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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

A poetic 'response'

Chapbook was a term I hadn't seen before — and perhaps why Livermore author Patricia J. Boyle's press release caught my eye as I was catching up on backlogged emails earlier this winter.

The format of her debut poetry showcase, "response", Boyle explained that a chapbook is more like a small booklet on the range of 20 to 40 pages typically.

"They originated in Europe in the 16th century as small books sold by 'chapmen' and might include songs, poems, essays or short stories," she told me Tuesday. "Contemporary chapbooks are commonly poetry collections, many times introducing an emerging poet. An established poet may also publish chapbooks, often on a particular theme."

I know Boyle's name well — and you might too — from her days as president of the Tri-Valley Writers and from penning press releases and articles about the Livermore-Amador Symphony. She also published the young adult fantasy novel "Traitor in the Realm" in 2021.

Although she dabbled in poetry, "response" is her first printed collection.

"The poems in 'response' illustrate my wonder and gratitude for the world," said Boyle, a former research meteorologist and retired teacher.

"The inspiration," she told me, "comes from my love of nature, curiosity about the world around me, and scientific training in observation. Some of the poems arose from memories of my time growing up in upstate New York, others from more recent experiences in California and other locations."

"We're surrounded by beauty and incredible natural phenomena, but it often escapes our notice," Boyle added. "The book is a small retreat from the busyness of daily life, an invitation to observe our surroundings and ponder the meanings even small details may hold for us."

The chapbook concept was ideal to introduce her poems to a larger audience.

Her "response" was released by Finishing Line Press on Sept. 19, available for purchase on the publisher's website, online via Amazon and at select retailers like Towne Center Books.

Livermore poet laureate Peggy Schimmelman lauded the chapbook as "a tapestry of nostalgic reflections, keen observations and delightful flashes of insight. Throughout, we are immersed in the poet's profound wonder and appreciation for both the ordinary and extraordinary

aspects of our world and the creatures who inhabit it."

"response" is far from the only Tri-Valley book profile on our radar.

I have a story coming soon about "On the Brink", the follow-up nuclear forensics thriller by Pleasanton resident Sidney Niemeyer. He reached out to me after reading my feature on T.D. Severin's debut thriller, "Deadly Vision", in December.

San Ramon's Gregory Le Sage released his second novel, "Cassandra Omen", not long ago. Local historian and longtime public servant Beverly Lane recently celebrated the publication of her book, "Danville: Heart of the San Ramon Valley".

I need to check in with Dublin's Michelle Smith, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame inductee and lauded sportswriter, about her new biography on a legendary coach — "Life's Work: How Tara VanDerveer and Stanford Women's Basketball Changed the Sport".

And I'm long overdue on touching base with Pleasanton's Sean Kullman about the book he co-authored last year, "Boys, A Rescue Plan: Moving Beyond the Politics of Masculinity to Healthy Male Development".

Surely these are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to books by current or former Tri-Valley residents. If we're missing one that caught your eye, please let me know.

Supporting writers is critical for the future within our present media landscape. The Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club, which Boyle spoke so highly of, is trying to do its part this winter.

The organization is accepting submissions for its 15th annual High School Writing Contest, encouraging teens in ninth through 12th grades in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon or Danville to offer up their poems, short stories and nonfiction writings (essays, memoirs, etc.) with cash prizes available for top finishers in each category.

"Unlike many competitions, this local initiative offers a rare benefit: all valid entries will receive personal, constructive feedback from the panel of professional judges," club officials said.

There is no cost to enter. Submissions are due by March 22. Learn more at trivalleywriters.org.

The club is also hosting its "Writing, Sharing and Networking" event on Feb. 21. "Bring your favorite writing implement and snack/beverage and have some fun," Tri-Valley Writers stated.

Keep writing and keep reading. ■

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The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton has a range of programming on its newly released winter and spring schedule. Photos courtesy Firehouse Arts. Cover design by Doug Young.

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When you bump into someone you haven't seen in a while, what is the first thing you typically ask them about?



Gwen Lorio
Retired

I always think about the last time I saw and spent time with the person, and what they were focused on right then at that point in time. I then just try to pick up where we left off. Which means I usually ask them how they and their pets are doing, and then after that, of course, how their kids and grandchildren are doing as well.



Diogo Tempero
Director of localization

If it's someone that I like, I ask them how they've been, and I tell them I've missed them. And no matter what, I always at least say "Hi" to anyone I bump into that I haven't seen for a bit.



