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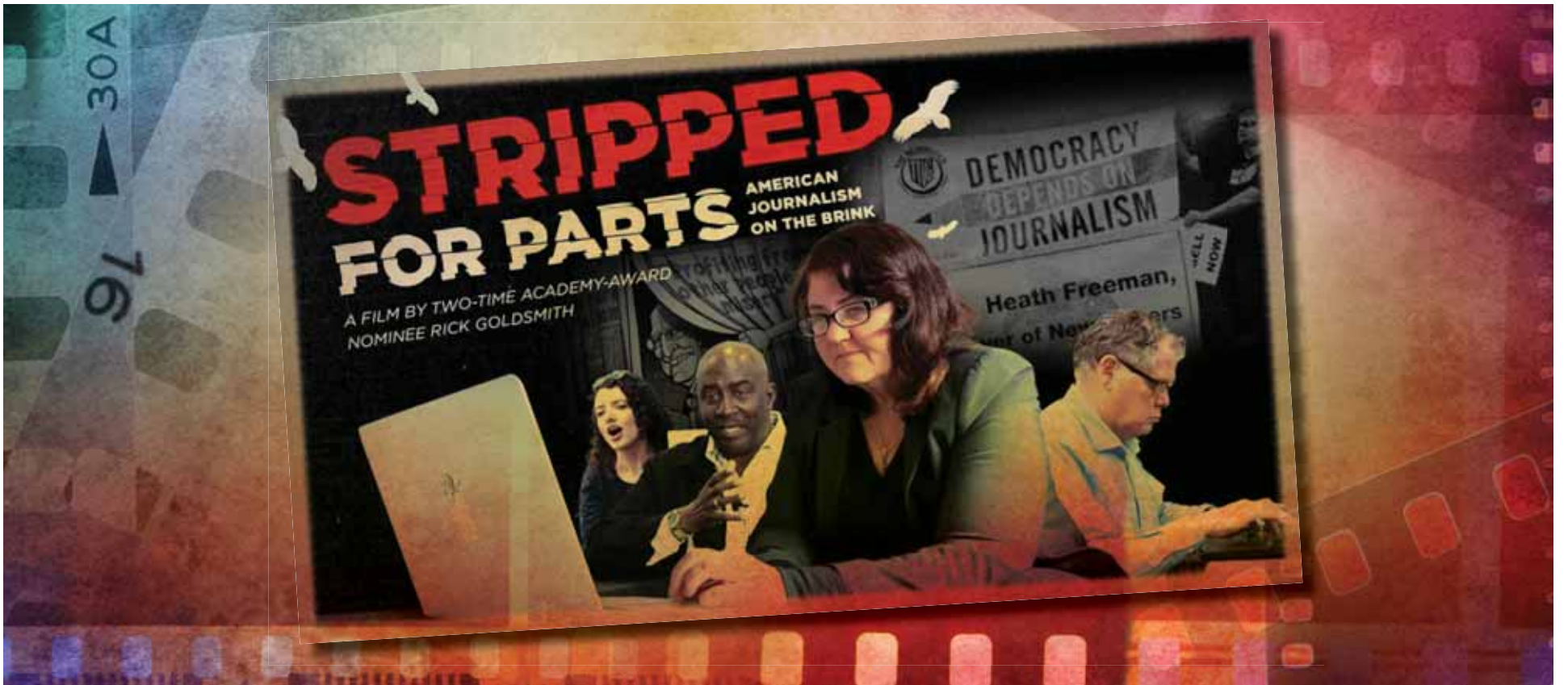
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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## For Andy Williams

Musical performance has been a constant in his life for Johnny Orenberg, even manifesting in unexpected and inspiring ways amid his recent career change.

The Foothill High School graduate, who made a go of it professionally back East before moving back to the Tri-Valley and shifting music to a side hustle, is scheduled to be back singing on his hometown stage this month in a new show he developed over several years while running his caregiver business.

"I found my passion in both music and in helping people," Orenberg, 41, told me in a phone interview Monday afternoon. "Music sure gets me closer with my clients ... This Andy Williams thing came out of (the music therapy)."

Joined by a six-piece band that features one of the mentors of his youth, Mark Aubel, on trombone, Orenberg will regale a likely nostalgic Firehouse Arts Center audience in "Remember: An Andy Williams Musical Tribute" on March 21.

It's a theater Orenberg has performed in plenty of times before, but this time will be different.

Orenberg grew up in Pleasanton after his family moved here when he was in elementary school — "we were like the second or third family into Ruby Hill all those years ago," he said.

A member of Foothill's class of 2002, Orenberg earned a degree in musical theater through an intensive program at Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Performing Arts outside Cleveland.

He recalled going straight from Ohio to New York City and working in the industry on the East Coast for about a decade, including developing musicals and performing at Disneyworld.

Orenberg moved back to Pleasanton in 2012 and remained involved with the arts — acting with Tri-Valley Rep, volunteering with the Pleasanton Arts Commission and Livermore Valley Opera, and performing around the Bay Area — while giving professional bank management a try ... "a different song and dance, as I tell people" that just wasn't for him.

He also reconnected with a friend from youth, the woman who would later become his wife. Katie Orenberg, who now works at Pleasanton Middle School, is a reigning California History Teacher of the Year. The couple live in Dublin with their two young sons.

His career path diverged again in 2019 — but soon he'd realize it wasn't straying away from music as much as he thought.

His wife's grandmother had a stroke at 89 years old, leaving his in-laws with a difficult question many families face. "They didn't know who was going to take care of her. My Care Life Services came out of a family need," Orenberg said.

As relative caregiving expanded into more clients and a business, Orenberg began to recognize the impact of music therapy. "I'm going to make this transition to help incorporate the music into my caregiving," he recalled.

One artist's work his older clientele often responded to was Williams, the late singer who rose to fame in the 1960s on the radio and on television with his popular "The Andy Williams Show" variety program.

"I always knew of Andy Williams because of 'Moon River' and his Christmas specials as a kid ... reruns," Orenberg said.

As he would sing the occasional Williams tune in his caregiving, he was struck how the seniors "would light up when they heard those songs" and the memories rekindled: "I don't see the 70- or 80-year-old; I see the 20-year-old dancing at their wedding, the kid experiencing their first kiss."

He said Katie encouraged her husband, "You should start doing some research.' And I put this show together, so it's kind of a full-circle moment."

Nearly three years in the making, Orenberg's "Remember" tribute production debuted at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek in October, and he's excited to present it at the Firehouse in two weeks.

"The intimacy of the space is great, and it allows people to have that 1:1 feeling," Orenberg said, extolling the venue's black-box vibes. "It's just a lot of fun."

"This (show) is different. It's not what they're expecting ... It is literally an evening of getting to know Andy on a different level through his music — and that's what he wanted, for his music to live on," Orenberg said, noting also he will be "going into some things that you wouldn't necessarily know" like Williams' friendship with Robert F. Kennedy and being in the Ambassador Hotel that fateful day in 1968.

"It's nice to honor someone's memory in my hometown," he added. ■

### About the Cover

Esperanza Jimenez, a fifth grade teacher at Valley View Elementary School in Pleasanton, starts off her class on Feb. 14 by having students work through several math problems in groups — in both English and Spanish.

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• June 30-July 3 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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### Automotive Technology Camp

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### Creature Design Workshop

• High School | June 9-12 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
• Middle School | June 23-26 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
• \$150

Learn the fundamentals of creature design. Many

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### Interior Design Camp

• June 23-26 | 10:30 am to 12:30 pm | Live Online Camp  
• \$150 | Age Group: Middle and High School

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### JAMS Press Pass Journalism Camp

• June 9-12 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
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• June 23-26 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
• \$250 | Age Group: High School

Each summer, we welcome young students of all ability levels to our campus for 4 intensive days where we work on: Improvisation, Music Theory, Performance, Rehearsal, and much more. Campers work directly with LPC Music Faculty and Alumni and present a public performance on the Mertes Main Stage. The theme for the 2025 Jazz Camp will be the music of Benny Golson (1921-2024).

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• June 9-13 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN AND AT THE BEACH

## Do you care what people think of you, and modify your behavior accordingly?



### Luis Ramos

Store manager

Well consciously, no, I really don't care. But subconsciously, seriously, I really do want everyone to love me. And when I find out that in fact they do, I feel really fulfilled.



### John Lohr with Petunia

Retired

(Expletive) no! I am who I am. Take it or leave it. Love me or hate me, I don't care. As long as my dog loves me, that's all that matters.



### Jarrell Fedelizo, with Duke

Teacher

I feel there are only two people in life that you need to impress. And that's your 8-year-old self and your 80-year-old self. You know, the ambitious little kid with all of the dreams for adulthood, and the older version of yourself who recalls all of the memories of your life.



### Josephine Eng

Software engineer

It depends on the situation. I know I don't have all the answers, so if someone is making a judgment about me that I can learn and grow from, I absolutely take that into consideration. On the other hand, if someone feels a certain way about me that's not aligned with my own values and moral code, I try to not be concerned with their impression; I'm trying so hard to not just be a "people pleaser".



### Rob Falciani, with Elmer

Retail

My internal self would say that what other people think of me is none of my business. However, my external self would really like everyone to like me as much as they like my dog Elmer.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### State of the City

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch is set to deliver his first State of the City address at a luncheon event later this month organized by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

The speech given annually by the sitting mayor typically recaps key projects, initiatives, accomplishments and challenges for the city of Pleasanton for the prior year as well as the year ahead.

The State of the City event is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. with networking and the program at 11:45 a.m. on March 25 at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard in Pleasanton. For tickets and more information, go to [business.pleasanton.org](http://business.pleasanton.org).

### Military equipment

The Pleasanton Police Department is holding its state-mandated public meeting about its use of military equipment from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday (March 11) in the Remillard Room of the city's Operations Services Center at 3333 Busch Road.

"We're hosting a community meeting for the general public to discuss and ask questions regarding the City's annual military equipment use report (per AB 481) and the police department's funding, acquisition or use of military equipment," city officials said.

### Reusable foodware

Pleasanton city officials are hosting two workshops in the coming month with information for local businesses interested in transitioning to reusable foodware to help reduce waste, litter and costs.

Topic areas will include "benefits of switching to reusable foodware, cost savings by reducing disposable spending, minimizing waste and litter in the community, and reducing waste collection and disposal costs."

An in-person workshop is set for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday (March 11) in the Pleasanton Public Library. A virtual session is on the calendar for April 2 at 10 a.m. The city also encourages local businesses to provide input in its "Reusable Foodware Survey" online now. Learn more at [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### Trinity Concerts

Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton is presenting its next concert next Friday (March 14) at 7 p.m. featuring award-winning Celtic harp player Patrick Ball.

Part of the Trinity Concert Series, Ball's "Celtic Harp & Story" performance highlights storytelling through music on the classical instrument leading into St. Patrick's Day weekend, according to Dwight Stone, minister of worship and music at the church. More information at [tlcpleasanton.org](http://tlcpleasanton.org). ■

## Fairgrounds horse trainers face eviction after cancellation of NorCal racing

Workers also express concern for families who live in RVs and might have to leave by March 25

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

With the imminent closure of the Alameda County Fairgrounds' horse stables in the next month, trainers like Ruby Thomas are getting ready to pack up and leave after recently receiving their eviction notices.

As a lifelong trainer, Thomas told the Weekly that in her 75 years she has never seen anything like what she is currently seeing at the fairgrounds — a total mismanagement of funds and decision-making from organizations that led to

the cancellation of horse racing in Pleasanton this year.

"They're causing a lot of heartache for a lot of people, myself included," Thomas said.

Back in January, the California Association of Racing Fairs announced it was not going to pursue any horse racing meets this year.

More commonly known as CARF, it is a joint-powers authority that conducts business activity with fair associations and also represents the horse racing industry.

Since CARF's announcement, Thomas had to lay off two people

who worked with her and has had to reduce the number of horses she trains from 12 down to six.

But now, the Alameda County Fairgrounds announced it would need to end horse training and stabling altogether on March 25. Thomas said she has to pack everything up and be fully out by March 28.

During an emotional Feb. 11 Alameda County Ad Hoc Agricultural Fair Association Committee meeting, former CARF board chair and current CEO of the fairgrounds Jerome Hoban tried to

explain how CARF rallied to try to put together the year of racing following the closing of Golden Gate Fields — the horse racing track in Berkeley that had typically hosted these horse meets — late last year.

Hoban said it was their intention to make Pleasanton the new hub for horse racing in Northern California. But in the end, he said the economics of horse racing — and the fact that CARF was losing money to the point where it needed a reorganization — led them to

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Protesters gather at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Arnold Drive last Saturday to raise awareness and oppose reported plans to reopen the troubled FCI Dublin as a detention center for ICE.

## 'We don't want ICE detention in our community'

Hundreds gather for protest against reopening Dublin prison as immigration holding facility

By JEANITA LYMAN

Chanting, cheering and honking could be heard from blocks away at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Arnold Road Saturday as hundreds of community members organized by activist groups — and a handful of counter-protesters — gathered to protest reported plans to reopen and repurpose the scandal-ridden federal women's prison that was shuttered last year after findings of widespread abuse and mistreatment.

