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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Remembering James Doty

The man who led the Tri-Valley's military base during a critical time in its transition into the Camp Parks that we know today died under truly chilling circumstances earlier this summer in Texas.

Retired Army Brig. Gen. James H. Doty Jr. was hospitalized and later slipped into a coma nearly a week after he was attacked and robbed of cash he'd withdrawn by assailants who followed him from the credit union to another business, ultimately passing away from his injuries on July 12, according to police in his hometown of Cibolo, a suburb of San Antonio. He was 61.

Doty served as commander of Camp Parks in Dublin when he was a colonel from 2003 to 2005.

"The transition from World War II-era to modern facilities at Camp Parks is the legacy of Col. Doty and those that followed him," Guy Houston, former Dublin mayor and State Assembly member, told me earlier this week. "Col. Doty was an integral part of the community during his time in Dublin and we are all saddened by his unexpected passing."

While the circumstances of his death received some coverage around San Antonio, including the ongoing police search for the assailants, it appears no one in the Bay Area has reported about it thus far. Not too much of a surprise, I guess, considering Doty's tenure in Dublin ended nearly 20 years ago.

It only came upon my radar via a tip from a local resident tied into the military and veteran communities last week. But as I started researching and asking around, I found Doty left an indelible mark on the base in just two short years.

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area "would not be the exceptional garrison it is today without the efforts of Brig. Gen. Doty," the Camp Parks command team told me in a statement Monday.

Doty led Camp Parks during its transition from Combat Support Training Center, Installation Management Agency to Parks Reserve Forces Training Area as it is now known. He was also instrumental in the creation of Village at Camp Parks, a residential area that houses more than 100 military families assigned to PRFTA and elsewhere in the Bay Area, current command staff said.

"Everyone who serves at Camp Parks is treated as a member of the team and more importantly a

member of the family, and we were tremendously saddened by the passing of Brig. Gen. Doty," they added.

A Kansas native, Doty served for 33 years — from joining the Army National Guard as an 18-year-old until retiring from the Army Reserve nearly a decade ago, according to an obituary from his family.

His military career took Doty and his family to posts in Texas, Georgia, Virginia, Hawaii, Colorado and California. He served at the Pentagon on three separate occasions, including at the time of the Sept. 11 attacks. In retirement, his final "assignment" was commanding Chapter 61 of the Disabled American Veterans in Seguin, Texas, according to his obituary.

Family, friends and colleagues remembered Doty at a memorial service at his local DAV facility on Aug. 5. He is set to be interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery soon, according to his obituary. Doty is survived by his wife of over 40 years Charlotte, three sons and six grandchildren.

"He had an unequalled passion for helping wounded warriors," his family wrote. "Jim was a good man with a kind heart, who freely told people how much he loved them and how proud he was of them. He gave his everything for the people he loved. Recent tragedies and hardships left him restless, but he is now at peace."

The investigation into his death remains ongoing, according to Officer Matt Schima, public information officer for Cibolo Police Department. The case is currently classified as a robbery, pending the results of Doty's autopsy.

"It is still an active investigation and those involved are still at large. We have some promising leads and are following up on them," Schima told me this week.

As Cibolo Interim Police Chief John Wells said in a statement at the time the case was publicized for the first time on July 25, "Unfortunately, incidents of 'bank jugging' are on the rise across the country. We want to encourage everyone to always be aware of your surroundings, especially when withdrawing money from a banking institution."

"Mr. James Doty was a long-time civil servant and resident in the Cibolo community and our thoughts and prayers are with his family," Wells added. "Our detectives have made this case a top priority and are diligently working to identify the suspects responsible." ■

## About the Cover

Game action from the matchup of Amador Valley and Foothill high schools last year. The 2023 season kicks off for both Pleasanton football squads this Friday night. Photo by Bruce Baesemann. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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**What is your passion project? Something you do outside of work that you find very important and meaningful and that you feel gives your life purpose.**



**Zina Yu** *Lawyer*

My passion project is to keep myself happy. As a mom, wife and attorney, I have a million responsibilities, but I always try to find time to do something I like, such as reading, taking a walk, working out or just being alone. I even sometimes travel with my best friend. My husband needs to pick up more responsibilities when I'm away, but he knows that "happy wife/mom equals happy life."



**Shelley Crayton, with Mason** *Case manager*

At this point in my life, my sweet little grandson is my passion project. I take care of him once a week while my daughter and son-in-law are at work. I take my role very seriously and hope that that gives my daughter tremendous peace of mind when she and her husband are away from home during the day.



**Fabian Jacquet** *Manager/server*

My passion project is still in the idea stage, which is to someday build a sanctuary/rescue center for animals in need, especially dogs, where they can be cared for and loved. I currently volunteer as a foster caregiver for three Huskies. My goal is to do for many other animals what I do for them.



**Jeremy Linda** *IT support*

For the past decade or so, my passion project has been a YouTube channel where I play scary video games that other people are afraid to play. They get a vicarious thrill, and I've had the opportunity to meet many other YouTubers and help them raise money for their various charities.



**Tyler Fredendall** *Theater manager*

I'm studying film, trying to learn all aspects of this medium, especially writing and directing. In my free time I write movie scripts. Once I've honed my skill enough, I intend to pitch my scripts.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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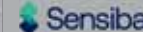
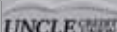
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## DIGEST

### Goodguys car show

The Goodguys Rod & Custom Association is presenting its “crown jewel” event of the year, the West Coast Nationals, this weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Billed as “California’s biggest Hot Roddin’ Party of the Summer”, the showcase will bring together more than 3,000 classic cars and trucks ranging from vintage hot rods, to lowriders to muscle cars to pro-touring street machines, according to organizers.

In addition to the familiar car displays, giant swap meet with vintage parts and cars for sale, and the kids zone with games and crafts for youngsters, the West Coast Nationals will feature special competitions including the CPP AutoCross, Burnout Contest and Nitro Thunderfest exhibition.

The 36th West Coast Nationals will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Friday and Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Visit [good-guys.com/wcn](http://good-guys.com/wcn).

### Surveys for seniors

Alameda County residents 55 years old and up are able to have their voices heard on key issues relevant to their lives in a pair of online surveys for older adults by the county and state, respectively.

The county’s Area Agency on Aging puts together a “Countywide Area Plan for Older Adults” every four years, and as part of the current process, county officials have released a questionnaire to solicit feedback through Sept. 30. Go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACCWAP24-28](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACCWAP24-28).

On the state side, the California Department of Aging is conducting its first-ever statewide needs assessment for older adults. Its community survey is now open to all residents 55 and older until this Monday (Aug. 28). Visit [aging.ca.gov](http://aging.ca.gov).

### Hike with Swalwell

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) is hosting his annual “Hike with Your Rep” event this Saturday (Aug. 26), a two-mile walk at Lake Chabot in Castro Valley (17600 Lake Chabot Road) starting at 8:30 a.m.

“We will walk and talk along the way and pause along the way for a congressional update. Please bring sunscreen, water and wear comfortable shoes,” Swalwell’s office stated. To learn more, call 510-370-3322.

Then at noon, the congressman is holding a resource fair for the Afghan immigrant community in the East Bay “to help answer questions and provide resources to newly arrived Afghans.” The event will be at the Ralph & Mary Ruggieri Senior Center in Union City. ■

## Pleasanton to poll resident interest in potential city bond measure

After public engagement drive, council will decide whether to place issue on 2024 ballot

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council is moving forward with conducting a poll to see what city infrastructure and capital needs residents would prioritize and whether they would support funding those projects through a potential revenue bond measure on the ballot next year.

The idea for pursuing this revenue bond first came out of the March 21 council meeting where the dais directed staff to look into possible revenue options so that the city could address infrastructure deficits and support ongoing city services and programs.

While the possibility of placing

such a bond measure — which would be a first for the city — is still in the early stages of gathering public desire, City Manager Gerry Beaudin said a bond could be one good option to address issues such as water quality and public repair projects while also addressing rising costs elsewhere in the municipal budget.

“In addition to rising costs related to the cost of goods and inflation and salaries, we also have rising pension costs,” Beaudin said during last week’s council meeting. “All of these factors have triggered the need for the city of Pleasanton to more proactively engage with how we generate revenue, to be able to

continue to offer the services and provide the personnel that the community expects of us

He added that along with a potential ballot measure — and other funding mechanisms — city staff have also been looking at internal costs and fees that the city charges its residents in order to provide services and city-run programs.

“We’re looking at expenses along with revenues,” Beaudin said. “This is not just one side of our balance sheet. We know that we need to look at how we do our work and find efficiencies there as well in order to continue to deliver services.”

Bonnie Moss, a consultant with revenue strategy consulting firm

Clifford Moss, led the presentation on Aug. 15 where she broke down the process for placing a revenue bond measure on the 2024 ballot, if that is what the council wants to do.

While the council did not actually vote on pursuing such a bond measure, they did agree to allow Moss to move forward with gauging public interest through a community poll.

She said that while Pleasanton is already in a sense a step ahead given that the city recently conducted a community survey where she and her fellow consultants can see what residents like and don’t like about things like city infrastructure and

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## Facing untested term limit gray area, Glazer won’t seek reelection in 2024

State Senate race now wide open with incumbent out

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tri-Valley State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) announced this month that his current term in the seat through next year will be his last, paving the way for a competitive race for an open seat representing local voters in California’s upper legislative house.

Glazer made the announcement on the Aug. 11 episode of his “Table Talks” podcast, putting an end to speculation for the moment about whether he would even be eligible to run for another full term — which, had he decided to do so, would have been a “test case” for state law surrounding term limits.

“I have this choice of whether or not I should run again, and I’m making the decision that I’m not going to do that,” Glazer said on the podcast.

The decision came despite loving his work in the position, Glazer said, where he won a special election in 2015 to fill the remaining 1-1/2 years of the term left by Mark DeSaulnier, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2014. Glazer subsequently won reelection to full four-year terms in 2016 and 2020.

An update to state law on term limits in 2012 referred only to years in a position, putting the cap at 12 years total among the State Senate and State Assembly,



Steve Glazer

FILE PHOTO

rather than containing explicit language on terms. Under previous legislation, Glazer said it had been clear that his time in the Senate to finish out the remainder of DeSaulnier’s term “wouldn’t count” against his term limit.

As it stands, the letter of the law would put Glazer’s 12th year in the middle of his term were he to win reelection in 2024, and thus lead to a midterm vacancy.

“The issue’s never been adjudicated, so I would be the test case,” Glazer said. “And I’ve decided that I don’t really want to create that dynamic, and so I’m not going to run for reelection.”

He added that one concern was that if he were to run for reelection, the “test case” dynamic could deter challengers for the seat and muddy the waters of the race, deterring potential candidates who might not want to get

in the way of his election to an additional term.

“If the court took action — and it would likely take action late in the process — and invalidated my candidacy, it would mean that the serious candidates wouldn’t be on the ballot, that you might have some fringe candidates remaining on the ballot, and I would prefer the voters to have the choice of the more serious candidates and not create that potential for chaos,” said Glazer, a former Orinda councilmember who has gained a reputation as a moderate California Democrat.

Glazer said that he would be looking into other offices he might be interested in serving, with his eyes on some in particular but no decision or campaign announcement so far. One option he said he was looking into was seeking to replace State Assemblymember Tim Grayson (D-Concord) for Assembly District 15, should Grayson be successful in a campaign for Glazer’s current seat that was also announced earlier this month.

Glazer said he would also be looking into the State Treasurer’s Office, in addition to exploring other opportunities. He unsuccessfully ran for state controller in the June 2022 primary election.