Sophie Santos, with Hallie
Sales

No matter who I bump into that I haven't seen for a while, my first sentence is always "OMG!" And the next one is "How are you? It's so great to see you!" After that I always say "Congrats on your engagement!" or "Congrats on the new baby!" because that's where all of my friends are at this stage of our lives.



Kim Jue
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It's usually my former co-workers that I bump into, so I ask them where they're currently working and whether they've seen and kept in touch with any of our other work people.



Carrie McCaffrey
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Whenever I bump into anyone, whether I've seen them recently or not, I ask them if they know where the latest and hippest karaoke night destination might be — because I'm one of those "crazy karaoke people". I never thought I'd become one of those but lo and behold, I'm exactly that.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Street closure

A portion of Brannigan Street, near the Dublin Centre development, will be temporarily closed over the next several weeks for construction work, according to the city.

The city will be installing utilities in that area and will also look to make curb, gutter, sidewalk and pavement improvements. This work began on Monday (Feb. 2).

According to the city, the temporary closure will affect southbound Brannigan Street between Dublin Boulevard and Gleason Drive until March 20. Northbound Brannigan Street will remain open during the closure.

“Detour signs will be in place,” the city stated on its website. “Motorists traveling east on Gleason Drive may access Brannigan Street by turning right on southbound Grafton Street, right on westbound Central Parkway, and right on northbound Brannigan Street.”

Vineyards forum

The Tri-Valley Conservancy is set to host a public seminar this month about current challenges to vineyards in Livermore as well as steps being taken to protect them.

During the “What’s Happening in South Livermore’s Vineyards?” event, local experts from the wine industry will discuss trends in the market. Owners of local vineyards and wineries will also talk about their recent land use decisions, according to an announcement for the event.

Additionally, TVC staff will explain the function of conservation easements and common misconceptions surrounding the voluntary agreements. Following the forum, TVC will host a question and answer session as well as a short reception.

The event is scheduled to run from 5:30-7 p.m. next Tuesday (Feb. 10) at the Robert Livermore Community Center, Palo Verde Room.

Dublin State of the City

The city of Dublin will be hosting its 2026 State of the City Event later this month, where Mayor Sherry Hu will talk about the “insights, opportunities and vision” for Dublin’s future, according to the event flyer.

Hosted by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, the event will take place at the Shannon Community Center, located at 11600 Shannon Ave., on Feb. 24. Registration for tickets closes next Friday (Feb. 13).

The event will offer lunch before Hu goes over key issues and topics regarding Dublin. Ticket prices range from \$80 for chamber members, to \$110 for non-chamber members. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit dublinchamberofcommerce.org. ■

PUSD discusses equity gaps in marginalized student communities

District leaders acknowledge racism in Pleasanton schools, commit to supporting affected kids

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Racism and equity gaps for certain demographics of students in the Pleasanton Unified School District took the center stage during a recent school board meeting where staff discussed different ways the district continues to address these issues.

While the Board of Trustees did not take any action during the regular board meeting, the consensus from the board and administrative staff was that even though PUSD is doing a number of things to

support its disadvantaged student population, more can be done — particularly to address racist behaviors.

“Strong overall performance does not mean our work is done,” Jr. Yee, coordinator of educational technology, told the trustees. “We acknowledge that equity gaps continue to exist along historic and systemic lines in education. In PUSD, we do not view this as separate from our success, but essential to our work.”

During the Jan. 15 meeting, Yee and several other top administrators

from the district spent nearly an hour going over student performance data and the different ways the district continues to respond to that data.

The overarching numbers showed how the district was in the top three districts in the county when it came to student performance in math and English language arts — PUSD also touted how it placed No. 1 when compared to other similarly sized districts.

But what staff spent most of their time discussing was the data

regarding PUSD’s disadvantaged groups of students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged or English learners, as well as students with disabilities, Black and African American students and Hispanic students.

At a glance, a lot of the data on these disadvantaged student groups showed how math and language arts scores stayed mostly the same. Other performance measurements were also mostly viewed in a

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Pleasanton Police Chief Tracy Avelar poses in front of a plaque she received during her time as chief in Foster City.

Pleasanton PD Chief Avelar reflects on first year on the job

Offers early insight on 2025 crime totals, shares life journey that led her to position

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

From facing multiple homicide cases to fully reinstating the department’s traffic unit, Pleasanton Police Chief Tracy Avelar has been working seemingly nonstop in her first year in the role.

