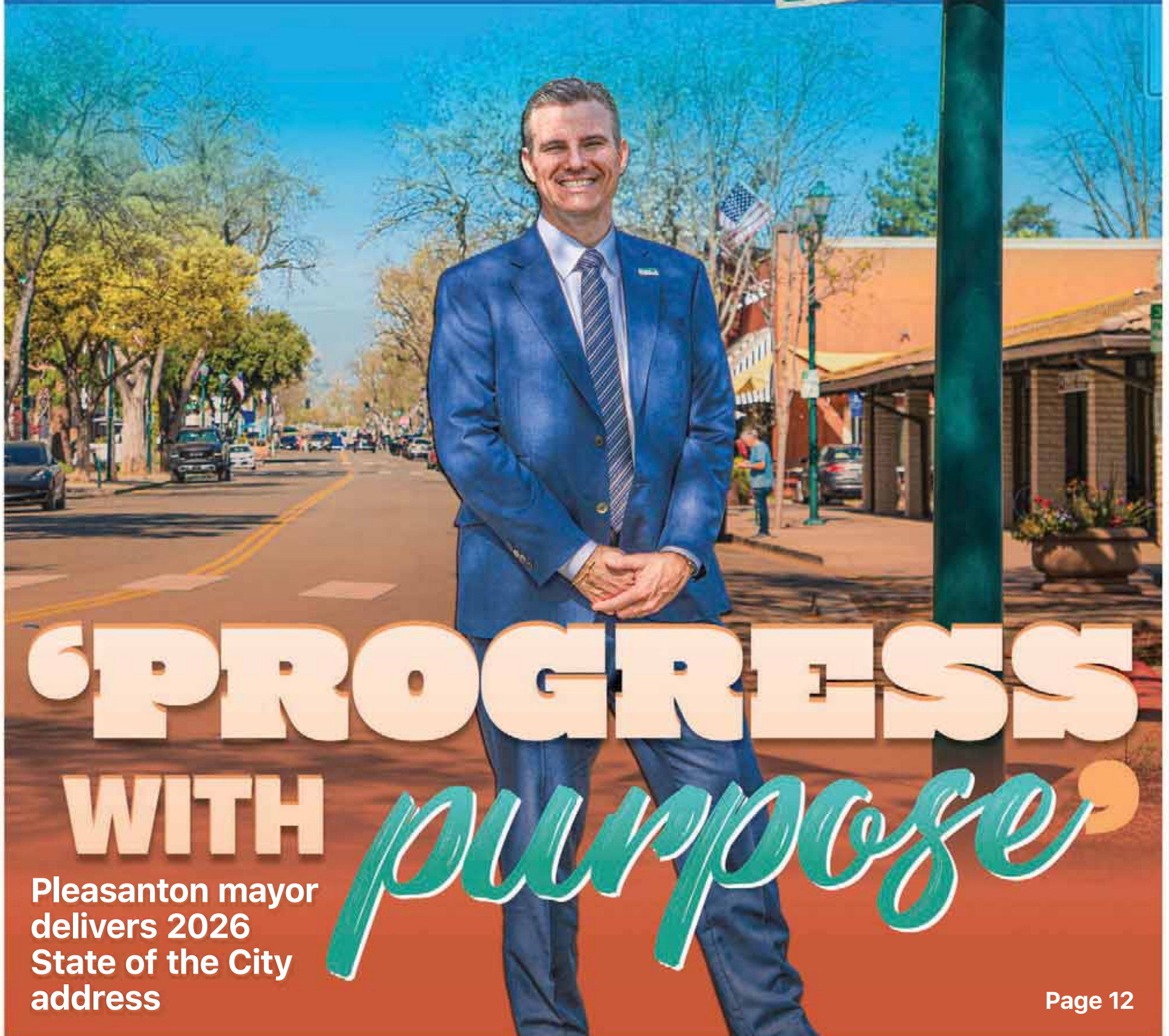


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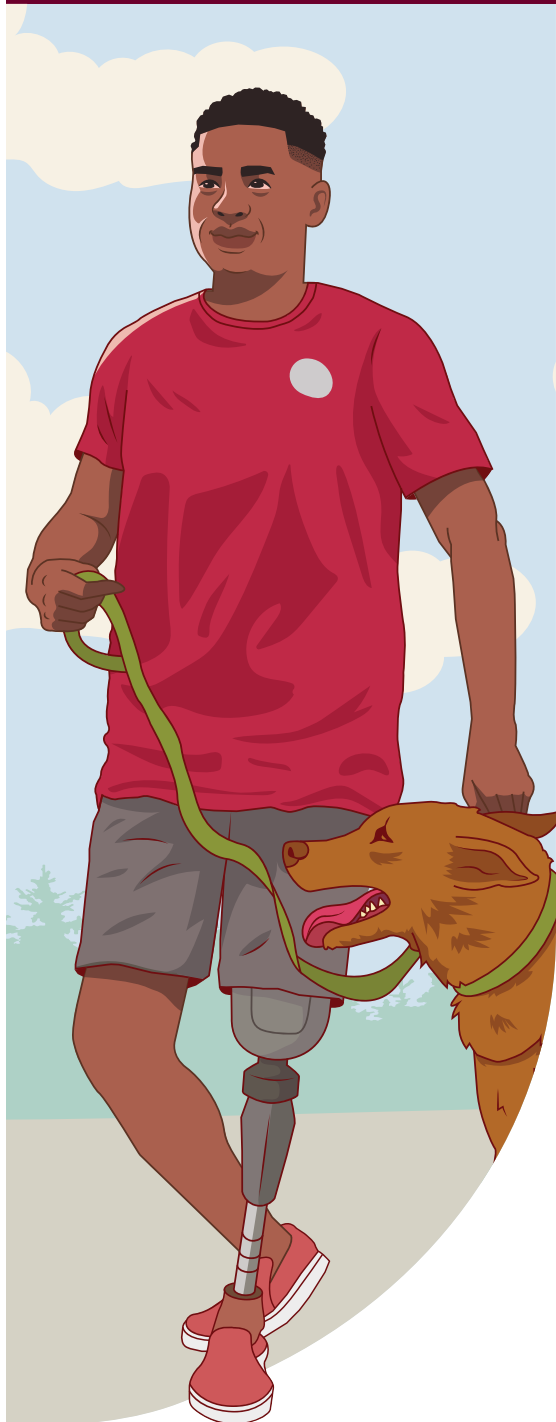
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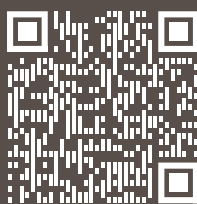
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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Women's Hall of Fame

The 2026 class of inductees into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame reads like a Who's Who catalog.

The general manager of the Golden State Valkyries, a community college district chancellor, the undersheriff of Alameda County and the chief medical officer of Bay Area Community Health are among the nine women being enshrined this weekend.

The lone Tri-Valley resident on the list? Livermore's own Joan Seppala, founder and publisher of The Independent newspaper.

It's not very often I get the chance to interview a "competitor", and there are some who wouldn't even broach the subject at the risk of giving "free publicity" to a "rival publisher". But local journalism should be about more than industry posturing or community politics.

To my delight, Seppala was very responsive when I emailed.

"I believe that this award honors The Independent for more than six decades of service to the Tri-Valley. Our editors, reporters and staff have consistently been champions of the region's identity," she told me.

"The Independent continues its support of those serving our most vulnerable populations," Seppala said. "We take pride in the Tri-Valley's intellectual and cultural milestones, celebrating breakthroughs like the 2022 nuclear fusion at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the vibrant arts scene. This includes our advocacy for the founding of the Bankhead Theater."

"By highlighting the community activists who turn these shared values into action, The Independent remains committed to a Tri-Valley that is as innovative and soulful as it is beautiful," she added.

Seppala is a titan of the news business in the Tri-Valley, and her contributions to her hometown and our industry are vast.

She shared with me the fascinating story of founding The Independent nearly 63 years ago in Livermore. She was an aspiring journalist with a handful of job offers after applying to Bay Area newspapers coming out of graduate school.

"However, this was 1962. Because I was a woman, they would only hire me to write on the society page. I was not interested," she said.

"I realized then that to obtain a job as a news reporter, I would have to create my own newspaper. Since I was only 24 and without any money, this would be challenging," Seppala added. "Luckily, I was invited to a Halloween party, and landed an investor for \$20,000. He brought in three of his friends for the same amount, a total of

\$80,000. On September 21, 1963, The Independent was born."

Even as she has become a lightning rod for controversy in recent years, and the way The Independent and the Weekly carry ourselves journalistically and politically differ, I respect all Seppala has accomplished over the decades with her newspaper and giving back to her community. There may well have never been the appetite for a Pleasanton Weekly without The Independent next door — and I know our Livermore Vine wouldn't exist without it.

Congrats Joan.

I also interviewed Alameda County Undersheriff April Luckett-Fahimi about her Hall of Fame selection. Though not a resident of the Tri-Valley, she's spent a lot of time in her administrative career working in Dublin.

"This moment is especially meaningful to me," she said by email. "I am deeply humbled to be recognized alongside such an extraordinary group of women who have each made lasting contributions in their fields. Collectively, their stories demonstrate to women and girls across Alameda County, and beyond, that there are no limits to what they can achieve."

"While our photos may hang on the wall of a county building, what matters far more are the paths that have been forged and the doors that continue to open for the women who follow," Luckett-Fahimi told me.

Rounding out the 2026 class are Tamara Chao, president and executive director of the Asian Pacific Fund; Peralta Community College District Chancellor Tammeil Gilkerson; Noreen King, founder and CEO of Evolve Manufacturing; Monica Lau, chief operating officer of Family Bridges, Inc.; Fredrika Newton, co-founder and president of the Dr. Huey P Newton Foundation; Golden State Valkyries General Manager Ohemaa Nyanin; and Dr. Harsha Ramchandani, chief medical officer of Bay Area Community Health.

Hall officials also honor young women whose legacies are still being formed. This year's youth scholarships — \$5,000 each, awarded through the Mary V. King / Wilma Chan Youth Scholarship Fund — went to seven graduating high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education.

The list includes Inaaya Imran of Granada High School in Livermore and Sana Presswala from Dublin High School. The new class of Women's Hall of Fame inductees and Youth Scholarship winners are set to be honored this Saturday (March 28) during a luncheon ceremony at The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton. Learn more at acgov.org/whof. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch gave his 2026 State of the City address last week. Read our recap inside, Pages 12-13, plus Balch's "This I Believe" essay from the end of his speech on Page 16. Photo by Sophia Sucato. Cover design by Doug Young.

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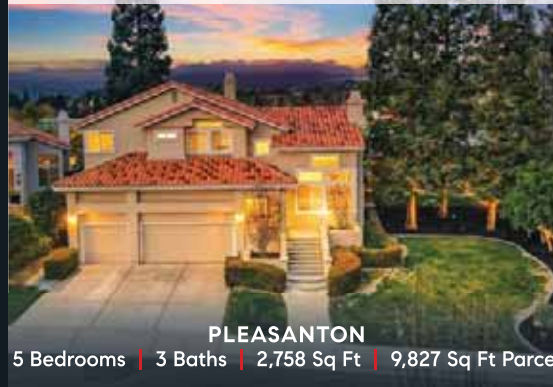
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Jay Maille

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I dabble in/with AI for two reasons: first, to generate images to accompany some of my creative writing ... and second, I want to understand this technology because it's about to change the world in huge ways I don't think we're at all prepared for.



Sara Garcia

Dance instructor

I do use it, in order to create customized images and stories. I enjoy creating and imagining myself as a cartoon character. AI is great for that. Beyond that, I'm not so sure.



Gloria Rodriguez

Dance director

I don't use AI because I feel like it's cheating and using shortcuts. I prefer to do things the old-fashioned way, where I can really trust the results because I've done the work myself. I'll take real and authentic, over artificial, any day of the week.



Joshua Michael

Reverend

Yes, I do use it, in order to create systems that help me in areas where I'm weak and need development. AI is able to provide me with schedules and practices that are very helpful in getting me up to speed. I also use AI for entertainment.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

'No Kings' rallies

Two "No Kings" rallies are scheduled in the Tri-Valley this weekend as part of the national movement of protests against President Donald Trump's administration.

Residents can first join Indivisible Tri-Valley's "sidewalk chalk team", which will mark a human chain route and write welcoming messages at Amador Valley Community Park in Pleasanton starting at 5:45 p.m. on Friday (March 27).

The rally itself will be held Saturday (March 28) at 1:30 p.m. at the same park. Participants will stand and sit along the marked route on Santa Rita Road starting at 2:15 p.m.

Livermore Indivisible will hold its own rally on Saturday at Portola Park, which lasts from 10 a.m. to noon. The rally will include a brief program hosted by comedian and entertainer Faith Alpher, as well as live music.

YEA! Awards

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council presented its 29th annual Youth Excellence in Arts (YEA!) Awards last Sunday, where the nonprofit recognized over a dozen students' literary, music and visual art work with a multitude of awards.

The nonprofit also awarded four young musicians each with a "Don Lewis Say YES to Music!" grant. The grants are supported by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation and honors the legacy of Don Lewis by encouraging the youth to pursue music education.

"The YEA! Awards celebrate not only artistic talent, but the dedication and passion of our youth," PCAC leadership said in a press release. "We are proud to support and recognize these exceptional students who represent the future of the arts in our community."

Ava expansion

Ava Community Energy, a nonprofit public power provider in Alameda County, recently announced that starting in May it will begin providing electricity to eligible customers in unincorporated San Joaquin County.

According to a Feb. 25 press release, about 60,000 accounts in the unincorporated San Joaquin County area have already been deemed eligible for the agency's services.

"Keeping energy costs manageable is a top priority for families, businesses, and growers across San Joaquin County," San Joaquin County Supervisor Robert Rickman said in the press release. "It's gratifying to know we'll soon be bringing Ava's lower rates and local decision-making to our unincorporated communities."

Eligible customers should have already begun receiving notices this month with information about Ava's services and rates. ■

Council shows support for annexation, downtown plan, other priority projects

Special workshop guides staff in selecting projects from city's five-year strategic plan

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton City Council participated in a special workshop last week where the members told staff to begin assessing a number of projects to prioritize over the next couple of years, including the possible annexation of Castlewood, updating the Downtown Specific Plan and developing a citywide fiber-optic blueprint.

These projects, along with several others the council expressed support for, are just some of the 82 projects listed under the city's

five-year strategic plan's fiscal year 2025-26 and 2026-27 project prioritization list. These projects range from ones that have already been identified as must do projects, to ones the city is committed on completing, to others that have been deferred for the time being.

The March 17 special council workshop served as a sort of check in with the council to gauge where its priorities lie and to see what projects the council would be willing to support financially moving into the next fiscal year.