“I have a lot of energy and love for public service, so I’m hopefully going to find a good avenue to stay involved,” Glazer said. ■

## SteelWave eyes new commercial buildings

City reviewing app for annexation, rezoning in East Pleasanton

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

SteelWave LLC recently submitted an application to the city of Pleasanton to annex and rezone about 20 acres of land just east of the city’s border so that the developers can construct three commercial buildings.

According to city communications manager Heather Tiernan, the San Mateo-based real estate developer’s plans consist of the three buildings that would take up under 300,000 square feet on the piece of land just west of El Charro Road and south of Arroyo Mocho.

SteelWave senior managing director Steve Dunn, who oversees all real estate activities in the Bay Area, told the Weekly that right now, the development plans are “speculative, meaning we don’t know who the tenants are.”

Dunn also wanted to clarify that SteelWave owned that piece of land and that it has nothing to do with the other land that SteelWave had sold to Amazon in 2021, located to the south of the El Charro land.

According to Tiernan, the parcel will have to be rezoned to allow for light industrial and service

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## County grand jury in turmoil after DA's Office pulls support

Civilian group at odds with O'Malley and Price

By KEITH BURBANK / BCN

The previously empaneled Alameda County Civil Grand Jury was in disarray and was unable to complete two investigations before it ended its work this year.

The turmoil began last year when the Alameda County District Attorney's Office under former District Attorney Nancy O'Malley withdrew its usual assistance for the jury for an investigation into the District Attorney's Office, according to the final report by the jury.

The District Attorney's Office withdrew its support because it said the jury's investigation caused a conflict of interest with the office. The Alameda County Counsel's office stepped in to provide legal support for the investigation.

Then, when District Attorney Pamela Price took office in January, her office withdrew support for all investigations by the jury. Price's office said it had a conflict of interest but did not elaborate.

"We don't know why it happened," said Torin Fischer, the foreperson for the previously empaneled grand jury. "I'm not going to speculate. It did cause some frustration."

Investigations nearly stopped altogether when the support was withdrawn, according to the jury's final report, which provides the details of the investigations it completed during its 12-month term.

Jurists had to format, design and produce that final report because the District Attorney's Office never replaced the support last term.

"We were not able to progress as we would have liked," Fischer said.

Civil grand juries in each of California's counties investigate local governments to hold them accountable for working in the best interests of citizens. Last term, the civil grand jury in Alameda County

investigated Oakland's 911 system, and among other things, the misuse of information technology in the 2018 election cycle.

Details of each probe can be found at [grandjury.acgov.org](http://grandjury.acgov.org).

Alameda County Superior Court Presiding Judge Charles Smiley eventually secured legal support for the grand jury, but it was without it for about two months.

The legal support came from outside of Alameda County, Fischer said.

The Civil Grand Jury seats 19 members for a one-year term, which for Fischer and his 18 colleagues was up on June 28. A new jury has been empaneled, Fischer and a court spokesperson confirmed.

The District Attorney's Office early last month restored legal and procedural support to the grand jury when the new one was empaneled, according to the office.

The conflict of interest cited by the District Attorney's Office was related only to the previously empaneled grand jury, Fischer believes.

Janet Clark, who is with the Alameda County unit of the California Grand Jurors' Association, which checks whether local governments make reforms following a jury report, said she was "very much unhappily aware" when asked whether she knew what happened last term.

"The office was in constant turmoil," she said.

But Clark was pleased with the work the jury did last term, she said.

"We applaud the actual reports that were generated," Clark said.

It's unclear whether the new grand jury will finish the other investigation that the previous jury did not. Investigations are kept secret until they are complete. ■

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**BOND**

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other needs, a poll would better help them understand what voters will actually support when it comes to a bond measure.

"We were happy to see that in motion because that is helping to inform where we might go in a local revenue measure poll that we would be doing this fall," Moss said.

If the council, after several rounds of public engagement, sees voter support for a bond, then the city will have until Aug. 9, 2024 to file the measure with the county in order to place it on next year's general election ballot.

But Moss said it really all depends on where voters' priorities lay in a political and economic sense, which is why she said the data and research from the polls she plans to conduct is so important.

"The poll is a very, very highly predictive way to help us understand what is affordable for your community? What are the priorities that matter for your community?" she said.

One of the questions the council had for Moss was how a ballot measure could fund ongoing operations in the city.

"The city has different options, more than other public agencies," Moss said. "There are a number of different tax revenue options that can generate revenues. Some of them are capital only, like a bond would be capital-only. Others would go directly to the general fund. If it's a general tax, they would go to the general fund, and they would contribute to ongoing operations."

That was one issue cited by Vice Mayor Jack Balch, saying the idea of taxes could possibly not sit well with voters when looking at this potential ballot measure.

"We're on the front end of our assessment work. So the reality is that, yes, the word tax in a ballot measure package adds a level of complexity that a measure that doesn't have that word doesn't have," Moss said. "However, you've got to factor in what is the threshold for passage? Is it a simple majority? Or is it a two-thirds measure? A two-thirds measure has a much steeper climb. We also need to factor in what is your community willing or interested in funding?"

Balch also said that another challenge could be that the potential bond measure wouldn't provide as much relief to the city's general fund, to which Beaudin said that's where the city has to look at where they can make cuts.

"We know we have state-of-good-repair needs, and we need to find a funding source for those needs. And so how we've done it in the past is going to matter less as we look to the future, because salary savings and rainy day fund, all those things are getting tighter and tighter and dwindling," Beaudin said.

"Our goal here is to identify a new

way to pay for identified needs," he added. "Because we have those needs and because we will have to put money towards them, the funding source that we have available is the general fund. And so at some point, the conversation becomes what are we doing with general fund dollars today that we have to cut to be able to fund the needed capital improvements? If we don't find that alternate revenue stream, we're looking at the other side of the balance sheet."

That's why Balch said during his closing comments that the city needs to look at where it can cut expenses right now in order to address pension obligations.

"Expenses are rising faster than revenues, and it's a matter of fiscal responsibility and priorities," he said. "We have to cut expenses where we can now sooner than later to help provide the greatest buffer to weather the pension obligation challenges."

However, Councilmember Valerie Arkin said during closing comments

that with all of the capital projects and upcoming infrastructure issues such as addressing the PFAS, or forever chemicals, in the city's groundwater, cutting expenses is not going to fully help with future funding, which is why she was supportive of at least seeing what the community thinks about the potential bond measure.

"A lot of these things — especially like the water infrastructure, pension obligations — are very huge amounts of money," Arkin said. "Cutting a little over here, a little over here is not going to solve that issue. I think that's part of the reason we're having this discussion because we are in a situation now that we are faced with some very significant funding issues as we move forward."

"If we did a bond for water, that helps with that issue," she added. "But then we also will have more money freed up to pay off our pension obligations, to pay for something else in the community that we may want to pay for ... So I think this is definitely worth exploring."

Councilmember Julie Testa also expressed some of her own concerns about how much residents are currently spending on taxes, given that the city already has some bond measure for the school district. That's why she asked city staff to provide a complete analysis of the taxes that residents are paying in order to see that impact.

"I want to see the complete list of other bonds and property burdens that our residents already have, but I also want to see what other bond measures are headed to the ballot for 2024," Testa said.

But while Balch ended off with saying that Pleasanton would need to work on rebuilding the trust with its residents and showing that the council has its priorities aligned to those of the city's residents before even thinking about placing a bond on the ballot next year, the consensus from the council (except for Testa) was that getting started on the polling is still a good first step.

"A potential local revenue measure, I think based on what we've

heard tonight, is extremely worthwhile exploring," Councilmember Jeff Nibert said.

He said that even if the city doesn't go forward with pursuing the bond measure, the poll would at least be helpful in assessing the needs of the community.

Mayor Karla Brown ended the discussion with saying that given the financial impact from the pandemic to things like hotel tax, issues with PFAS, aging infrastructure in the city's water systems and other increases to salaries and pensions, the city must look at these different revenue streams and a bond might just be — if the community also agrees — the best move.

"We need to look for sources," Brown said. "So I absolutely support Ms. Moss's project to find out what the public wants and then if they are interested in a water infrastructure bond, for example. Then it's our job to somehow secure that and see if we can put that together and then bring that to our residents who demand and deserve clean water." ■



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# Niles Canyon Road set to be closed Saturday between Sunol, Fremont

Caltrans confirms detours due to daylong maintenance work

BY NICOLE GONZALES

Caltrans plans to fully close Niles Canyon Road, also known as Highway 84, between Fremont and Sunol for maintenance work on Saturday (Aug. 26) from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The closure is expected to give workers the chance to repair and clean parts of the road, as well as complete needed landscaping tasks. Caltrans has provided detour options to drivers in the surrounding areas.

"During the closure, crews will repair electrical lines, remove dirt and debris from right-hand shoulders, trim trees for road clearance and perform landscape

work including weeding, mowing and clearing plugged drains," Caltrans representatives said in a press release announcing the closure.

"California Highway Patrol officers and directional signage will be in place to guide motorists. Every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience, but motorists should expect delays," they added.

Alternative routes suggested by Caltrans are as follows.

Traffic from Pleasanton Sunol Road will be advised to take the on-ramp to southbound Interstate 680 and continue that way. Then, using the off-ramp to the northbound Highway 238

connector (Mission Boulevard), drivers can continue on the route.

A message board will be posted on I-580 to Highway 84 informing drivers of the lane closure.

From the southbound direction on Highway 238 (Mission Fremont), Caltrans will direct drivers to take the on-ramp to northbound I-680 and continue. Drivers are then instructed to take the off-ramp to eastbound Highway 84 to go toward Sunol.

For additional road and traffic updates visit the Caltrans website at dot.ca.gov. To see a live travel map of alerts and closures, visit quickmap.dot.ca.gov. ■



CHP-DUBLIN

A CHP officer saved this kitten that was stuck in a freeway wall crevice on Interstate 580 in Livermore.

## CHP officer rescues kitten running on I-580

Young cat later taken to East County Animal Shelter

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A small black kitten was running for at least one of its nine lives in the fast lane of westbound Interstate 580 in Livermore on Tuesday morning until a kind California Highway Patrol officer gave chase and saved its life.

The Dublin CHP office posted on its Facebook page, "CHP officer Piccinini saved a kitten on the busy

freeway this morning! The scared kitten was running in the traffic lanes of westbound I-580, west of N. Livermore Avenue. Our officer chased the kitten until it found a place to rest in a crevice on the freeway wall."

The CHP said Alameda County Animal Services responded and took the kitten to its next adventure at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin. ■



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## STEELWAVE

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commercial uses as well as "selected other uses such as a data center, life science uses, retail services and warehousing."

She also provided some insight as to how city services would apply to the area given that it is just outside of the city's borders and technically belongs to the county jurisdiction.

"If the city approved annexation of the property, the city would also provide municipal services to it," Tiernan added. "As part of the annexation process, Alameda County and the city of Pleasanton will negotiate a tax-sharing agreement, to determine the appropriate apportionment of future tax revenues between the city and county."

Dunn said there is no rush to get the annexation agreement done anytime soon given that the developers still have to go through the California Environmental Quality Act review and an environmental impact report still needs to be conducted for the parcel of land.

"If it's endorsed and approved, it will probably take anywhere from 18 to 24 months," Dunn said. "And

then we would be submitting for development applications thereafter. So it's nothing imminent, or even decided."

This is not, however, SteelWave first time applying for annexation and rezoning for that same piece of land.