The action came in the wake

of reporting from KTVU that the Bureau of Prisons — under new leadership with the current administration — was eyeing FCI Dublin among other federal prison sites being considered for use by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to detain immigrants as the agency ramps up detention and deportation efforts.

"As a community in the Bay Area, we don't want ICE in our backyard," said attorney Susan Beaty with the California Collaborative for Immigration Justice in a press release from

Indivisible East Bay about their ongoing campaign against the reported plan. "When ICE doesn't have a place to cage people, there are less raids and less arrests. We are saying no, we don't want ICE detention in our community, and we want ICE out of the Bay Area and out of California."

A BOP spokesperson did not confirm or deny the report in a comment to the Weekly, but said that the bureau was "assisting ICE by housing detainees and will

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## Board inspecting LFPD facilities

Probe into PFAS in water targets potential sources

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A regional water quality control agency recently announced that it detected PFAS levels at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's training center that warrants further investigation, according to the Tri-Valley fire department.

The discovery is part of a larger investigation from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board where it is determining whether fire stations have discharged PFAS chemicals — also known as forever chemicals — into the surface or groundwater.

According to a Monday press release from LFPD, the department is cooperating with the regional water board as it continues to investigate LFPD and other fire department facilities across the Bay Area.

"The first phase of investigations were completed at the LFPD Fire Training Center in Pleasanton and Fire Station 10 in Livermore," the LFPD press release states.

According to past Zone 7 Water Agency presentations, firefighters have been known to use PFAS chemicals in the past. One presentation states that the profile of PFAS chemicals in the Tri-Valley

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# Council endorses Parkwest Casino 580 expansion

After ordinance's final approval, police department and state regulators must still sign off on plans

By JUDE STRZEMP

Parkwest Casino 580 in Livermore appears on course to operate 24/7 with 16 tables and betting limits of \$1,000, an increase from its current 10-table and \$200 limit.

Also new to its operations would be the allowance of 10 backline betters per table and permission to play all games not prohibited in California, including Pai Gow with tiles.

Livermore City Council unanimously supported the Parkwest Casino 580 operational expansion last week, though implementation requires additional approval by a regulatory body called the California Gambling Control Commission and the Livermore Police Department, city spokesperson Stephanie Egidio said.

In addition to the Parkwest Casino 580 augmentation, the council approved amendments to the municipal code to increase the total number of card tables permitted citywide to 32 tables from a previously population-based value

of 19 tables, modify tournament noticing requirements, increase number of cardroom licenses permitted per person from one to two and miscellaneous amendments made for clarification. Prior to the citywide rules taking effect, the municipal code ordinance must undergo a second reading and receive approval from a regulatory agency called the California Bureau of Gambling Control.

Additionally, the council approved the construction of a new, 230-spot surface parking lot at Parkwest Casino 580.

The council offered the greenlight at its regular meeting Feb. 24, following a discussion of the safety improvements associated with the cardroom expansion, the business' proactive work to address potential gambling addiction and its good reputation with the Livermore police.

"We are happy with the additions that they are proposing here tonight and we think that will help us secure the area and make sure it's a safe environment," Livermore



JUDE STRZEMP

Parkwest Casino 580 received a positive endorsement from the Livermore City Council for its operational and parking expansion proposal.

Police Chief Jeremy Young told the council.

Prior to the council's decision, Parkwest Casino 580 operated 24/7 except for nine-hour closures on Mondays with betting limits of \$200 at 10 tables. No backline betters were allowed, nor was the game Pai Gow with tiles.

According to the cardroom owner John Park, patrons requested an increase to the betting limit to match other cardrooms in California.

Vice Mayor Evan Branning expressed concern regarding raised limits. "I have seen the damage that gambling addiction can cause, so I'm concerned about the increase in limits," Branning said.

At the same time, he agreed Parkwest Casino 580 was a good partner and community investments accompanying the project would be beneficial.

As part of the expansion, the cardroom will pay the city \$4,800

per table monthly instead of \$1,890 per table monthly; contribute \$60,000 for traffic cameras, \$5,000 for traffic camera maintenance and \$29,000 for license plate readers; create a Class IV bicycle lane along the North Canyons project frontage. The new net revenue from the monthly table fees is estimated at \$695,000 annually and will be used in part to fund one full-time position in the police department and one in the community development department.

In response to Branning's inquiry about addressing gambling and alcohol addiction, Park said the company contributes to a statewide initiative for a gambling addiction hotline. Contact information for that hotline is included on every company advertisement.

Councilmember Ben Barrientos shared Branning's concern about patrons potentially struggling with gambling.

There are addiction-related brochures and placards on-site for

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## PDA promotes Welk to executive director

After run of turnover and interim leadership, downtown association looks within to return stability

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Downtown Association announced Tuesday morning that it has selected events director Gabrielle Welk as the organization's new executive director.

Welk will be the fourth person to take over in the role following the

initial departure of Laura Brooks, the PDA's former longtime leader who now lives out of state but has been serving as interim executive director for almost two years until a new permanent successor was named.

According to a press release from the PDA, Welk will officially

step into her new position starting March 17.

"I am deeply honored to be given the opportunity to continue serving the Pleasanton Downtown Association and its community," Welk said in the press release. "I look forward to leveraging my four years of experience with the

organization to further our mission to develop and promote a vibrant downtown."

Welk has served as the PDA's event director for the past four years. According to her LinkedIn, she joined the organization in May 2021.

In its press release, the PDA said Welk's experience combined with her current position as events director made her the ideal candidate for the executive position.

"Her marketing and event expertise, leadership skills, commitment to downtown Pleasanton, and experience with the organization's members and partners make her an exceptional individual for the role of executive director," PDA officials said.

The selection of its new leader comes after years of instability in the PDA's leadership team.

Brooks originally left the PDA in 2019 to start her own consulting business and move to Alabama. At the time, she passed the torch to then-events and marketing manager Tiffany Cadrette, who served as executive director for about a year and a half before she stepped down after taking a new job.

Cadrette was briefly replaced by Zac Grant whose tenure ended after only seven months on the job. Similarly, Bridget Karl — who was hired for the executive director position in October 2022

— and the PDA also parted ways after roughly seven months back in 2023, which led to Brooks stepping back in on an interim basis until now.

With Welk set to take over, the PDA stated it is confident that under her leadership, the organization will succeed and have positive impacts in the community.

"She is excited about ushering in the next season of the PDA and continuing the great work this organization has always done," PDA Board President Angel Moore said in the press release. "As a Board, we feel confident in our hiring decision and are excited to support Gabi and the PDA every step of the way."

The news of the PDA's internal promotion also comes on the heels of a January City Council meeting where those on the dais directed the PDA to work with downtown property owners and businesses in order to reinvigorate Main Street.

"This is an exciting time for the PDA, and I am prepared to lead the organization into a new era of innovation and impact," Welk said in the press release. "Being born and raised here, I am proud to have called Pleasanton home and am excited for what is to come." ■



Gabrielle Welk

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# Livermore Valley forms worldwide wine partnership

Global AVA aims to foster collaboration by sharing industry knowledge, networking opportunities

By JUDGE STRZEMP

A newly formed partnership between nine wine regions called The Global Artisan Vintners Alliance extends past borders to exchange best practices in the wine industry.

Composed of winemakers, wine associations, government representatives, tourism and economic development organizations and business associations, the alliance is meant to foster collaboration between wine producing regions around the world.

The founding members are small and midsize wine regions including Livermore Valley Wine Community; Texas Hill Country Wineries; Chilecito, Argentina; Dalmatia, Croatia; Chinon, France; Alentejo, Portugal; Vale dos

Vinhedos, Brazil; Baja California, Mexico; Badacsony, Hungary and Ensenada.

As members, they will participate in professional development opportunities, student and professional intern exchanges and share best practices within the wine industry.

The group celebrated its founding at a press conference, Feb. 27.

"This alliance will allow all partner regions to work together and expand opportunities for their winemakers and wineries as well as enhance tourism to their respective parts of the globe," Brandi Lombardi, executive director for the Livermore Valley Wine Community, said in a statement.

The alliance formed through a collaboration between Alameda

County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert and Livermore Valley Wine Community — a 501(c)6 nonprofit organization that offers educational and marketing programs for wineries, growers and members in the Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area.

The vision behind Global AVA was to create a network of wine region partners who could trade ideas over shared values and struggles, Haubert explained.

As part of Global AVA, there will be quarterly meetings online to discuss topics including winemaking techniques, sustainability methods, marketing and brand awareness, agri-tourism and government regulations.

An annual in-person gathering is also meant to give professional

development opportunities to the members.

Moiria Smullen, representative of about 200 winemakers in Chinon, France, said the collaboration through Global AVA is a way to swap stories and experiences.

"But it's also a great opportunity to professionally collaborate in what is a pretty crowded wine world," Smullen said. "We need to amplify each other and get our stories out there in front of wine drinkers all over the world because we make great wines, we just don't have these giant marketing budgets."

The alliance also aims to help each other navigate through industry challenges like reports from the World Health Organization that drinking wine is not healthy, according to Lombardi.

"It's a very interesting topic to dance around and to figure out," Lombardi said. "One of the initiatives and one of the priorities of this group is to make sure that we are sharing messaging that continues to tell the truth, that's not inflammatory, that's not fear-based, that is still promoting the fact that drinking wine, enjoying wine is a lifestyle."

So far, there has been one regular Global AVA meeting online, hosted by Livermore. The inaugural in-person meeting is set for June in Livermore, with rotating locations in subsequent years.

In the near future, Global AVA expects its membership to grow, as the organization is looking to have partners in Germany, Chile and other parts of South America. ■

## PFAS

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is consistent with PFAS found in aqueous film-forming foam — a type of foam used to fight fires.

"PFAS are known to have been used in the manufacturing of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF), which was used nationwide as a fire-fighting foam at fire training facilities, airports, and military bases," the LPPD press release states. "The use of PFAS in firefighting foams has since been discontinued."

Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor told the Weekly that while she hasn't seen any reports regarding the findings at the LPPD fire station, she agreed it "may be a significant source of PFAS in the groundwater basin."

In a separate presentation to the Water Resources Committee on Nov. 2, 2020 — titled PFAS

Potential Source Investigation — the LPPD training center was circled as a potential source of PFAS in the Tr-Valley.

However, Pryor said that isn't the only source.

Other potential sources noted in the 2020 presentation included the fire department's Station 10 and the Las Positas College Regional Firefighter Academy, as well as non-fire department related sources such as land disposal sites, military facilities and airports.

According to Monday's press release from LPPD, the results from the recent investigation "indicate that Fire Station 10 is not a significant source of PFAS."

Pryor said PFAS chemicals can be found in many consumer products and contamination can come from many sources that are both easy and difficult to detect, which means eliminating those sources will be very difficult until

"all consumer products are free of PFAS compounds."

She added that the news from the LPPD training center does not change the water agency's management strategy for the forever chemicals, which includes monitoring, blending and treating water; managing PFAS plumes; and diversifying groundwater sources.

"Zone 7 has two PFAS treatment facilities online that are cleaning up some of the PFAS contamination and providing PFAS-clean water to our customers," Pryor said.

The fire department also stated that it is taking the matter seriously and it is working to determine the next steps following the findings of the investigation.

"LPPD is committed to working with all appropriate environmental and regulatory agencies to identify and implement solutions," the fire department said. "Ensuring the safety of residents and protecting the environment remain LPPD's top priorities. The department is dedicated to transparency and collaboration as it navigates this process." ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**At the beach Down Under:** Longtime Pleasanton residents Susan and Ron Wacek visited Australia last year. "This is Lucky Bay Beach on the Southern Ocean where the white sand actually squeaks when you walk on it. Kangaroos like to hang around on the beach too. The waters are brilliant shades of turquoise," they told the Weekly.

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# Have a ball to benefit Valley Humane Society

'A night that changes lives' — Tails at Twilight fundraising gala set at Casa Real next month

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton-based pet support nonprofit Valley Humane Society is holding its annual Tails at Twilight fundraiser a bit earlier this year, a black-and-white ball for the spring season next month at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery.

The annual gala on April 12 will benefit Valley Humane's range of programs including cat and dog adoptions, its Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center, AniMeals pet food pantry and Canine Comfort pet-assisted therapy.

Tails at Twilight isn't just a gala — it's a night that changes lives,"

development manager Claire Maniti told the Weekly. "The funds raised at our gala directly support Valley Humane Society's lifesaving programs, enabling us to care for animals in need and provide vital veterinary and mental health support to our community."

Holding the gala a few months sooner than usual helps position the nonprofit well for its 2025 goals. "Valley Humane looks forward to an exciting year, as we continue to grow and serve the needs of people and pets in our community in new and much-needed ways, like expanding access to veterinary care," CEO Melanie Sadek said.

Promising a night of "furry fun" for attendees, the 11th Tails at Twilight is billed as a "glorious Black & White Ball" theme. Valley Humane Canine Comfort dogs will greet arriving guests during the champagne reception that also features the silent auction and passed hors d'oeuvres.

A formal seated dinner will follow, setting the stage for the live auction, round of "Heads or Tails" and dancing. The auction headliner is a seven-night cycling tour for two through Sicily Baroque villages in Italy.

Valley Humane Society officials said they will not include their exclusive Ambassador packages in



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A snapshot of the puppy greeting outside Valley Humane Society's 2024 Tails at Twilight gala. The 2025 event returns with a black-and-white ball theme on April 12.

this year's gala due to the earlier timing of the event. The respective Ambassador dogs for Pleasanton and Livermore for 2025 were already crowned separately.