"The purpose of tonight ... is

really to hear from the council about what you want to accomplish and for us to re-triage the list and come back to you with some options and a recommendation," City Manager Gerry Beaudin said during the meeting. "A lot of folks want a lot of specific things for a variety of different reasons and we're just trying to take limited resources and put them to the needs that are identified by the City Council."

Back in 2023, the City Council adopted its ONE Pleasanton five-year citywide strategic plan, which replaced the city's longstanding

two-year priority setting process.

The plan established five strategic goals and 47 strategies to help guide city operations, service delivery and capital investment over a five-year period.

Its five multi-year goals include funding the city's future through fiscal sustainability, optimizing the organization to ensure the city delivers quality services and programs, investing in the environment through eco-friendly and sustainable facility infrastructure,

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SOPHIA SUCATO

Pleasanton Unified School District parents and community members rally at the Ken Mercer Sports Park last Saturday afternoon to educate the greater public on the district's ongoing budget cut discussions and challenges.

The state of the district

Superintendent shares optimistic outlook at event days before parents hold 'Save Our Schools' rally

By Christian Trujano

The 2025-26 school year for the Pleasanton Unified School District has been a particularly long and, at times, difficult one for parents, teachers and administrators.

Despite significant progress on bond-funded facility improvements, the past year was dominated by budget cut discussions, which continue to concern many parents, some of whom are reconsidering their child's future with the district.

"We are being told there are

'no choices' but to make drastic cuts that will harm our children's education, yet those claims are based on financial numbers the community cannot verify or trust," Beth Thompson, a parent at Donlon Elementary School, told the Pleasanton Weekly in an email statement.

"As a parent who chose Pleasanton for its schools, this ongoing mismanagement is deeply disappointing," she added.

According to the district's budget website, PUSD's ongoing \$8.2 million and \$750,000 structural

deficit in the 2026-27 and 2027-28 fiscal years, respectively, have forced the school board to make some difficult cuts and reductions for those two fiscal years.

PUSD's fiscal challenges stem from depleted one-time funds, rising costs and, more notably, declining enrollment.

"Our enrollment is our lifeblood," Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said during the March 17 annual State of the District event at the Firehouse Arts Center.

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Freeway projects underway

Nighttime closures on I-580 near Pleasanton, I-680 in San Ramon

By Jeremy Walsh

Construction crews are closing lanes on both freeways in the Tri-Valley as part of overnight pavement rehabilitation projects that started this week.

Nightly grinding work is occurring for roughly two months on Interstate 580 between Pleasanton and Castro Valley, while a two-year resurfacing project on Interstate 680 through San Ramon into Danville also began on Monday, according to Caltrans.

"We appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as crews work to improve our roadways," the state agency said in a press release on the northern project.

The work west from Pleasanton is part of a larger pavement rehabilitation, with multiple lane closures scheduled to allow for key grinding along the 11-mile stretch on both sides of the freeway during the workweek.

"This grinding work is necessary to smooth the existing pavement profile and remove surface irregularities," Caltrans stated. "The project continues to address safety concerns, improve ride quality, and extend the service life of the corridor."

Up to three lanes could be closed nightly, although crews will aim to maintain two open lanes on each

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Danville Brewing pulls out of Pleasanton project

Increasing building costs among reasons for abandoning plans after receiving city approval last year

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Almost a year after the Pleasanton Planning Commission gave Danville Brewing Company the green light to open a new microbrewery in the city, the company's owner confirmed they will not move forward with the project.

Marcus Maita, owner of Danville Brewing Company, told the Weekly via email Monday that after careful consideration, they decided not to go through with the new location because of financial reasons and because they felt it wouldn't have succeeded in the long run.

"Overall increasing costs for the build out as well as some of the headwinds faced in the industry made us feel that the business just wouldn't be set up for long term success," Maita said.

Last May, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the permits and design review for Danville Brewing Company to construct and operate a brand-new microbrewery on a vacant lot at the



JEREMY WALSH

A photo shows the empty lot in Pleasanton where Danville Brewing Company was supposed to build a new microbrewery before the company decided to pull out of those plans.

intersection of Wyoming and Utah streets. According to previous design plans, the brewery was supposed to be an 8,600-square-foot, single-story beer production facility and tasting room that also featured a patio.

Maita told the commission during that May 2025 meeting that one

of the main reasons for expanding the business was to increase beer production and create a new community space for people to enjoy.

At the time, the planning commissioners expressed excitement about the new brewery and Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch even shouted

them out during his 2025 State of the City address as a new business that would have brought new revenue to the city's economy.

But after obtaining the required permits and getting the design review approved by the commission, there wasn't much movement on

the brewing company's side when it came to pushing the project forward.

According to the city's communication manager, Heather Tiernan, their records showed that Danville Brewing Company submitted its construction drawings in July 2025 and went through one round of plan review before the project was essentially abandoned.

"Our latest record shows 'revisions required' as of 8/29/25," Tiernan said in an emailed statement. "We haven't received anything from Danville Brewing Company indicating whether they plan to proceed or not."

Despite dropping the project, Maita still thanked the city for the time it invested in it.

"Pleasanton has been awesome to work with and we sincerely appreciate the support surrounding the project but we just didn't think it would be responsible to move forward," Maita said.

And as far as any future plans, Maita said he would "never say never on a new location in the future." ■

COUNCIL

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safeguarding the city through public safety and emergency preparedness, and community development.

Last week's workshop not only provided an update on the implementation of the strategic plan, but it also introduced the city's new "Strategic Plan Dashboard", which serves as the city's formal quarterly reporting tool where residents can see all the work the

city is doing surrounding the strategic plan.

"This workshop marks an important shift from strategy development to structured implementation and accountability," Sharon Petrehn, principal analyst for the city, told the council.

She added that the purpose of the workshop was to provide a progress update on the strategic plan and council priorities, to confirm the council's strategic focus as the city approaches fiscal year 2026-27 and

to ensure alignment between council priorities, staffing capacity and budget resources.

"This helps to ensure the city remains focused on initiatives that matter most to the community," she said.

In the first three years of the five-year plan, the council identified seven strategies focusing on policy direction, staffing capacity and fiscal resources. Last week, the council reviewed these strategies and decided to remove the assessment

of the city's overall emergency preparedness, as substantial work in that area is already complete.

According to Petrehn's presentation, the city completed two functional emergency operations center exercises and "strengthened coordination and response readiness".

Councilmember Julie Testa also clarified with Beaudin that it doesn't mean the city will completely abandon emergency preparedness.

"We will continue to focus on emergency preparedness within our organization," Beaudin said.

The council showed initial support for continuing the other six council priority strategies but added that for the strategy regarding new revenue sources, they want the city to explore any and all new potential sources of funding to address infrastructure needs. Mayor Jack Balch also suggested folding in prioritizing downtown vitality and finding ways to further elevate its economy.

But the main topic during the special workshop was the list of priority projects.

As the city enters the final two years of the strategic plan, staff are looking to advance and begin clearing these various projects, which is why they needed to gather feedback from the council on which ones to prioritize first.

Prior to the council discussion, a number of people spoke during public comments to voice their support for certain projects they would like the city to focus on over the next two years.

Most of the people who spoke were there to support the annexation of the Castlewood-area

neighborhoods, which are currently within the county's boundaries, but others spoke up in support of other projects including allowing new land-uses so that cannabis stores can operate in the city, improving certain trails along the arroyos and investing in more climate action plans.

As a result of the public's comments and further discussion from the council, the council voiced its support for the city to assess possibly moving forward with the following projects:

Updating the downtown specific plan, looking into urban growth boundary amendments, developing a framework to generate revenue from cellular installations on city-owned properties, investigating new allowable land uses across the city, annexing areas like Castlewood and East Pleasanton, revisiting the Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 Implementation, and developing a city-wide fiber-optic blueprint that "pinpoints current gaps, forecasts future bandwidth demand, and outlines phased build-out options".

The council also showed support for adding a project that looks at developing policy for residents who want to install sports courts in the backyards, a topic that first came up during a contentious application process where a family built a tennis court in their backyard.

Staff will now take last week's feedback and develop a summary report incorporating the council's comments that also affirms their priorities, which will then be used to inform the work planning for the 2026-27 fiscal year. ■

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10 California Distinguished Schools in Tri-Valley

Pleasanton, San Ramon Valley and Dublin school districts home to awarded sites

By JUDE STRZEMP

Across the Tri-Valley, 10 public schools were recognized this month by the California Department of Education for their exemplary student outcomes and instructional programs.

Alongside hundreds of winning campuses statewide, local recipients of the 2026 California Distinguished Schools award include two sites in the Pleasanton Unified School District, seven sites in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and one site in the Dublin Unified School District.

"An excellent public education has the power to transform lives, and I

commend the educators and school communities who have dedicated themselves to producing exemplary results," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond said in a statement March 10 announcing the awards. "This year's California Distinguished Schools represent the hard work of our middle and high school educators and school staff, who provide our secondary students with life-changing educational opportunities."

A total of 408 middle schools and high schools were recognized this year in California, home to the country's largest public education system, according to a statement by

CDE officials. No Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District schools made the list.

Within PUSD, Thomas S. Hart Middle School and Harvest Park Middle School were honored as distinguished schools.

Ed Diolazo, PUSD deputy superintendent of educational services, expressed pride in a statement for the students, staff and leadership at both middle schools.

"This recognition reflects the dedication of our educators, the hard work of our students, and the strong partnership we share with families and our Pleasanton community," Diolazo said.

Neighboring district SRVUSD received commendation for middle schools including Charlotte Wood, Diablo Vista, Iron Horse, Los Cerros, Pine Valley and Stone Valley as well as San Ramon Valley High School.

"Congratulations to the students and staff at these outstanding schools," district officials wrote March 10 on social media. "We are proud to celebrate this prestigious honor and the incredible teaching and learning happening across all SRVUSD campuses every day."

Additionally, Fallon Middle School in Dublin was named a 2026 California Distinguished School.

"This recognition reflects the dedication of Fallon's teachers, staff, students and families, whose commitment to learning and innovation continues to create outstanding opportunities for students every

day," DUSD officials wrote on social media.

Although the winning schools were not publicly recognized for their specific achievements, award categories this year focused on high academic achievement for all students, accelerating academic progress for at least two groups of historically underserved students as well as multiple students' high performance at schools serving rural or Title I communities.

Eligibility for all categories was based on metrics from the statewide, public school accountability system dubbed the California School Dashboard. This year's distinguished schools were determined using data from the 2025 dashboard.

The winning campuses will be celebrated April 24 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim along with awardees of other statewide recognitions. ■

FREEWAY

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side whenever possible, according to Caltrans. Work hours are 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. on westbound I-580 and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. eastbound on Monday through Friday nights.

"Eastbound grinding operations will begin near the I-580/SR-238 Interchange, while westbound grinding operations will begin near the I-680/I-580 Interchange. Crews will work toward the opposite ends of the corridor as operations

progress," the agency said.

Meanwhile on I-680, crews will be closing some northbound and southbound lanes each weeknight from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. between Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon and the Diablo Road undercrossing in Danville — a 7.7-mile project expected to last until spring 2028.

"Key activities include replacing damaged concrete slabs, grinding and resurfacing pavement, and performing roadway and infrastructure upgrades to meet current standards," Caltrans stated. "These

improvements will enhance the overall driving experience and ensure the long-term durability of the roadway."

"Work includes: Saw-cutting pavement, replacing individual slabs, pavement grinding, asphalt placement, and other roadway rehabilitation tasks at various locations," officials added. "During these hours, lanes, ramps, and connectors may be closed. Motorists should follow posted detour signs and plan for extra travel time."

Follow closures in real time at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>. ■

Wheels bus fares rise next week

First fixed route fare increase in over 15 years will affect single rides, daily and monthly passes

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Starting next month, Tri-Valley residents and commuters will have to pay slightly higher fares in order to ride the Wheels buses.

According to a press release from the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, regular single rides will go from \$2 to \$2.50. More notably, the youth single rides, which apply to riders between the ages of 6 and 18, will jump from the current \$1.60 price to \$2.25.

"This decision, approved by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors in December 2025, is being implemented following a comprehensive review of operating costs and regional peer agency pricing, and is the first fixed route fare increase in over 15 years," the agency stated in its March 17 press release.

Single rides for seniors, individuals with disabilities or those who are on Medicaid will also go up but only by 25 cents — the new total will be \$1.25.

All of the fare increases will go into effect April 1.

"In a challenging transit fiscal environment, the adjustment



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A Wheels bus, operated by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Agency.

is essential to maintain the high standard of service Tri-Valley communities expect and to ensure the long-term sustainability of the public transportation network," LAVTA officials said.

Regular day passes for ages 6 to 64 will also go up from \$3.75 to \$4 and for seniors and other qualifying riders, that amount will go from \$1.75 to \$2. In addition, monthly passes will go from \$60 to \$70 for the average rider and from \$22 to \$25 for seniors and other qualifying individuals.

Paratransit fares for the Wheels Dial-A-Ride Service, a door-to-door public shared-ride transportation service for eligible passengers with disabilities, will also go up from \$3.75 to \$4.

One thing that will not change, however, is the price of the East Bay Value Pass, which is available exclusively with the Clipper card. That pass, which provides unlimited rides on Wheels, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT for 31 days, will continue to cost \$60. ■

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Monarch Tractor exits Livermore HQ amid turmoil

Future unclear as company remains silent following layoffs, lawsuits, legal counsel breakup

By JEANITA LYMAN

While Livermore's vineyards and its location adjacent to tech and agricultural hubs once made it the ideal site for Monarch Tractor's headquarters and research and development on its autonomous tractor technology, the company's future in the city is now uncertain following a shift in its business model and exit from its former site.

The company's previous research and development site at 151 Lawrence Drive is now up for lease after it laid off nearly 100 local workers late last year and concluded an auction of its existing equipment in February — and after coming under fire in multiple lawsuits alleging its equipment fails to function autonomously as advertised.



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The former research and development site for Monarch tractor at 151 Lawrence Drive following its exit from the property and auction of its equipment in early 2026.

Those developments have come on the heels of a shift in the company's business model that was announced last year with the debut of Monarch One, an AI platform aimed at helping companies

develop and deploy autonomous equipment in off-highway settings.

"MonarchOne is about democratizing AI for the hard-working industries that keep the world functioning; those known for

dull, dirty, and dangerous tasks," Monarch CEO Praveen Penmetra said in a press release last fall. "These industries are facing similar challenges on a global scale, and access to AI and autonomy offer solutions."

Attempts to contact the company were unsuccessful as of Monday, with inquiries to media email addresses for both Monarch's original form and Monarch One bouncing back, and its listed phone number connecting to an advertisement for Life Alert.

Representatives for Wente Vineyards, which was the first to use one of Monarch's tractors in 2021, did not respond to a request for comment as of Monday.

While the launch of Monarch One served as a turning point for the company as it shifted its focus from manufacturing equipment

to developing technology, questions about the efficacy of its existing technology are front and center in three different federal lawsuits.