According to Tiernan, the developers had submitted a preliminary application and then a formal application in 2017 for a similar annexation and rezoning of the same parcel of land and the construction of three similar buildings.

"At the time, anticipating a restart of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan process, the city recommended the application be considered as part of the broader EPSP," Tiernan said.

But then, those prior applications were ultimately withdrawn, Tiernan said.

The East Pleasanton Specific Plan, which sought to lay the policy groundwork for future development of more than 1,000 homes plus commercial and other uses, was halted by city officials in 2015 but has been debated for a possible restart in recent years. SteelWave property on the east side was excluded from the most recent city Housing Element update process. ■

# First Tri-Valley AI Summit to take place in Dublin

Bay Area tech leaders to discuss impact and future of artificial intelligence

By NICOLE GONZALES

Dozens of business, technology and research leaders from across the Bay Area are set to meet later this month at the inaugural Tri-Valley Generative AI Summit.

Organized collectively by Startup Tri-Valley, the city of Dublin and Rezolve.ai, the event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday (Aug. 29) at the Patelco Credit Union Corporate Headquarters in Dublin from 4-7 p.m.

The inspiration for a summit on artificial intelligence hosted locally was born from the minds of “Tri-Valley Startup” podcast hosts Hazel Wetherford and Yolanda Fintschenko. Following an episode recording of the show with guest Saurabh Kumar, the three began discussing the founding of such an event.

The organizers felt that Dublin would be the ideal place to host a meeting due its location, community and high volume of technology-forward businesses. The idea formed organically, according to the founders.

“Starting our company right here in our backyard in the Tri-Valley was a fantastic personal and business decision,” said Kumar, who is the founder and CEO of the Dublin-based operation Rezolve.ai. “By the end of recording the podcast, I realized that we should be doing more to highlight what a great place this is for companies working in artificial intelligence, such as Rezolve.ai.”

The Startup Tri-Valley hosts echoed this sentiment.

“We have so many exciting things happening in the City of Dublin and in the Tri-Valley,” said Wetherford, Dublin’s deputy city manager. “It’s important to highlight achievements of the companies that call Tri-Valley cities like Dublin home. Even more important is taking the opportunity they offer the community to learn from their expertise through events like the AI Summit.”

As its main event, the summit will host a panel discussion on the use and impact of AI technology in day-to-day scenarios.

Titled “A Resilience-Centered

Framework Built on Generative AI”, the panel will be moderated by Jason Sydow, a Pleasanton resident who works with the Palo Alto-based venture firm Next47.

“Our event will dig deep into how to use generative AI to build resilience into business and individual professional plans with local and regional experts,” organizers said of the panel. “We will have an interactive discussion to help you understand what generative AI can and can’t do, how to connect to experts and resources, and how to factor generative AI into your personal and professional resilience planning.”

Featured speakers of the discussion include Kumar, Google engineer Jamar Thomas, Workday manager of advanced research Monte LaBute and others. A network reception with snacks and refreshments will follow the panel.

“Artificial intelligence, particularly generative AI, has importance to every industry,” said Fintschenko, executive director of the i-GATE Innovation Hub, which is leading the Startup Tri-Valley

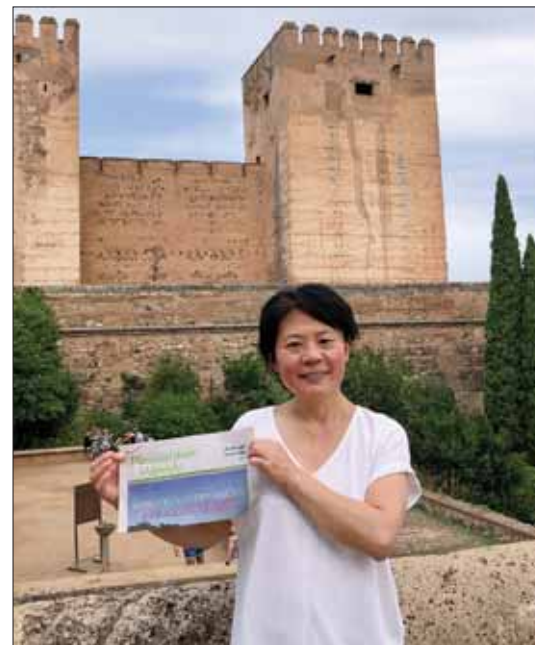
initiative. “Our Tri-Valley startup ecosystem is strengthened because we can connect experts in many deeply technical fields to each other and to the broader business community through events like this.”

Founders of the event have said it will be an amazing opportunity

for IT managers, business leaders and entrepreneurs alike to mingle. Visitors from the Tri-Valley, Silicon Valley and Bay Area regions are welcome to attend.

To find out more about the first annual Tri-Valley AI Summit or secure tickets, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**The heart of Andalusia:** Annie Lin took this photo on her trip to Alhambra, Granada, Spain this year, which she called “a snapshot that beautifully blends two worlds: the timeless charm of Alhambra and the familiar presence of Pleasanton Weekly. It’s a delightful fusion of local and global, reminding us that adventures await both near and far.”

## Bill proposing bridge toll increase for public transit paused by authors

Legislators vow to focus on developing other strategies

By OLIVIA WYNKOOP / BCN

A bill proposing a temporary toll increase for Bay Area bridges to fund public transportation has been shelved, its authoring legislators said Monday.

State Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Assemblymember Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City) said in a joint statement that State Bill 532 has taken a pause, and will instead focus their efforts on developing strategies for more transit funding for the next legislative session.

If passed the bill would have raised tolls by \$1.50 on seven Bay Area bridges for five years, starting in 2024. The estimated \$180 million in revenue would have been used to sustain funding for Bay Area transit agencies as federal emergency resources dry up post-COVID-19 lockdowns.

The bill was intended to give agencies enough time to continue services until they find a stable source of funding, which could potentially come in the form of a regional ballot measure in the future.

“While there was not enough time to reach a consensus on how to solve this looming problem, we made substantial progress on a solution,” Wiener said. “I will continue to make transit operations funding a major priority, and I look forward to continuing those discussions into the fall.”

The pause comes after multiple California representatives expressed concerns about the legislation unfairly impacting low-income residents, and that it would not provide sustainable solutions for public transportation agencies in the long-term.

Wiener and Wilson said that in response to the opposition, they will collaborate with Bay Area legislators in a working group to determine which transit funding proposals to

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RON ESSEX PHOTOGRAPHY

## Blessing of the Grapes 2023

Livermore Valley Wine Community hosted its annual Blessing of the Grapes at Las Positas Vineyards in Livermore on Aug. 16 ahead of harvest that is anticipated to begin in two to three weeks. The “Blessing of the Grapes” has been practiced for centuries in wine producing countries around the world and by many religions. Shown (from left): Brandi Lombardi, executive director of Livermore Valley Wine Community; Curt Pipes, chef and AGM at Las Positas Vineyards; Father Kwame from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; Pastor Josh Jonas, First Presbyterian Church of Livermore; and Rabbi Laurence Elis Milder, Ph.D., from Congregation Beth Emek.

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# Save Mount Diablo buys 10-acre Balcerzak Inholding property

Nonprofit closes escrow on \$1,075,000 deal for land near Curry Point

By TONY HICKS / BCN

The Save Mount Diablo organization has acquired the 10-acre Balcerzak Inholding property, east of Mount Diablo State Park's Curry Point.

The nonprofit conservation group said in a release last week it bought the property for \$1,075,000. It closed escrow on Aug. 8.

The Balcerzak Inholding is a small

knoll with steep slopes, nestled in an extremely rugged side canyon dropping from Knobcone Point into Curry Canyon, east of the State Park's Curry Point. It includes a log cabin house and other structures.

"It is a major deal acquiring and protecting one of the few remaining private land inholdings within Mount Diablo State Park," said Ted Clement, SMD's executive

director, in a statement.

"It is even more significant when you consider the time pressure and competition we had to face when the property was put on the market, and we were working to try and secure what had been an at-risk and beautiful inholding threatening Mount Diablo State Park," Clement said. "We are already working with our valued agency partners, California State Parks and the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, to get this land added to Mount Diablo State Park as soon as they can. Our terrific donors have also been reaching out to help us."

The group said the Balcerzak Inholding property was listed on a Monday and the SMD team lined up board approval, secured a loan, and took other steps to be in the running

for this land acquisition opportunity within a few days.

The 20,000-acre Mount Diablo State Park has five inholdings — private land surrounded by public land. The group said inholdings are a unique opportunity for the landowner: isolation, views and spectacular beauty surrounded by nature but with special challenges including fires, floods, wildlife, privacy concerns and public recreational use.

"From a park agency's perspective, private properties within parks create management challenges, impact resources and can conflict with recreational use," the organization said in its statement. The Balcerzak Inholding includes a large log cabin house, barns and outbuildings as well as four converging stream canyons and black oaks, blue oaks, chaparral, and fire adapted knobcone pine woodland, near SMD's 1,080 Curry Canyon Ranch property.

Reaching three miles up a steep dirt road from Morgan Territory Road near Clayton, as well as several fords of Curry Creek, the property

is closer to Blackhawk and Danville. There is not a more isolated house in a more isolated canyon on all of Mt. Diablo, the group said.

"Curry Canyon's side canyons are incredible," said Seth Adams, SMD's land conservation director. "We did our due diligence, but we could have practically bought this property sight unseen. We knew from our Curry Canyon Ranch property just how rich the biodiversity is—we've recorded over 800 species of wildlife there."

"There are big rocky sandstone cliffs, knobcone pine forest just above the property and cultural sites nearby. This inholding has been affecting hundreds of acres of the State Park. We're reassembling a gorgeous natural landscape."

The property was originally part of the six-lot Mann subdivision. "Backhoe Bob" Balcerzak purchased one of the lots in 1984 and built a large log cabin.

Later, five of the Mann parcels were purchased by the state in 1986 and 1987, completely encircling Balcerzak. Bob Balcerzak passed away in September 2022 and his wife, Barbara Ackerman, put the property on the market in June.

SMD says several new trail loops could be opened from the park across Curry Canyon Ranch. SMD said it needs to raise at least \$500,000 and hopefully more for the Balcerzak land acquisition project, for which SMD acquired a loan.

The land also needs a considerable amount of work, SMD said. ■

## Samuel Franklin Eccles

September 19, 1930 – August 8, 2023

Samuel Franklin "Lou" Eccles was born in Reno, Nevada to parents Forrest Walker Eccles and Bessie Kelly. He grew up on Ridge Street and Lee Ave., old Reno, and attended Reno High School. He played alto saxophone and while in high school organized a dance band. He completed his undergraduate work in Physics and Mathematics at the University of Nevada, Reno, receiving his B.S. degree in Physics in 1952. He continued with a Masters in Physics at LSU Baton Rouge in 1954. He received his PhD degree, with a thesis in experimental nuclear physics from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1958. He then spent a year in Amsterdam, Holland doing research at a nuclear physics institute. He served as assistant professor of physics at University of Nevada, Reno, for three years before joining the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory (now LLNL) in 1962. At Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory he worked in experimental low energy nuclear physics, in neutrino physics, in the top secret "Z Division", with offices inside of a vault, nature to the work never mentioned, and later worked in International Nuclear Proliferation and finally in the Beam Research Program. He was the author of a number of scientific papers on experimental nuclear physics. His memberships in honorary and technical societies include, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, and the American Physical Society. He retired from LLNL in 1990 but continued to work on his rental property and investments until shortly before his death.