Tails at Twilight is set to run

from 6-11 p.m. April 12 at Ruby Hill Winery on Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton. For tickets, details on auction items, sponsorships or other information, visit valleyhumane.org. ■

## Livermore Downtown Inc. hires Klotchman as new leader

Homecoming for former LDI staffer who has been heading Martinez Main Street program

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore Downtown Inc. is set to have a familiar face at the helm starting this month following the announcement of its new executive director, Kara Klotchman.

Klotchman is a Livermore native who previously worked with LDI from 2012 to 2018, which sparked her appreciation for strategic planning, local collaboration and creative problem-solving, according to

a statement from the LDI Board of Directors.

As she succeeds former executive director Ruby Lopez-Villareal — who announced her resignation in January — Klotchman brings more than 11 years of experience in downtown



Kara Klotchman

revitalization and community development to the role which she is set to officially start on March 17.

After her first run with LDI, Klotchman went on to serve as the executive director of the Downtown Martinez & Co. Main Street Program, where she led transformative initiatives that strengthened local businesses and revitalized downtown spaces.

She has also contributed to the Livermore Commission for the

Arts and served on the California Main Street board of directors, further deepening her commitment to community-driven growth, according to the LDI board's statement.

Klotchman holds a bachelor of fine arts in graphic design and a degree in marketing and advertising. Some of her strengths the board highlighted that make her a fit for the position include her adaptability and collaborative leadership as well as her creativity, strategic

thinking and economic development expertise.

"Kara is just as excited to return to her hometown as we are to welcome her back," the LDI board said. "She is fully dedicated to supporting the city's growth while maintaining its unique character. She looks forward to helping guide Livermore Downtown toward even greater success, ensuring the city continues to be a vibrant and welcoming destination for everyone." ■

## FAIRGROUNDS

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where they are now.

"None of us want horse racing to go away," John Smith, vice president of the fairgrounds' board of directors, said during the Feb. 11 meeting. "We're faced with a situation where we can't afford it or we're going to bankrupt ourselves."

But it's not just the horses and their trainers who have to leave the fairgrounds by March 25 — it's families as well who live in the RV park at the county fairgrounds.

According to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, there are about 120 people and 45 RVs on the Fairgrounds involved with horse racing — other guests who stay in the RV park are not included in that number.

In the statement, the fairgrounds said the RV park — which is not a permanent residence — currently accommodates about "45 recreational vehicles associated with horse racing, along with other public guests."

The statement claimed that no evictions have been considered and that the RV Park will remain open to all guests as a public facility.

"According to the Fairgrounds,

there have been no eviction letters sent out," Liz Rosinski, who handles public relations for the fairgrounds, told the Weekly. "I believe there was a clean up letter that was sent out regarding the stable closure, so it's possible that is what they are referring to."

However, that's not what Thomas told the Weekly.

"They gave us eviction notices," she said referring to herself and other horse trainers like herself.

During the Feb. 11 meeting, several public speakers pleaded with committee members to give them more time before having to move. Many said the roughly one month's notice to vacate was too soon and that families who have children going to school would be negatively affected by the sudden notice to evict.

Many speakers at that meeting also said they felt blindsided by the news that they were getting evicted and said there was a lack of communication from the fairgrounds and from CARE.

"We recognize that the closure of the stables will impact some families, and we remain committed to working with the County and other support services to assist them

during this transition," the fairgrounds stated.

Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert also went over how the fairground's wastewater was found out of compliance with local discharge regulations and that the runoff water with high levels of pollution is another reason why people are being evicted.

"The wastewater has been determined to be out of compliance with the discharge regulations so we can't discharge water," Haubert said. "At some point, I believe, there is meant to be a solution for this, but we don't have it yet."

According to Haubert's chief of staff, Shawn Wilson, the supervisor has been working since the meeting to find solutions to make sure employees and workers do not get displaced on March 25.

"The supervisor understands there is a water compliance issue with the State Water Quality Control Board and he has asked the state legislature to assist in any capacity that they can, the last thing we want to see is that impoverished kids and families are displaced and removed from school," Wilson said.

One possible solution that was tossed around at the Feb. 11

meeting came from a local horse trainer, George Schmitt, who offered the county fair \$2 million to cover solely the operating costs to keep the grounds and stables open for horses. He noted during the meeting that this could go toward races that run only on the weekends, which seemed like a great idea to trainers like Thomas.

"We're willing to compromise," she said.

"If the fair runs, believe me I'll be back," Thomas added. "This is home — for all of us — but we all have to leave."

Wilson said Schmitt's proposal

currently stands and that Haubert shared the plan with the county. But he said there doesn't seem to be any plans to move forward with it as of yet.

"At this point, with time being of the essence, the Alameda County Fair Board of Directors would need to accept George Schmitt's proposal by virtue of a 'yes' vote by the Fair Board of Directors," Wilson said. "But we do not set the agenda for those meetings and we are not sure if the executive director of the Alameda County Fairgrounds has or will place this on any future agendas." ■



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The RV park inside the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Monday afternoon.



# City OKs communal building project at Goodness Village

Two-story hub to offer staff offices, new dining, laundry, fitness, meeting facilities

By JUDE STRZEMP

Goodness Village in Livermore appears on track to build a community center, following unanimous approval of the project by the Livermore Planning Commission last month.

The two-story, approximately 7,126-square-foot hub will include staff offices, common dining and meeting areas, laundry and fitness rooms as well as outdoor space for residents of the 28-unit tiny home neighborhood.

Its construction will mark a major improvement for the village, which provides safe and supportive housing for formerly unhoused residents in the Tri-Valley.

In addition to the new construction, the planning commission also granted permission to permanently operate Goodness Village on the Crosswinds Church campus at 1660 Freisman Road.

Approval by the planning commission at a regular meeting Feb. 18 is final, barring an appeal to the Livermore City Council within 15 days of the decision. No challenge had been filed to date.

"This community center is not just a building," Goodness Village Executive Director Kim Curtis told the commissioners. "It's a place of transformation."



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The community center project at Goodness Village received unanimous support from the Livermore Planning Commission on Feb. 18.

Since 2021, nonprofit Goodness Village has offered tiny homes and wrap-around services to previously unhoused Tri-Valley residents.

In the neighborhood, care includes 24/7 behavioral health support, individualized case management, a vocational training program and a wellness team for residents.

The new communal building will give residents space to gather, recover, and thrive, Curtis explained. "It will be the heart of the village," she said.

The fitness and mindfulness

space will help people starting to recover from trauma, Curtis said. The maker-space will foster creativity and micro-business opportunities. The laundry room will serve as a much-needed expansion from the current single-washer and dryer set-up. Lastly, everyone will be able to gather in the dining room, instead of a maximum of six people in the single-family house currently operating as the community center.

"We have not received an appeal and do not anticipate receiving an

appeal based upon the positive support for the project and the lack of opposition," city spokesperson Stephanie Egidio told Livermore Vine Feb. 26.

During the public hearing, former Livermore vice mayor and councilmember Bob Carling spoke in favor of the community center project.

The model neighborhood Community First! Village in Austin, Texas serves over 370 formerly homeless neighbors who were previously struggling on the streets, Carling explained. He added, "The proposed community center at Goodness Village seeks to mirror the success of the village in Austin, and provide a resource to continue the healing of those escaping homelessness."

Taking a turn for the personal, Vice Chair Tracy Kronzak said after experiencing a precarious situation over 25 years ago, "It is a privilege to be a planning commissioner capable of reviewing this project. Although, had things gone differently, I would have also been a very, very, very grateful patron of Goodness Village."

Once constructed, the community center will be located behind the

Crosswinds Church and obstructed from view of the freeway.

Commissioner Jacob Anderson — who attends the Crosswinds Church — commented on the beauty of the building design and expressed excitement about the development.

In response to Chairperson Yolanda Fintschenko's question about mitigation efforts against heat, staff explained that sunshades, trellis and canopies will help control heat in the building.

During the commissioners' discussion, they agreed the proposal met the requirements of the general plan, the El Charro Specific Plan as well as the Livermore municipal and development codes.

Additionally, at about 37-feet tall, the building is under the 40-foot limit established by the city's scenic corridor policies and is consistent with the 2.2 degree view angle of the scenic corridor. No environmental impact report is required for the project because it is within the scope of the EIR for the El Charro Specific Plan certified by City Council in 2007.

Commissioner Daniel Leary was absent from the meeting, landing the favorable vote at 3-0. ■

## Aviation Innovation Center proposed for Livermore Airport

New facility would serve as hub to develop, assess novel aviation and advanced air mobility tech

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore is seeking to position itself as a leader in aviation innovation and advanced air mobility by establishing a program dedicated to advancing quiet and clean aviation technology and promoting innovation economy, according to an announcement from the city last week.

The proposed Aviation Innovation Center will serve as a hub for the assessment of novel aviation and advanced air mobility technologies, such as electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft, providing startups and established companies with the resources and infrastructure needed to develop, test and deploy clean and quiet aviation solutions, city officials said.

The initiative aims to drive new opportunities for residents and local businesses, and foster additional employment options in the Tri-Valley.

"Livermore's Aviation Innovation Center will reinforce Livermore's role as a regional innovation leader," Mayor John Marchand said.

"By fostering opportunities for established and start-up businesses to introduce and test clean and quiet aviation options, we can help shape the future of air mobility, ensuring Livermore remains at the forefront of this rapidly evolving industry while remaining responsible to the surrounding community's concerns about noise and leaded fuel," he added.

This new development is among a number of recent changes at the airport as the city strives to identify potential development options and approaches at the facility that are responsive to the needs of the airport and the community as well as position the airport as more of a resource for first responders and public safety agencies.

The airport added another option for pilots to use unleaded aviation fuel last July. And later in December, the city announced a strategic realignment in its organizational structure designed to enhance service delivery and maximize economic development opportunities by transitioning

oversight of the airport from the Public Works Department to the Innovation & Economic Development Department.

Additionally, just last month the city named Benedict "Benny" Stuth to permanent airport manager after he had been serving in the role on an interim basis since September 2023.

"The Aviation Innovation Center will be a catalyst for job creation and economic vitality, contributing to the quality of life in the region. By attracting investment and fostering industry partnerships, we are building a stronger local economy that will provide long-term benefits for the Livermore community," city innovation and economic development director Brandon Cardwell said of the airport's latest announcement.

Officials said that as planning and development progress, the city will engage with industry stakeholders, potential partners and aviation innovators to explore opportunities to collaborate and contribute to the project. ■

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# Tri-Valley institution Danville Bowl closing this month

'Sadly things didn't line up': Management says new property owners plan to redevelop ASAP

By JEREMY WALSH

Balls will be rolling down the lanes for just one more month at Danville Bowl after more than six decades, with the property near downtown recently changing hands and the new owners ready to redevelop the parcel as soon as possible, the bowling alley's management confirmed last week.

The day after announcing the impending March 31 closure on Danville Bowl's Facebook page, vice president of operations Justin Oertel told the Weekly that the family business has created a lifetime of "priceless" memories, but the reality of constraints in recent years were too costly to overcome despite having ideas on the table to reinvigorate the alley.

"We had plans to renovate and try to bring the bowl into the future, but countless obstacles and lack of funding after Covid kind of brought it to this point. We wished it would've stayed a bowl but sadly things didn't line up," Oertel said in an email interview on the morning of Feb. 27.

"I'm going to miss the relationships built," added Oertel, whose father Mike has owned the bowling



JEREMY WALSH

Danville Bowl is poised to close its doors at the end of March after more than 60 years in business.

alley for more than 30 years.

"I've seen people that bowled in leagues, they would be dating ... then they'd get married and have kids," Oertel said. "Bringing in the kids and just continuing the fun that's had in a bowling center. Relationships that started as friends as a couple and now I'm seeing them bring their kids in, stuff like that is priceless joy. Memories I'll always remember."

The Danville Bowl property at 200 Boone Court, sitting almost directly below Interstate 680 and

a block off San Ramon Valley Boulevard, had been owned by a trust from whom the Oertels leased the building, but the parcel was recently bought by new ownership, according to Oertel.

"The property has been sold to developers who intend to start right away. Our last day open will be Monday, March 31st," Danville Bowl management said in its Facebook post Feb. 26.

The apparent new plans for the property remain unclear. Attempts to contact ownership

have been unsuccessful.

The Danville town government has "not received any applications for the site", communications and economic development manager Jenn Starnes said on Feb. 27. The property is listed as a housing opportunity site in Danville's current Housing Element.

Regardless of the future of the land itself, the community is saying goodbye to a recreational institution that has been open since 1961. Owned at one time by legendary pro bowler and entrepreneur Earl Anthony, Oertel said his father Mike bought the bowling alley in 1994 and it's been an integral part of his life since.

"I was born in '93. I grew up in that center. Every birthday party until I was 13 was held there," Oertel said. "We had a junior program that had 40-plus kids that would bowl on Saturdays. After we finished league, 15-20 of us would go out in the parking lot after and play baseball, football, etc."

The aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, which hit many indoor recreation businesses like Danville Bowl particularly hard, contributed to the uncertain future for the only bowling alley in the San Ramon Valley.