The first of those lawsuits was filed last October by Burks Tractor Company in Idaho, which entered into an agreement with Monarch in 2024 and purchased 10 of its Mark V tractors for more than \$750,000 for resale at its dealerships.

"After several attempts to make the tractors work autonomously, the Monarch sales team admitted both verbally and in writing that the tractors' autonomy was limited and the tractors were unable to function autonomously indoors," attorneys for Burks wrote in the initial complaint.

Those claims were echoed

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Jake's Café says goodbye

Granada alum closes restaurant and catering business near Livermore Airport after 12 years

By JEREMY WALSH

A breakfast and lunch spot near the Livermore Municipal Airport served its last meals on Monday — free burritos, as a final thank-you — after more than a decade in business.

Livermore native Jake Palmer, who founded his namesake Jake's Café and Catering in January 2014, shared the bittersweet news of the impending closure via social media video last month, saying he was "honored to serve the community I was raised in" but it was time to make a change.

"I met so many amazing people here at Jake's, and that's why this is so hard for me to tell y'all that I will be closing down the cafe," Palmer said.

"This space is so special to me. I've raised three kids doing this and was able to do what I truly love to do," the Granada High School alumnus added. "I'm ready for a break, I need to focus on my health and I'm ready to start a new chapter with new adventures to learn from."

Jake's Café focused on breakfast and lunch, along with catering services, during workdays operating out of a restaurant space in a small retail center on Wright Brothers Avenue, near the intersection of East Jack London Boulevard and Isabel Avenue on the west side of Livermore. The cafe added weekday dinner service along the way.

Palmer, who studied the culinary

arts and worked in restaurants in Florida and the Bay Area over the years, had decided to set up roots in his hometown to focus not only on "great food" but "also about the great experience", according to the cafe's website.

In his goodbye video Feb. 18, Palmer thanked his customers and his workers for their support during the past 12 years.

"You all are much more than my employees. You are my family, and I love y'all forever. I know it's my name on the wall but you guys were the true stars here at Jake's," he said. "Much love to all of you who supported me over the years, and I'll miss the hell out of you. It's been a wild ride and I can't be more thankful for all of you."



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The final day in operation for Jake's Café and Catering was Monday.

Jake's social media over the weekend featured videos doing one final day of food prep before closing day on Monday, which offered free breakfast burritos while supplies lasted.

"We're so grateful for the love and support this community has shown us over the years. You've made this place more than a cafe — you made it a home," the owner said in a post Friday. ■

Blackhawk Plaza owners file for bankruptcy

Move puts a halt to receivership process that was endorsed by judge earlier this year

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tenants at Blackhawk Plaza have been notified that its owners have entered into bankruptcy proceedings for the financially distressed property, marking the latest in a series of court actions involving the investment firm that purchased the prominent San Ramon Valley shopping and dining hub in 2020.

Ramanujan Group LLC filed a voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition in federal court for Blackhawk Plaza on March 18, triggering protections against state-level lawsuits and collections activity and allowing the

company to retain ownership of the property as it undergoes a financial reorganization under court supervision.

The move means that collections actions from creditors are automatically halted. That includes NanoBanc, which filed a lawsuit in Orange County Superior Court last year alleging that the company had defaulted on a \$5 million loan used to purchase the plaza, as well as several local agencies.

Among the top 20 largest unsecured debts owed by Ramanujan Group are fees for the plaza's essential operating expenses, including utilities and management. The

company owes more than \$112,500 to PG&E, nearly \$57,000 to the East Bay Municipal Utility District and more than \$207,000 to the Blackhawk Commercial Owners Association, care of Vierergruppe Management. The southern California management firm is also owed a separate \$112,000 debt.

Livermore companies Intec Solutions Inc. and Pacific Signaling System are also among the creditors in that list, with Ramanujan Group owing them debts of nearly \$17,000 and more than \$15,000 respectively.

The automatic halt in collections actions from the company's

creditors also means that it will retain ownership of the plaza, which had been set to go into receivership following a judge's order and appointment in the Orange County lawsuit from NanoBanc earlier in the year, which would have allowed the property to be sold.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings are a common way of preventing or halting foreclosures, according to Adam Stein-Sapir, a bankruptcy expert at the New York-based investment firm Pioneer Funding Group. He said that he and the company had been observing the case despite not having any personal connections to Blackhawk.

"Filing Chapter 11 buys them time to try to refinance the mortgage or sell the property in a less rushed fashion," Stein-Sapir said. "It's still early in the case and nothing else has been filed, but they only have 120 days to file a plan that details how they will emerge from bankruptcy."

That puts the deadline for Ramanujan's restructuring plan at June 16.

"This deadline is often extended, but it's expensive to stay in bankruptcy so some direction of what will happen to the property will become clear in the coming weeks and months," Stein-Sapir said. ■

Campaign seeks \$30 minimum wage in Alameda County

Ballot initiative would apply to county government, unincorporated area businesses, any city to opt in

BY TANAY GOKHALE /
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A coalition of community organizations at a news conference in Oakland last week launched a campaign to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$30 for companies in the city and Alameda County.

The “Living Wage For All” initiative seeks to close the gap between wages and the cost of living in Oakland and other parts of Alameda County, speakers said.

The Black Organizing Project, an Oakland-based community organization for the city’s Black community; Trabajadores Unidos Workers United, a Bay Area-based

immigrant worker center; One Fair Wage, a nationwide nonprofit representing the interests of restaurant workers; and United Auto Workers Region 6 are part of the coalition behind the initiative.

“The cost of living keeps going up,” said Zach Norris, co-executive director of the Black Organizing Project. “Rent just skyrockets, while wages have remained flat. And in that gap is human suffering.”

The coalition has filed ballot initiatives in Oakland and Alameda County for the November 2026 elections.

The proposed measures would require corporations with more than 100 employees and a revenue

of more than \$1 billion to raise their hourly minimum wage to \$30 by 2030. Firms employing between 25 and 100 individuals will have until 2035 to raise their minimum wage to the same level, while those with fewer than 25 employees will have until 2037.

The next step for the coalition is to collect approximately 80,000 signatures across Alameda County and Oakland cumulatively to qualify the initiative to be on the ballot in November, said Norris in an interview.

Norris also explained that if the Alameda County measure passes, it would apply to all workers employed by the county and firms

based in the unincorporated areas of the county, but would not automatically apply to the cities in the county.

However, cities will be able to opt in by either having a valid measure of their own on the ballots — what the coalition hopes to achieve in Oakland — or by their city council choosing to opt in.

“Over time, we want other cities to follow suit across the county, but we’re starting with Alameda County and Oakland,” said Norris.

According to an analysis of U.S. Census data conducted by One Fair Wage, almost 40% of Alameda County’s workforce earns an hourly wage lower than \$30. Increasing

the minimum wage to \$30 is “achievable, affordable, and urgently needed”, the analysis notes.

Saru Jayaraman, the president of One Fair Wage, pointed to polling conducted by Washington, D.C.-based consultancy Lake Research Partners that found 71% of Alameda County voters are in favor of the wage increase.

“(These are) unprecedented times where we have a twin crisis of both affordability and democracy,” said Jayaraman. “And it’s time for us to prove that we can fight for and win bold solutions to the affordability crisis that prove that democracy is actually worth saving.” ■

Four Livermore dealerships acquired by Texas group

‘This is destiny’: Porsche, Audi, Land Rover and Honda join Lapis portfolio

BY CIERRA BAILEY

A handful of big brand car dealerships in Livermore have been acquired last week by Texas-based automotive group Lapis.

The purchase of Porsche Livermore, Audi Livermore, Land Rover Livermore and Livermore Honda from the Umansky Auto Group was officially announced March 17. However, the details of the transaction were undisclosed.

The acquisition marks Lapis CEO Todd Blue’s first Honda dealership and a return to Porsche, Land Rover and Audi as he previously owned and operated multiple dealerships for each marque between 2013-2020, according to a statement from Lapis.

In the company’s announcement, Blue praised the Tri-Valley and greater Bay Area as an ideal region to expand his business, proclaiming that “This is destiny.”

“The Tri-Valley, the East Bay and the entire San Francisco Bay Area

are some of the loveliest places in all of California. Livermore, Dublin, Tracy, Pleasanton and surrounding cities are safe, convenient, and growing,” Blue said. “Tech and medical workers, and their families, are locating here in droves.”

Lapis officials said in their statement that this expansion brings their total portfolio to six dealerships in just under two and a half years, which includes Mercedes-Benz of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff in January 2024 and Ferrari of Rancho Mirage in December 2025.

The latest acquisition opportunity was presented and brought to LAPIS by The Presidio Group. Blue said, “I have the highest respect for George Karolis and his team. He’s been a friend and trusted advisor for over 10 years, and I’m grateful for Presidio’s contributions to this transaction.”

Blue is enthusiastic about the region’s fast-paced AI-generated

employment growth, according to the Lapis statement. Livermore is positioned geographically for those who work in companies which serve the AI supply chain.

He said he sees the East Bay continuing to be a growth market, with the Interstate 680 corridors connecting San Jose to Northern California and the I-580 connecting west to east from Oakland into the Central Valley.

“Livermore has a wonderful established history, and the wine country community is a great place to live,” Blue said. “It’s perfectly centered in the East Bay, North of Silicon Valley, Menlo Park, and South of Walnut Creek and Oakland.”

He added, “We are tremendously excited to connect with the wonderful car culture in Danville and Alamo. We will introduce ‘the LAPIS way’ to the entire region, which includes a distinct focus on luxury, access, performance, innovation and service.” ■



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Exterior view of Audi in Livermore, which is one of the four dealerships acquired by Lapis this month.

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in two other lawsuits, from dealers Burrows Tractor and Farmers Equipment Company in Washington, filed on Dec. 22 and Dec. 18, respectively.

“To date, more than two years after entering into the Dealer Agreements, Monarch’s tractors are still not capable of autonomous operation as represented by Monarch at the time Burrows entered into the Dealer Agreements and agreed to purchase the inventory of Tractors,” attorneys for Burrows Tractor wrote in the Dec. 22 complaint.

Attorneys for all three tractor dealerships said that compounding the issue was a lack of support

from Monarch, and Monarch’s failure to agree to purchase the equipment back when it allegedly failed to operate as advertised.

Attorneys for Monarch denied the allegations in all three complaints. However, the company’s legal counsel from Seattle-based Summit Law Group filed motions to withdraw their representation in all three cases earlier this year, citing concerns about the company’s ability to pay its legal fees.

“Good cause exists for counsel to withdraw because Defendant has failed to substantially fulfill their obligations to the lawyers, the representation has been rendered unreasonably difficult by the client, and because the representation will result in an unreasonable financial burden on counsel,” Summit Law

Group attorney Lawrence Locker wrote in the Jan. 27 motion to withdraw from the Burrows case.

He added that Monarch had confirmed that the company would no longer be directing legal counsel or paying fees, “rendering continued representation impossible.”

With motions to withdraw in all three cases approved last month, it’s unclear who will be representing Monarch in subsequent court hearings.

The three plaintiffs appear to have met a Feb. 20 deadline to file a joinder, allowing the cases to be consolidated. The deadline to complete mediation is set for July 10, with a discovery deadline set for Aug. 26 and a motions deadline set for Sept. 25 in Idaho District Court. ■



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Super Duper Burgers opening in San Ramon

Parent company used to operate Pasta Pomodoro in same unit years ago

By JEREMY WALSH

San Ramon is getting ready to welcome the Tri-Valley's first Super Duper Burgers, with the fast-casual Bay Area chain scheduled to open its newest restaurant in the Shops at Bishop Ranch next Tuesday.

With roots in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood, Super Duper Burgers now has nearly 20 locations across Northern California — including the closest ones in Concord and

Emeryville — with a menu grounded by its hamburgers, French fries and milkshakes. Although this will be the first Super Duper in San Ramon, parent company Back of the House has been eyeing a return to the community it once knew well.

"We have a long history in San Ramon. In fact, our San Ramon location once had a Pasta Pomodoro (a previous Back of the House restaurant) in that exact spot," Edmondo

Sarti, co-CEO of Super Duper Burgers, told DanvilleSanRamon on Monday.

"We love the San Ramon community and how vibrant the energy of the city is. We've decided to be close to Bishop Ranch because of its convenient location and ample parking," Sarti said. "I think the residents are food savvy and will enjoy our quality, fun atmosphere and friendly service."

Super Duper Burgers is set to open

at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday (March 31) at 146 Sunset Drive Unit A-3, a corner unit in the shopping center just off Bollinger Canyon Road and across the street from City Center Bishop Ranch. The first 50 patrons will get a free burger on opening day, company officials said.

Regular hours are scheduled as 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Known for its "fast-casual,

slow-food philosophy" and "retro-inspired atmosphere and quality-obsessed menu," Super Duper Burgers features all-natural beef burgers, free-range chicken sandwiches, organic veggie burgers and an all-day breakfast sandwich; standard, garlic and garlic-cheese fries; house-made pickles; and organic milkshakes and ice cream cones made in collaboration with Straus Creamery, according to the company. ■

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According to the district's "Budget Questions and Answers" page, since the 2019-20 year PUSD has lost about \$18 million in ongoing revenue due to declining enrollment.

"LCFF funding is based primarily on average daily attendance (ADA), which is driven by enrollment," the FAQ page states. "As enrollment declines, total funding declines as well, even if the calculated funding per student is higher."

Trustees spent months discussing and going over the impacts of cuts before they eventually identified just over \$11 million in reductions.

Although the board approved the reductions and managed to keep most of the cuts away from the classroom, roughly half of the cuts require negotiation with labor unions. Consequently, the school board had to approve a contingency plan in February for additional cuts should negotiations fail.

That contingency plan included dozens of employee positions and services that parents, students, teachers and trustees did not want to be cut, including science and music specialists, child welfare specialists, health assistants, intervention specialists and other employee positions that directly work with and serve students.

Over the past few months, parents and other community members have voiced their concerns regarding these cuts and on March 21, several dozens of them showed up to the Ken Mercer Sports Park to participate in the "Save Our Schools" rally. The event, which saw as much as 30 people at one time, was meant to inform the community about the cuts to programs including science and music, which would directly affect students.

For parents like Jenika Liverpool, who has a second grade student at Donlon and who participated in the rally, these programs were one of the main reasons she and her family moved from Florida, which is why she said it's been disappointing to see the recent discussions about budget cuts.

"To now have those potentially be taken away, we're rethinking

(whether we) even want to live here," Liverpool said. "Does it make more sense to get the exact same education somewhere closer to my spouse's job?"

However, one of the issues with the cuts specifically to teacher and staff positions is that negotiations for roughly \$5 million are still ongoing, meaning that if those negotiations succeed, the district might not have to follow through with those contingency plan cuts.

"As additional revenues are considered ... some layoff notices may be rescinded," Board President Kelly Mokashi said.