Samuel was a multi-engine instrument general aviation pilot and found great pleasure in flying and enjoyed his long friendships with numerous Livermore Lab colleagues who were also pilots at Livermore Municipal Airport. In the late 1980s and early 1990s he served as air boss of the Wings for Charity Air Show program at Livermore Airport.

Samuel was married to Constance Lee Eccles from 1953 to 1990. They had two sons, Stuart and Mark. He remarried in 1992 to Katharine Anne Page, and after her retirement, they moved to Incline Village, Nevada. Samuel rekindled his love of tennis, and became an avid tennis player earning his membership in "FARTS", one of Incline's tennis clubs. They later moved to Reno keeping a seasonal home in Pleasanton. After a series of strokes, Samuel passed away in Pleasanton. He lies in rest at Mountain View Cemetery, Reno.

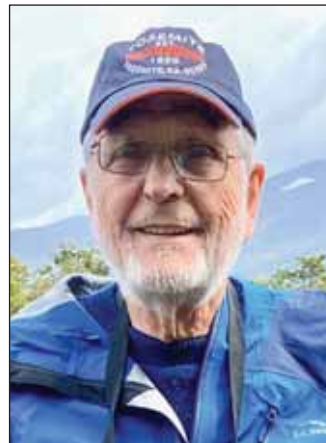
Samuel had two brothers: F. Kelly Eccles, Reno, Nevada, deceased 1994; and William Eccles, Reno, Nevada deceased 2021. Samuel is survived by his wife Katharine Anne and his two sons, Mark and Stuart, daughter in law, Kimberly and grandchildren Katja and Ethan. Samuel was loved very much by his family and will be greatly missed by all.

PAID OBITUARY

## Robert Brown

October 13, 1943 – August 6, 2023

Surrounded by his family, Robert (Bob) Brown passed away on Sunday, August 6th after suffering a heart attack on July 19th. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Donna, his two children, Julie (Randy) and Ryan (Julie), and his four grandchildren: Reece, Remy, Garrett and Summer. He loved all of them dearly. He joins his mother Debra, his father Hank, brother Tom and sister Shirley in heaven.



Bob was born on October 13, 1943 and grew up on the south side of Chicago. He went to Leo High School where he excelled in academics and athletics. After high school, Bob attended Illinois State University where he received a degree in education. In 1967, Bob and Donna moved to Hayward for a couple of years before settling in Pleasanton where they would spend the next 52 years. Bob received a masters degree in counseling from San Jose State in 1974. He went on to hold numerous positions in education at both Pleasanton Unified School District and San Ramon Valley Unified School District. In 2000, Bob retired from Pine Valley Middle School in San Ramon where he was a guidance counselor.

Bob loved the water and spent many summers fishing with his brother Tom. He was also an avid fan of boxing and football. The Oakland Raiders broke his heart every week and he loved watching the NFL draft every year with his good buddy Jerry Hill. Bob was also such a huge fan of Elvis Presley that his children know the lyrics to countless Elvis songs. Those that knew Bob knew him as a kind, empathetic, quiet, yet funny man who loved animals, nature and history. He was always up for a good political thriller or mob movie such as The Godfather. Bob's love of dogs has been passed down to his children and grandchildren, and we are grateful that he brought many wonderful dogs into our lives. Donna was the love of his life and luckily they had the opportunity to travel and explore all of the good things that this world had to offer before his unexpected passing. We will miss him very much, but know that he is with us at all times.

PAID OBITUARY

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pursue next legislative session that everyone agrees on. Potential proposals include state budget allocations, temporary toll increases and the regional transit funding measure, among other ideas.

"Increasing tolls can be a significant burden to Bay Area commuters who are already dealing with high cost of living, inflation, and other expenses. From an equity perspective, tolls can have substantial repercussions especially for those where public transit is not a viable option," Wilson said.

"We need to ensure there is accountability and verifiable data collection so that our proposed solutions are evidence-based and defensible to those being asked to bear the burden of this investment. I look forward to facilitating these discussions along with Senator Wiener in the Fall with interested members of the Bay Area Caucus," she added.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency said in a statement on social media that it found the pause "very disappointing" and a "blow" to their efforts to preserve Muni service.

"But we're going to keep fighting for the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on Muni every single day," the agency said. "We can't afford to lose transit." ■

# POLICE BULLETIN

## Knife store owner accused of having huge trove of illegal weapons

The owner of a knife store in Dublin was arrested on suspicion of multiple illegal weapon crimes and child endangerment, Dublin Police Services said last Friday.

On Aug. 11, Dublin police began investigating Dublin Knives on Dublin Boulevard for distribution of illegal weapons.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for both the business and the residence of its owner, 51-year-old Deepak Chopra of Livermore.

At the business, police allegedly found 2,000 illegal switchblade knives, approximately 40 rifles and handguns, body armor, four cane swords, 245 sets of brass knuckles and various other weapons.

A search of Chopra's residence allegedly uncovered 19 complete rifles of various makes and calibers, 25 assault rifle-style lower receivers, over 50 high-capacity magazines, .30 caliber machine gun parts and an assault rifle-style personally manufactured firearms jig used to manufacture unserialized firearms, or ghost guns.

On Aug. 17, police said they discovered a storage unit in Livermore belonging to Chopra they say contained an excess of 80 additional firearms including 50 rifles, 30 handguns, and a .30 caliber fully-automatic machine gun.

Chopra was booked into jail on suspicion of possession of illegal weapons and child endangerment, along with several additional charges, Dublin police said.

—Bay City News Service

### In other news

• A class action lawsuit has been filed on behalf of inmates at a low-security women's prison in Dublin that alleges sexual assault and abuse at the hands of prison staff.

The lawsuit brings allegations against the Federal Bureau of Prisons, officials at the prison — the Federal Correctional Institution Dublin — and multiple individual officers.

A criminal investigation by the Department of Justice in 2020 led to charges against eight former FCI Dublin officials, seven of which have now been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, sexually abusing at least 20 incarcerated women, the complaint said.

The lawsuit, filed on Aug. 16, says women in the prison have endured "rape and sexual assault; manipulation and sexual coercion, including officers entering into relationships with incarcerated individuals and officers forcing incarcerated individuals to undress in order to be released from cells or in exchange for goods; degrading sexual comments; voyeurism and sharing explicit photos; drugging, groping and other forms of abuse during medical exams; and targeted abuse towards immigrants under threat of deportation."

The plaintiffs, who include eight women currently incarcerated at FCI Dublin and an organization of current and formerly incarcerated women, the California Coalition for Women Prisoners, are seeking to remedy "systemic issues" that allow patterns of sexual abuse to persist, according to the complaint.

The women are represented by the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice, the nonprofit legal advocacy organization Rights Behind Bars and San Francisco law firm Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP.

"We cannot prosecute our way to a solution to the crisis at FCI Dublin," said Amaris Montes, an attorney at Rights Behind Bars, in the press release. "This isn't the case of a few bad apples, we need systemic change that ensures survivors are released and receive care that promotes safety for all those remaining inside."

The plaintiffs said they plan to seek an injunction asking the court to order the Bureau of Prisons to end retaliation against people who report staff misconduct as well as immediately remove staff who have "substantial claims" of abuse.

The injunction would also seek to establish more robust "community-based" medical and mental health care for incarcerated individuals at FCI Dublin, to ensure access to counsel which includes confidential legal calls and visits, and to support survivors' requests for release and visas for noncitizen victims of crime.

The injunction would additionally ask for an audit, regular inspections,

reports and ongoing monitoring of the prison by a third-party organization.

—Lydia Sidhom, Bay City News

• The Alameda County Board of Supervisors recently voted to reduce the jail time for spectators within 200 feet of a sideshow from six months to three months.

Board President Nate Miley said the original ordinance, which passed on July 11, inadvertently failed to include an amendment the board had voted on to lower the potential jail terms. "Because of this omission, a new second reading on the ordinance, as amended, is required," Miley said on Aug. 1.

The updated ordinance passed by a 3-1 vote, with supervisors David Haubert, Lena Tam and Miley voting yes. While Supervisor Elisa Marquez voted no, Supervisor Keith Carson was excused from the vote.

Supervisor Marquez, who also voted against the original law on July 11, has said drivers must be the target, not spectators.

"Increasing patrol and blocking areas where sideshows are going to take place has been a mitigated effort," she said during the July 11 vote. "I would prefer to see more work done than enforcing this ordinance."

Some attorneys have questioned the legality of charging people with crimes who are on public property and may or may not be viewing a sideshow. Alameda County Public Defender Brendon Woods has concerns, including whether the ordinance is even constitutional. He is also concerned about people of color, such as Black and Hispanic people, being swept up by law enforcement just because they are Black and Hispanic.

Aside from a possible three-month jail term, violators of the law can be charged with a misdemeanor and be fined up to \$1,000. Under the law, circumstances to prove a violation include evidence of prior acts of being present or attending a sideshow event in the last three years. ■

—Charles Ayitey, Bay City News

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Aug. 17

#### DUI

■ 1:17 a.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

#### Robbery

■ 7:27 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Auto theft

■ 11:24 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

### Aug. 16

#### Theft

■ 2:24 p.m. on the 1500 block of Via Di Salerno

■ 7:59 p.m. on the 800 block of Rose Avenue

■ 8:03 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

### Aug. 15

#### Assault/battery

■ 5:49 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

■ 1:45 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Vandalism

■ 7:50 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

■ 10:14 a.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 11:39 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Arson

■ 3:16 p.m. on the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

### Aug. 14

#### Burglary

■ 6:30 a.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Vandalism

■ 11:19 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 3:05 p.m. on the 700 block of St. Micheal Circle

#### Theft

■ 11:40 a.m., 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; shoplifting

■ 11:52 a.m. on the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 4:36 p.m., 5100 block of Franklin Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 5:21 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 8:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Fraud

■ 4:04 p.m. on the 200 block of Heritage Lane

### Aug. 13

#### Vandalism

■ 1:54 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

#### Domestic battery

■ 8:47 a.m. on Case Avenue

#### Theft

■ 11:17 a.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:44 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:52 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft

#### Fire

■ 10:58 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

### Aug. 12

#### Theft

■ 8:06 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

■ 11:32 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 12:43 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 1:03 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:23 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:30 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft



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## Salli Lou McQuaid

May 17, 1943 – July 31, 2023

Born May 17, 1943 to Mary Lou Randall (nee Robertson) and Hugh Simpson in Eugene, Oregon. Siblings Ronnie Randall (deceased), Greg Randall (Elmira, OR), Roxanne Reid (Noti, OR), Jeff Randall (Veneta, OR) and Vernon DuWell (Springfield, OR). Salli graduated from Cottage Grove HS, attended college first at the U of O and then San Jose State where she received an MA. Salli had three children: Jim Wiley (deceased), Colleen Wiley (Sweet Home, OR) and Darren Wiley (Dorena, OR). Salli met and married Mike McQuaid in 1987 and gained two stepdaughters Patricia Luperine (Pleasanton, CA) and Ann McQuaid (West Oakland, CA). In addition, she has been blessed with eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Salli trained in Korean Martial Arts and competed in a tournament in Korea. In addition, she wrote art and dance performance reviews for various SF Bay Area papers. Salli developed a small art publication while living in Pleasanton, CA. In 1999 Mike's job took him to The Woodlands, Texas (just north of Houston) where Salli began her development as an Art Quilter, producing her first quilt in 2006 and never stopped. Her work has been hung at The Foundry and Whitman College in Walla Walla and at exhibits across the country. One piece is still on tour having started in Tucson. Other works are in collections both public and private. Salli's quilts can be viewed on her website (artistwriter.com). It spans more than 15 years.