"We had a lease up until Covid and that really changed how everything played out in this situation between my family, the trust and the bowl moving forward," Oertel said.

When Danville Bowl closes at the end of March, it will leave Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl and Granada Bowl in Livermore as the only alleys left in the Tri-Valley. Pinstripes Walnut Creek also opened last fall not too far away in that city's Broadway Plaza.

"Bowling is a great game, and even though we may be leaving there are still many great bowling centers in the area to bowl at," Danville Bowl management said in their goodbye post on Facebook. "We hope that you continue to bowl and let bowling provide joy and happiness into your lives long after we're gone."

"We hope we've provided fun times, smiles, and laughter to everyone who came in. Whether it was throwing some games, enjoying a drink in the lounge, or grabbing a bite in the grill, our goal was to provide memories that would last a lifetime," they added. "Thank you for the wonderful memories and fun times we all shared. We couldn't have dreamed of being (part) of a greater community." ■

## State, federal officials announce increased water deliveries

Providers like Zone 7 poised to receive 35% of requested supply, according to latest estimates

By KILEY RUSSELL /  
BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

State and federal water managers last week announced significant increases to water allocations across California thanks to early February storms and healthy reservoir levels.

The California Department of Water Resources increased its estimate of deliveries from 20% of requested water supplies in January

to 35% on Feb. 25.

"California is experiencing a winter of extremes. We've seen predominantly dry conditions broken up by very wet, short storm events. Those conditions mean we must move as much water when it's available and as safely as possible," DWR director Karla Nemeth said.

DWR operates the State Water Project, which provides water to 29 public agencies that serve 27 million

Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland across the state — including the Zone 7 Water Agency in the Tri-Valley.

Also on Feb. 25, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced that water delivery agencies for cities and farms north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, and within the Delta itself, will receive 100% of their requested supplies from the federal water

storage and delivery system.

Meanwhile, most farms south of the Delta will receive 35% of their contract amounts, while urban and industrial water users to the south will receive 75% from the federal system.

The Bureau of Reclamation operates the Central Valley Project, which delivers irrigation water to 3 million acres of farmland and drinking water to more than 6

million people in the state.

The rosy water delivery announcements come at a time when all the state's major reservoirs report water levels that are either close to, at or above historical averages for this time of year.

Also, the California Department of Water Resources is reporting that average snowpack levels in the Sierra Nevada are about 87% of normal for this date. ■

## CASINO

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patrons, city planning manager Steve Riley responded. The casino is also part of a state program where self-identified gambling addicts are declined service.

To Councilmember Steven Dunbar, Parkwest Casino 580 can offer harm-mitigation, which is better than what can be offered through online gambling.

Safety was another concern for councilmembers, including Barrientos and Kristie Wang.

There haven't been any major issues at the cardroom in the past few years, Young responded.

Riley added, there is no unusually high police activity at the cardroom, compared to other businesses that have a lot of

customers and parking.

During public comment, CEO of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Sherri Souza offered support for the project.

"We've been community partners with the Parkwest Casino 580 from the beginning of their arrival in Livermore and can vouch for their good intentions and ongoing community-mindedness," Souza said.

Regarding the proposed parking lot, council members were aligned in seeing the benefits of the new lot.

Currently, safety concerns arise from the parking that overflows from the cardroom's 131-space lot onto nearby Doolan Road and Collier Canyon Road.

The new surface lot is set to have 230 parking spaces to accommodate current excess and additional

needs due to increased operations, special projects coordinator Susan Frost said.

"It'll just be a nicer experience for everyone who's actually going there, not to walk along the side of the road in the dark," Dunbar said.

Dunbar also offered an amendment to continue review of the design details of the street improvements along North Canyons Parkway.

Previously, the Livermore Planning Commission recommended approval of the operational expansion plan, construction of its proposed parking lot as well as citywide amendments regarding cardrooms at a meeting Jan. 7.

As for the next steps toward expansion, there must be a second reading of the municipal code ordinance, scheduled for next week

and set to take effect April 9, Egidio explained. The ordinance must then be submitted to the California Bureau of Gambling Control for final approval. Next, Parkwest Casino 580 must apply to the California Gambling Control

Commission for additional tables. Lastly, the business must apply for a city cardroom license through the police department.

Approval by the regulatory groups could take at least a few months, Egidio said. ■



JUDE STRZEMP

Parking nearby the casino often overflows onto Collier Canyon Road.

# The Grille at Blackhawk closure leaves visible vacancy

Questions remain about why restaurant shut down permanently in plaza this winter

By JEREMY WALSH

The Grille at Blackhawk, perhaps the most prominent restaurant space in the Blackhawk Plaza, abruptly closed its doors for good in recent weeks.

Locked glass doors and rows of windows showing the darkened interior with tables, chairs and bar-tops still in place — plus a few untouched mailers on the floor — now greet patrons who walk past the vacant unit at 3540 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Signs on two entrance doors read, “We are permanently closed. Thank you for all your support. The Grille at Blackhawk.”

The factors leading to the permanent closure in mid-January were not immediately clear. Attempts

to reach the restaurant managers have been unsuccessful to date, and its website has been taken offline. Blackhawk Plaza representatives had not responded to a request for comment as of press time.

A main restaurant spot in the up-scale outdoor shopping center in eastern Danville, the multi-room tenant space had been occupied by the Blackhawk Grille for more than 30 years before that business shuttered in the spring of 2020 after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New management reopened and rebranded the restaurant as The Grille at Blackhawk within months — although signage around the building still retains the “Blackhawk

Grille” name to this day.

The closure of the grille now means multiple ex-tenants’ names continue to grace signs within and around the plaza, including the center’s marquee at the corner of Camino Tassajara and Blackhawk Road.

Century Theatres is still promoted on signs despite the movie theater having closed more than two years ago. Apple Cinemas was announced in late 2023 as a new lessee to take over the theater space during 2024, but the business has not opened yet and extensive renovations appear to be ongoing within the unit.

No opening date is displayed on the theater’s exterior. The



JEREMY WALSH

The Grille at Blackhawk closed abruptly in January 2025.

Blackhawk Plaza website touts state of the art movie theater” as Apple Cinemas and its “full service “Coming Soon!” generically. ■

## ICE

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continue to support our law enforcement partners to fulfill the administration’s policy objectives”.

With former BOP Director Collette Peters out as of Jan. 20, the agency is currently under the leadership of Acting Director William Lothrop, who has become the target of criticism over the purported move from lawmakers as well as new Attorney General Pat Bondi. Concerns abound about changes in the bureau’s partnership with ICE and the latter agency’s increasingly aggressive detention and deportation measures — and ongoing troubles in the federal prison system that have been uncovered and highlighted by the investigation and litigation in the FCI Dublin scandal.

According to a letter to Bondi from U.S. Sens. Richard Durbin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Cory Booker, Alex Padilla, Peter Welch, Mazie Hirono and Adam Schiff, a Monte Vista High School alum, a memo from the BOP’s correctional programs branch on Feb. 7 stating that employees with the agency would “accept and process all new DHS detainees” fails to provide appropriate direction and guidance and raises “serious questions”.

“These questions include how to manage interactions between civil

immigration detainees and the existing criminally incarcerated population; how the Department of Justice (DOJ) and DHS will ensure BOP staff receive adequate training and resources to meet the needs of the civil immigrant detainee population; and whether BOP facilities would even be able to meet basic immigration detention standards,” the senators wrote on Feb. 25.

“Due to BOP already suffering from years of understaffing, inadequate resources, and crumbling infrastructure, the Administration’s decision to revive immigration detention in BOP facilities seriously threatens the safety and well-being of BOP staff, incarcerated individuals, and immigrant detainees,” they continued.

In addition to the widespread sexual abuse and retaliation findings at FCI Dublin, the dismal conditions leading up to its closure last year also included its aging infrastructure and the associated hazards, including mold and asbestos — a point raised by U.S. Reps. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) and Zoe Lofgren (D-San Jose) in a joint letter on Feb. 25, asking for additional information and details on the reported plan by this week.

The protest came days after a judge granted final approval for a settlement agreement in a class action

lawsuit from women incarcerated at FCI Dublin against the BOP that included the first-ever consent decree in the federal prison system.

“For the first time in BOP history, a consent decree will provide ongoing court oversight across multiple federal women’s prisons,” Beatty, who also represented the plaintiffs in the class action case, said in an announcement following the Feb. 25 ruling. “This agreement acknowledges that the abuses at FCI Dublin were not isolated incidents but part of a nationwide pattern of harm. Survivors fought tirelessly for this victory, and this consent decree gives advocates the tools to ensure enforcement and hold BOP accountable.”

The final approval of the settlement meant rejecting requests from the defendants in that case to postpone the hearing by one month and to reconsider some terms of the \$115 million settlement, which had already been agreed to by both sides in December.

“You don’t get two bites at the apple,” District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers said in the hearing. “There is always an opportunity to want more after a negotiated settlement, and that’s why we get it in writing, and that’s why we get it signed — so that you cannot go back. It’s a very common occurrence for people to want to renegotiate, but the answer

is no, you do not get to do that in this case.”

It remains to be seen whether the purported plan to reopen the troubled facility will also be prevented, with no additional details emerging since KTVU’s initial report from a source with the local federal prison worker’s union that ICE officials had visited the site twice the second week of February.

However, the nearly 500 protesters in Dublin — dwarfing the handful

of counter-protesters who took to the southwest corner of the intersection — made their opposition to the move clear, as well as their opposition to ongoing ICE operations as supporters honked and cheered while driving by.

“Saturday’s protest is just the beginning of this campaign,” Indivisible East Bay organizers said in their March 3 announcement. “This coalition has vowed to continue the fight until the facility is bulldozed.” ■

## We’re looking for a few interns

We are seeking local high school or college students with an appetite for news and an interest in learning about print and digital media for internship opportunities. The interns will research stories, do interviews and help with fact checking and rewrites for the award-winning Pleasanton Weekly, LivermoreVine.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com. They will also be introduced to the other aspects of publishing, including advertising and production.

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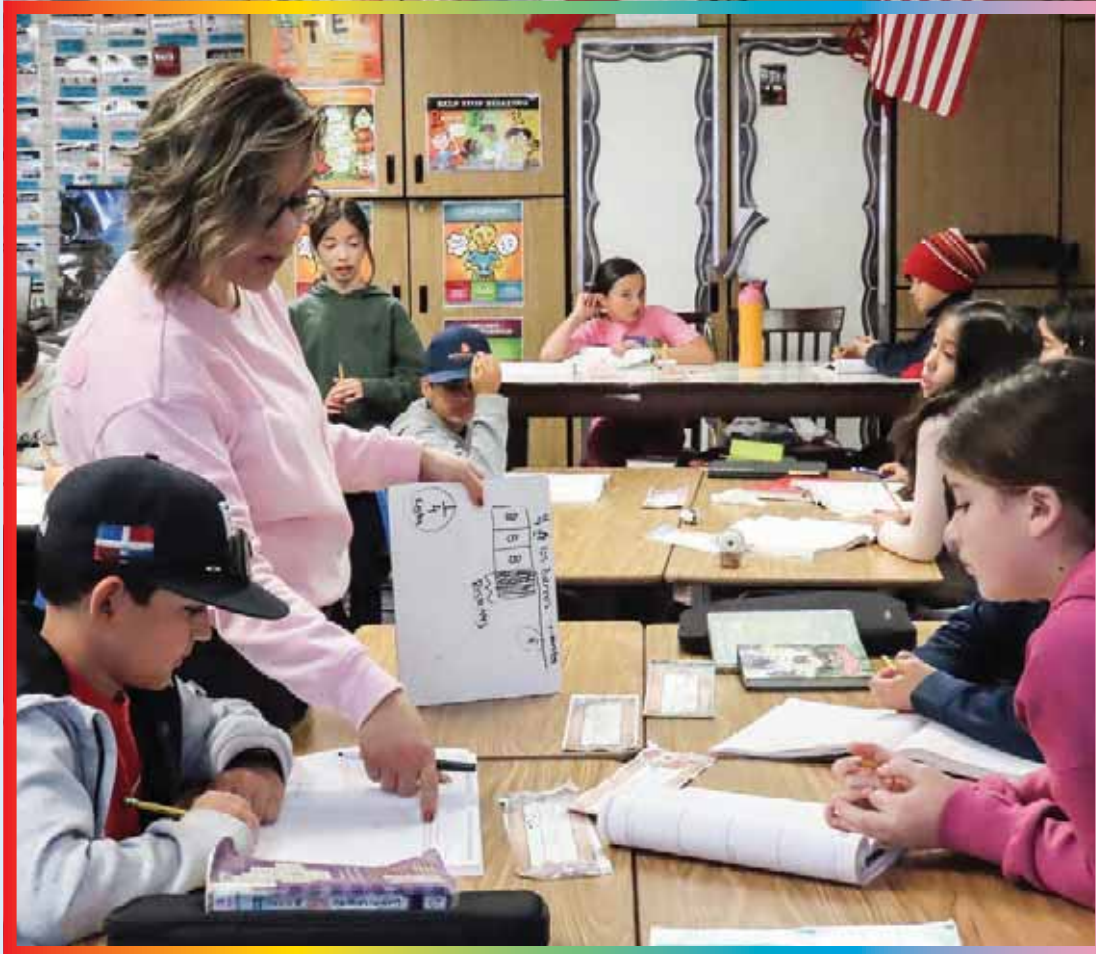
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The Federal Bureau of Prisons has not yet publicly confirmed or denied the media reports that ICE is eyeing the shuttered Dublin prison.