According to PUSD safety and communications coordinator Susanne Frey, based on the February reduction-in-force (RIF) resolutions, the district has already sent out about 125 preliminary layoff notices to district employees, representing about 76 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. Any potential layoff notices could be rescinded before the final layoff notice deadline of May 15, depending on the status of negotiations.

One question that came up during the State of the District event, and at several previous school board meetings was: Why doesn't PUSD just cut more from management and keep the cuts far away from the classroom?

However, that is essentially what the school board did when it identified the reductions last November. Some of the cuts the board identified included reducing work years by four days for Ghysels and by three days for district office management, including the executive cabinet. Site management will also have their work years reduced by three days.

"Last year and this year, we have decreased total management expenditures by ... 16%," Ghysels said. In the same period, he said the district decreased certificated staff salary expenditures by 0.69% and increased classified salary expenditures by 1.4%.

Many community members also expressed anger over the fact that some of the top administrators have well over six figures. But according to the district's budget website, over the past five years the board approved executive cabinet salary

schedule increased "amounted to 7.6%."

"Over the same five-year period, salary schedules increased by 19.0% for certificated, 19.8% for classified, and 10.7% for management," according to the district.

Ghysels also emphasized that a line must be drawn, particularly for top administrative and crucial staff positions who handle tasks like budgets and human resources because failure to do so could ultimately cost the district.

"I've seen this happen in organizations and particularly in school districts; when you cut too much you actually start losing money," Ghysels said.

Despite this, some community members believe more proactive steps are necessary to prevent PUSD from repeatedly facing these challenging budget discussions.

"The conversations that I've had with other parents have been more about what's happening with this mistake and how we ensure this isn't going to continue to happen," Liverpool said, adding that parents might feel differently if they actually saw more solutions being enacted for the future.

Ghysels acknowledged some of the errors the district made in not calculating or accounting for certain expenditures. One example of this was when the unaudited actuals for the 2024-25 budget were prepared, the district discovered that the most recently adopted budget did not include certain recurring, non-salaried expenditures such as stipends and substitute teacher pay, which contributed to a nearly \$3.5 million variance.

However, according to the district budget website, this was a "one-time omission during the budget development process and not a misuse or loss of funds."

"So in terms of trust, it's really easy to say 'You made a mistake, you blew it, fire people and then everything is going to be OK,'" Ghysels said.

But he also said that money is a small percentage of the larger issue that is Pleasanton's financial challenges.

He also said the district has gone about addressing its fiscal issues by working with the Alameda County

Office of Education, which has since taken a look at PUSD's finances, to find ways to improve its budget. He also noted the help PUSD has received from other fiscal health experts including the "Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team," which has been working on a fiscal health assessment that was scheduled to be presented at the March 26 school board meeting.

"We look at this crisis ... as an opportunity to improve," Ghysels said.

That's why the district is beginning to look at other revenue sources like bringing in new students from outside the PUSD boundaries, leasing its empty space at the district offices to new tenants and pursuing a parcel tax.

Ghysels said during the state of the district event that there are around 100 districts in California that have a parcel tax and by joining that list, it could give PUSD some much needed revenue.

"A parcel tax, roughly \$50 to \$1,000 a parcel ... that would fund us in an ongoing way," Ghysels said.

The school board expressed initial support for the tax at an October board meeting but staff still have work to do — polling the community, deciding on an election date and settling on what the potential new revenue would be used for — before the tax is placed on a ballot for residents to approve.

During the State of the District address, Mokashi addressed another critical question: Why does PUSD have facility renovation funds but not enough for employee salaries?

The simple answer lies in two general obligation bond measures: the \$395 million Measure I, approved by voters in 2022, and the \$270 million Measure II, approved in 2016.

Due to the way they are legally structured, bond funds are restricted; they can only be allocated to the specific projects presented to voters. Consequently, PUSD is legally prohibited from using this money for any purpose other than those designated projects.

But because of this, and through continuous oversight efforts, the district has actually been able to keep a steady pace on delivering those projects that voters wanted to

see funded and completed.

"We are on time and under budget on all of our projects," Ghysels said.

Some of the projects that were highlighted during the State of the District event were the various transitional kindergarten (TK) expansion and modernization projects.

One of the projects completed last year was the Mohr Elementary School renovation project, which modernized three kindergarten and TK classrooms. PUSD also began construction on new TK classrooms and facility upgrades at Donlon, Valley View and Fairlands Elementary School last year with completion slated for this fall — except for Valley View, which is expected to be constructed in phases through 2027.

Over at the middle schools, Pleasanton Middle School celebrated the grand opening of its new synthetic track and field in the fall while Harvest Park and Hart middle schools also broke ground on identical field renovation projects.

As for Pleasanton's two high schools, PUSD broke ground on the Foothill High School campus renovations project, which aims to build a new performing arts center and gym. Construction workers began tearing down locker rooms last summer and the \$79.8 million project is expected to be fully completed during the first quarter of 2028.

For Amador Valley High School's similar campus renovation project, which also looks to completely replace the school's athletic and performing arts facilities, construction is expected to actually start this summer. The \$101.5 million project is slated to finish in the second half of 2028.

PUSD also began demolishing Village High School, the district's continuation school, this past January in order to make way for the new Educational Options Center, which will house Village, the Pleasanton Virtual Academy and the Adult Transition Program. The \$47.4 Measure I funded project is slated for completion in the second half of 2027.

"All projects are slated to be done by 2030. All of them," Mokashi said. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Hazmat cleanup after 2 big-rigs, other vehicles crash on I-580

A six-vehicle crash involving two big-rigs blocked all westbound lanes of Interstate 580 in Dublin on Tuesday night, causing major delays and prompting a hazardous materials cleanup that continued into Wednesday morning, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The collision shut down westbound traffic of the freeway at San Ramon Road around 9 p.m. Tuesday, with CHP officers initially unable to estimate when lanes would reopen.

A photo released by the CHP showed a sedan wedged beneath a truck near an overpass. The semi-truck's trailer appears angled across part of the roadway.

Hazmat crews remained at the scene through Wednesday morning. The CHP said the vehicles involved had been cleared by then.

Despite the scale of the crash, the CHP reported only minor injuries. Drivers were advised to expect delays in the area while the cleanup continues.

— Bay City News Service

Busy weekend for PPD

Pleasanton police are investigating a robbery that occurred March 14 outside a bank on Hopyard Road, where a man reportedly stole from a woman.

Officers briefly located a vehicle that they believed was connected to the crime the next day and started a pursuit, but subsequently lost track of the vehicle, Pleasanton Police Department Lt. Nicholas Albert told the Weekly.

"This investigation is ongoing and we have no additional information to distribute at this time," Albert said.

On March 14, at around 12:17 p.m., police responded to the Chase Bank located at 4747 Hopyard Road after an adult woman who withdrew money from the bank was robbed after exiting the building.

Albert said the suspect — described as a Black man, 20 or 21 years old, approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall and 155 pounds — approached the victim before forcibly taking her tote bag, a wallet and an envelope.

"We are not able to comment on specifics of what was taken for investigative purposes," Albert noted.

The thief proceeded to flee in a black Dodge Charger with black tinted windows, no license plate and a broken left wing window. Albert said the vehicle was driven by a second person but said police did not have a description for the driver.

Albert said the following day at around 3:15 p.m. a caller reported seeing the black Dodge Charger in the area of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive. Police ended up locating the vehicle and attempted to stop it before the driver fled.

A pursuit ensued on the westbound I-580, but officers lost sight of the vehicle near Eden Canyon Road.

"A helicopter from East Bay Regional Parks helicopter and deputies from Alameda County Sheriff's Office searched the area for the vehicle but could not locate it," Albert said.

He also noted that while the vehicle does not have any license plates, the city's automated license plate readers are able to alert officers to vehicles without a license plate.

But the ATM robbery wasn't the only case that had Pleasanton officers busy that day.

Officers also responded to a reported retail theft in progress involving several suspects who stole over \$1,000 worth of products from the Macy's store. The incident took place just before 8 p.m. March 14, according to the department's crime map.

Albert said the suspects fled the area after threatening staff at the mall but were later pursued and arrested by outside agencies.

"Several individuals were detained following the pursuit and transferred into the custody of Pleasanton PD," Albert said.

According to the department's arrest log, Issac Love and Angelo Castelluccio — both 18 years old — were arrested around 11 p.m. that day and charged with first degree robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime and organized retail theft. Castelluccio also had an outside misdemeanor warrant, according to his arrest log.

Albert also said a juvenile was transported to the Juvenile Justice Center.

These latest crimes occurred just a couple of weeks after a string of home invasions took place in a couple of residential neighborhoods in Pleasanton. Notably, the ATM robbery on Saturday comes almost a year after Pleasanton saw a number of similar robberies occur across the city.

— Christian Trujano

Solar streetlights

The city of Livermore is illuminating its streets by installing 38 off-grid solar streetlights from Texas-based Fonroche Lighting.

The installation includes 10 lights in residential neighborhoods and 28 along East Avenue, a key downtown corridor, according to a statement from the city announcing the project.

The modern solar streetlights were selected to eliminate dark spots

while avoiding utility trenching and grid connection, allowing for faster installation with minimal disruption and no ongoing electricity costs, city officials said.

The installation is expected to be completed by the end of the month and aims to bring reliable, renewable lighting to areas that were previously underlit.

The new lighting also adds a clean-energy upgrade to Livermore's streetscape. The project aligns with the city's broader sustainability and resilience initiatives, which focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and expanding the use of renewable energy, according to city officials.

Livermore's City Initiatives framework highlights clean energy programs and other climate-focused efforts as part of the city's long-term environmental strategy.

"Livermore is proud to lead by example," said Mayor John Marchand in a statement. "Projects like this show that practical infrastructure upgrades can advance our clean energy goals while making neighborhoods safer and reducing long-term maintenance costs."

— Cierra Bailey

DA charges Hayward cop

A Hayward police officer accused of taking money and free sex from a brothel in exchange for protecting the illegal operation pleaded not guilty to a felony bribery charge Tuesday.

Officer Benjamin Yarbrough, who is related to the police chief, was charged last week in Alameda County Superior Court with one felony count of accepting a bribe after allegedly receiving \$1,000 and free sex from prostitutes at a Hayward brothel, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Yarbrough was identified during a 2025 San Jose police investigation into prostitution involving Yanqiong Xiong, who has since been charged with pimping and pandering.

San Jose investigators also seized 11 cellphones and discovered evidence of a suspected brothel on Main Street near Warren Street in Hayward along with information that Yarbrough allegedly had frequent contact with Xiong.

Phone records taken from his personal and police-issued cellphones also show that between March 12, 2025 through April 1, 2025, Yarbrough allegedly asked what type of prostitutes were available, explained that he is a friend to Xiong and the sex trafficking operation and said in messages, "I don't bust I protect and keep safe" and that he can "work out details" to keep the sex workers safe, according to court documents filed by the District Attorney's Office.

Prosecutors also say that surveillance photos show him at the



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A six-vehicle crash involving two big-rigs blocked all westbound lanes of Interstate 580 in Dublin on Tuesday night, causing major delays and prompting a hazardous-materials cleanup.

brothel location and those photos match the dates and times on the text messages.

Xiong told investigators that she gave Yarbrough 10 \$100 bills in a red envelope and that she provided the cash and access to sex workers so Yarbrough would not "bust" her, prosecutors said.

During the DA's investigation, Yarbrough denied taking money, knowing who Xiong was, having sex with anyone at the Hayward brothel and providing protection to anyone.

Last July, San Jose investigators alerted Hayward Police Chief Bryan Matthews, who said in a news release last week that because of his

family relationship with Yarbrough, he asked the Alameda County District Attorney's Office to conduct the criminal investigation.

Matthews didn't say how he and Yarbrough are related and a Hayward police spokesperson didn't respond to multiple requests for comment. KTVU reported Yarbrough is the chief's brother-in-law.

After learning of the investigation, Matthews said Yarbrough was placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of two investigations, one by Alameda County prosecutors and one by HPD's Internal Affairs Unit.

— Kiley Russell, Bay City News

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'Progress with purpose'

Pleasanton mayor delivers 2026 State of the City address

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO



Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch delivered his 2026 State of the City speech last week where he centered his remarks on the central theme of “progress with purpose”.

“Pleasanton is not standing still, and we are not drifting,” Balch said during the address at a Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce luncheon event March 19. “A year ago, we were setting direction. Today, we are delivering progress with purpose.”

The annual event, which took place at the Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, focused a lot on following up from Balch’s remarks during his first State of the City as mayor last year where he mainly spoke about steps the city was taking to improve fiscal responsibility, the local economy and other city goals.

Now, he was able to deliver some clear results from the work he and other city leaders have done over the past year.

“As we look forward to 2026, we will continue to strengthen our financial foundation, advance long-term planning and make thoughtful decisions that support growth while protecting what makes this city special,” he added. “Our

future will not be shaped by chance. It will be shaped by the choices we make together.”

Starting off with the positives, Balch highlighted how over the past year, Pleasanton received national and state recognition for having the second-highest quality of life in the country and for being ranked the cleanest city in California.

“Those accolades are meaningful — not just because of the rankings themselves, (but) because as you know they give a glimpse of what it’s actually like to live here,” Balch said. “Neighborhoods are cared for, public spaces feel safe and welcoming, services are reliable and people look out for one another.”

Looking toward the future, Balch said the city’s priorities will be maintaining fiscal responsibility, investing in essential infrastructure, supporting the local economy and continuing to deliver the critical city services that make Pleasanton a great city to live, work and raise a family.

Regarding fiscal responsibility, Balch noted how the city last year adopted a balanced two-year budget that reflects “thoughtful

spending, careful forecasting, and long-term planning.”

While last year’s budget developing process saw a lot of contention from residents who voiced their concerns over various budget cuts — most notably the reduction of library hours — Balch pointed out the financial challenges the city is facing due to decreasing revenues and increases in expenditures.

“We’re not budgeting based upon hope,” Balch said. “We’re budgeting based upon reality, because responsible optimism requires honest math.”

He said city leaders and staff are working on addressing that challenge in several ways such as improving the city’s long-range forecasting, conducting independent reviews of the city’s finances, undertaking a review of the city’s pension plans like the council did just two nights earlier, and exploring additional revenue options like a hotel tax, sponsorships and cell tower leases.

“This way, we’re not just reacting year to year, but planning for Pleasanton’s long-term fiscal health,” Balch said. “Our responsibility isn’t just

to balance the budget, it’s to leave the next City Council, and the next generation, a city that’s financially stronger than what we found it.”

Balch then went over the city’s infrastructure and how the city took a massive step over the past year to understand and take account of all of the city’s assets and what it takes to maintain those assets as part of the city’s first-ever Asset Management Plan.

The plan, which is in the final stages of development, gives the city clarity on what it owns, what the condition of those assets are in and what it will cost to properly maintain them in the future, Balch said. He said that the city’s general fund infrastructure alone represents more than \$4 billion of replacement value.