In 2010 Mike's work brought him to Walla Walla. While smaller than Houston, it was so much closer to the Oregon family, and she was able to visit them more frequently and they were able to visit too. She was happiest surrounded by the love of her family.

Salli's passing was unexpected. Her strong faith gives us solace knowing she is eternally well and with God.

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# FOOTBALL SEASON



## KICKING OFF

DONS PROHIBITIVE FAVORITES IN VALLEY DIVISION; FALCONS FACE TOUGH SLEDDING IN MOUNTAIN

STORY BY DENNIS MILLER | PHOTOS BY BRUCE BAESEMANN

**A**s we sit on the precipice of the beginning of a new high school football season, the outlook offers different directions for the Amador Valley and Foothill football teams.

The Dons are now the prohibitive favorites to win the East Bay Athletic League's Valley Division, while the Falcons by virtue of their back-to-back Valley titles, have been sent to the tougher Mountain Division.

As part of the Valley Division, the Dons will join Livermore, Granada, Dublin and Dougherty Valley. In the Mountain, the Falcons will meet San Ramon Valley, Monte Vista, De La Salle, Clayton Valley and California.

Amador went 1-4 in the Mountain last year, with Foothill going 4-0 in the

Valley, with a pair of nail-biters, beating Livermore 38-30 and Dublin 28-22.

"There is the level of competition issue," Foothill coach Greg Haubner said regarding the Mountain Division. "We know what we are up against. I have told the kids we are in the deep end of the pool, and we have to learn to swim with the best."

Haubner tried to stay in the Valley, along with Amador and the other Valley teams. It was a great mix of competitive games, and without a doubt, the best for the student athletes.

Amador Valley coach Danny Jones was all for it.

"We voted for Foothill to stay in the Valley," Jones said of the vote of coaches in both divisions that fell one vote short of keeping the Falcons in the Valley.

"We are looking forward to next year and being in the Valley with Foothill."

The divisions are set, and non-league games begin this Friday night (Aug. 25) with Amador hosting El Cerrito, and Foothill at home against Heritage. Both games are set for 7 p.m.

Let's look at both teams as they head into the season.

### AMADOR VALLEY

Business as usual for the Dons this year — big, strong and fast.

Once again, the offensive line is loaded.

"This is definitely our best position group," Jones said.

Cooper Longmire (6-foot-2, 275 pounds) is a junior and is set at left tackle. Tyler Barhite (6-1, 250) is a senior that will line up next to Longmire.

Granada transfer Paul Ti'a (6-1, 285) is a junior that is the Dons' center, but he has to sit the first five games because of the transfer.

On the right side of the line, Gio Kovacs (6-4, 290) is a senior that will be at right guard, with Villiamu Baker-Kline (6-2, 270) is a junior tackle.

Alex Santana (6-3, 240) and Nathan Albright (5-11, 265) are a pair of seniors that will feature prominently throughout the season on the line, with shuffling going on until Ti'a is eligible.

"They are big and get after it," Jones said.

At Amador, the tight-end spot has always been a big one, both as a receiver and a punishing blocker.

Sophomore McKay Kenitzer (6-2, 185) is penciled in at tight end, but it's

more of a three-headed monster with Cole Goldsworthy (6-3, 180), another sophomore, and senior Keaton Lai (6-1, 205) in the mix.

The Dons will arguably have the top quarterback in Jones' tenure with Tristin Ti'a, another transfer from Granada and the cousin of center Paul. And like his cousin, he will have to sit the first five games.

Calling the shots for the first five will be sophomore Aidan Foley (5-11, 170). Foley started for the Amador freshman team last year and was also a member of the Tri-Valley Babe Ruth team that won the World Series in the summer of 2022.

Leading the way at receiver is senior and three-year varsity starter Nate Jetter (6-3, 190). Jetter is a tremendous

athlete and will be a tough cover for defensive backs.

Jake Goldsworthy (6-1, 210) is a senior returning starter who will be catching passes out of the slot and the backfield.

Playing both the Z-receiver position, as well as running back, will be sophomore Anthony Harrington (5-9, 170) a player that started for the Amador varsity as a freshman last year.

The fullback will be a load to handle with senior Sean Cervantes (5-10, 180).

"He's a dog — a stud," Jones said.

The Dons took a big hit when kicker/punter Riley Balch graduated but have found a solution in junior Ethan Lang (5-11, 165). "He's been punting great, and his kickoffs go into the end zone," the coach said of Lang.



The Foothill stands were packed for last year's Pleasanton rivalry game. The two teams will play at Amador on Sept. 22 this year.



Amador Valley's Cole Goldsworthy fights for extra yards against Foothill last season.



**Left:** Game action from the matchup of Amador Valley and Foothill high schools during the 2022 season. The 2023 season kicks off for both Pleasanton squads this Friday night. **Above:** Erik Olsen is returning as starting quarterback for the Foothill Falcons.

**Amador Valley varsity schedule**

- Aug. 25 vs. El Cerrito, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 1 at Campolindo, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 8 at Acalanes, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 15 vs. Monte Vista, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 22 vs. Foothill, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at Novato, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 6 vs. Dougherty Valley, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 vs. Livermore, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 at Granada, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 at Dublin, 7:30 p.m.

**Foothill varsity schedule**

- Aug. 25 vs. Heritage, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 8 vs. American Canyon, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 15 at El Cerrito, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 22 at Amador Valley, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 29 vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 6 vs. Monte Vista, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 at Clayton Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 at De La Salle, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 vs. San Ramon Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 3 at California, 7 p.m.

On defense, the Dons will be looking for a lot of offensive players to come through.

On the defensive line it starts with Jayden Wood (5-11, 225) and Lai at the defensive ends. Longmire is a tackle and Kovacs lines up over the nose.

The linebackers are athletic and hit like a ton of bricks. Jake Goldsworthy is set as an outside linebacker with Cervantes and Romin Gates (6-0, 205) filling the middle spots. Gabe Gyamfi (6-3, 190) is the other outside linebacker.

The defensive backs are three of the top athletes on the team. Jetter and Harrington are on the corners, and senior Kurtis Thomsen (5-11, 175) is the senior free safety.

On paper the EBAL season sets up better for the Dons than it has the last few seasons, but Jones is having none of it.

“We feel good, and we are motivated,” Jones said. “You look around the division and Granada is getting better every year. Dublin and Livermore are always tough. We respect every team in the league. Our goals stay the same — we have to stay who we are.”

**FOOTHILL**

The Falcons face not only the promotion to the Mountain, but also face losing their top three position players — two to transfer and one to injury.

Chris Lawson started for the Falcons when he was a freshman and was dominant at both receiver and defensive back. In fact, he was in the top five players in the EBAL. But now in his junior year, Lawson was one of several high-profile players to transfer to Riordan-San Francisco.

Samear Lattier, a two-starter for the Falcons, was entering his senior campaign and left the school, transferring to Tracy.

Finally, Jackson Chandler, a big-time running back has just not gotten back to healthy after a serious injury.

“You really feel for Jackson,” Haubner said. “He’s a super-talented player and just a great kid. He really wanted to play.”

Despite the losses and the move to the Mountain, count on the Falcons to come into every game ready to battle.

Starting with the offensive line Haubner will look to a trio of players to lead.

Josh Taylor (5-10, 200) is in his third year with the varsity. “He plays fast, sawed-off, and angry,” Haubner said.

Jeremey Sousa (5-10, 235) returns at center, with Hayden Howard (6-1, 260) rounding out the top three.

“All of those guys are solid and get it done,” Haubner said.

Players like Quinn McCarn (6-0, 215), Laith Saah (6-3, 295) and Dhruv Suri (6-4, 230) — all seniors

— fill out the line.

“That’s a little more size than we traditionally have at Foothill,” said Haubner.

At quarterback Haubner will look to three-year starter Erik Olsen (6-4, 200) to lead the skill positions. “He’s got one of the biggest arms in the area,” Haubner said.

Running back will be a group effort with senior Charlie Stearns (6-1, 210), Andre Armendariz (5-10, 160) and senior Jake Patterson (6-0, 200).

Out wide will be senior Nathan Bodensteiner (6-4, 200) and junior Michael O’Donoghue (5-10, 175).

“It will be tough with the loss of Lawson, but these guys are working hard to pick up the pieces,” Haubner said, referring to the two-way star who transferred.

Matt Fields returns as the punter and kicker for the Falcons.

On the defensive side, Howard will be the key for the defensive line. “We’ve got to keep him gassed up and ready to roll,” Haubner said of Howard.

Taylor, Hunter Mutzel (6-1, 210) and Sousa will play major roles on the line.

At linebacker, the Falcons will look to Graham Zander (6-0, 200), Patterson and Brayden Brown (5-11, 190). The defensive backfield looks like it will be Armendariz and O’Donoghue at the corners, with Bodensteiner at free safety. Osmar Calderon, a sophomore, will also factor into the mix.

“We don’t have a lot of numbers,” Haubner said. “We will have to play slow football, eat the clock and be efficient in how we operate.” ■

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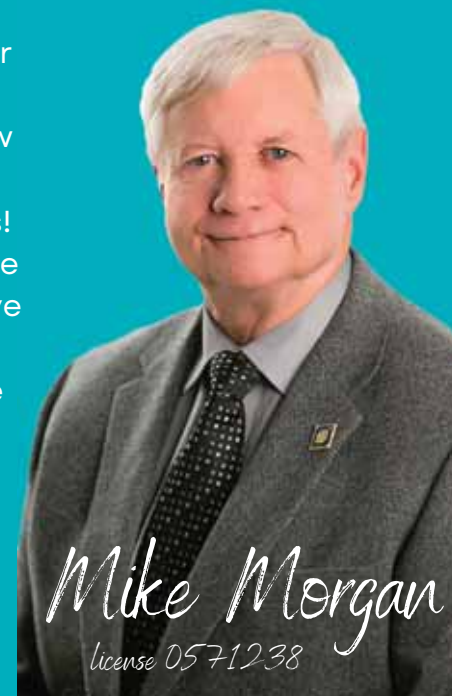
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The Museum on Main will be commemorating Amador Valley High School's centennial birthday with a special exhibit opening next week that will feature memorabilia and artifacts from Pleasanton's original high school.

Titled "The Don Century: Amador Valley High School 1923-2023," the exhibit will showcase everything from old cheerleader uniforms to building fragments from the original Amador classroom building, which was torn down in 1968, to a report card from Amador's first year of instruction — and so much more.

It will also feature clips from interviews with alumni as well as current and former faculty and staff in order to show just how much has changed over the century since the school first opened.

"The whole Valley has changed so much since 1923," Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan stated in a press release.

"When Amador was established, Pleasanton was still very much a small town in an agricultural region," he said. "When the second year of classes started — still in a temporary location as the Santa Rita Road facility began construction — the entire student body was only 90 kids, and at that time the service area included Dublin and Sunol."

## 'The Don Century'

Museum exhibit on Amador Valley High School's 100th birthday opens next week

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO



MUSEUM ON MAIN COLLECTION

This photo of the original Amador Valley High School building under construction in late 1923 is among the items on display in the Museum on Main exhibit recognizing the school's centennial.

MacLennan was referencing how the school was originally part of the Amador Valley Joint Union High School District — which led the efforts in building Amador high — and took in students from the surrounding Tri-Valley communities. Prior to the school being founded, most Pleasanton kids had to make the trip to Livermore High School.