# Double to to doubt Lang

## Valley View Elementary's producing generations

STORY AND PHOTOS BY



Top of page: Fifth grade dual language immersion teacher Esperanza Jimenez walks students through several math problems mainly while speaking to them in Spanish on Feb. 14. Middle and bottom: Panelists, including former Valley View Elementary School students and current dual language immersion teachers, talk about the benefits of the program during a Feb. 5 informational night for parents interested in the program.

For many Pleasanton students, school can already be a lot of work with having to cover subjects like math, science and history. But imagine a student having to learn all of those subjects, in both Spanish and English.

Well, for some 350 Valley View Elementary School students, that is in fact their reality thanks to the school's dual language immersion (DLI) program.

The alternative program is designed for both Spanish-speaking students who are learning English as a second language and for English-speaking students who want to learn Spanish. The overall goal of the program is to teach students all of the other school subjects in both English and Spanish so they master both languages while getting their regular education.

"We really try to immerse the students in both of the languages," Christie Carnahan, a kindergarten DLI teacher, said during the program's parent informational night on Feb. 5.

But for the students, teachers and families involved in the program, it's much more than kids being proficient in two languages — it's about the community the school has created and about making connections with different demographics.

"In some of my classes, there are kids who came here to America from Spanish-speaking countries and now I can talk

to them," Kaya Madani, a sixth grade student who graduated from Valley View's DLI program last year, said during the informational session. "We have conversations and I can get to know more about them."

Valley View's immersion program first launched in 1998 with a single class of 18 first graders who wanted to learn two languages. Since then, the program has grown to where now there are 15 DLI classes — typically two to three per grade level — with over 350 students involved.

"The Valley View Spanish Dual Language Immersion program has graduated over one thousand students since it began in 1998," Pleasanton Unified School District director of communications Patrick Gannon told the Weekly.

He said much like any other program, funding for the school's DLI program is based on enrollment and attendance and that the district is "currently working to market this amazing program to our broader community."

The program follows what it calls the three pillars of bilingual education: bilingualism and biliteracy; academic achievement in all subjects; and sociocultural competence, which staff said helps students connect with each other on a deeper level.

To get into the program, parents register their soon-to-be kindergarteners during the enrollment process and notify the school of

their interest in the program. The program follows a first-come, first-served basis that prioritizes accepting students who only speak Spanish first. Students with siblings at the school are prioritized next before those who are in the school's attendance area or outside of it.

This year, parents who are registering their kindergarteners for the first time will find out if they got into the DLI program after March.

Once in, students spend 90% of their class time being taught in Spanish while 10% is taught in English. Throughout their five years in Valley View's DLI program — which is a commitment required by the school — the percentage of time spent in Spanish slowly decreases to the point where in fifth grade, DLI students only spend half of their time in class speaking English.

Esperanza Jimenez, a fifth grade DLI teacher at the elementary school, said teachers use various different strategies to teach arithmetic in both languages. She pointed out one day where a teacher brought in tortillas to help teach fractions.

The model is primarily used so that students like Yatzeri Hernandez Santiago, an Amador Valley High School senior who is also in the middle college program, could learn English. During the informational night, she said that while it was initially hard during that first year in kindergarten,

# The work able their wage

## dual immersion program of bilingual students

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO



the teachers at Valley View made it easier for her.

“The support they gave me was so amazing that I was able to speak English by the end of kindergarten,” Santiago said. “Being in the Valley View (DLI) program has had a great impact on me because not only is it nice to be able to speak in two languages, but ... it’s such a good program. The teachers are amazing and they’re always there for you.”

However, it is also for students like Madani who said that while their Spanish is not quite fluent, she appreciates being able to communicate with more people in the world.

“It’s just a really cool thing to be able to talk to other people who have different experiences than me that if I didn’t speak Spanish, I wouldn’t get to learn,” Madani said.

Carnahan, who had family come to the U.S. from Mexico, said she became a teacher in order to pass on her family’s history of biliteracy and bilingualism to her students and to the future generations.

“It’s something to be celebrated to be bilingual and to be biliterate,” Carnahan said during the informational night. “Choosing to put your child into this program is a gift that you’re giving to your kids.”

But a lot has changed since that first grade class in 1998. Not only has the program increased in size at the elementary school level — educators are now working to

expand it throughout all grade levels.

“Our goal is to make this a full K-12 DLI program (by) adding more content classes through the years — at least one every year — because to really grow vocabulary, just having one Spanish class doesn’t grow the vocabulary,” Felicia Douwes, a former DLI teacher at Valley View for 16 years who now teaches a sixth grade DLI class at Pleasanton Middle School, said during the informational night.

The program currently feeds Valley View students into Pleasanton Middle School and finishes at Foothill High School where chosen core classes are taught in Spanish, according to the district.

Douwes has been helping the program grow in middle school for the past three years and said the goal is to eventually create more core classes — math, science and history classes — in Spanish at Foothill. She said they currently teach Spanish and history in Spanish at Pleasanton Middle School along with other special classes in seventh and eighth grade.

But all of this work couldn’t have been done without the help of the village, according to Valley View staff.

“It’s a community- and family-oriented program as well ... we are all in it together,” Valley View principal Andrea Withers said. “You’ll find that as you enter the program, that you’re never alone.”

Many recognized how hard it could be for parents on either side of the language barrier, but students like Santiago said that isn’t so much a problem at Valley View.

“Not only did they support me, but they supported my parents,” she said.

And while Carnahan said that the district has been affected by attrition of teachers, Valley View’s staffing level hasn’t been hit as hard because of what she called one of the best bilingual teacher stipends in California.

“We currently offer our DLI teachers a \$5,000 stipend to attract and retain the amazing teachers that contribute to making this program possible,” Gannon said.

Carnahan said the school didn’t have any issues filling empty positions this year because of that stipend and she also pointed out that PUSD partners with local colleges who offer bilingual credentialing, which makes Valley View a pipeline for bilingual student-teachers.

She also said apart from attracting new, bright teachers, the school also has a reputation of teachers — like herself — settling down there and making Valley View their permanent home.

“We’ve had graduates out of the program who’ve come back and now are teachers in our program,” Carnahan said. “I think that says a lot about who we are as a school and how we grow our students to be successful.” ■



Top of page: Christie Carnahan, a dual language immersion kindergarten teacher at Valley View, helps her students decorate their Valentine’s Day bags on Feb. 14. When giving instructions, she makes sure to use both languages. Middle: Carnahan’s kindergarten students move around the classroom as they fill each other’s goodie bags. Bottom: Esperanza Jimenez’s fifth grade students work through difficult fraction problems all while speaking Spanish with their teacher and with each other.

## 'Robin Hood' onstage in Sunol this month

Small-town theater troupe performing classic tale — with its own fun twist

By Christian Trujano

A diverse cast of Tri-Valley residents will be performing a never-before-seen retelling of the classic story of Robin Hood and his infamous band of outlaws this month as part of the Sunol Repertory Theatre's 2025 production.

Co-directors Chris Bobertz and Meredith Sarboraria told the Weekly the whimsical adaptation of the well-known tale of the famous archer, who takes from the rich and gives to the poor, will be a fun ride for the entire family.

"It's fun, hilarious, full of gags and little Easter egg jokes," Sarboraria said. "It's also a play-within-a-play format, which lends an extra layer of goofs ... SRT may not perform the classics, but we know how to show you a good time."

Founded in 1982, the Sunol troupe is in its 42nd season production. Every year, the theater puts on plays inside Sunol Glen School's auditorium and donates the funds it receives to the school. According to a press release from the theater, it has donated over \$250,000 in total to the school over the years.

This year, the SRT has decided to put on a two-act comedy adaptation of the medieval classic Robin Hood. According to the two co-directors, the school's band — which was involved in last year's play — will be providing the background music for this month's production

of "Robin Hood & His Merry Men."

Bobertz, a Sunol resident who was appointed to the school board last year, said the cast is made up of residents from all over Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton. He said the age of actors range from as young as a fourth grader to as old as someone who is 90 years old.

Some of those actors include two of Bobertz's kids, which he said has been nice because he has been able to spend more time with them.

"I think that is probably my favorite part," Bobertz said. "My middle son ... he loves getting on stage and he loves being a part of the team that puts on the show."

Ever since rehearsals began in January, the team of actors, producers and directors have been working diligently to get ready for opening night this weekend.

With dress rehearsals coming up, Bobertz reminisced about how it hasn't been easy these past two months — especially as a first-time director. He talked about some of the challenges like working with older actors who struggle with fight scenes where they have to fall down.

But Bobertz said the production has been really creative with using fourth-wall breaks such as switching out actors for stunt doubles in an obvious, but playful way, in order to mitigate some of these issues. He also said his co-director, Sarboraria, has definitely made things easier.

Like Bobertz, Sarboraria first got



COURTESY SRT

Members of the Sunol Repertory Theatre's cast for the upcoming "Robin Hood & His Merry Men" production pose for a photo during rehearsal on Feb. 20.

involved with SRT as an actor.

"I had met someone in an acting course a few months before auditions who had been involved with SRT and she suggested I try out," she said. "I was cast in a supporting role, my first ever play outside of grade school pageants, and the rest is history."

She said she really loves the group of people she is working with and the whole theater organization as a whole for what they do to fund the school.

"It is a whole lot of work and amazing to watch it come together," Sarboraria said. "The best thing is when, literally, the whole town comes out to watch and they get really into their role as the rowdy audience. It really is a lot of fun and a piece of small-town life that most don't get to experience."

Like Bobertz, this is Sarboraria's first time directing as well and she

said that her favorite part of rehearsals so far has been watching the actors get comfortable with their roles and perform more naturally — even if there might be some mistakes here and there.

"I really enjoy witnessing what comes out of them naturally," Sarboraria said. "It's also really fun when someone makes Chris and I crack up at a point where the script on its own isn't that funny. Sometimes the actors surprise you with their comedic timing and abilities; they really bring the play to life."

"Robin Hood & His Merry Men" is set to open Saturday (March 8) at 7:30 p.m. After that, there will be at least two performances every following weekend through March 29 as well as a matinee show scheduled for March 22. For more information and ticket prices, visit [www.sunol.net/srt](http://www.sunol.net/srt). ■



COURTESY SRT

Seth Leick plays Little John (left) and Peter Grayson is Robin Hood in the show.

## Ride the rails with Niles Canyon Railway this spring

Scenic trips offered two weekends a month starting Saturday

By Jeremy Walsh

With sights of spring starting to pop, Niles Canyon Railway is launching its 2025 season of train rides between Sunol and Fremont this weekend.

The 1.5-hour locomotive roundtrips through Niles Canyon will be offered twice a day on the second and third weekends of each month between March and October — with the first four installments offered on vintage diesel engine trains departing from the Sunol Station at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday (March 8-9).

"We are always excited about starting a new season since Niles Canyon is in bloom with its green hills, wildflowers present and even

unique wildlife including recent sightings of a pair of bald eagles which appear to now call the canyon home," Niles Canyon Railway marketing manager Christopher Hauf told the Weekly.

"While we are most famous for our Train of Lights, we hope people will come out to enjoy the scenic splendor of Niles Canyon during the day on one of our regular season rides; rides which cover the same exact route from Sunol to Niles (City of Fremont) and back through the canyon," Hauf added.

Tickets are on sale now for the rides through May — which will all take place on diesel trains, with officials anticipating that steam trains will return to the rotation later this year once infrastructure

work is completed in the Brightside Yard, according to the Pacific Locomotive Association, the nonprofit that owns and operates the Niles Canyon Railway.

In addition to work at the yard, the nonprofit and the volunteers on its Build East Team are in the middle of their project to build the railroad east of Sunol toward Pleasanton. Track has been laid over the Castlewood Bridge as the work continues alongside Pleasanton-Sunol Road. Their next Building East Day, which occurs on the first Saturday each month, is set for April 5.

Niles Canyon Railway has also released the schedule for its Beer on the Rails events: June 1, Aug. 3 and Sept. 7. The afternoon roundtrip



CHRISTOPHER HAUF

Niles Canyon Railway is embarking on its 2025 schedule of public train rides this month.

from the Sunol Station will include lunch, live music and beer from three local breweries on board — plus non-alcohol beverages and a

discounted ticket for designated drivers.

Go to [ncry.org](http://ncry.org) for tickets and more information. ■

# New Bankhead exhibit explores artists' 'Identity'

'Dynamic and interesting exhibition that delves into the minds of artists who often bravely reveal themselves'

By JEREMY WALSH

Who is the person behind the image? Probing that pointed question with fellow artists was the inspiration for Pablo Villicaña Lara, guest curator behind "Identity: Defining Identity Through Visual Expression" — the two-month exhibition opening this week in the UNCLE Credit

Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead Theater.

"I discovered that artists interpret that question in many ways as they can be emotion based, some are literal, some analyze everything, and others are intellectually based," Villicaña Lara told the Weekly ahead of opening day.