He added that over the next decade, the city anticipates it will need about \$63 million per year to replace general fund assets. Currently, he said the city funds about \$19 million per year.

“Knowing this provides clarity and clarity allows us to act deliberately instead of urgently,” Balch said.

Also regarding infrastructure, Balch said over the past two years the city has invested more



Far left: Mayor Jack Balch poses in front of the Pleasanton Arch in downtown. Middle left: Balch speaks to over 100 residents, business officials and Tri-Valley leaders at the 2026 State of the City event in Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery on March 19. Above: Balch meets with downtown business reps during a tour with the Pleasanton Weekly, including Mariela Blanco (left), owner and operator of Bravazo, and Rene Lopez (right), general manager at Naschmarkt. (Downtown photos by Sophia Sucato; speech photo by Christian Trujano).

Balch also spoke about the city's public parks and spaces that continue to bring vibrancy and community to the city. He specifically pointed to the new bandstand and overall layout at the Lions Wayside Park, which he said also helps support downtown vitality, and the new playground at Moller Park, which he says has been bringing children much joy.

The last major update on infrastructure Balch gave was on the city's power grid, a popular topic that many residents across the city have been dealing with over the past few years as they have experienced more and more power outages.

Balch acknowledged that the city has had challenges with reliability, which is why he said Pleasanton has been strengthening its partnership with PG&E over the past year and advocating for the corporate giant to focus on critical infrastructure upgrades in the city.

He said thanks to that engagement — including a town hall meeting that saw dozens of residents voicing their concerns directly to PG&E representatives — 11 of PG&E's capital improvement projects that focused on Pleasanton's grid, which were originally slated for completion in 2028, have been fast tracked and completed. Balch said there is still one more project in the works but added that it is scheduled for completion for later this year.

"This means fewer outages ... for residents and businesses," Balch said. "This is what happens when we stay focused. This is real results for our community and we did it in a respectful way."

Moving on from infrastructure, Balch pivoted to talking about the city's economy.

According to his presentation, Pleasanton has over 4,000 businesses with over 68,000 employees. He said the city's office vacancy rate is 11.5% — the Bay Area's rate is about 25% — and that the industrial vacancy rate is 14%. Retail vacancy stands at just under 9%.

Of note, Balch said the estimated annual revenue from all of the city's businesses is \$16 billion. And he said the city is only getting better when it comes to addressing those vacancies.

From zoning updates that support life sciences and innovation-based businesses to

streamlining the city's permitting process, Balch said Pleasanton is focusing on making it easier for any and all types of businesses to do business in the city. He also pointed to the city's "Pleasanton Playbook," a user-friendly guide that clearly explains the city's development review process, as another tool to push this work forward.

"These changes send a clear message: Pleasanton is ready to partner with you, and that makes a real difference in our local economy," Balch said.

He also pointed out some of the new businesses that became active in the city last year including the long-awaited Cook's Seafood, Philz Coffee and the many new restaurants in downtown Pleasanton such as Naschmarkt, Bravazo and Planta. He noted that the city's first-ever Costco exceeded initial monetary expectations after its first full year of operation.

Balch also said companies like Tekion, 10x Genomics and Workday all continue to support a healthy local economy.

On the topic of downtown Pleasanton — a topic that has been on the minds of residents and city leaders for a lot of 2025 — Balch said the city continues to invest in the area.

He said one of the best examples of this has been the Lions Wayside Park transformation, which not only added the bandstand but also improved lighting, seating, the lawn areas and a new parking lot.

The mayor also said that the downtown continues to thrive thanks to strong partnerships with organizations like the Pleasanton Downtown Association, which had a very successful year of events last year — he said the PDA hosted 75 events in 2025. He also noted last year's Hometown Holiday Parade, which brought out over 10,000 community members to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. "This sense of community and connection carries into the programs and services that we put on as a city every day," Balch said.

Next, Balch spent some time talking about public safety.

According to the mayor, last year the Pleasanton Police Department dispatch center handled more than 64,000 calls for service and

officers responded to over 61,000 incidents — all of which happened quietly and mostly out of the general public's view so that residents can continue to feel calm and safe in their neighborhoods.

He also said the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded to nearly 7,000 calls — 156 of which were fires. He also noted how the fire department received an ISO Class 2 rating this year, which rewards the department's high level of preparedness and efficiency.

"Only about 5% of fire departments achieve this nationwide rating and it's possible this will help you when you go get your (fire) insurance on your home," Balch said.

Regarding public safety, Balch also said the city continues to train staff and engage with the community around emergency readiness in the wake of all of the recent swarms of earthquakes that have been hitting areas like San Ramon.

Some of the other accomplishments Balch highlighted during his speech include Zippy, the new mobile outreach book library the city introduced last year; new public art initiatives like the Public Art Map, the Don Lewis Harmonic Art Project and the Wizard of Oz Bench; and the Pleasanton Unified School District students who continue to shine in things like the We the People high school civics competition.

As he wrapped up his speech Balch ended on a personal note with his "This I Believe" speech, which is based on the short essays first introduced by the famed 1950s radio program hosted by journalist Edward R. Murrow that push people to write about core values that matter the most to them.

During his closing words, Balch tearfully at times, addressed the division he is seeing across the country and said that in the spirit of democracy, it's important to remain empathetic and to listen to others because at the end of the day, everyone deserves a chance at happiness — from Pleasanton residents to Americans across the nation.

"Liberty lives in us and calls on us to be a nation that welcomes, aspires and believes in possibility," Balch said. "I see that spirit in Pleasanton." ■

than \$30 million in strengthening and modernizing the city's water system.

He said Pleasanton has replaced almost 10,000 feet of aging pipes, upgraded critical infrastructure and implemented the city's first comprehensive water system management plan, all of which helps the city better respond to new water regulations and challenges such as the PFAS — also known as forever chemicals — that have been found in the city's groundwater.

In addition to water system improvements, Balch noted other infrastructure achievements such as the improvements made at the Highway 84 and Interstate 680 interchange and the pavement management program, which treated nearly two million square feet of pavements across the city in 2025. He included information on infrastructure that is less visible like the sewer system and how the city's Sewer System Master Plan and Storm Drain Master Plan are both underway.

"It's foundational work, the kind you don't want to see, but it allows us to better understand the system conditions, prioritize repairs, and reduce the risk of future disruptions," Balch said.

The future of art is now

'Fresh Works Jr.' at Harrington Gallery
'PAL's Pals 2026' at Museum on Main

By JEREMY WALSH

Burgeoning artists from the Tri-Valley and beyond have their creative work on display in separate competitive exhibitions in downtown Pleasanton this spring.

The city's Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center is hosting "Fresh Works Jr." for the next two months, while "PAL's Pals 2026" — centered on the annual youth art contest organized by the Pleasanton Art League — is featured at the Museum on Main through the next two weekends.

"What stands out most about 'Fresh Works Jr.' is the fearless innovation on display," Harrington Gallery curator Sydney Tang told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"Unbound by conventional concepts and rules, these young artists approach their mediums with an out-of-the-box curiosity," Tang said. "Whether it is a non-traditional use of color or material, these works highlight a level of creative risk-taking that is singular to becoming an emerging visionary."

Nearly 100 student artworks are included in the 2026 display, a range of subjects and media filling the gallery for the showing and available for purchase to take home afterward, according to the city.

"Visitors will experience a sense of discovery and boundless possibility through this group exhibition," Tang said. "The diverse presentation serves as a laboratory of new ideas from 40 young artists across the Bay Area — all of which demonstrate clever, unexpected solutions that they have found to express their perspectives."

"Fresh Works Jr." opened last weekend and continues through May 23. A reception and awards ceremony is set for Saturday (March 28) from 1-3 p.m. at the Firehouse, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Art and architectural historian Soraya Renteria, who teaches at Las Positas College in Livermore and runs the community college's art gallery, is the judge for the competition.

A block away across Main Street, the Museum on Main is also



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

"Golden Waves" by Aarush Anbalagan is on display in "Fresh Works Jr." in Pleasanton's Harrington Gallery in spring 2026.

displaying standout pieces created by young Bay Area artists as part of the art league's annual "PAL's Pals" competitive exhibition — 48 students were selected this year.

"This inspiring exhibition

features artwork from talented middle school and high school students across our community. Stop by to experience their creativity, imagination and fresh perspectives," PAL officials said in a Facebook post.

The showing opened last Friday and runs through April 4 at the downtown museum, 603 Main St. California artist Andrew Duncan Johnstone served as the juror for the contest. ■



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

"Missing Fu Bao" by Ari Yoo.



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

"Boy With Many Thoughts" by Aidan Moon.

New novel follows nuclear explosion investigation

Second installment in ‘Nuclear Forensics Thrilogy’ by retired Pleasanton scientist, pastor

By JEREMY WALSH

The international tension after a nuclear explosion is the backdrop for the apropos technothriller “On The Brink”, the latest novel by retired Tri-Valley scientist and pastor Sidney Niemeyer.

Considered a founding father in the nuclear forensics field, Niemeyer leverages both career backgrounds in the second installment of his trilogy following protagonist Steven Carter, who this time finds himself leading an investigation into an unexplained blast as a member of the National Security Council.

“We’ve never done such an investigation in real life, so I drew upon my experience in the nuclear test program, my efforts to establish a nuclear forensics capability, my experience working in the policy world of Washington D.C., and my imagination,” Niemeyer told the Pleasanton Weekly.

“I also drew upon my decades of experience working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to create realistic and varied scientific characters, and my younger colleagues say my portrayals of scientists ring true,” he added. “I believe my second career as a pastor at



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Pleasanton author Sidney Niemeyer has released his second novel, “On The Brink”.

Valley Community Church helped me to portray a richness and variety in human relationships.”

A Pleasanton resident for 45 years, Niemeyer held several scientific leadership roles during his nearly three decades at LLNL, including key work around the turn of the century to help incorporate nuclear forensics into the nuclear deterrence and counterterrorism research programs in the United States.

He then transitioned to part-time at the lab to explore another calling with Valley Community Church in his hometown, pulling double duty

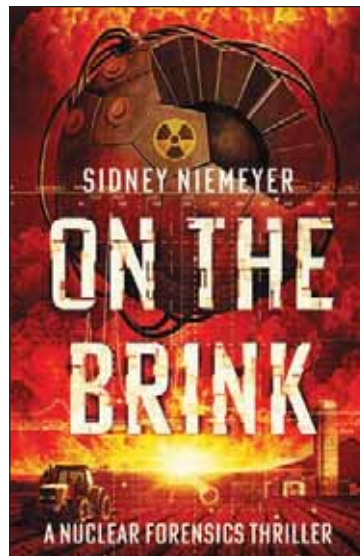
for nearly seven years before devoting another dozen full-time as pastor. He retired from the church in 2019, although he remains active as a spiritual director to this day.

It was around the time of his second-career retirement that Niemeyer began working on his debut novel, “Atomic Peril”, which published in 2023 and also centered on fictional scientist-hero Steven Carter.

He wrote “On The Brink” in about half the time; the second book in “The Nuclear Forensics Thrilogy” released in November.

“In nuclear forensics, we consider three basic scenarios, i.e. interdicted nuclear materials, an interdicted nuclear device and after a nuclear detonation,” the author explained. “Each book in my ‘thrilogy’ will include one of these scenarios. ‘On The Brink’ features the most dramatic and difficult scenario.”

“Since Steven Carter is now on the National Security Council, he is drawn into the White House drama as they grapple with the mounting panic. Thus, the story has more of a geopolitical slant to it than ‘Atomic Peril’,” Niemeyer said. “The technical clues provide leads for the various characters to pursue as they travel around the world to uncover who was responsible and whether they



“The nature of Steven Carter’s role as a leader in nuclear forensics means a lot of his character is based on me, although I deliberately gave him some characteristics that differed from mine,” he added, then quipping. “Originally, I said maybe a little more than half of Steven was like me, but then my stepson pointed out that ‘Atomic Peril’ had a lot of doughnuts and coffee, so now I say he’s about 70% me.”

Niemeyer has been busy promoting the book since last fall — talks at colleges in Oklahoma and Michigan, spotlights on Steven Glavan’s podcast “Coffee Brakes with Steve” and the Manhattan Book Club, and author appearances around California, including in front of about 30 people at Towne Center Books in downtown Pleasanton last month.

He is also working on the third installment of his “thrilogy”, spending most of his Mondays through Thursdays at the computer in his home office with the goal of publishing in 2027.

“I take a break from writing on Friday through Sunday, because, after all, I am retired. Though my wife says it doesn’t seem like I’m retired — I’ve just moved on to a third career,” Niemeyer said. ■

had assistance from a nuclear state.”

In addition to Steven Carter being thrust into a new career path and a new priority case, “On The Brink” introduces Steven’s son Josh Carter as a new major character and the parent-child relationship as the latter enters early-adulthood as a new central motif.

“I’ve often been asked if any of my characters are based on real people. None of them are based on a single person,” said Niemeyer, a married father with six children and 10 grandchildren.

Explore chefs’ palates at inaugural Bankhead event

‘The Art of Cuisine’ fundraiser set as part of new ‘Tri-Valley Twist’ weekend

By JEREMY WALSH

Livermore Valley Arts and Visit Tri-Valley are debuting a new culinary experience in downtown Livermore in June as part of the inaugural “Tri-Valley Twist” weekend.

Designed as a foodie’s fundraiser for LVA, “Palate: The Art of Cuisine” will challenge local restaurant chefs to create “a signature small plate inspired by a single, prominent color,

bringing a vivid palette of flavors to life” as part of the culinary competition, organizers said last Friday. Live music and offerings from local pastry chefs and bars will also be part of the occasion.

“At this inaugural lunchtime event, Tri-Valley chefs come together to present a vibrant array of signature dishes that showcase the flavor, innovation, and artistry of our region,” LVA officials said.

“A spectrum of taste, with multiple chefs presenting dishes inspired by bold hues, attendees will taste, vote, and help crown the audience favorite.”

Pleasanton native and jazz band leader Jeff Bordes will be performing on the outdoor Shea Homes Stage during the event that will fill the Bankhead Plaza and the theater’s lobby from 12-3 p.m. June 6.

LVA foresees “Palate: The Art of

Cuisine” as the new annual summer kickoff fundraiser benefiting its activities at the Bankhead and the Bothwell Arts Center, as well as its broader educational and cultural arts outreach programs. Tickets go on sale this Friday (March 27) for general audiences, via livermorearts.org.

The special event is among nearly a dozen already being promoted by Visit Tri-Valley in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin as part of its

inaugural “Tri-Valley Twist” from June 5-7, with the schedule still being filled out.