In 1988 a ballot measure passed, which allowed the Amador high school district to

merge with the Pleasanton Joint School District in order to form the Pleasanton Unified School District.

The high school has since evolved into a top-ranked school that has grown along with the Tri-Valley's population.

Now, with the 100th year celebration coming up in September, MacLennan said alumni and the high school have been eagerly offering to lend items for the exhibit in order to show their piece of history from their time at the school. "We've recorded interviews with

several alumni covering seven decades of high school at Amador," MacLennan said, "They've lent us some wonderful memorabilia for the show."

Other items on display according to MacLennan will include letter sweaters, band uniforms, yearbooks and student newspapers and seating from the old auditorium

predating its renovation into the Amador Theater.

To mark the exhibit's opening, Amador alumnae and Museum on Main board president Kathleen Hart-Hinek will moderate a panel discussion with former and current Amador teachers and staff from 5-6 p.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 29).

Community members will get a chance to hear from the teachers and staff who witnessed the school's development over the past couple of decades. Some of the panelists for "A Discussion with Amador High School Dons" include current teacher Kevin Kiyoi, former principal Cyril Bonanno, former social studies teacher Barbara Norton, longtime library clerk Judy Rathbone Burt, former football coach Rick Sira and former basketball coach Don Underwood.

Due to limited space, residents will have to make reservations in advance on the museum's website. The event will also be filmed and made available on the museum's YouTube channel in September.

After the panel, the museum will also be hosting a free public reception for the exhibit on Tuesday (Aug. 29) from 6-7 p.m. Registration is not required.

The exhibit will then be open to the public through Oct. 7 during the downtown museum's normal business hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. ■



Clockwise from left: Letter-girl uniform lent to museum by Adalia Bozena Loder (class of 1970). Fragment from facade of original Amador classroom building. Amador girls' soccer team plays Foothill in November 1996. Amador faculty perform melodrama sketch in "Scholarship Frolics" benefit revue in 1960. Dons marching band prepares for winter performance in December 1996. Photos courtesy Museum on Main Collection.



# Livermore author completes Luke Ryder thriller trilogy

Latest mystery from John Bluck, 'Mayhem at Sea', rounds out series

By NICOLE GONZALES

Local mystery and thriller author John Bluck has celebrated the completion of a trilogy with the release of his latest novel. Bluck's series follows the main protagonist Luke Ryder, a game warden turned sheriff's deputy, as he finds himself in a series of action-packed adventures and uncertain circumstances.

The Livermore author's third installation, "Mayhem at Sea", chronicles the pirate hijacking of a cruise ship Ryder is on. Bluck spoke to the Weekly about his characters, writing inspiration and future novel ideas.

"I try to be entertaining with my work, so that it's not really like an expository essay or anything like that, but mainly just to entertain people," Bluck said.

While researching for his novels, Bluck tried to find interesting characters that would help advance the plots forward with conflict.

"What I did is I took a psychology book and picked out different personality types to create characters that would butt heads and create drama," he explained.

Bluck's work has received critical acclaim from various literary outlets, such as the New York Post. The East Coast publication recommended "Mayhem at Sea" among its top 20



John Bluck

"action-packed books to bring on vacation this summer."

The novel was also honored in July with an award from the Public Safety Writers Association.

Bluck's second book in the series, "Murder at NASA", also received a PSWA award. The middle installation follows Ryder undercover at a NASA center in California as he investigates a cold-case homicide.

The first book of the series, "Death in the Holler", was originally published in 2020. The novel introduces the Ryder character for the first time. It is here that he attempts to solve a murder that takes place on a Kentucky farm food plot.



Bluck began his writing career during the Vietnam War in which he was an Army journalist based out of Fort Lewis, Wash. Later on, he worked as a general reporter for ABC News Radio.

"I covered crime, many homicides, bank robberies and all that sort of thing. I saw a lot that way," Bluck said. The future novelist would then go on to work at NASA for over three decades in public relations.

"Following my work in radio and TV, and then at NASA, I met a lot of interesting people like astronauts and so forth," Bluck said.

He explained that his main character, Luke Ryder, grew up not fitting in and later experienced struggles in his life due to alcoholism.

"Luke Ryder is sort of an outcast. He lives in the holler, which is a valley in Kentucky," Bluck said. "He has a drinking problem, so he's struggling with that throughout each of these novels."

"Your protagonist, the main hero, generally speaking has to have some sort of fault that he or she has to work on bettering themselves. That's what Ryder is going through in these books," Bluck added.

"(But) Ryder is a good investigative talent, that's why he gets called to help or solve

these very tense situations."

The author said that having character flaws can make a novel more engaging and relatable to the public.

"That's part of writing a book, that your protagonist can deal with their fault and sort of overcome it or at least take a big step forward. I think that really helps the readers too because everybody seems to have some sort of fault and it's nice to relate to that," he said.

For his writing routine, Bluck says he prefers not to stick to a strict schedule but rather lets the ideas come to him when they do.

"I'm kind of a spur-of-the-moment type of person anyway. I'm not one of those people who gets up every morning to write at a specific time. A lot of writers do that and they have a routine, but I just write whenever I feel drawn to it," Bluck said.

Bluck often draws from his own unique professional experiences for his literary inspirations.

"I remembered flashes of things I saw during my career, or I'll think about tricky scenarios for Ryder," Bluck said.

Bluck plans to write more novels in the future and is actively plotting the next few he hopes to publish.

"I could certainly do another series or write about other subjects," Bluck said. "I hope I can continue writing books that entertain people (and) about things that interest me."

To contact or find out more about Bluck and his writing, visit his author page at [www.bluckart.com](http://www.bluckart.com). ■

# Splatter festival to light up Dublin

Annual event to showcase global food, art, music and dance on Sept. 9

By NICOLE GONZALES

As a way to close out the summer season, the city of Dublin has again partnered with dozens of local organizations to host the Splatter festival — a celebration of global music, art, food and dance.

With its list of colorful and diverse activities and performances, Splatter will light up the Dublin community from noon to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at Emerald Glen Park. The multicultural festival, which will be highlighting societies from around the globe, celebrates diversity and unity while also supporting regional businesses and artists, according to city officials.

"Splatter is a yearly community event known for its fun, family-friendly art activities. (Guests can see) unusual art installations, live multicultural music and dance performances," city spokesperson Shari Jackman said. "We are excited to be hosting this event again this year as residents always enjoy it. There will be something there for everyone."

Splatter will feature many community performances such as Bollywood and traditional Indian dances, Chinese dance, Kung Fu demonstrations and more. Admission to the event is free, but certain activities such as carnival rides will require purchase.

"As for food and drink, there will be plenty of options at the event, including a 'Dine Around the World'



CITY OF DUBLIN

Splatter, Dublin's annual festival celebrating community diversity, returns to Emerald Glen Park on Sept. 9.

area that will feature a vast array of international cuisines," Jackman added.

A tasting pavilion will be set at the tennis courts of the park, with tasting passports available for purchase the day of the event. The Rotary Club of Dublin will also be serving locally made craft beer and wine.

Eagles tribute band The Illegals will open the festival at noon on the main stage. Rhythm and funk band Big Blu Soul Revue will follow up after.

This year's amphitheater stage lineup is set to include the Livermore Drum Circle, WeDance Chinese Ballet, Thunder KungFu

Academy and the Camp Parks Army Band.

Roaming entertainers, art demonstrations and interactive art can be found throughout the festival, according to city staff.

For its finale, event organizers have planned a drone light show with over 200 aircrafts.

In addition, guests can take part in an evening dance party concert from the musical acts Saved by the '90's and Pop Rocks.

The world craft bazaar gives guests the opportunity to "shop around the globe" from a variety of vendors and shop owners.

To find out more about the event, visit [dublin.ca.gov/1145/Splatter](http://dublin.ca.gov/1145/Splatter). ■

# 'Elvis of Cambodia' screening at Bankhead

Doc reflects on legacy of Sinn Sisamouth

By JOSEPH CHIU

Tri-Valley residents will have the opportunity to learn the story of one of the most impactful musicians in the world when the "Elvis of Cambodia" documentary is shown at the Bankhead Theater next month.

The feature-length film celebrates the life and legacy of Sinn Sisamouth, known as Cambodia's "Golden Voice" and the most famous Cambodian singer. The documentary highlights Sinn's musical achievements and impact on Cambodia's golden era of music during the 1960s and early 1970s. He was executed in 1976 during the Cambodian Genocide from 1975-79.

"The key takeaways from this film is that although Sinn Sisamouth was killed by the hands of the Khmer Rouge regime, his music and legacy live on in the Cambodian identity," said Sophaline Mao, chief operations officer for the Mony Nop Real Estate Team, which is partnering with Barang Films to present the Bankhead screening.

"As music and artists have the power to influence and bring about change, they are even considered enemies when a new authoritarian regime takes over. With freedom of expression via the arts, one can have a voice and drive great change," Mao told the Weekly.

The event is led by Mao and Mony



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Movie poster for "Elvis of Cambodia" documentary.

Nop, who said they feel that it is their duty to introduce this film to the Livermore Valley Arts community. It will give genocide survivors a way to heal, connect and inspire resilience — just as Sinn's music had done to comfort their children growing up.

"Music serves as a connector across cultures and stretches beyond language," Nop said in a press release. "Elvis of Cambodia" is not only a film about Sinn Sisamouth, but the plight of the Cambodian identity, our rich history of music and resilience as a community to carry on this legacy."

"Elvis of Cambodia" will be screened at the Bankhead in Livermore on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. ■

## GUEST OPINION

BY DEAN WALLACE

### Council meeting confirms Pleasanton's crisis of leadership

Last year I ran for City Council, and though I didn't win, I remain concerned about the direction of our city. The Aug. 15 council meeting confirmed that Pleasanton is in desperate need of new, principled leadership.



The current leaders of our city are out of touch with the pressing challenges we face, and are not up to the increasingly difficult task of responsibly leading us forward.

#### A community that cares

Over 60 community members showed up last week, not to push any political agenda, but out of deep concern for Pleasanton's well-being. Their message was clear: public safety is of the utmost importance.

They highlighted the distressing rise in property crime and expressed anxiety over the increase in reckless

driving, attributing both to an insufficient number of enforcement officers. It's obvious to residents that our diligent officers, already burdened, are bearing the brunt of growing challenges — as are their families and our wider community.

In the face of obstacles, such as the continued absence of a new contract, strains on morale due to staffing issues and subpar compensation packages, our officers continue to serve with integrity and dedication. They have the unwavering backing of our community. However, the lack of support from our city's leadership is glaring.

#### Actions speak louder

Our community knows hypocrisy when they see it. The mayor, city manager and the council majority might offer words of support, but their actions paint a very different picture. Their responses at the meeting came across as detached and out-of-touch: a mix of excuses, denials and misleading statements

— a striking disconnect from the sentiments of our community.

City Manager Beaudin repeated an infuriating line when explaining his approach to negotiations with our PPOA: that Pleasanton should strive to compensate our officers at the "mean" rate. In a city as prosperous as Pleasanton, should we really settle for "average" compensation for our dedicated police officers?

Because while Mr. Beaudin insists on penny-pinching our officers, he enjoys a hefty \$294,000 salary. Added to this are perks such as a city car and an "executive coach" — all courtesy of taxpayer money. In fact, just six months into his tenure he secured a significant raise and an amended compensation contract. If that's "average", where can we all sign up?

And when a community member raised the mayor and council's recent self-approved pay raises, the mayor's retort was mocking and dismissive. She responded with a tone-deaf laugh, declaring, "I am worth it.