But as she reflected on the past year with the Pleasanton Police Department, she had nothing but positive takeaways and said she hopes to continue steering the ship in her own direction

while also keeping the core values of the department intact.

“I think I’m different from any other chief that’s been here,” Avelar said during an interview with the Pleasanton Weekly.

Unlike most people who got into law enforcement early in adulthood, Avelar’s journey to policing began later in life.

Avelar said she comes from a big family who moved around a lot. That’s why, when she turned 18, she decided to set out on

her own and enter the insurance business where, for almost 20 years, she was happy with her life.

But when her husband died from brain cancer, Avelar said she needed to find a more stable career that paid the bills for her and her three children.

She decided to enroll into a police academy where she quickly realized how perfect law

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IKEA coming to Pleasanton

Plan and Order Point is new, smaller concept by retailer

By **CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Furniture and home goods giant IKEA has revealed its plans to open a new-concept store at the Pleasanton Square Shopping Center this summer.

Although the location will deviate from the retailer’s traditional store format, the Scandinavian company said it aims to bring the IKEA experience closer to Tri-Valley residents.

“I’m beyond excited to welcome customers to our new Plan and Order Point in Pleasanton this Summer 2026,” Arda Akalin, market manager of the IKEA in Emeryville, said in a press release last week. “This new store location is perfect for customers who are looking to purchase affordable home furnishings, plan new design projects and create a home they love.”

Tri-Valley and other Bay Area residents historically had limited options when choosing an IKEA store to visit. The region currently has three locations: San Francisco, Emeryville and East Palo Alto — according to the company, the Emeryville store, which opened in 2000, was the first in the Bay Area.

IKEA had planned for several years to build a full store in Dublin to serve the Tri-Valley and other East Bay communities, but the company announced last fall it was pulling out and selling the large property it owned on the east side of town.

In 2024, the furniture retailer

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PG&E purchases office property from Workday

Latest company to occupy building near mall, BART that previously housed Safeway HQ

By JEANITA LYMAN

After months on the market, an office site that previously served as part of Workday's Pleasanton headquarters is now in new hands, with PG&E set to be the latest company situated at the prominent property near the West Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station.

Officials with Workday and PG&E confirmed the sale to the Pleasanton Weekly without providing further details.

The transfer was filed with the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office on Jan. 29 for a final price of \$21.8 million — a

steal for PG&E, with the property at 5928 Stoneridge Mall Road valued at \$67,255,786, according to last year's assessment roll.

"We have purchased an office in Pleasanton to provide adequate office workspace for our coworkers that are supporting the greater Bay Area, including the Tri-Valley," PG&E spokesperson Tamar Sarkissian said Jan. 29.

A Workday spokesperson confirmed last week that one of the company's buildings had been sold as "part of a wider effort to invest in and transform our campus into an interconnected

community that brings our Workmates closer together".

Although the property went on the market months after Workday announced 1,750 layoffs last year, the software company has maintained that the sale is not related and that it is committed to keeping its headquarters in Pleasanton. Workday owns multiple other office buildings on the block near the BART station and Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Workday purchased the 5928 Stoneridge Mall Road site in 2016 from Safeway, which previously housed the grocery chain's corporate headquarters. ■



JEREMY WALSH

The office building located at 5928 Stoneridge Mall Road.

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positive lens as well by staff.

"These results reflect not a single initiative, but a sustained equity-focused approach grounded in high expectations, strong instructional practice and the relationships and connections that support student engagement, persistence and learning — especially for our most underserved students," Yee said.

However, a closer look showed slight dips in certain areas of performance for each category of disadvantaged students.

"When I look at the data, what I see is a little bit different than staff," Christina Nystrom, a long-time Pleasanton resident, said during the meeting. "What I see is that Pleasanton Black students are performing below the state average in both (English Language Arts)

and math with math performance declining from 2024 to 2025."

"You can play with numbers as much as you want but when I see that for ELA, all students in Pleasanton are 69 points above standard ... but African American students are below by 40-plus percent ... this is embarrassing," she added.

The data also shows that Hispanic students, who make up roughly 11% of all students, and students with disabilities, who make up about 8.6% of all students, are also underperforming in both math and language arts.

Staff spent a good amount of time going over the different ways the district and specific school sites support these marginalized student communities.