“Twist” is billed as a “weekend where art, culture, food, wine, and innovation all collide, with VTV programming three days of concerts, pop-ups, culinary adventures, interactive experiences, family fun, and surprises around every corner”, according to LVA. Learn more at visittrivalley.com. ■

Technology meets art in city hall gallery

Hand-finished pen plotter pieces by Darshi

By JEREMY WALSH

Bay Area artist Raj Darshi’s treatment on the intersection of technology and human creativity is hanging inside San Ramon City Hall throughout the month.

The solo exhibition in city hall’s gallery, entitled “Pen Plotter Art | Ink, Pen & Acrylic”, features original works drawn by a plotter machine and hand-finished by Darshi — a mix of “abstract patterns, architectural grids, landscapes, color gradients and cosmic-inspired forms”, the artist told the Pleasanton Weekly.

“My process begins with computational design, where I create

illustrations, patterns and sometimes transform photographic collages into drawn paths. These paths are rendered as physical drawings by the pen plotter,” Darshi said. “After the machine completes the drawing, I add hand-drawn details and other materials to develop texture and depth.”

Debuting March 2, the showing is free to view through next Tuesday (March 31) in the first-floor gallery space at 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road, which is open during regular city hall operating hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

“I saw a lot of curiosity about this form of art, especially about

the process and the steps involved. Visitors were very excited to see the details in the artwork and how unique textures can be created simply with pens,” Darshi said, reflecting after the special artist’s reception held March 6.

“I hope viewers become curious about the relationship between art and technology,” he added. “While the works are generated through computational drawing methods and drawn paths, they still carry the imperfections and beauty of a real pen on paper and include additional hand finishing.”

For more information about the exhibit, Darshi and his plotter process, visit zooxcape.com. ■



COURTESY RAJ DARSHI

Artist Raj Darshi looks at his original works on display in the San Ramon City Hall gallery this month.

By JACK BALCH

This I Believe

Editor's note: At the end of his State of the City address March 19, Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch read a personal essay describing his core values and encouraging others to share the same — in line with the mission of the "This I Believe" organization, inspired by the famed 1950s radio program hosted by journalist Edward R. Murrow. This is Balch's essay.

This I believe.

I believe in the power of people, the power to create and build, the power to care for one another through service, and the power of human kindness, empathy, and compassion.

I've been blessed to see that power every day in Pleasanton.

There is also the power to divide when fear and anger take hold. But our better instincts are stronger, and forgiveness is powerful.

As a community leader, as a husband and father, and as a fellow citizen living in turbulent times, I am challenged by what I see around us. We are more divided than many of us ever expected, and too often we talk past one another instead of listening.

Yet the strength of our democracy has never depended upon uniform agreement. It has depended on participation and compromise to move us forward.

As America approaches her 250th birthday, I hope we are not simply marking time. Two hundred and fifty years ago, ordinary people made an extraordinary choice, and America's promise was born. Now, it rests with us.

I hope we do more than simply celebrate our history. I hope we pause and reflect on who we are, what binds us, and what is required of each of us.

I believe that the words of our Declaration of Independence were not just written for a single moment in time. They are America's enduring promise, a promise we continue to make to one another.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Those ideals have endured not because they were easy, but because

generations of Americans were willing to stand up for them, believe in them, and sacrifice for them.

The Civil Rights Act carried our promise forward by outlawing discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, or national origin. It banned segregation and secured your right to participate in our democracy when and how you choose.

Our system reminds us that the power to govern flows directly from the people, not just through elections, but through engagement, service, and responsibility.

And I believe we are being reminded just how fragile liberty can be. It cannot be taken for granted. It is not self-sustaining. It depends on us, the people.

As the words inscribed on our Statue of Liberty remind us, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Liberty lives in us and calls upon us to be a nation that welcomes, aspires, and believes in possibility.

I see that spirit here at home.



It lives in businesses that inspire and innovate while supporting their teams and the community they're in. It lives in nonprofits who serve those in need, day after day. It lives in volunteers, mentors, parents, coaches, teachers, donors, and neighbors who choose to show up and contribute.

It depends on participation. It depends on courage. It depends on you.

I believe America is stronger because you are part of it, because of your willingness to contribute to something larger than yourself and to bring your story to the great American melting pot. The American Experiment depends on that, on your pursuit of Happiness.

And I believe Pleasanton is stronger because you are part of our story, because this community understands that success and responsibility go hand in hand.

America's promise is not only to each of us. It is from each of us to one another. And that promise depends on participation.

So I want to extend a simple invitation. I invite you to reflect on your own "This I Believe."

If you feel moved to share it, come to your Pleasanton City Council meeting and read it into our public

record so that our shared beliefs are not merely implied, but spoken aloud, and preserved.

As we approach America's 250th birthday, I ask you to protect her promise, our promise, not just on the Fourth of July, but every day.

Advance kindness. Practice empathy. Cultivate gratitude. Show up, because participation is how promises endure. Serve. Listen. And yes, please vote.

This I believe.

I believe in the power of people.

And I sincerely look forward to hearing your "This I Believe" very soon. ■

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LETTERS

Youth belong in the AI conversation

As a high school student in Danville, I spend my days in classrooms, on platforms, and in digital spaces increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence. My generation is not preparing for an AI-driven future, we are already living in it.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak at UNESCO in Paris on a panel about AI and the rights of children. I shared a simple message:

AI has the power to expand access to education and unlock creativity, but it also raises new questions about how young people grow, learn, and connect.

The decisions being made today about these systems will shape not just technology, but the future of childhood itself.

Too often, young people are studied, categorized, and influenced by technology without being included in the conversations that define it. We are treated as future

stakeholders, when in reality we are already its most active users. That's why I continue this work locally and beyond.

On April 11, I will be speaking in San Francisco as part of the global Night of Ideas event, discussing ethical AI and the role young people must play in shaping it. If AI is going to define our generation, then our generation should have a voice in how it's built, especially when we live so close to the Valley designing the future.

— Nikhil Gujral, Monte Vista High student and youth advocate for ethical AI

Boycott conference

Please boycott the California Trails and Greenways Conference that is being held at the San Ramon Marriott hotel April 14-17. It is run by mountain bikers and excludes anyone who opposes trail-building or mountain biking — the major forces destroying wildlife habitat in our parks!

— Mike Vandeman, Ph.D.

Strengthen the future health care workforce

Addressing health care workforce shortages starts with early exposure and clear pathways into the field.

Recently, more than 60 East Bay

high school students from the Mt. Diablo Unified School District gathered at the Cal State East Bay Concord Center for the Academic Advantage event, part of an annual initiative I've hosted. The program was designed to connect students directly with practicing clinicians and provide insight into careers in medicine, dentistry and allied health.

Through small-group discussions and one-on-one conversations, students asked questions, heard firsthand career journeys, and gained a better understanding of what working in healthcare looks like day-to-day. One student shared that the experience strengthened her interest in pursuing a career in medicine, while others noted how eye-opening it was to learn about the many paths within healthcare.

Following the event, two local students were awarded scholarships, and another was selected for a job-shadowing opportunity, with additional shadowing experiences offered by participating clinicians.

Academic Advantage continues to focus on early exposure, mentorship and community engagement to help strengthen the future health care workforce in the East Bay.

— Dr. Brad Williams, oral and maxillofacial surgeon

Employment

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Falcons start to find stride in boys' volleyball

Also: Prado hits first home run in Emerald baseball history

The Foothill boys' volleyball team appears to be hitting its stride at the right time as they won a pair of matches last week.

The Falcons opened the week with a thrilling 3-2 win over Granada, avenging a loss from earlier in the season.

They took the match 25-23, 31-29, 15-25, 20-25, 15-6. Highlights came from Thomas Paduraru (16 kills, 3 blocks), Josh Salonga (43 assists, 10 digs, 5 kills), Wynter Alexander (9 kills, 1 block) and Manav Raghuram (23 digs, 9 service pts).

Next up was a sweep of Monte Vista, beating the Mustangs 25-22, 26-24, 25-19.

Highlights here came from Jeremy Sun (11 kills, 10 digs), Salonga (32 assists, 5 kills, 5 digs), Trey Elson (7 kills, 2 blocks) and Rushil Vadada (16 receptions, 6 digs, 4 kills).

Amador JV tennis

The Dons opened the week with a 9-0 win over Granada.

The wins in singles came from Henry Bull, Avij Asarawala, Shreyas Sattiraju, Akshaj Shandilya, Jonathon

Liu and Kengo Waddell.

The teams of Arnav Mehta-Erik Van Slyke, Samarth Mahapatra-Shaurya Grover and Suvir Rao-Arman Turkhan swept the doubles portion of the match.

They closed the week with another 9-0 win over Monte Vista.

This time the singles winners were Mehta, Mahapatra, Rao, Sattiraju, Shandilya and Aryan Chawla.

Double winners were the teams of Bull-Asarawala, Udayan Singhal-Pranav Joshi and Srikar Chidipotu-Sameer Datta.

Historic day for Emerald

No matter what happens in the rest of Aadyn Prado's life, there is one thing no one can ever take away.

Prado, a 16-year-old junior baseball player at Emerald High in Dublin, hit the first home run for an Emerald athlete at the Fallon Sports Park on March 3.

Fallon is the home field for Emerald as the school does not have available space for a baseball field. Located down the street from the high school, the park is also the home of the Dublin Leprechauns professional baseball team.

Emerald is in its second season of baseball for the school, with the monumental hit coming against B r a d s h a w Christian when Prado blasted the homer over the 315-sign.

He finished the day 1-for-2 with two runs scored and a pair of RBIs.



EMERALD BOOSTERS

Aadyn Prado (right) hit the first home run in Emerald High baseball history on March 3.

Results needed

If you are reading this column and wondering where the results for your child's team are, then we could use your help each week.

The results we get each week are the result of a coach or a volunteer for a specific team turning in the results. It takes no more than 15-20 minutes a week to get the results into us by our noon deadline each Sunday. Of course, you can send in the results before Sunday but that is the deadline.

It can be as simple as letting us know the sport, who you played, the result and the highlights for the game or match. This works great for baseball, softball and volleyball.

For sports like tennis and badminton, just take a picture of the score sheet and send it to me. Also include a roster of the team so I can make sure to get the names right.

Sports with many athletes, like

swimming and track-and-field, give me the final score of the meet, as well as highlights like multiple event winners, records or personal best marks and any other highlights like winning performance late in the meet that gave the team the victory.

We are always looking for pictures to run with a story as well. Our requirements are that a photo can't be taken by another news agency, we need the identification of your athletes, as well as who took the picture.

If you have any questions regarding turning in results for your athlete's team, please contact me at acesmag@aol.com. Let's get the kids the coverage they deserve. ■

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

LARPD launching soccer league

'Focused on fun, development and connection'

BY JEREMY WALSH

A new youth soccer league is debuting in Livermore during this fall season, with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District founding the program for families looking for a "community-centered option focused on fun, development and connection" on the field.

With registration opening this week, the inaugural Livermore Community Soccer League season will leverage LARPD sports facilities across Livermore games beginning Aug. 22. Special training sessions for players and coaches are also in the works, and scholarship opportunities will be available for those who need assistance, officials said.

"This league is about creating a space where kids can learn the game, build confidence and play with friends," league coordinator Sebastian Forero said in a press release. "I'm passionate about the game and excited to share that with our community through a fun and positive soccer experience."

Presumably poised to compete with the Livermore Fusion Soccer Club for youth players this autumn, the new Livermore Community Soccer League will organize divisions for kids between 5 and 12 years old. Teams will form using U.S. Soccer age guidelines, with the option to request placement among friends when possible, according to LARPD.

Coaches will be given training and ongoing guidance, and parent volunteers will be encouraged to play an integral role, according to the park district.

"Designed for players of all experience



COURTESY LARPD

Sebastian Forero is serving as league coordinator for the new youth program.

levels, the league emphasizes skill-building, teamwork, and positive sportsmanship in a welcoming environment for both players and families," LARPD reps said. "The program is structured to create a consistent and supportive experience, with weekly practices, dedicated field space for teams, and clear communication with our soccer league coordinator throughout the season."

With registration fees between \$235 and \$250, plus roughly \$60 for uniforms, the league is offering scholarships for those who qualify via the LARPD Foundation's Community Support Program. Discounts are also available for head coaches.

To learn more about the new league, visit www.larpd.org. ■

All American Get-Together

Goodguys car show at fairgrounds

BY JEREMY WALSH

Classic cars and trucks, low-riders, hot rods, muscle cars and customs are set to take over the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton this weekend for Goodguys' All American Get-Together.

The annual car show, put on by the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association, is expected to draw more than 3,000 American-made and -powered vehicles for display between Saturday and Sunday — plus a swap meet, vendor exhibition, AutoCross racers, kids' activities and more.

"The 42nd All American Get-Together is a two-day family-friendly event that mixes the latest Detroit muscle machines with traditional hot rods, classic trucks and the revered customs and low-riders of the West Coast cruising culture," Goodguys officials said in a press release. "Sunday afternoon wraps up

with a parade of chrome, glowing paint and rumbling exhaust as over 50 award-winning cars roll past the stage to accept their awards!"

The Goodguys' AutoCross track will host qualifiers and the All American AutoCross Shootout, and there will be a vintage exhibition of dragsters during the Summit Racing Nitro Thunderfest and Saturday's Burnout Contest.

Car aficionados can also meet with manufacturers and vendors in the exhibition hall, search for parts at the large swap meet and see what's on the market in the Cars 4-Sale Corral. The Family Fun Zone will offer arts and crafts, a model car show and the Pinstrippers Brush Bash artists' display, organizers said.

The Get-Together is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (March 28) and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday (March 29) at the fairgrounds near downtown Pleasanton. For tickets and more information, visit good-guys.com/aagt. ■

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Entertainment

CARLOS REYES World-renowned musician Carlos Reyes' extraordinary mastery of both the violin and the harp has dazzled audiences worldwide, breaking musical barriers blending classical, jazz, rock, and Latin styles into a unique and enthralling sound. 7:30 p.m., March 27. Tickets \$31-\$43. Visit firehousearts.org.

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Enjoy free jazz at Inklings. Limited seating, reserve at meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society. 6-7:30 p.m., March 27.

THE MOON IS ALWAYS FULL A good-for-nothing son consorts with a whistleblower within his mother's company to expose how their clinical trial for AI-enhanced neuromodulation to treat anxiety is also a Trojan horse for gaining unlimited access to personal data. 7:30 p.m., March 27-28; 4 p.m., March 29. Visit sparttheater.org.

SUNOL REPERTORY THEATRE Sunol Repertory Theatre presents *Too Many Ghosts*, a family-friendly spirited comedy with all proceeds going to Sunol Glen School. March 28-29. Tickets \$22.50-\$33.00. Sunol Glen School Theater. Visit sunol.net/srt.