## LETTERS

### CPUC selling you out again

It's a bad sign when the CPUC is moving to block churches from building solar on their own roofs, during an energy crisis.

The California Public Utilities Commission consists of Gov. Newsom's appointees. They are supposed to supervise companies like PG&E but instead have consistently done all they can to enrich corporations, at the cost of sanity and safety. No big surprise as Gavin Newsom has received hundreds of thousands in PAC money from PG&E and has let the company get away with murder.

The CPUC is threatening to stop churches, apartment buildings, schools and farms from directly using any power produced by their own rooftop solar. This should reduce energy bills by an equivalent amount. But that hurts PG&E's profits.

Instead the corporation will own your energy as soon as it's produced and get a cut. It's hard to explain, it's so ridiculous. But the result will be another squeeze on the economic feasibility of privately owned solar energy and the small businesses trying to install it.

Again, this is happening amidst a climate crisis, where distributed

green energy is the best solution for everyone. Everyone, that is, except corporations and the politicians they own.

Call Gavin Newsom and tell him to stop endangering California with his corrupt CPUC. We should be encouraging all kinds of solar, including rooftop solar. The Governor's Office: 916-445-2841.

—Alan Marling

### Offensive school mascot

The mascot of Pleasanton's Amador Valley High School, the Don, glorifies the subjugation of local American Indians and the colonization of their land.

The term "Don" is an honorific that was used by Spanish and Mexican nobles in the 1700s and 1800s, and in this context refers to Spanish-descended Mexican lords who ruled over land stolen from California's native peoples, including the Ohlone people in the East Bay Area. American Indians were often enslaved to work on Mexican ranchos on that stolen land.

We may pretend that we are celebrating California's Mexican heritage when we look at the mascot, but while celebrating diversity is always healthy, we are really glorifying and glamorizing European colonization.

While the Dons in question may not have been the ones to land the

Spanish ships in the New World, they perpetuated their ancestors' imperialist legacy. Furthermore, the Don depicted as the school mascot is wearing armor appropriate to the early Spanish conquistadors in South America, who destroyed entire civilizations of Natives.

I encourage the Pleasanton Unified School District to change the mascot of my alma mater to one that is historically sensitive, as I know the school I graduated from has good people who respect each other, and this offensive mascot will not only tarnish the school's appearance, but worse let youth like I was grow up thinking that glamorizing imperialism is acceptable.

Our public school system has made great strides in the past years to be more self-aware. Changing Amador's mascot would be one step further in the right direction.

—Wyatt Logan, AVHS class of 2021

### How much do you have left to give?

All of us have seen significant increases in our cost of living, and now there is yet another coming your way.

The cost of water in Pleasanton is proposed to increase by a whopping 62% over the next three years. Add that to the tremendous increases that we are already paying for the

I stand by it." Don't our diligent and respected officers deserve not only equal respect and recognition, but, considering their daily sacrifices — don't they deserve even more?

### The buck stops ... where?

Since 2012, Mayor Brown has served in a leadership role in Pleasanton: eight years as a councilmember and now in her third as mayor. However, whenever a decision made by the city faces public scrutiny, her pattern is always the same: she'll appear purposely unaware — shocked and dismayed — as if they're mere oversights beyond her control. Come on! She's the mayor. Is that "leadership"?

So, I wonder, in our Community of Character, who ever takes responsibility for decisions made by our city? From what I observe, the mayor, city manager and council majority never do. They might point residents to their terribly outdated city website, and they might hire pricey consultants to clean up their messes — but that shouldn't shield them from accountability. In our representative democracy, they're where the buck ought to stop.

### A renewed call to action

It's crystal clear that many of the problems we face are a direct result of costly errors made at the local

level, exacerbated by the stunning deficit of leadership in our city.

Yet, all hope is not lost. The passionate community members who showed up to support our officers are proof that our city — despite its leadership crisis — is full of people who want better. And in the midst of these challenges, Vice Mayor Jack Balch stands out as an exemplary leader. He's responsive, thoughtful and deliberate. But he cannot bear this responsibility alone.

Pleasanton urgently needs new leaders to step up to replace those who clearly are not up to the task. Our city deserves better. And the time to start the push for change is now. ■

*Editor's note: Dean Wallace ran for Pleasanton City Council District 1 in 2022. He has worked for local elected officials in the East Bay since 2012, including Rep. Eric Swalwell (2012-2014) and Asm. Buffy Wicks (2018-present). He lives in an apartment near the Stoneridge Shopping Center with his two dogs, Eliza and Ollie.*

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By DENNIS MILLER

## Amador girls' volleyball makes finals run at East County Tournament

Also: Getting ready to celebrate all-time Dons as centennial approaches

The Amador Valley varsity girls' volleyball team started the season off strong, advancing to the finals of the powerhouse loaded East County Tournament in Antioch.

The Dons turned in a perfect pool round, beating Foothill-Palo Cedro 25-15, 25-12, and then took down Redwood 25-20, 25-10.

That put the Dons into the Championship Bracket where they beat Monte Vista 25-17, 25-20 to advance to the semifinals.

There, Amador faced crosstown rival Foothill, winning 31-29, 25-18 to advance to the championship where they met Redwood for the second time. This time the Dons came out on the short end, falling 26-24, 25-14.

For the Foothill girls in the same East County Tournament, the Falcons rolled through pool play and their first playoff game before dropping the tough one to Amador in the semifinals.

Foothill beat Pittsburg 25-15, 25-17 to open play, then came back to beat Monte Vista 25-11, 25-17 in the next match to send the Falcons to the playoffs.

In the first elimination game, Foothill beat American 25-12, 25-15 to advance to the semifinals. There they lost in two sets to the Dons.

Highlights throughout the tournament came from Katie Salonga (86 assists, 21 digs), Paige Bennett (40 kills, 20 digs), Kaycie Burdick (37 kills, 19 digs) and Maddy

Snodgrass (13 kills, 4 blocks).

### Amador girls' water polo

The Dons got in a pair of non-league games last week, beating Heritage 6-5, and losing 14-5 to Palo Alto.

In the win over Heritage, Susan Swyers had three goals, with Olivia Vollgraf, Maya Amiel and Zahra Alami with one each.

In the loss to Palo Alto, Swyers had three more, with Alami and Kate Hopkins getting one each.

### Amador centennial celebration

The 100th anniversary of Amador Valley High School is rapidly approaching, with the events taking place Sept. 14-16.

My family moved into town in 1967, and being a 1979 graduate of Amador, it has given me a rich history of Amador Valley athletics.

I have been blessed to see some legendary athletes come through, watching some as I was growing up, then going to battle with many when I was a student, and finally being able to cover and write about some of these great student athletes.

Over the next few weeks leading into the celebration, I will be blasting out the names of these athletes, some with a quick description of the athlete.

Since I am not working with the centennial committee, I will be putting my own list together that could also help the Amador Hall of Fame committee when their selections come around each year.

Then again, it might not help!

I will break it into three segments over the next month, with the final list coming out on Sept. 15, the Friday of celebration weekend.

The first segment will be next

week and will start with athletes I watched growing up. Growing up in Pleasanton, we were regulars at Amador sporting events, following our favorite Dons. This will appear next Friday (Sept. 1).

Week two that will come out on Sept. 8 will be about the athletes of my time at Amador. There were plenty of great athletes, some that reached the pinnacle of their sport of choice.

Finally, on Sept. 15, it will be all about the athletes I had the joy of covering in my career as a sports-writer. It's been a fun week just thinking about some of the tremendous Amador athletes that have worn purple and gold over the years.

It's going to be a fun three weeks — and if you think there are some athletes I need to consider, please send an email to me! ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).*

## Employment

Workday, Inc. is accepting resumes for the following positions at various levels in **Pleasanton, CA:**

**Sr Manager, Data Management (20637.2268):** Design and develop cloud data platforms, tools and capabilities to support teams to enable self-service capabilities. Salary: \$187,533 – 272,400 per year, 40 hours per week.

**UX Designer (20637.1632):** Creates, evaluates and modifies prototypes to support evolving hardware and software application development. \*Telecommuting Permitted. Salary: \$128,000 – 192,000 per year, 40 hrs per wk.

**UX/UI Designer (20637.2012):** Conduct interviews with cross-functional stakeholders to determine requirements and set expectations of UX deliverables. Salary: \$128,000 - \$192,000 per year, 40 hrs per wk.

**Sr Site Reliability Engineer (SRE) (20637.2076):** Deploy and support Workday services release pipeline on Cloud platform using K8s and CNCF technologies. Salary: \$183,310 - \$216,000 per year, 40 hrs per wk.

**Sr. Product Manager (20637.1848):** Involved in all aspects of the product life cycle. Understand customer needs through data-driven research, customer engagement, and design features that solve those needs. \*Telecommute Permitted. \*Travel Required 10%. Salary: \$157,600 - \$236,400 per year, 40 hrs per wk.

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Interested applicants submit resumes by mail to: J. Thurston at Workday, Inc., Attn: Human Resources/Immigration, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code.

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File No. 526387

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

AMADOR DENTAL AND ORTHODONTIC  
5000 Pleasanton Ave, Suite 110  
Pleasanton, Ca 94566

FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 01/11/2017

UNDER FILE NO. 526387

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):  
JACOB DEVINNEY DDS INC

37 Vista Montemar

Laguna Niguel, Ca 92677

State of Incorporation: California

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 31 2023.

(PLW Aug 11, 18, 25 and Sep 1, 2023)

## LIFE ON LUNACY

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600096

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

1.) LIFE ON LUNACY, located at 460 DIVISION ST #10 PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

SHERRY HIGGS-AZIZI

460 DIVISION ST #10 PLEASANTON, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/06/2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 14 2023.

(PLW Aug 25, Sep 1, 8 and 15, 2023)

## STRUGGLE AND STRENGTH

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600026

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

1.) Struggle and Strength, located at 3115 Finnan Way 216 Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

BAYBAYN LLC

3115 Finnan Way 216

Dublin, CA 94568

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/12/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 10 2023.

(PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

## DUBLIN TAQUERIA

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599640

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

1.) Dublin Taqueria, located at 3986 Summit Rd. Dublin, Cal 94566, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

DUBLIN TAQUERIA INC.

4174 Hazelhurst Ct Pleasanton, Cal. 94566

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 July 27 2023.

(PLW Aug 11, 18, 25 and Sep 1, 2023)

## IMEDREG SOLUTIONS

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600059

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

1.) iMedReg Solutions, located at 1294 Royal Creek Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

Mailing address: 6754 Bernal Ave. Suite 740-192 Pleasanton, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

CAROL CASTILLO

1294 Royal Creek Court

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 August 14 2023.

(PLW Aug 25, Sep 1, 8 and 15, 2023)

## MEL'S LIQUORS

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599939

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

1.) Mel's liquors, located at 985 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

GURDASPUR LIQUORS

17078 Loyola CT, Lathrop, CA 95330

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 August 08 2023.

(PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

## FASHION HISTORY CONSULTING INC

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 600019

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

1.) Fashion History Consulting Inc, located at 7662 Fair Oaks Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

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

FASHION HISTORY CONSULTING INC

7662 Fair Oaks Dr.

Pleasanton, CA 94588

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/09/2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 10 2023.

(PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

## HOUSE OF COLOUR NORTH PLEASANTON

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599969

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

1.) House of Colour North Pleasanton, located at 2226 Kamp Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.

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

AMY BLASCHKA LLC

2226 Kamp Ct.

Pleasanton, CA 94588

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/01/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on August 09 2023.

(PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

## KNPH SOLUTIONS

### KNPH TECHNOLOGIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599598

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

1.) KNPH SOLUTIONS, 2.) KNPH TECHNOLOGIES, located at 5049 Rigatti Cir, Pleasanton Ca 94588, ALAMEDA.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

PARAG INGALE

5049 Rigatti Cir

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 August 09 2023.

(PLW Aug 18, 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 26 2023.

(PLW Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

## HAPPY 2.0 ENTERTAINMENT

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599677

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

1.) Happy 2.0 Entertainment, located at 20117 Forest Ave #12 Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

ARNALDO LIZARRAGA

20117 Forrest Ave. #12

Castro Valley, CA 94546

California

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 28 2023.

(PLW Aug 25, Sep 1, 8 and 15, 2023)

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

### Case No.: 23CV038338

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Madison Cathryn Salis filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MADISON CATHRYN SALIS to MADISON CATHRYN WILLIAMS

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: 09/05/2023, 9:30am, Dept 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 07/17/2023

Charles A Smiley

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

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

### Case No.: 23CV038339

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Whitney Williams filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

GABRIELLA ANGEL BARKER to GABRIELLA ANGEL WILLIAMS

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

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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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.: 23CV038786

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Aryaman Paul filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ARYAMAN PAUL to ARYAMAN AARAV PAUL

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

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Date: 07/24/2023

Charles A. Smiley

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

KEVIN ABBOTT KREMER

Case No.: RP23146063

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Kelly S. Freet in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Kelly S. Freet be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 20 2023 at 9:45 AM in Dept. 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court.

If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: James D. Frangos, Esq. Law Offices of James D. Frangos 411 Borel Avenue, Suite 500, San Mateo, CA 94402 650-571-6035 (PLW Aug 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

Attorney for Petitioner:

Julie K. Hardisty, A Prof. Corp.

101 Gregory Ln., Ste. 52

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

925-689-9940

(PLW Aug 25, Sep 1 and 8, 2023)

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MEROLIN PETER CHRISTIE

Case No.: RP23144735

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Sanjay Patel in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Sanjay Patel be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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## Behring estate hits market in Blackhawk for nearly \$25M

Late developer's prominent property for sale

BY JEANITA LYMAN

A linchpin Blackhawk property that is the former home of the community's founding father Kenneth Behring is now on the market for the first time since its construction in 1988, following his death and that of his widow in recent years.

Behring's death at 91 years old in 2019 came following a lifetime as a prominent businessman, developer and philanthropist, with highlights that included work toward developing the Blackhawk community surrounding his estate, having purchased the former Blackhawk Ranch property in 1975, as well as being the majority owner of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks from 1988 to 1997. Locally, he is also known as founder of the Wheelchair Foundation and one of the founders of Blackhawk Museum.

The 4.5-acre estate at 81 Eagle Ridge Place overlooking the Blackhawk Country Club — also founded by Behring — is for sale following the death of Patricia Behring, his wife of 70 years who died last fall.

Prominent Blackhawk real estate agent Joujou Chawla is overseeing the sale of the 26,627-square-foot mansion and surrounding



COURTESY JOUJOU CHAWLA REAL ESTATE

Blackhawk founder Ken Behring's distinctive estate with views of the country club and surrounding planned community he developed is now on the market for just under \$25 million.

grounds, which currently have a \$24,998,000 price-tag.

The two-story house includes both stairs and an elevator, with floor-to-ceiling windows, an indoor waterfall, ballroom, wine cellar, eight fireplaces, 10.5 bathrooms and seven bedrooms as part of its 32 total rooms, according to the listing. ■

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 10-14 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

### Pleasanton

- 717 East Angela Street** Merrill Family Trust to Law Family Trust for \$1,860,000
- 5640 Belleza Drive** B. Muthukrishnan to S. & N. Gupta for \$1,040,000
- 4364 Bristolwood Road** Pauly Trust to T. & G. Kumar for \$1,656,000
- 1510 Calle Enrique** Hottinger Trust to E. & P. Chung for \$950,000
- 1522 Chatham Place** Wong Living Trust to Chan Family Trust for \$1,600,000
- 8104 Ensenada Drive #2** A. & A. Chavez to C. Stewart for \$536,000
- 4277 Jensen Street** Ormonde Trust to S. & K. Sumit for \$1,265,000
- 3450 Mohr Avenue** Dana Trust to Jain & Tayal Living Trust for \$2,550,000
- 3626 Platt Court** M. & G. Bruce to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$1,110,000
- 520 Rose Avenue** Oreglia Trust to R. Li for \$675,000
- 4166 School Street** T. Nelson to C. & R. Bavisetty for \$1,435,000
- 1833 Spumante Place** D. Kim to Lakshmi-Venkat Trust for \$4,450,000
- 7953 Stonehurst Court** M. & A. Udinski to N. & M. Ashraf for \$2,200,000
- 461 Trebbiano Place** Freebody Living Trust to Williams 2011 Trust for \$2,350,000
- 3845 Vineyard Avenue #K** G. Fusco to P. Tran for \$480,000
- 4533 Winter Court** Souza Family Trust to Tang-Zhang Family Trust for \$2,150,000

### Livermore

- 1610 Altamont Circle** Armstrong Living Trust to M. & S. Gallagher for \$1,350,000
- 642 Anna Maria Street** A. & G. Singh to V. & D. Chaudhary for \$1,395,000
- 5833 Arlene Way** Builta Family Trust to D. & T. Wagner for \$1,475,000
- 2330 Bluebell Drive** S. & J. Chappell to J. & J. Juarez for \$1,055,000
- 2112 Cabernet Way** Bischof Trust to Khatri Family Trust for \$2,125,000
- 1872 Calle Del Sueno** Radack Family Trust to Gurske Family Trust for \$1,100,000
- 5411 Charlotte Way** P. Thomas to Foreverhome Properties LLC for \$1,040,000
- 6167 Forget Me Not** R. Ryder to J. Builta for \$675,000
- 155 Ganesha Common** E. Cuaresma to Alfonso Trust for \$865,000
- 1273 Juniper Street** Theodore Trust to J. Pratt for \$951,000
- 441 North Livermore Avenue** G. Jeffrey to C. Truong for \$700,000
- 3878 Loch Lomand Way** E. & T. Johnson to R. & R. Vivanco for \$1,605,000
- 1112 Marlys Common** Savage Trust to K. Connolly for \$885,000
- 1001 Murrieta Boulevard #72** C. Owen to S. Saurabh for \$350,000

Source: California REsource

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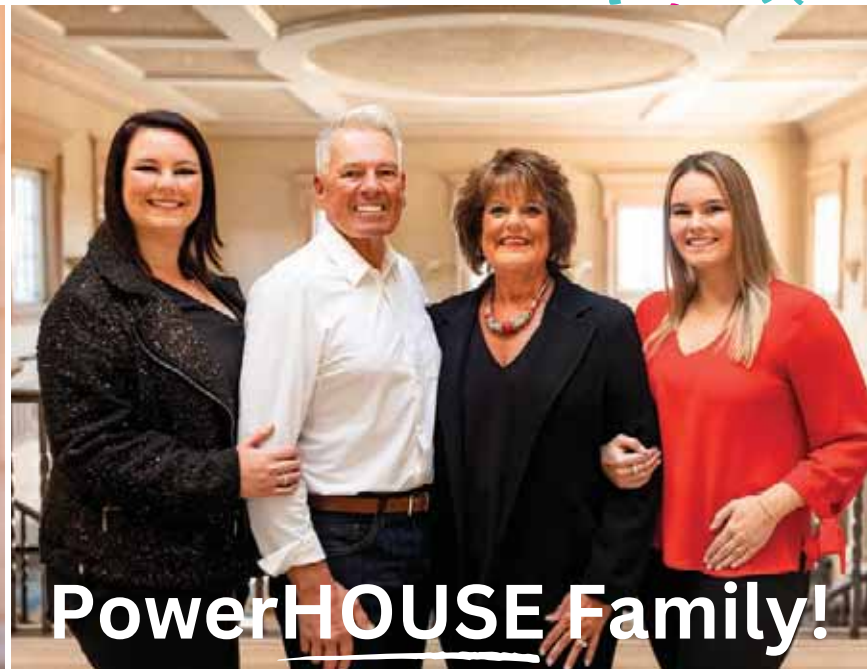
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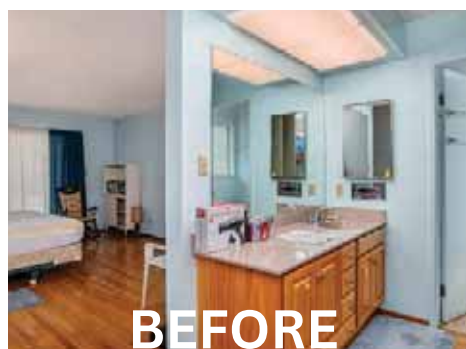
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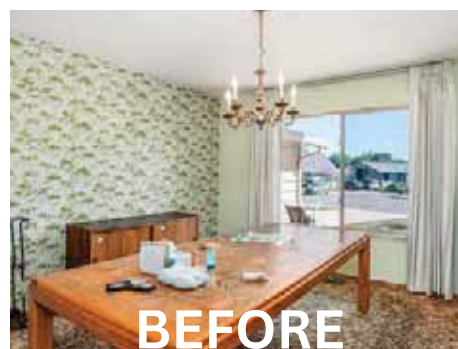
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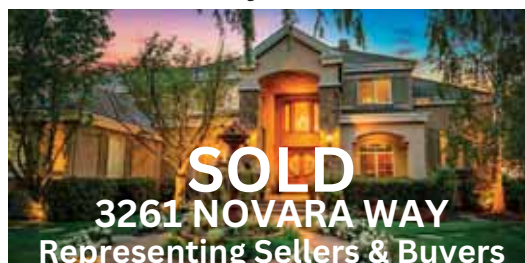


**AFTER**

Meadowood Drive prior to updates received an offer at \$1.35M after renovations by Vista Construction received 21 offers and closed at \$1.935M



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2436 Via De Los Milagros, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 3,837+/-sq.ft, 18,701+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$2,775,000



SOLD \$129K OVER ASKING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

436 Selby Lane, Livermore  
3bd/3ba, 1,603+/-sq.ft, 1,815+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,128,000



SOLD WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

5279 Crestline Road, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 2,877+/-sq.ft, 6,500+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,971,888



SOLD \$176K OVER ASKING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

2363 Woodthrush Way, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 2,898+/-sq.ft, 9,798+/-sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$2,125,000



SOLD \$101K OVER ASKING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

4931 Monaco Drive, Pleasanton  
5bd/3.5ba, 3,302+/-sq.ft, 7,000+/-sq.ft lot  
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2,624 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
**SOLD FOR \$2,170,000**

**NORTHSIDE**



**834 SEMINOLE DRIVE,  
LIVERMORE**  
3 BD | 2 BA  
1,282 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
**SOLD FOR \$1,080,000**

**SHADOWBROOK**



**2852 TAHOE DRIVE,  
LIVERMORE**  
4 BD | 3 BA  
2,172 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
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REPRESENTED BUYERS

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**4166 SCHOOL STREET,  
PLEASANTON**  
3 BD | 2 BA  
1,300 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
**SOLD FOR \$1,435,000**

**BRIDLE CREEK**



**5786 SHADOW RIDGE COURT,  
PLEASANTON**  
6 BD | 5 BA  
4,455 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE  
.39 ACRE LOT  
**SOLD FOR \$3,850,000**

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**609 BLOSSOM COURT,  
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