"Our focus remains on closing achievement and opportunity gaps through intentional, data-informed

strategies implemented within a culture of strong relationships grounded in our core belief that belonging, high expectations and meaningful connections are prerequisites for learning," Yee said.

From adhering to the district's "Multi-Tiered System of Support" framework for equitable instruction, to offering specific programs for these student populations, administrators said they are committed to doing everything they can to continue supporting these students who are not performing as well as others.

"We focus on belonging, we focus on relationships, we focus on student engagement," deputy superintendent Ed Diolazo said during the meeting. "Our data tracking is specific and then our resources are targeted, that's what we want to tell you tonight. That's the story that we want to end with and letting you

all know that we are focused on all of our students and especially our students who are underachieving."

Several school site administrators, including Pleasanton Middle School principal Marco Lopez, went over the different ways schools work with these marginalized student communities through improving the culture, instruction and systems at these schools.

One example Lopez provided was how his school introduced extended learning and extended day tutoring programs in order to close those equity gaps.

"Black and African American students participating in this program have demonstrated measurable growth in core academic skills, increased attendance and proved self-efficacy as learners," Lopez said.

Other principals from the district also noted their progress in helping particular disadvantaged groups of students and how their teachers and staff continue to do the most important work, which is building relationships with these students who need a little extra support.

"We firmly believe that teachers, staff and administrators have the mindset to serve our underserved population," Diolazo said.

One topic that soon took over the conversation was racism and how, from a community-building perspective, it's hard for PUSD to say it's supporting students while those marginalized communities continue to experience racism at the schools.

"I'm so disappointed," Nystrom said after she didn't hear much talk about racism during the presentation. "You talk about creating community; how can you create community when there is racism that is widely known?"

One example of this came up prior to the discussion during the board's public comment period where a mother of a fifth grader said her African American child was bullied multiple times by fellow students and even by some adults. She said kids have made fun

of her child's hair and called her racial slurs — she also said her child experienced micro-aggressions by staff during kid's club.

Each board member acknowledged how these cases of racism need to be addressed and during the discussion, Trustee Mary Jo Carreon asked staff to come back to the board with data on hate-motivated speech at PUSD schools.

Trustee Charlie Jones, who was particularly fired up on the topic, said that while he doesn't believe in kicking students out of the district, PUSD needs to be more mindful of how it is handling students who are being racist and are not facing consequences at home.

"We can't sacrifice the 99% of our students for a 1% that might not want to change or refuses to because you cannot have community and you cannot have learning in a place that you have no safety, that's just a reality," Jones said. "And right now we have students that feel like they have no safety here and therefore they are not a part of the community because they have been othered."

"It's not that we need to get rid of kids. It's: does the system actually support and protect our most vulnerable, or is it leaving them more vulnerable?" Jones added.

To that end, PUSD Superintendent Maurice Ghysels introduced the idea of establishing an ad hoc advisory group — which was supported by the board — on equity and inclusion where stakeholders will discuss these issues and other ways to support and improve the experience of marginalized students in the district.

Board President Kelly Mokashi also added, as echoed by her colleagues, that the school board needs to continue discussing these difficult topics in an open forum so that they can all find a way to address these issues.

"Racism does exist," Diolazo said. "It exists in society, it exists in our schools and we want to combat it to the best of our ability." ■

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Supervisors approve 'ICE-Free Zones' on county land

By Bay City News Service

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last week to approve a pair of ordinances designed to help shield residents from an increasingly chaotic federal immigration crackdown.

The new rules, authored by Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas,

direct county staff to develop an immigration enforcement response plan and to create "ICE-Free Zones" on county-owned and controlled properties.

Fortunato Bas said she developed the proposals last fall as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol agents began staging at Coast Guard

Island in the Oakland Estuary in preparation for a major Bay Area operation that was eventually called off.

Since then, federal agents have redoubled their efforts at rounding up thousands of immigrants, many here legally, in places like Minneapolis, where federal immigration agents recently shot and

killed two American citizens — Renee Good and Alex Pretti.

"The attacks on our communities by the federal administration, as we all know, have been relentless and the supercharged enforcement is causing fear and trauma, separating families and harming communities," Fortunato Bas said during the Jan. 27 board meeting at which the plans

were approved.

"The lawless violence we are witnessing is an assault on our American and Alameda County values, our Constitution and our human dignity," she said.