"It can be through the objects collected for still life. The people

they connect with or are connected to in portraiture. Finding kindred spirits in animals whether they be beloved pets or majestic wildlife. Landscapes that speak to their soul or show their ecological concerns for. Or even their emotional journeys through exploration of mediums abstractly or conceptually," he said.

"What stands out is the various mediums and genre artists depict the same theme, as some works are beautiful, some thought provoking and some challenging," Villicaña Lara added. "I think viewers will enjoy a peek into how artists convey who they are or at least a part of themselves through their artwork."

A professional artist and experienced art instructor with degrees from St. Mary's College and California College of the Arts, Villicaña Lara worked in various mediums until finding watercolor to direct his artistic path more than 30 years ago. He is an adjunct professor at Merritt College and Livermore's Las Positas College.

Known for demonstrating "a palpable quality of light, clarity of color and strong composition" in his painting, Villicaña Lara evokes "a sense of spirituality that reflects a deep connection to Native and Mexican heritage" in his own works, according to officials with Livermore Valley Arts, who operate the Bankhead gallery.

In his "Identity" exhibition, he turned the personal inspiration question on his peers — and was struck by how they responded creatively.

Villicaña Lara called out "Colonial Contrast" by Nimisha Doongarwal among the impressive pieces in the new showing, saying it speaks of contrasts between colonialism and traditional heritage,



Kenneth Wilan's painting "Face, 3" is also featured in new Bankhead gallery exhibit.



COURTESY LVA

"Creciente", an acrylic on wood panel by Luis Garcia, is among the works on display in "Identity" exhibition at UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery.

a driving current issue. It is both visually beautiful and full of personal symbolism."

"Safe Space" by Luis Garcia was another standout example, according to the curator.

"This image speaks of the dangerous state of affairs worldwide. Emotions and anxiety can overwhelm and even shut down creativity," Villicaña Lara said. "But also, it's by being creative like Luis, that put their energy into the artwork, that can make something positive, beautiful and hopeful."

There is no shortage of powerful pieces in the exhibition — and even more were submitted that couldn't make the cut.

"It was a real treat and pleasure to

see such a large number of entrees and with that comes the difficulty of the space available. There were many pieces I thought were worth exhibiting but had to leave out due to space constraints," Villicaña Lara said.

"The resulting images were the most focused on the show's initial inspiration, the artist's identity. This made for a dynamic and interesting exhibition that delves into the minds of artists who often bravely reveal themselves," he added.

"Identity" is open from this Thursday through May 4 in the art gallery at the theater in downtown Livermore. Learn more at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■

## Amador Valley Quilters ready for busy season

Opening event Saturday features 'Quilter on Fire' podcast's Brandy Maslowski

By JEREMY WALSH

Fostering creativity, collaboration and community" is the common thread among the 2025 calendar for the Amador Valley Quilters, which recently announced its series of programs, workshops and events for the year.

Kicking off the season will be "Your Mind Matters", a webinar and trunk show this Saturday (March 8) featuring quilt artist and former

firefighter Brandy Maslowski, known for her "Quilter on Fire" podcast.

"This year's programs are covering a wide array of topics; patchwork, art quilting and compelling artistic journeys. There's sure to be something for everyone," AVQ publicity chair Colette L'Heureux told the Weekly. "We have a few Zoom meetings scheduled so that we can have speakers from other parts of the country. Our members who have

moved away also get a chance to participate at our Zoom meetings."

"AVQ has been a wonderful organization for quilters to connect with other quilters, ask for advice and make friends," L'Heureux said. "One of our core values is giving back to the community. Our members have been very generous with their time and talents, making over 800 quilts a year for various Alameda County charities, many of those through our 'friendship groups'."

"Everything but the Cotton" by Julia McLeod — which spotlights the quilting possibilities of reclaimed materials such as silk neckties, kimonos and saris — follows on April 12.

The next month brings AVQ's annual fabric sale fundraiser, offering quilting cottons, batting, yarn, notions and more on the afternoon of May 10 at Pleasanton Middle School.

Filling out the program schedule

are "From Then to Now" by Kathy Doughty on June 14, a trunk show of Fourth of July and Halloween quilts by Rhondi Reeves on July 12, "Let's Get Rolling on Your Quilting Goals" by Mel Beach on Aug. 9, "Color — A Step-by-Step Tutorial" by Christine Barnes on Sept. 13, "Edgy" by Linda Wagner on Oct. 11 and "A Deep Dive into Batiks" by Tammy Silvers on Nov. 8.

For more information, visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org). ■

## Lucie Van Breen Brantenaar

March 10, 1930 – October 2, 2024

Lucie (van den Bos; Van Breen) Brantenaar passed on October 2, 2024 in Pleasanton, CA. Born on March 10, 1930 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, she moved to California with her family in 1939. She lived in Palo Alto, Milpitas and San Jose, where she graduated High School in 1948. She raised her family with husband AJ (Bob) Van Breen and worked as a school secretary in the Berryessa area of San Jose. She later married ADJ (Tonny) Brantenaar, and after living for 7 years in the Netherlands, they moved to The Villages in Evergreen (San Jose). Years after Tonny's passing, Lucie moved to Stoneridge Creek/Creekview in Pleasanton.



Lucie is survived by her children Lucie Mewes (Port Orchard, WA), Melissa Kiland (Jon, Castro Valley) and Jack (Dee, Santa Cruz) and step children Jeske, Tom, Jaap and Ralph Brantenaar in the Netherlands. She is also survived by her 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren who fondly called her Gigi.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 8, 2025 at the Palomares Hills Clubhouse at 6811 Villareal Dr., Castro Valley, CA at 10:30. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to PEO International or KQED television.

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## William (Bill) Andrew Ruge

March 2, 1952 – February 12, 2025

William "Bill" Ruge, a former member of the Pleasanton community for 35 years, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2025, at the age of 72.

Bill was born on March 2, 1952, in New York, New York. He was a 1974 graduate of Manhattan College, where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration. He later continued his education at Santa Clara University, obtaining a MBA.

Throughout his successful career in accounting and finance, Bill traveled the world and made many meaningful friendships along the way. After retiring, he and his loving wife, Patricia "Tish"; to whom he was married for nearly 50 years, moved to Vero Beach, Florida. There, they enjoyed life by the ocean and played golf year-round.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Bill never turned down a round of golf, a game of "HORSE," or a chance to toss a ball in the backyard. He had a passion for coaching and volunteered for many years, mentoring young athletes in CYO basketball (both boys and girls), Pleasanton Little League baseball, and the First Tee Tri-Valley golf program.

Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia "Tish"; his son, William "Billy" (Erica); his daughter, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Garrigan (Bobby); and his late son, Christian. He was a loving grandpa to Caroline Garrigan, Nora Garrigan, and Ellis Ruge, cherishing time at the beach and on the golf course with "my girls." He also leaves behind his siblings Betty, Kathy, Dan, Patti, Trudy, and Tom, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 24, at 10:00 AM at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bill's honor to First Tee Tri-Valley, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue or a charity of your choice.



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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Man charged with more than 40 commercial burglaries in Livermore

Livermore police arrested a man they say is responsible for a major burglary ring.

After months of investigation, detectives identified and arrested 36-year-old Oscar Barcenas Gonzalez of Oakland, the department announced last week.

Investigators said Gonzalez targeted commercial businesses, plumbing companies, auto shops, construction companies and trucking businesses across the city.

Livermore businesses have been victimized by more than 40 commercial burglaries since September, usually in industrial areas. Police believe Gonzalez is responsible for most of those, along with similar crimes throughout the Bay Area.

Suspects engaged in multiple burglaries per night, stealing vehicles, tools and equipment worth thousands of dollars. They stole vehicles and from vehicles and occasionally crashed stolen trucks through roll-up doors to get inside places of business.

In November, police responded to a business alarm that led to a vehicle pursuit with Gonzalez. The chase ended when the vehicle was abandoned in Pleasanton.

Police gathered evidence and identified Gonzalez as a suspect. He was arrested in January by Oakland police after being caught allegedly stealing a vehicle in Oakland.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office on Feb. 15 charged Gonzalez with 46 counts related to burglaries, with various enhancements.

—Tony Hicks, Bay City News Service

### In other news

• Three Dublin High School students have been recommended for expulsion and two others were suspended for their roles in a lunchtime brawl at the campus last month, according to district officials.

Dublin Unified School District Superintendent Chris Funk confirmed the news in a message to the school community on Monday but shared only limited information about the investigation into the Feb. 20 fight that locked down the campus and made headlines across the Bay Area.

"Following an investigation into the event and review of available evidence, three students have been recommended for expulsion. For confidentiality reasons, we will not be sharing the names of those students," Funk wrote. "I want to be clear that the recommendation is just that, a recommendation."

Funk also gave a rundown of the process ahead that "follows specific legal steps outlined in California Education Code" and includes an expulsion hearing typically before the Board of Trustees, the opportunity to appeal to the Alameda County Board of Education if affirmed at the district level and assignment to an alternative education program. Expulsions can be for a set timeframe or permanent.

"This process ensures due process rights for the student while maintaining school safety and discipline," the superintendent said.

The altercation drew a crowd of 50 to 100 students and a police response to the student union at Dublin High after it broke out at around 11:50 a.m. Feb. 20, Dublin Police Services said in a press release at the time.

Arriving officers found three students involved in the fight, including one who briefly lost consciousness and another who was also taken to a hospital for medical evaluation. Police put the campus on lockdown for a portion of that afternoon.

—Jeremy Walsh

• One woman died and two other people were hurt in a traffic collision at the intersection of Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Ramon in Danville last weekend, according to authorities.

The crash involved a minivan and a truck at around 1:15 p.m. Saturday, with Danville Police Department officers arriving to find the truck overturned in the prominent intersection just off Interstate 680. The cause and circumstances of the collision remain under investigation.

A passenger in the truck was critically injured and ultimately died at the scene despite life-saving measures attempted by San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District paramedics, according to police. The decedent was identified as 57-year-old San Leandro resident Sandy Hall, according to the Contra Costa County Coroner's Division.

The driver of the truck, who is an adult, sustained minor injuries and the two surviving passengers — an adult and a teenager — did not appear to be injured, police said. The driver and sole occupant of the minivan sustained minor injuries. All four survivors were transported to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek for medical evaluation.

It marked the first fatal collision in 2025 in the town of Danville. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Jeanita Lyman

## Rosa Mary Watson

October 20, 1933 – December 20, 2024

Rosa was originally from England and immigrated to the United States along with her husband Tony in 1959. Harry and Maggie Rowell was their sponsor. After living on the Ranch for ten years they moved to Pleasanton. Rosa was a busy Mom, but always found time for her hobbies — poetry and gardening. She enjoyed entering her plants at the Fair every year. Rosa also enjoyed traveling and in 2013, Mom and I went back to England to celebrate her 80th birthday with her family. She was a beloved friend and neighbor. Rosa is survived by her daughter Anne, sons Paul and Chris, grandchildren Nolan and Evan along with their mom Linda. We ask that you remember Rosa in your own way. She will be greatly missed. Rosa passed away peacefully in December.



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# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Impact of cuts to Medicaid on community members with disabilities

I am writing to express my deep concern over the potential cuts to Medicaid, which would devastate individuals with disabilities and the public schools that support them. My son, Jacob, has a rare disability called Trisomy 9, similar to Down syndrome.

Thanks to public education, he was never hidden away or isolated — he was part of a thriving, inclusive community in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. His presence in school taught empathy and compassion, benefiting not just him, but every student and educator he encountered.

Now, as an adult, Jacob lives in a special needs community in Pleasanton, where he and his peers depend on Medi-Cal to survive.

Medi-Cal is not just about healthcare — it funds critical support services like the Regional Center system and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), which allow people like Jacob to live independently and with dignity. Without these programs, thousands of individuals with disabilities would face devastating consequences.

Furthermore, Medicaid funding supports essential school-based services like speech therapy, nursing care and behavioral support, mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Cutting Medicaid threatens these programs, jeopardizing the futures of countless students with disabilities.

This issue is personal to me. As a child, I had a neighbor with Down syndrome whom I never knew existed — because there were no special education programs in schools back then.

Today, we are at risk of returning to those days. The Trump/Musk administration has openly disrespected and targeted people with disabilities, from mocking a disabled reporter to using slurs as insults. Now, they are pushing Project 2025, a plan to dismantle the Department of Education and defund special education altogether.

We cannot let this happen. Protecting Medicaid means protecting Medi-Cal, the Regional Center system, IHSS and the fundamental rights of individuals with disabilities. We must demand that our lawmakers defend these critical programs and stand against any effort to undermine the progress we have made.

Jacob, his friends and millions of others like them deserve better.

—Julie Elfin

### Demanding transparency is not 'intimidation and bullying'

Matthew Gray's letter to your editor last week left me confused how someone could so deftly talk out of both sides of their mouth. Demanding government transparency is not, as he writes, "intimidation and bullying".

What a fatuous idea.

Examining how the government spends our money is every American's right. To suggest that making the city's spending publicly available is akin to "handing the arsonists in the community gasoline and matches" is hyperbolic nonsense that erodes his credibility.

Further, Mr. Gray is wrong about the city having "no obligation" to turn over this information. Government spending is not "confidential".

Mr. Gray claims releasing the general ledger will "open a political issue out of every single line item" ... So what? Spending is political; that's politics: competing ideas about how to best use community resources. It is puzzling that Mr. Gray believes this discourse is destructive.