TAYLOR SWIFT SINGALONG EXPERIENCE Step into a fun, sparkling, Eras inspired celebration

where Swifties of all ages can dress up, trade friendship bracelets and sing their favorite Taylor songs together. 3 p.m., March 28. Tickets \$49-\$69. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE OTHER MOZART Nannerl Mozart, Amadeus' equally gifted sister whose genius was lost to history. This one-woman play unfolds on an 18-foot dress, immersing audiences in a world of music, elegance and the struggles of a woman ahead of her time. 7 p.m., March 29. Tickets \$45-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

RAMANA VIEIRA Experience the soulful sound of internationally acclaimed fadista Ramana Vieira blending the timeless beauty of traditional Fado with Brazilian rhythms, Latin grooves and contemporary jazz. 7 p.m., April 3. Tickets \$23. Visit firehousearts.org.

RAVI SHANKAR ENSEMBLE The Ravi Shankar Ensemble led by virtuoso musicians creates a mesmerizing fusion of sitar, tabla and other instruments, offering a transcendent musical experience. 8 p.m., April 3. Tickets \$60-\$90. Visit livermorearts.org.

LONG TIME - A TRIBUTE TO THE BAND BOSTON Enjoy the soaring vocals, iconic guitar riffs and unmistakable sound of Boston as Long Time brings the band's legendary hits to life onstage. 7:30 p.m., April 4. Tickets \$33-\$38. Visit firehousearts.org.

AIDA CUEVAS PRESENTS MEXICAN SYMPHONIC SERENADE Designed to engage and enthrall audiences of all backgrounds Mexicana Symphonic Serenade promises an inclusive and immersive experience that transcends cultural boundaries. 8 p.m., April 10. Tickets \$70-\$100. Visit livermorearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY SPRING AWAKENINGS Guest Conductor Geoffrey Gallegos leads the orchestra in a vibrant program featuring Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and music of Delius, Glazunov and Schumann that brings the sounds of nature to life. 7:30 p.m., April 11. Tickets \$31-\$46. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE WIZARD OF OZ ON ICE This reimagined production pays homage to the beloved original story by L. Frank Baum featuring original compositions by renowned Disney music producers and performances by world-champion ice skaters. 3 p.m., April 12. Tickets \$60-\$90. Visit livermorearts.org.

PYTC CABARET AND ALL THAT JAZZ From the razzle-dazzle of Chicago to the heart and humor of Cabaret, New York, New York and beyond, teen performers bring these timeless songs to life with bold choices, strong storytelling, and plenty of style. 7 p.m., April 17. Tickets \$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

FRANC D'AMBROSIO Franc D'Ambrosio's new show blends iconic musical-theater hits with timeless jazz standards reimagining beloved songs with unmistakable style. 7:30 p.m., April 18. Tickets \$33-\$43. Visit firehousearts.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Beautiful Benito

Bonito Benito is waiting for you at Valley Humane Society. This sweet young adult male with the "ojitos lindos" has all the aunties asking, "Why hasn't Benito found his family yet?" If you're ready for good vibes and even better company, Benito is your perfecto gato. Call 925-426-8656 or email info@valleyhumane.org to get started with the adoption process.

Exhibits

THE INDEPENDENT GALLERY In this exhibit by Susanna Harris, paper becomes more than a surface it becomes the medium itself where the artist's process emphasizes touch, pressure and the physical relationship between material and maker. Through April 25. Visit livermorearts.org/the-independent-gallery.

FIREHOUSE MEMORIAL WALL EXHIBITION Firehouse Arts Center features the work of Zelda K on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall through May 9, featuring approximately 20 works by the artist, a visual symphony of oil, watercolor, and acrylic.

FRESH WORKS JR. EXHIBITION This Harrington Gallery Exhibit, Fresh Works Jr., is an exhibition for youth and teens K-12 grades from all over the Bay Area celebrating the vast talent of young artists throughout the greater Bay Area. Through May 23. Firehouse Arts Center.

UNCLE CREDIT UNION ART GALLERY Presenting *Splendid Surroundings* in Watercolor, where California Watercolor Association Artists showcase paintings of splendid places they have visited, people they have seen, abstracts or still lifes that are inspired by a person or place. Through May 10. Bankhead Theater.

LIGHT OF THE WEST ART SHOW In collaboration with the Livermore Art Association, the Livermore Civic Center Library is hosting Light of the West art show where artists explored themes of discovery, resilience, mystery and illumination reflecting a spirit of innovation across the American West. Through March.

FIREHOUSE LOBBY EXHIBIT The Firehouse Arts Center presents the solo exhibition of Jenna Hobbs, *Geometry in the Landscape*, featuring 15 works of oil. Through May 2.

Outdoor Rec

NATURE WALK (50+) Learn about Sycamore Park in this nature walk with a Ranger. 1-2:30 p.m., March 27. \$6R/\$7NR. Register at larpd.org.

SPRING JOURNALING WILDFLOWER HIKE Learn techniques to start and improve skills while strolling along the trail. Bring a sketchpad or journal otherwise, paper, pencils and clipboards will be provided for use during the program. 9-11:30 a.m., April 11. Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve Visitor Center.

SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE Explore the wonders of springtime

at Del Valle Regional Park through activities and a campfire with s'mores, then take an evening stroll with a Naturalist and experience Del Valle at dusk. 5-8 p.m., April 11. Meet at Del Valle Visitor Center.

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

Fairgrounds

GOODGUYS ALL AMERICAN GET-TOGETHER Featuring over 3,000 of Northern California's slickest American-made and American-powered show cars and trucks of all years. Catch the high-speed excitement of the AutoCross racing series, a massive swap meet, the Cars 4 Sale Corral and more. March 28-29. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

PLUMBING TRADE SHOW This event is open to the public and a great opportunity for homeowners, students, contractors and anyone interested in the trade to connect with local professionals and industry experts. 3-7 p.m., April 14. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

TRI-VALLEY INNOVATION FAIR Bring the family out for an exciting day filled with hands-on science, engineering and technology adventures and explore over 70 exhibits showcasing amazing discoveries and innovations from local companies, schools and community groups. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 18. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Book Sale

SPRING BOOK & MEDIA SALE Discover incredible deals and hidden gems on adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl LPs, games, puzzles and more where proceeds directly benefit the Pleasanton Library. March 25-28. Visit friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org.

Farmers Market

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers Market is year-round, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays. 46 W. Angela St.

LIVERMORE FARMERS MARKET The Livermore Farmers Market is Sunday,

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File No. 596776

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Summons

Cross-Complaint

Case Name: Consolidated Electrical v. Soleeva, et al.

SUMMONS **Case No.** 25CV113630 (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): ANIL KUMAR and ROES 1-25 inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): SOLEEVA ENERGY, INC.

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.

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(PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

NOTICE! CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 24CV103125 SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE! TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ANGELINA GONZALEZ and DOES 1 through 20. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): LOYA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY. 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. Below is the name of Attorney & Court. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a abajo. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en forma legal juridical correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que hay un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios

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The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

COURT ADDRESS Merced Superior Court, 627 West 21 st Street, Merced, CA 95340

(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, Lori Hershoshin, Hershoshin & Henry, LLP; 26475 Rancho Parkway South, Lake Forest, CA 92630, 949.859.5600** DATE (Fecha): **DATE May 22, 2024** **CLERK NAME , Clerk, Kathy Cox by /s/ DEPUTY CLERK NAME , Deputy Clerk** (Secretario) (Adjunto) NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served Jesse L. Woodruff, an individual (PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

SUMMONS

(CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

HUAN FU ZENG, and DOES 1 TO 10. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): MINJIA JOHN CHANG

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.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta.

Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Alameda County Courthouse 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA, 94612

CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 25CV139716

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de telefono de/ abogado de/ demandante, o de/ demandante que no tiene abogado, es): NICEFORO L. AVILA, JR. 300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 228, Oakland, California 94612 Telephone: (669) 800-9035

DATE (Fecha) : 08/27/2025 Chad Finke, Executive Officer/ Clerk of the Court

Clerk, by (Secretario) A. Gospel, Deputy (Adjunto) (PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

VIA HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 621572 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Via Home And Community Services , located at 6701 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 250, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): BEHAVIA THERAPY 6701 Koll Center Parkway Suite 250 Pleasanton, CA 94566 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 March 17 2026. (PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

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ABREW REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION
ABREW CONSTRUCTION
ABREW REPAIRS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 620921
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ABREW REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION ,
2.) Abrew Construction , 3.) Abrew Repairs ,
located at 1228 Quarry Lane Unit D
Pleasanton, CA 94568, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
KEVIN ABREW
1228 Quarry Lane Unit D
Pleasanton, CA 94568
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/31/2006
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 18 2026.
(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

SONKKE
SONKKE, USA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621052
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SONKKE , 2.) SONKKE, USA , located at 2 BENMORE DRIVE, HAYWARD, CA 94542, ALAMEDA County. Mailing Address: 4847 Hopyard Road STE #4-446 Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ETHEL MATSHIYA-LAW
4847 Hopyard Road STE #4-446
Pleasanton, CA 94588
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 February 24 2026.
(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

3RDGEN BUILDING SYSTEMS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621112
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) 3rdGen Building Systems , located at 1230 4th st, Berkeley, CA 94710, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
3RDGEN HOME SERVICES
1230 4th st
Berkeley, CA 94710
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 February 25 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

YCD STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621214
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) YCD STUDIO , located at 1323 61ST ST, EMERYVILLE, CA 94608, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
YCD DESIGN GROUP INC.
1323 61ST ST
EMERYVILLE, CA 94608
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/07/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 02 2026.
(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

HELLO CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621537
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Hello Consulting , located at 19600 Stanton Avenue Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HELEN COLE
19600 Stanton Avenue
Castro Valley, CA. 94546
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 16 2026.
(PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

VARA BY KASH
VARA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621354
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) VARA BY KASH , 2.) VARA , located at 4133 Stanley Blvd Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JANICE JADWANI
4133 Stanley Blvd
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/09/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 09 2026.
(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

MATTHEW A SCHULTZ CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621389
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Matthew A Schultz Consulting , located at 4653 DEL VALLE PKWY PLEASANTON CA 94566, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MATTHEW A SCHULTZ
4653 Del Valle Pkwy
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 March 09 2026.
(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

EAST BAY RETAIL SOLUTIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621043
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) East Bay Retail Solutions , located at 1087 Murrieta Blvd APT 330 Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MAHER GENERAL TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES LLC
1087 Murrieta Blvd APT 330
Livermore, CA 94550
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 23 2026.
(PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

NUOC MAMI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621433
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Nuoc Mami , located at 690 Fargo ave #12 San Leandro, CA, 94579 , Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RED RIVER MARKETING LLC
690 Fargo ave #12
San Leandro, CA, 94579
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 March 10 2026.
(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

PICO TRANSPORTS LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621316
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Pico Transports LLC , located at 7292 San Ramon Rd 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):
PICO TRANSPORTS LLC
7292 San Ramon Rd
Dublin, CA 94568
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 06 2026.
(PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

CALIBRATE CHIROPRACTIC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621303
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Calibrate Chiropractic , located at 533 Peters Ave Suite 100 Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BRADLEY FRANCIS
533 Peters Ave Suite 100
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 March 05 2026.
(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

ARISTA EXTERIORS
ARISTA EXTERIOR SYSTEMS
ARISTA SIDING SYSTEMS
ARISTA DECKING SYSTEMS
ARISTA ROOFING SYSTEMS
ARISTA SIDING & DECKS
ARISTA SIDING & ROOFS
ARISTA SIDING & EXTERIORS
ARISTA EXTERIORS CORP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621396
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Arista Exteriors , 2.) Arista Exterior Systems , 3.) Arista Siding Systems , 4.) Arista Decking Systems , 5.) Arista Roofing Systems , 6.) Arista Siding & Decks , 7.) Arista Siding & Roofs , 8.) Arista Siding & Exteriors , 9.) Arista Exteriors Corp , located at 5118 Monaco Dr Apt D, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ARISTA EXTERIORS CORP
5118 Monaco Dr Apt D
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 March 09 2026.
(PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

STARFISH CIRCLES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621074
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Starfish Circles , located at 5227 Crestline Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CONTRIBUTIONISM LLC
5227 Crestline Way
Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/20/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 24 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

OLCZAK BUILD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621225
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Olczak Build , located at 3308 Adeline St, Berkeley, CA 94703, Alameda County.
Mailing Address: 6436 Irwin Court Oakland, CA 94609
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
OLCZAK GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.
3308 Adeline St
Berkeley, CA 94703
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 March 03 2026.
(PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

DMC SOUNDS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621113
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) DMC SOUNDS , located at 2452 MISTLETOE DR, HAYWARD, CA 94545, ALAMEDA County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
KRISHNEEL CHAUDHARY
2452 MISTLETOE DR
HAYWARD, CA 94545
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 February 25 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

COUNTRY COWBOY COFFEE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 620794
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Country Cowboy Coffee , located at 4299 Valley Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 413 4th Street Petaluma, CA 94952
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
WISE & WHETSTONE COFFEE LLC
413 4th Street
Petaluma, CA 94952
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 February 11 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

VITALITY BOWLS LIVERMORE
VITALITY BOWLS LIVERMORE #020
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621003
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Vitality Bowls Livermore , 2.) Vitality Bowls Livermore #020 , located at 2175 First Street Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.
Mailing Address: 751 Los Pinos Ave Milpitas, CA 95035
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANJALI FOODS LLC
751 Los Pinos Ave
Milpitas, CA 95035
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/04/2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 20 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

ATAPSEWA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 620508
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ATAPSEWA , located at 3388 Hartwell Ct., Pleasanton CA, 94588, Alameda County.
Mailing Address: 4682 Chabot Dr. #10012 Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SELFLESS HUB
4682 Chabot Dr. #10012
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization:
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/25/2021
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 29 2026.
(PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

FLIGHT NAILS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621058
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Flight Nails , located at 7284 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.
Mailing Address: 27611 Miami Ave Hayward, CA, 94545
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RL HOLDINGS LLC
27611 Miami Ave
Hayward, CA, 94545
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 February 24 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

ANT HILL GUITARS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621023
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ANT HILL GUITARS , located at 1222 Victor Ave, San Leandro, CA 94579-1147, Alameda County.
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JOSEPH BALL
1222 Victor Ave
San Leandro, CA 94579-1147
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 February 23 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

TOTALLY NOTARY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621124
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Totally Notary , located at 205 Main Street, Suite J, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 6806 Corte Nuevo Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HELEN BERENICE WARDALE-MOGAN
6806 Corte Nuevo
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 18, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 25 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

TOTALLY NOTARY AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION SERVICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 621123
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Totally Notary And Vehicle Registration Service , located at 205 Main Street, Suite J, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 6806 Corte Nuevo Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HELEN BERENICE WARDALE-MOGAN
6806 Corte Nuevo
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 February 25 2026.
(PLW Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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.: 26CV175826

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: MICHAEL JAY AASEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MICHAEL JAY AASEN to MICHAEL DALE AASEN

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: 05/08/2026, 9A.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: 03/12/2026 JUDGE TO BE ASSIGNED JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Mar 27, Apr 3, 10 and 17, 2026)

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

Case No.: 26CV173276

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: BRITA MAGDALENA SCHORMANN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

BRITA MAGDALENA SCHORMANN to BRITA MAGDALENA JOHANSSON

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: APRIL 24, 2026, 9:00 A.M., HAYWARD BRANCH of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR ST, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY Date: 02/26/2026 HON. MICHAEL RISHER JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

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

Case No.: 26CV175353

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: ASHLEY BROWN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ASHLEY MAY BROWN to ASH MAILEEN BRIGHT

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: 5/15/2026, 9:00 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY Date: 03/13/2026 MICHAEL MARKMAN JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 and 10, 2026)

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

Case No.: 26CV173766

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Andy Lin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

AMELIA HWA LIN to AMELIA HWA TSAI-LIN 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: May 8, 2026, 9am, 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: March 5, 2026 Thomas Nixon JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLW Mar 13, 20, 27 and Apr 3, 2026)

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

Case No.: 26CV171294

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Yanting Liao and Wing Tai Tse filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LAWRENCE JIAHUA TSE to LAWRENCE JIAHUA LIAO ADELINE JIALING TSE to ADELINE JIALING LIAO

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Old Faithful: Richard and Judy Davis, and Natalie and Larry Nonn brought the Pleasanton Weekly to Yellowstone National Park to watch the Old Faithful geyser.