The County Administrator's Office will now draft a plan that includes "rapid-response protocols"

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IKEA

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introduced a new concept — the same one coming to the Tri-Valley — in opening its Plan and Order Point with Pick-up store in Colma, located south of San Francisco. Customers go to the store, meet with IKEA employees and choose the items they wish to purchase, but they don't actually leave with those items.

"In our Plan & Order points and Planning Studios, customers can get support from an IKEA expert with planning and ordering home furnishing solutions that require a bit more help — such as kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms," Kai Wen Su, a marketing manager for IKEA told the Weekly.

"While customers are unable to take products home that day, IKEA

co-workers will arrange for delivery or schedule orders to be picked up from the convenient pick-up location next door," Su added. "At IKEA Pleasanton, customers also have the option to pick-up purchases made online at the Pick-up location."

Customers can also arrange home deliveries, according to the company. One important thing to note is that this new store will not offer the iconic IKEA meatballs and other food that is offered at the other traditional store locations.

According to the Jan. 26 press release, the IKEA Pleasanton Plan and Order Point with Pick-up store format is one of many new format stores that are "part of the growth strategy for IKEA U.S."

"IKEA Pleasanton brings our signature design solutions to the Tri-Valley community — making it more accessible, more convenient,

and of course, more affordable," Akalin said.

Su added that the reason why the company decided to go with this newer format in lieu of a traditional IKEA store was mainly because of demand and distance from existing stores such as the Emeryville location.

"We are dedicated to bringing the IKEA experience closer to our customers with a variety of customer meeting points and locations that complement each other and meet people's different needs at different times," Su said. "We have identified geographic areas in the market that are beyond a 30-minute drive from existing stores (IKEA Emeryville) and where affinity for IKEA is extremely high. Based on this, we looked at expanding the IKEA touchpoints in the Tri-Valley area."



COURTESY IKEA

A rendering illustrates what the Pleasanton IKEA Plan and Order Point with Pick Up store might look like when it opens up this summer.

According to the press release, the store will cover about 2,100 square feet of retail space at the Pleasanton Square Shopping Center, located at 5755 Johnson Drive.

Su said that while the company does not have a confirmation on the specific opening date, more information regarding those details will be shared later in the summer. ■

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Dublin Fallon 580 poised to proceed after legal hurdle

Council reaffirms commitment to project after court found city violated state environmental law

BY JUDE STRZEMP

The benefits of a housing and commercial project in east Dublin outweigh its adverse impacts, the City Council declared in a statement last month, per court order, to regain its compliance with environmental regulations.

Approved during 2024, the Dublin Fallon 580 project covers approximately 192 acres and involves converting 42.6 acres of land designated as open space to parks/public recreation as well as developing 238 residential units and up to nearly 3.3 million square feet of commercial/campus office use.

Kingswood Owners Association, representing over 100 units in the community neighboring the residential project sites, sued the city over the project approvals for allegedly violating the California Environmental Quality Act, planning and zoning law and the subdivision map act.

Although the Dublin Fallon 580 Project did not require a new environmental impact report, the city violated CEQA by failing to provide a statement of overriding considerations specific to the Dublin Fallon 580 project, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Michael

Markman stated in an order Nov. 19 denying the city's petition for modification of a previous order from July of the same year.

As a result, the council voted 4-0-1 during its Jan. 13 regular meeting to ratify, reaffirm and re-adopt prior statements of overriding considerations for the Eastern Dublin Specific Plan with regard to the Dublin Fallon 580 project. Councilmember John Morada abstained.

Project approvals are not impacted by the order, a result of the lawsuit that has not completely satisfied Kingswood Owners Association.

"The statement of overriding considerations is basically what we did before, but we tailored it ever so slightly to focus on what's involved in this particular project," city attorney John Bakker said at the meeting.

According to Markman, statements of overriding considerations for the "significant unavoidable impacts" were disclosed in previous CEQA documents regarding the Eastern Dublin Specific Plan, so "the city must simply go on record to explain why it is willing to approve the 580 Project despite the unavoidable impacts."

The city's resulting statement details impacts of the project including cumulative loss of agriculture and open space land, cumulative traffic, loss or degradation of botanically sensitive habitat, regional air quality, noise and alteration of visual character. However, according to the statement, the project impacts are less than significant due to mitigation measures.

The project also overlaps with visually sensitive ridgelines where development is restricted, but proposed grading maintains the natural ridgeline from the three scenic corridors along Interstate 580 and Fallon Road, then-senior planner Crystal De Castro explained during a July 16, 2024 council meeting.