This attitude is essentially "Shut up and just let these bureaucrats spend your money however they want." He also notes that budget conflicts are "ripping our city apart". Does that mean people have differing ideas about prudent spending? Oh no! How dare they! Clearly, Mr. Gray prefers the calm current of autocracy to the tempestuous waters of liberty.

Anyone raising a stink is creating "division along with discord" that does not "align with the virtues that

make Pleasanton great". What a bankrupt statement. Having courage to fight for what is right is exactly what makes any community great.

Saying the city needs a "smarter budget" because of a "catastrophe" is meaningless without context. How did we get here? What can we do better? Only drilling into the details, by knowing where each dollar goes, makes these questions meaningful. The idea that we just need to move forward is a peculiar position. Apparently, Mr. Gray hasn't heard the aphorism "those who fail to understand history are doomed to repeat it."

Mr. Gray implores residents to "hold our elected leaders accountable by expecting service to the community before anything else". I wonder how he believes this is possible when bureaucrats operate in the shadows. Perhaps he trusts bureaucrats. I don't.

—David Alexander

### Donate a wheelchair

The international disability ministry Joni and Friends is hosting a wheelchair collection drive on March 22 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Will you help us spread the word so people who want to give know how?

Worldwide millions of people are in need of a wheelchair, and 80% of those people live in developing nations where wheelchairs are unavailable or unaffordable. As a result they are often isolated, rejected, and ignored by their community. Area residents can help change this by donating their used wheelchairs!

Every wheelchair donated is the opportunity for someone to experience the dignity of mobility. Joni and Friends accepts used manual wheelchairs that will be restored to like-new condition, then delivers them to high-need countries, custom fitting them to each recipient's unique needs through our Wheels for the World program.

Do you have a used manual wheelchair that is no longer being used? Donate it to Joni and Friends on March 22. It can change the life of someone living with a disability and their family!

Donatable items: manual wheelchairs of all types and sizes, walkers, crutches and canes.

Contact Joni and Friends Bay Area by phone at 925-361-8672 or by email at bayarea@joniandfriends.org.

—Dawn Megli

### About hopes for racing at fair in 2026

I don't know if it will help the argument, but 2026 will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the fairgrounds race track. Here are the supporting articles:

"Mr. Joseph Nevis is about to lay out and grade a one mile race track, forty feet wide, about a quarter of a mile west from Pleasanton. When completed it will make one of the finest tracks in the State, as the land is

## PET OF THE WEEK



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### Sweet Spike

Spike's foster mom says he is a sweet, cuddly, submissive and friendly boy! He's a youngster who enjoys sturdy, chew toys and playing in water. He has been a very good guest, and he gets along great with the similar-size, resident dog. Spike is a Dutch Shepherd mix, only 7 months old and weighs 63 pounds. He will need a home with someone who has experience with large, active breeds, and having a yard for regular exercise is recommended. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue; tvar.org.

said to be peculiarly suited to the purpose." (Local Notes From Pleasanton-Livermore Enterprise Sept. 30, 1876)

"Mr. Joseph Nevis has had a grader at work on the Pleasanton Race Track for the past eight or ten days, and expects to finish it as soon as possible. When completed it will be one of the best mile tracks in the State. Mr. N. is having yearly tickets printed which for \$5 entitles the holder to the privilege of the track with a team of one or two horses for the purpose of training, except when the same is in use for racing or is out of order." (Local Notes From Pleasanton-Livermore Enterprise Nov. 25, 1876)

The Thompson & West Atlas of 1878 has a sketch of the Nevis race-track showing that it is the one which became the ACF racetrack.

—Ann Pfaff-Doss

### Zelenskyy blew up the peace deal

President Zelenskyy committed one of the biggest blunders in diplomacy history, especially considering his war torn country is on the eve of destruction where hundreds of thousands of men, women and children have died and will continue to die until peace is secured.

The U.S. and Ukraine were minutes away from signing the economic partnership agreement last week when Zelenskyy blew up the deal by being disrespectful and combative in the Oval Office. This economic partnership was the stepping stone to end the war and secure peace.

Zelenskyy was supposed to be coming to the U.S. to ask for help. Instead he used the public meeting to

be disrespectful and pick a fight with the U.S. Major blunder. Zelenskyy must now apologize, restore the diplomatic relationship and sign the economic partnership agreement. The war must stop and peace must be restored in Europe.

—David Ott

### Swalwell must take bold action to protect our health and future

I am writing as a resident of Pleasanton. I'm calling on Rep. Eric Swalwell to continue to prioritize our health, climate and future. This includes:

- Stopping efforts to repeal the Inflation Reduction Act's climate and clean energy policies. These policies will put us on a path to cut climate pollution 40% by 2030, create 9 million jobs, and lower energy prices; we must preserve them.

- Blocking the Trump administration and unelected billionaire Elon Musk from cutting vital government programs and staff to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy.

- Resisting attempts to eliminate various environmental protection laws.

These issues have a huge impact on us here in the Bay Area. Climate change is here, and we can choose to face this together as a community, or wait for inevitable disasters to catch us unaware. We must work to make our community stronger and more resilient in the face of climate change.

I urge Rep. Swalwell to protect people in our community over corporate polluters. We need you to fight for us!

—Lydia Roberts

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill boys' volleyball goes 4-4 in busy week

With winter winding down, time to get into groove of submitting spring sports results

There was a lot of volleyball for the Foothill High boys' varsity last week, as the Falcons had two non-league matches as well as a tournament.

The Falcons started the week off by beating James Logan 25-16, 25-23, 25-22.

Highlights came from Cameron Hitchan (13 kills, 2 blocks), Dean Caudill (13 kills, 14 digs), Caleb Lai (7 digs, 4 service points) and Josh Salonga (37 assists, 10 service points).

Next up the Falcons dropped a tough match, falling to Liberty, 25-22, 23-25, 21-25, 24-26.

This time the highlights came from Hitchan (9 kills, 2 blocks), Jeremy Sun (8 digs, 7 kills), Tyler Hill (4 kills, 4 service points) and Thomas Paduraru (5 kills, 2 blocks).

In the loaded Sanger Slam tournament, 32 teams took to the court to battle for the title.



JOCELYN LAI

Josh Salonga (13) of Foothill with the jump serve earlier this season.

Foothill advanced to the quarter-finals before falling to De La Salle by a 25-18, 19-25, 19-21 match.

The wins came against Madera South (2-0), Arroyo Grande (2-0) and Folsom (2-0). They lost to Clovis East in pool play by a 2-1 final, then North Clovis in the

5th/6th match, 2-0.

That left the Falcons 5-4 overall and 1-0 in the East Bay Athletic League.

#### Amador boys' basketball

The Dons' season ended with a 59-47 loss to Clayton Valley in the

North Coast Section playoffs.

Jaylen Smith had 10 points to lead the Dons, with Cade Krueger adding nine and Kasen Krueger scoring seven.

#### Out with winter, in with spring!

As the final lights are about to go out on the winter sports season over the next couple weeks, the glaring chaos that is the spring season is about to hit full stride.

And that means it's time to start sending in those results each week.

Before we get into what to do for spring, I need to get a shout out for Scott McMillin. An Amador boys' basketball parent, McMillin sent in the results for the Dons for every single game this season. He took a picture of the scorebook after every game and sent it in.

Every game — win or lose. It was that easy, but then again it was the only team in the winter I got the results in consistently. There were some that chose to send in results only when their team won, and of course some that chose not to send in any at all.

And as usual, we get called out for not covering a respective sport (girls' wrestling in this case), when the truth is we don't cover any sport.

The only results we get in the paper are the ones we get submitted by the respective teams. If someone

associated with the team does not make the effort to recognize the hard-working athletes, the sport becomes a tree falling in the forest to us — you don't notice.

It's why I hammer you over your head with pleas to turn in results. So, we can get these kids some credit in print! Help me be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

In the time it takes to write a letter, you could have turned in some results and got the kids the credit they deserve.

Last spring we had the best season I have seen, as a number of sports had results turned in regularly. Foothill volleyball coach Dusty Collins has been as good as it gets turning the Falcons volleyball stats.

So here is the first official shout-out for help. I am just one person and there is a load of spring sports!

Here is my contact information again (acesmag@aol.com) so you can email me — Sunday by noon of each week is the deadline for the previous week's sports.

You don't have to wait until Sunday as you can send info in during the week, and I will save it. If you are willing to help this year, contact me and I will help you set up the easiest plan for the season.

Help me get our athletes the coverage they deserve! ■

## Community rallies behind Emerald basketball coach

Parents, players, colleagues urge board to keep Rockwell after unspecified complaint, admin leave

By JUDE STRZEMP

Jason Rockwell, head coach of junior varsity basketball and special education teacher at Emerald High School, received an outpour of community support at a Dublin Unified School District board meeting last week amid fears he may not be reinstated as the Aerouants basketball coach next year.

The approximately 20 speakers — including student-athletes, parents and other coaches — attested to Rockwell's character and his status as a leader and mentor at Emerald in front of the Board of Trustees on Feb. 25. Some also expressed confusion regarding Rockwell's brief leave of absence that occurred this school year and

requested an explanation for that leave.

According to district spokesperson Chip Dehnert, a complaint was filed in mid-December and Rockwell was placed on paid administrative leave for 10 days while unspecified allegations were investigated.

Midseason, no decision has been made regarding Rockwell's coaching status nor his role as a special education teacher, according to the district.

"Without Coach Rock, EHS students would lose a leader who offers stability (and) guidance in a supportive environment for their growth, both on and off the court," said Edmundo Duldulao, father of a ninth grade student-athlete. "We need him back next season."

A petition has been circulating to request a community meeting with Superintendent Chris Funk for confirmation of Rockwell's re-appointment. As of press time, the petition had garnered more than 250 signatures.

"Us parents are wondering what in the world is going on," said Kyu

Kim, parent of an Emerald student.

To basketball player Kyle Lei, Rockwell's commitment to coaching is unrivaled.

"Coach Rock means everything to my teammates and I. Without him, our lives would be drastically different," Lei said during public comment.

Another player, KJ Daniels, said Rockwell's coaching has gone beyond sports. "He's taught me success isn't just about talent, it's about discipline and accountability," Daniels said.

Dehnert said it's too early to answer a question about next year's coaching status and school sites are not required to make coaching decisions this far in advance of a season. The same goes for Rockwell's role as a special education teacher.

Regarding the initial complaint against Rockwell, like any other, the contents and subsequent outcome are confidential, Funk told the Weekly.

As of press time, Rockwell did not respond to the Weekly's requests for comment.



CHUCK DECKERT

Emerald High School athletic logo on wall at campus.

Supporters of Rockwell said they had a slate of actions planned this week to advocate on the coach's behalf, including an email blitz demanding transparency, multiple rallies and a service project by the students to demonstrate the values he's taught them. ■

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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: JUNE 13, 2025, 09:30 A.M., 514 of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE CIVIL DIVISION, 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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Han Tran  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Alexander Keyoung-Min Jung filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ALEXANDER KEYOUNG-MIN JUNG to ALEX KEYOUNG-MIN JUNG

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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.: 25CV109604

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Yekaterina Korolyova filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: YEKATERINA KOROLYOVA to KATERINA ZAKI

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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**Clerk, by T.Espinoza Deputy (Secretario) (Adjunto)**  
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 609421

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):  
BAYVIEW PLACE  
1440 40th Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 09/20/2024  
UNDER FILE NO. 609421  
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):  
EMERYVILLE SENIOR HOUSING LLC  
One Town Center Rd STE 300  
Boca Raton, FL 33486  
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Limited Liability Company.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2025.  
(PLW Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 573897

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):  
GLOBAL EYECARE OPTOMETRY  
4299 Rosewood Dr. Unit 105  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/19/2020  
UNDER FILE NO. 573897  
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):  
DR. HELEN CHENG OPTOMETRIST, INC  
4299 Rosewood Dr. Unit 105  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A

Corporation.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 10 2025.  
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

SPARROW PACIFIC HOMES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612620

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) SPARROW PACIFIC HOMES , located at 5112 Grayhawk Ln, Dublin CA 94568, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SPARROW PACIFIC REAL ESTATE INC.  
5112 Grayhawk Ln  
DUBLIN CA 94568  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 24 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

RIDGE FOUNDRY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612769

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Ridge Foundry , located at 1554 Doolittle Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 , Amaleda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
RIDGE CAST METALS CORPORATION  
1554 Doolittle Drive  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 27 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

NORCAL TECH PRO  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612615

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) NORCAL TECH PRO , located at 1039 South Livermore Avenue Apt C Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
FERNANDO CALZADA  
1039 South Livermore Avenue Apt. C  
Livermore, CA 94550  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 21 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

KABUNA KEEPSAKES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612648

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Kabuna Keepsakes , located at 3420 Andrews Dr. Apt 102 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
KAITLIN HARTJOY  
3420 Andrews, Dr Apt 102  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/28/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 25 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

BUSY LIZZI DESIGNS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612708

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) BUSY LIZZI DESIGNS , located at 3357 ROSADA CT., PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ELIZABETH CORONA  
3357 ROSADA CT  
PLEASANTON, CA 94588  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 17, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 26 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