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CALENDAR

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year-round. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 206 South J St.

Talks

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF AMADOR AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON This event offers a gathering for book lovers and aspiring writers alike. Join for a gourmet sandwich and salad buffet and meet acclaimed authors with book sales, signings and raffle prizes. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 11. Garré Vineyard & Winery. Visit towncenterbooks.com.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Join via Zoom where speaker Dawn Kosmakos discusses Genetic Genealogy Case Studies, including three interesting, but very different case studies. 7 p.m., April 13. Visit l-ags.org.

MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR Celeste Campos-Castillo, Ph.D. presents What Do We Know About AI Companions and Their Impact on Young People? She'll define artificial intelligence (AI) companions and discuss what we currently know about how young people are using AI companions and the benefits and risks. 5:30-6:30 April 14. RSVP by April 13 at alanhufoundation.org.

Fundraisers

PAWS IN NEED TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER Gather friends & family for Paws In Need's first-ever Trivia Night Fundraiser. Enjoy trivia, food, wine and fun prizes, while supporting a great cause. 5-8 p.m., April 16. 3 Steves Winery. Visit paws-in-need.org/tickets.

WINGS OF HOPE GALA Join Tri-Valley Haven's Wings of Hope: Light the Way Gala, an evening of connection, dining and entertainment to celebrate and raise support for the rebuilding of the domestic violence shelter. 5:30 p.m., April 17. Shannon Community Center. Visit trivalleyhaven.org.

CITYSERVE LADIES NIGHT OUT Get dressed up and dance the night away to support an organization that makes a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families in the communities. Featuring a live DJ, photo booth fun, wine, tasty bites, signature cocktails and more. 7-10 p.m., April 18. Visit cityservecares.org.

PLEASANTON RUN FOR EDUCATION Hosted by PPIE (Pleasanton Partnerships in Education), the event includes a 10K, 5K, 2-Mile Run/Walk and a 1/4-Mile Kids' Challenge where proceeds support Pleasanton public schools. Begins at 8 a.m., April 19. For more information and to register visit ppie.org/runford.

HIKE FOR HOPE Hike for Hope is an annual memorial hike and fundraiser to raise crucial funding for patient care and to keep grief support services, dementia education and family caregiver resources at no charge. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 9. For more information, visit p2p.onecause.com/hikeforhope.

Seniors

WOOD CARVING Wood carving at the Pleasanton Senior Center is Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop-in fees apply.

BRIDGE AT PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Join for Bridge 12:45-3:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Drop-in fees apply.

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

KNITTING & CROCHET Knitting and crochet at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 9-11:30 a.m., Fridays. Drop-in fees apply.

DROP-IN MAHJONG AT RLCC American Version Mahjong meets 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays in the Sycamore Room. Free lessons are available if new to the game. Drop-in fees apply. Robert Livermore Community Center.

DROP-IN BRIDGE AT RLCC Join for Bridge in a friendly, relaxed setting, all experience levels welcome. 1-4 p.m., Thursday and Friday. Robert Livermore Community Center. Drop-In fee \$2.

Scholarships

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS The Rotary Club of Pleasanton invites Pleasanton High School Seniors attending and graduating from any high school or home schooled in Pleasanton to apply for its more than \$50,000 of scholarships to be awarded in 2026. Apply by March 31. Visit pleasantonrotary.org.

PLEASANTON MASONIC LODGE SCHOLARSHIP The Pleasanton Masonic Lodge is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school in Pleasanton with a record of volunteering, a minimum 2.5 GPA, attending a trade/technical school, two-year community college or four-year university/college in the fall term following graduation. Deadline April 7. Visit bit.ly/4jFLPNS.

BAY EAST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP The Bay East Foundation Scholarship is to support and finance the higher education of Bay Area students and enrich their academic and professional careers. Open to those with a primary residence in Alameda or Contra Costa County with a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Apply by April 26. Visit bayeast.org/bay-east-scholarship.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS The Local Scholarship Foundation of the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women awards up to four scholarships of \$2,500 to women entering one of their final two years of college. Apply by May 1. Visit lpd-ca.aauw.net/activities/scholarships.

Support

VETERAN SERVICES EVENT Pleasanton Library hosts the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach Team and accredited Alameda County Veterans Service Office representatives open to veterans, dependents and survivors. Veterans will need Form DD-214 for new enrollments and a list of current medications. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 30.

SOUPER TUESDAY FREE LUNCH Souper Tuesday Free Lunch through City Serve. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesdays. CityServe of the Tri-Valley, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

Real Estate

Myth vs. reality: What's really holding back homebuyers?

'They often just lack clarity about what's possible and how to get started'

By **DEVIN DAVIS**

For many renters, homeownership feels increasingly out of reach, especially in the Bay Area.

New research shows the biggest barrier may not be desire, but instead misinformation.

According to data reported by the Center for California Real Estate, first-time buyers made up just 21% of the market in 2025, a historic low, compared to an average of 40% prior to 2008. At the same time, today's first-time buyers are entering the market later than ever, with a median age of 40, up from 29 in 1981.

"Even though prices in the Bay Area can be daunting, people don't lack interest in buying, they often just lack clarity about what's possible and how to get started," said Bill Espinola, 2026 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.



Devin Davis

"There really is a real gap between perception and reality."

Myth: You need a 20%-25% down payment

Many renters believe they need to put down about 25% to buy a home while the typical first-time buyer puts down about 10%.

Adding on to the issue, 84% of renters truly don't know how much they would qualify for in a home loan, and 83% are unaware of what first-time buyer or low-down-payment programs may be available in their area.

"There are various programs, different loan types, or local city and county assistance programs that can make a real difference," Espinola said. "Certain programs can even be layered with conventional financing. The true barrier is often lack of awareness, not eligibility."

Myth: Renting is the safer financial choice

A little more than half of renters are considered cost-burdened,



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meaning they spend 30% or more of their gross household income on housing. Some 78% say they want to own a home in the future, yet 57% continue renting because they believe they can't afford to buy.

So where should you start?

Espinola says the first step isn't scrolling listings, it's starting a conversation.

"Talk to a local Realtor or a

trusted lender," he said. "You don't have to be ready to buy tomorrow or even have to start looking at homes. The goal is simply to get your questions answered."

He added, "A short conversation can help you understand what you might qualify for, what programs are available, and what a realistic monthly payment could look like. That clarity alone can change how you really look at everything."

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education shifts the focus from fear to facts.

"When buyers understand real numbers instead of myths, the conversation moves from the overall prices to possibilities available," he said. "Homeownership may be closer than you think, but you won't know until you ask." ■

Editor's note: Devin Davis is a public affairs specialist for the Bay East Association of Realtors, which is based in Pleasanton.

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan 12-23 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Feb. 17-27 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 1550 Calle Enrique** Veit Family Trust to D. Fletcher for \$860,000
- 2891 Calle Reynoso** T. & K. Sleek to K. & M. Jiang for \$2,020,000
- 3099 Casadero Court** Joyce Trust to Sultana Family Trust for \$715,000
- 2947 Chardonnay Drive** Leal Family Trust to Varinder & Harneet Trust for \$2,160,000
- 540 Hamilton Way** Mirande Trust to Cedarcross Properties LLC for \$1,900,000
- 2531 Leona Place** Neuer Living Trust to K. & D. Mckinnon for \$2,750,000
- 3801 Mohr Avenue** M. & R. Moysen to O. & W. Saldanha for \$2,568,000
- 8165 Mountain View Drive #C** Vidco Survivors Trust to F. & N. Borrillo for \$482,000
- 7444 Pecan Court** A. Marie to A. & K. Karimanal for \$1,450,000
- 653 Saint Mary Street** Tsao Family Trust to M. & R. Moysen for \$2,810,000
- 4050 Silver Street** Helmgren Trust to K. & B. Selvaraj for \$1,450,000
- 5145 Springdale Avenue** Thompson Family Trust to S. & X. Xiao for \$1,300,000
- 2634 Casalino Court** Rhodes Family Trust to Chockkalingam Trust for \$3,660,000
- 7519 Driftwood Way** D. Hotaling to H. & S. Maddala for \$1,540,000
- 1265 Kolln Street** Jotten Trust to Arch St LLC for \$1,210,000
- 459 Saint Mary Street** Powers Trust to Cashen Family Trust for \$3,300,000

Livermore

- 1307 Belfast Court** Kersey Living Trust to M. & P. Malhotra for \$1,280,000
- 512 Covington Way** L. Thomas to Mns Capital Growth LLC for \$700,000
- 938 Hanover Street** Mumford Family Trust to B. Ortiz for \$879,000

- 1173 Marigold Road** M. & N. Soifer to J. & S. Wier for \$850,000
- 46 Meritage Common #202** Langford Trust to J. & G. Cleary for \$690,000
- 1821 Paseo Laguna Seco** K. & J. Vandermate to S. & J. Carter for \$575,000
- 2691 Thomas Court** M. Ramsey to N. & A. Aggarwal for \$2,422,000
- 2908 Worthing Common** Tam Family Trust to L. & B. Fantozzi for \$977,000
- 343 Anna Maria Street** Pons Living Trust to T. Ametrano for \$1,200,000
- 513 Briarwood Court** R. Escareno to C. & D. Falletti for \$1,355,000
- 666 Buckeye Drive** J. & R. Watson to S. & A. Gonzalez for \$1,042,000
- 5163 Charlotte Way** Kurtzer Trust to Sc Homes 321 LLC for \$900,000
- 1767 Embassy Circle** B. & U. Pudasaini to S. & H. Hora for \$1,620,000
- 578 Regulus Road** Saxton Trust to N. & S. Priyadarshi for \$2,200,000
- 5665 Victoria Lane** Madsen Trust to L. & J. Gallegos for \$2,000,000

Dublin

- 7081 Ann Arbor Way** K. Porter to Summit Ridge Ventures LLC for \$1,056,000
- 7213 Calistoga Lane** S. Tjoa to I. & V. Balakrishnan for \$1,330,000
- 4682 Central Parkway #40** Brien Trust to C. & L. Lam for \$775,000
- 11862 Dublin Green Drive** X. Smith to B. & J. Park for \$1,350,000
- 3885 Highpointe Court** S. Zeng to Y. & H. Fan for \$2,325,000
- 5761 Huntley Avenue** J. Tan to J. & H. Kim for \$1,343,000
- 6988 Lancaster Road** L. Vanho to J. & G. Lopez for \$1,290,000
- 3135 Vittoria Loop** M. Lee to C. & P. Zhang for \$1,250,000
- 5971 Cannon Road** Augustin Living Trust to M. & M. Tesfaye for \$975,000
- 7608 Canterbury Lane** M. & E. Asfour to M. Chanderh for \$1,034,000

- 4153 Clarinbridge Circle** Muscardin Property Dev LLC to Suziuki Carolyn A for \$625,000
- 7505 Frederiksen Lane** J. Macdonald to A. & C. Dwarkanath for \$979,000
- 7347 Ione Court** L. & J. Gallegos to B. Tran for \$1,300,000

San Ramon

- 2629 Celaya Circle** L. & R. Baker to T. & B. Mendoza for \$1,450,000
- 2563 Marsh Drive** Hart Trust to Hsia 1996 Trust for \$1,200,000
- 20 Pamplona Court** Lorenzen Trust to X. & C. Um for \$1,355,000
- 128 Pebble Place** Soliterman Family Trust to E. & V. Lextrait for \$1,680,000
- 1020 Quartermaster Canyon Road** S. Yang to K. & D. Byun for \$2,095,000
- 6 San Pedro Place** Flipur Inc to G. & M. Choy for \$1,625,000
- 6152 Alpine Blue Drive** E. Lu to Varadharajan Trust for \$1,825,000
- 2724 Bollinger Canyon Road** L. & B. Hurley to M. & R. Schmidt for \$810,000
- 2190 Canyon Lakes Drive** J. Chen to D. & A. Chaturvedi for \$1,410,000
- 107 Compton Circle #A** J. & H. Alliston to R. & Q. Wang for \$585,000
- 222 Copper Ridge Road** N. Vutukuri to B. Johnson for \$695,000
- 3683 Crow Canyon Road** Simha Trust to 3683 Crow Canyon LLC for \$670,000
- 9829 Davona Drive** Community Equity Group Inc to E. & J. Belen for \$1,450,000
- 633 Lomond Circle** Mendieta Family Trust to C. & A. Bhatt for \$2,315,000
- 530 Marlboro Court** G. Narwani to Jcrevocable Trust for \$1,270,000
- 326 Meadowood Circle** Jsc Survivors Trust to K. Krishna for \$1,065,000
- 118 Neptune Place** Guaraglia Trust to Carter Trust for \$900,000
- 4728 Norris Canyon Road #204** M. Portugal to K. Lai for \$705,000
- 130 Reflections Drive #28** Singhs Trust to E. Bungart for \$460,000
- 2042 Tarragon Rose Court** E. & P. Yee to M. & S. Yang for \$1,225,000
- 106 Triana Way** Dong Living Trust to S. & B. Thumma for \$1,200,000
- 249 Zinnia Court** Chaturvedi Family Trust to R. & J. Recherla for \$2,375,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Jan. 12-23)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$482,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,660,000
Average sales reported: \$1,885,937

Livermore (Jan. 12-23)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$575,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,422,000
Average sales reported: \$1,245,999

Dublin (Jan. 12-23)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$625,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,325,000
Average sales reported: \$1,202,461

San Ramon (Feb. 17-27)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$460,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,375,000
Average sales reported: \$1,242,954

Source: California REsource



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