust to Bay Area Renovations LLC for \$1,000,000

1479 Spring Valley Common B. & A. Feidy to C. & C. Gergley for \$650,000

2858 Superior Drive Boyden Trust to V. & C. Kanojia for \$1,520,000

211 Wildrose Common #3 D. Bonasera to K. & P. Gundi for \$735,000

635 Zermatt Street A. & M. Leeds to D. & R. Allamsetty for \$1,667,000

Dublin

3275 Dublin Boulevard #306 Datta Family Trust to Lau Trust for \$665,000

8027 Iglesia Drive Ayres Family Trust to Lee Trust for \$1,550,000

5821 Midnight Place #D Lui Family Trust to N. & B. Balu for \$1,045,000

4337 Westport Way Newton Living Trust to Westport4337 LLC for \$1,359,000

Sunol

11768 Main Street Mendoza Trust to G. & P. Tiwari for \$1,250,000

San Ramon

5436 Heatherland Drive Whitney Trust to Shivnani Trust for \$4,000,000

3009 Ivory Terrace Summerhill City Village LLC to A. & S. Vazquez-Mcgee for \$632,000

3207 Ivory Terrace Summerhill City Village LLC to N. & M. Abbott for \$1,178,000

4728 Norris Canyon Road #206 Ma-Liu Trust to H. & Z. Chen for \$698,000

30 Suva Court A. Belue to L. & D. Wade for \$1,800,000

2165 Watermill Road Liu Trust to J. & J. White for \$1,015,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Nov. 3-7)

Total sales reported: 10

Lowest sale reported: \$625,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,050,000

Average sales reported: \$1,465,500

Livermore (Nov. 3-7)

Total sales reported: 19

Lowest sale reported: \$650,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,450,000

Average sales reported: \$1,176,026

Dublin (Nov. 3-7)

Total sales reported: 4

Lowest sale reported: \$665,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000

Average sales reported: \$1,154,750

Sunol (Nov. 3-7)

Total sales reported: 1

Lowest sale reported: \$1,250,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,250,000

Average sales reported: \$1,250,000

San Ramon (Dec. 22-26)

Total sales reported: 6

Lowest sale reported: \$632,000

Highest sale reported: \$4,000,000

Average sales reported: \$1,096,500

Source: California REsource

Real Estate Preview

Pleasanton's spotlight
on local Real Estate

Coming inside
your Pleasanton Weekly on
January 30, 2026

The Real Estate Preview section will include news and articles of interest about the local market, information on obtaining a mortgage, and how to prepare a home for sale.

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\$12,000 / MONTH

FOR LEASE

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\$4,900 / MONTH

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484 EL PINTADO RD, DANVILLE
\$1,999,888

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