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TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS  
TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS APPLIANCE REPAIR  
TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS HVAC REPAIR  
TRUE TEMP SOLUTIONS HEATING AND COOLING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612764  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) True Temp Solutions , 2.) True Temp Solutions Appliance Repair , 3.) True Temp Solutions HVAC Repair , 4.) True Temp Solutions Heating And Cooling , located at 23992 Clawiter Rd, Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 818 Burlingame, CA 94011.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
TRUE TEMP, INC.  
PO BOX 818  
Burlingame, CA 94011  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 27 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

H.D. PHOTOGRAPHY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612728  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) H.D. Photography , located at 22302 Center St #13, Castro Valley, CA 94546 , Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
HUAN DOAN  
22302 Center St #13  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 27 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

PACKAGE UNIT PROS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612697  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Package Unit Pros , located at 28302 Industrial Blvd., Suite H, Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
TIMELINE MEDIA INC.  
28302 Industrial Blvd., Suite H  
Hayward, CA 94545  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04-01-2013  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 26 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

ZAIB  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612454  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Zaib , located at 39315 Del Oro Terraza, Fremont, CA 94538, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SANA KHAN  
39315 Del Oro Terraza  
Fremont, CA 94538  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 13 2025.  
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

WESTERN SERVICES AND WESTERN COOLING  
WESTERN SERVICES  
WESTERN COOLING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612497  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Western Services And Western Cooling , 2.) Western Services , 3.) Western Cooling , located at 4900 Hopyard Rd, Suite 100 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited

Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
AE3V LLC  
4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 14 2025.  
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

ORGANATION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 611883  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) ORGANATION , located at 6330 Stoneridge Mall Rd E 202, Pleasanton CA, 94588, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Married Couple.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
BARBARA FITZPATRICK  
6330 Stoneridge Mall Rd Apt.E202  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
AARON FITZPATRICK  
6330 Stoneridge Mall Rd. Apt.E202  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01-21-2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 21 2025.  
(PLW Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

1440 BY THE BAY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 611795  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) 1440 By The Bay , located at 1440 40th Street Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 3461 Bonita Bay Blvd Bonita Springs, FL 34134.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
EMERYVILLE SENIOR HOUSING LLC  
One Town Center Rd STE 300  
Boca Raton, FL 33486  
State of Incorporation/Organization: DE  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 15 2025.  
(PLW Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ASSISTANCE REALTY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612525  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Assistance Realty , located at 2512 Tapestry Dr Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
PAUL MARUSKIN  
2512 Tapestry Dr  
Livermore, CA 94550  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/1/2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 18 2025.  
(PLW Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

CENTURY MEDALLION REALTY GROUP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612522  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) CENTURY MEDALLION REALTY GROUP , located at 350 Main Street Suite J4 Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
GODINEZ  
15814 Winchester Blvd  
Los Gatos, CA 95030  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/10/25  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 18 2025.  
(PLW Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

BAY AREA ATHLETIC ASSIGNORS - VOLLEYBALL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612509  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Bay Area Athletic Assignors - Volleyball , located at 4732 Herrin Way, Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
WRIGHT CONSULTING SOLUTIONS LLC  
4732 Herrin Way  
Pleasanton CA 94588  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 18 2025.  
(PLW Mar 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025)

PRIMATE DEPOT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612415  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) PRIMATE DEPOT , located at 6256 Escallonia Ct. Newark, CA, 94560, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
JUSTIN KWON  
6256 Escallonia Ct  
Newark, CA, 94560  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/10/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 10 2025.  
(PLW Feb 21, 28, Mar 7 and 14, 2025)

HOPEWELL EDUCATION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612255  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) HOPEWELL EDUCATION , located at 46132 Warm Springs Blvd., Ste 101, Fremont, CA 94539, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 5260 Montiano Court, Dublin, CA 94568.  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
HOPEWELL ACADEMY, LLC  
5260 Montiano Court  
Dublin, CA 94568  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 04 2025.  
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

NAKED BEAU-TY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612416  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) NAKED BEAU-TY , located at 22505 Center Street Hayward, CA 94541, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
JEANEEN BULLARD  
22505 Center Street  
Hayward, CA 94541  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on February 10 2025.  
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FIVE STAR FLOORS AND LEVELING SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 612069  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Five Star Floors And Leveling Services , located at 6398 Dougherty Rd Unit 20 Dublin, CA 94546, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
ERIC ROSS  
6398 Dougherty Rd. Unit 20  
Dublin, CA 94546  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 28 2025.  
(PLW Feb 14, 21, 28 and Mar 7, 2025)

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# Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

## Entertainment

**MICHAEL FEINSTEIN TRIBUTE TO TONY BENNETT** Join Michael Feinstein and the Carnegie Hall Ensemble pay tribute to the Tony Bennett legacy. Featuring iconic hits and Feinstein's heartfelt interpretations promise an unforgettable night. 8 p.m., March 7. Tickets \$95-\$130. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**THE MODERN GENTLEMEN** Their electrifying performances feature an eclectic array of reimagined chart-topping hits with a seamless blend of throwback nostalgia and contemporary flair. 7:30 p.m., March 7. Tickets \$43-\$48. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**SHOWSTOPPER DANCE COMPETITION** Showstopper is America's first, longest-running and most prestigious dance competition where studios in the area come to compete. Don't miss out on the dance event of the year. March 7-9. Parking \$15. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**DON GIOVANNI** Livermore Valley Opera presents Mozart's masterful tragicomedy which revolves around Don Giovanni's amorous escapades as he strives to feed his wanton desires while avoiding those who seek to expose him and bring him to justice. March 8-9. Tickets \$25-\$110. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**MOVING PARTS** Tri-Valley-based Moving Parts takes the stage, bringing the jazz elements to blend perfectly with funky R&B and New Orleans second line grooves delivering a symphony of unparalleled talent. 8 p.m., March 8. Tickets \$28-\$33. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**MIYASI GEE** Sri Lankan-American Cultural Association of Northern California presents Miyasi Gee, a classical concert featuring three exemplary classical musicians, a culmination of great singing and classical orchestral music. 4 p.m., March 9. Tickets \$78. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**EAST BAY JAZZ WITH DAN FORNERO** Chabot College Jazz Department presents their Big Band Concert, with Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Dan Fornero. Featuring Chabot College Jazz Orchestra and guest group, East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars. 7 p.m., March 13. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**HADESTOWN: TEEN EDITION** This intriguing and beautiful jazz-inflected folk musical delivers a deeply resonant and defiantly hopeful theatrical experience, following two intertwining love stories. March 14-16. Tickets \$25. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**SCIENCE@PLAY - COPENHAGEN** Michael Frayn's Copenhagen is a fictionalized account of a 1941 meeting between German physicist Werner Heisenberg and his former mentor, Danish physicist Niels Bohr. March 14-16. Tickets \$35. Visit [sparttheater.org/tickets](http://sparttheater.org/tickets).

**SOME ENCHANTED EVENING** Broadway comes to Pleasanton in

this unforgettable night of music, storytelling and entertainment, featuring Broadway-caliber performer Molly Bell, known for her fresh comedic storytelling and captivating stage presence. 7:30 p.m., March 14. Tickets \$33-\$43. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**TEMPEST** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the high-energy sounds of Tempest, a band that's been rocking the Celtic music scene for over 30 years. 7 p.m., March 15. Tickets \$28-\$38. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

## Exhibits

**FLORA IN FOCUS EXHIBIT** The Harrington Gallery welcomes back the Flora in Focus group exhibition featuring approximately 80 works of various mediums. Through March 8. 444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

**IMAGINATION EXPRESSED 2025** This show at Museum on Main features paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, jewelry and other works by members of the Pleasanton Art League, promising to dazzle the eyes, engage the minds and nourish the spirit. Through March 15.

**LIVERMORE READS TOGETHER ART SHOW** Step into a world where nature meets technology at this exciting art show inspired by The Wild Robot by Peter Brown and explore thought-provoking works that blend creativity, innovation and the tension between the natural world and modern technology. Now through March 31. Civic Center Library.

## Talks

**AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS** Join this zoom meeting with guest speaker Brandy Maslowski, a quiltmaker and artist who travels extensively as a teacher, speaker and NACQJ certified quilt judge. 1:30-4 p.m., March 8. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org).

**PLEASANTON POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING** Join the Pleasanton Police Department community meeting for the general public to discuss and ask questions regarding the City's annual military equipment use report (per AB 481) and the police department's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment. 5-6 p.m., March 11. Remillard Room, 3333 Busch Road.

**THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE** Doug and Lindy Webb will present an account of their 2022 cruise through the Northwest Passage an historically significant ocean passage between Europe and the Orient through the North American/Canadian waterways, all above the Arctic Circle. 1:30-2:30 p.m., March 13. Livermore Civic Center Library.

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** A discussion by U.C. Master Gardener of Alameda County, Carol Vander Meulen, highlighting a selection of the plants on the U.C. Master Gardener's brochures; especially those that thrive in the Tri-Valley's hot summers. 6-8 p.m., March 13. Crosswinds Church, 1660 Freisman Road., Livermore.

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 16-20 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Feb. 3-7 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4565 Entrada Court** Totah Living Trust to W. & Y. Qin for \$1,380,000
- 4629 Herrin Way** Harter Trust to G. & M. Winkenbach for \$732,000
- 1782 Paseo Del Cajon** B. & K. Kennedy to R. & J. Sigal for \$1,850,000
- 3146 Paseo Robles** Carter Family Trust to B. & A. Barua for \$2,083,000
- 2123 Raven Road** A. Sivaraman to U. & S. Balraj for \$2,200,000
- 3424 Touriga Drive** Kay Family Trust to E. & I. Lee for \$2,040,000
- 5991 Via Del Cielo** Hunter Trust to A. & A. Murali for \$3,000,000

Livermore

- 2458 Ancona Circle** N. & G. Oehrle to Bidwell Family Trust for \$2,300,000
- 5563 Anita Court** R. Staedel to M. & G. Gulati for \$1,300,000
- 4770 Apple Tree Common** K. Moore to M. & M. Dayton for \$865,000
- 2133 Bluffs Drive** D. & B. Basra to M. & H. Zhang for \$1,900,000
- 1120 Camelia Drive** S. Feng to P. & M. Shah for \$1,350,000
- 5407 Evelyn Way** R. Lebish to P. & G. Huntsman for \$1,174,000
- 93 Fawn Drive** Marysheva Trust to A. & C. Sanabria for \$1,310,000
- 3824 Harvard Way** Monk-Jett Trust to G. Orozco for \$865,000
- 2679 Horseshoe Court** L. & T. Ma to Ranabhor Family Trust for \$1,350,000
- 713 South I Street** Taylor Family Trust to M. & C. Drossulis for \$1,625,000

- 580 Nightingale Street** Secure It City Inc to Kandalam Family Trust for \$1,040,000
- 674 Olivina Avenue** Ivins Family Trust to Ahuja Investments LLC for \$925,000
- 1926 Railroad Avenue #122** T. Sewitt to Stoner Living Trust for \$725,000
- 6122 Saint Andrews Way** M. & M. Adnani to Sarvarayudu & Keerthi Trust for \$1,169,000
- 572 Selby Lane** Malik Family Trust to N. & V. Nagella for \$1,271,000
- 166 Selby Lane #5** M. & J. Hinojosa to P. & A. Bankar for \$840,000
- 1367 Windswept Common** S. & R. Blake to E. & K. Ramar for \$985,000
- 740 Yosemite Drive** D. & T. Gomez to S. & R. Jain for \$1,175,000

Dublin

- 7917 Bristol Road** S. Lu to J. & C. Mcgee for \$1,305,000
- 4165 Clarinbridge Circle** Y. Zhang to C. Chau for \$650,000
- 6933 Mariposa Circle** Anupam Trust to H. & M. Khan for \$1,000,000
- 7622 Oxbow Lane** T. Stevenson to V. & S. Byrapuneni for \$1,270,000
- 5862 Silver Place** Brookfield Abbey LLC to H. & U. Islah for \$1,386,500
- 2973 Vittoria Loop** G. Zhou to Y. & L. Chien for \$1,836,000

San Ramon

- 109 Compton Circle #D** J. Clark to Y. Ouyang for \$610,000
- 300 Domingo Court** Cosca Trust to D. & V. Joseph for \$1,937,500
- 540 Ryan Terrace** Igolnikov Family Trust to B. & J. Breslow for \$1,126,000
- 7438 Stoneleaf Road** V. Cherukuri to Z. Levyash for \$1,310,000

Source: California REsource

1392 Vailwood Ct., Pleasanton



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6 BED | 5 BATH | 4,630 SQFT | 0.38 ACRE LOT

OPEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY



FOR SALE

3262 Northampton Ct, Pleasanton  
4 BED | 2 BATH | 1,748 SQFT | 7,200 SQFT LOT



4062 Rockingham Dr, Pleasanton  
FOR SALE



3253 Flemington Ct, Pleasanton  
FOR SALE



7628 Driftwood Way, Pleasanton  
FOR SALE



7374 Lemonwood Way, Pleasanton  
PENDING



3628 Ashwood Dr, Pleasanton  
PENDING



6844 Herrin Ct, Pleasanton  
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3 BD | 2 BA | 2,520 SQ. FT. LIVING SPACE | 6,931 SQ. FT. LOT

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