Each of the benefits would be sufficient to justify approval of the project and override the project's impacts, according to the statement of overriding consideration.

The project will further the urbanization of east Dublin, help the city toward its Regional Housing Needs Allocation goal for new housing units, provide parks, generate revenue and improve local roadways including the dedication of land for the city's future construction of the Dublin Boulevard

extension through the site.

"The purpose of CEQA is not necessarily to be able to mitigate every single impact down to less than significant," Dublin community development director Amy Million explained during the Jan. 13 meeting. "We are making a statement to override those impacts because we acknowledge the benefits of the project."

There is no risk for adopting the statement, Bakker added. Deciding to not adopt the statement, however, would risk a dispute with the project applicant GH Pacvest, LLC.

During public comment Jan. 13, both speakers expressed discontent with the statement of overriding consideration.

"If you're saying 'We had vacant land and now we've filled it up, isn't that great?' I don't see the benefit," 2024 mayor candidate Tom Evans said at the meeting. "In fact, if anything, it's probably not as nice to look at as the rolling hills are."

Following public comment, Councilmember Michael McCorriston suggested rewording the statement for clarification of the project benefits.

However, the majority of the dais — Vice Mayor Jean Josey,

Councilmember Kashef Qadri and Mayor Sherry Hu — supported approving the statement as-is, reasoning that wordsmithing the statement would not have a material impact.

City officials declined to comment on the lawsuit or its violation of CEQA.

Concerns remain for Kingswood Owners Association boardmember Sachin Bhandari regarding the impacts of development on graded land directly south of the neighborhood's internal park, and to a lesser extent, residential development on a nearby parcel.

Views from the park will be blocked and dust due to grading will affect air quality, Bhandari said.

Traffic and safety is another concern, Bhandari added, with residents often walking in the area and no additional roads set for construction.

"We're not opposed to the development, but we think that the city ... skewed way too strongly towards anything that the developer asked for," Bhandari told the Pleasanton Weekly.

The association also wanted the city to revoke approval of the project, but the judge did not grant the petition. ■

Harvest Park begins construction of new track and field

PUSD officials say project – slated for completion in fall – will greatly benefit students going forward

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District has officially broken ground on Harvest Park Middle School's field renovation project last week.

The project, funded by the \$395 million Measure I bond that voters approved in 2022, aims to build a new synthetic turf, a new track and other updated infrastructure by this fall.

"At its heart, this project is about our students," Harvest Park Middle School principal Russell Campisi told the Pleasanton Weekly. "It's about creating a space that supports physical education, athletics, school events, and daily student life — a place where our students can learn, grow, compete and build school pride, rain or shine."

Harvest Park's field renovation is one of the latest Measure I projects that has broken ground, following the completion of Pleasanton Middle School's new track and field that debuted to the public last October. School and district officials celebrated the groundbreaking during a ceremony on Jan. 29.

"This groundbreaking reflects the trust our community has placed in PUSD — trust that we take very



COURTESY PUSD

Harvest Park Middle School and Pleasanton Unified School District officials pose for a photo during the school's groundbreaking ceremony for the school's field renovation project on Jan. 29.

seriously," Board of Trustees Vice President Laurie Walker said in a statement to the Weekly. "Projects like this show what's possible when that trust is honored."

Similar to the renovations at Pleasanton Middle School, Harvest Park will see an all new, all-weather athletic field and track that, according to the project overview, "supports student wellness and physical education, expands community use, increases year-round usability (including after rain), and significantly

reduces water use."

Apart from the new synthetic turf field and 400-meter running track, the project's scope of work includes new natural grass fields surrounding the synthetic one; improved walkways, gates and site circulation; new shade trees and low-maintenance landscaping; and new fencing, backstops and service access infrastructure.

The synthetic turf and field will also have areas to support cricket games and more track and field

events.

According to the project overview, planning and design for the project began in 2024 and construction is expected to finish this fall. The total project budget, including soft costs, is \$9.7 million, according to the district.

"Because our Pleasanton community supported Measure I, we are able to deliver modern, durable, and thoughtfully designed facilities that directly benefit our students," PUSD Superintendent Maurice Ghysels told the Weekly. ■

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for county agencies and community groups that will feature staff training, public communication strategies and other measures to make sure people can safely access county services, courts, hospitals and health care facilities.

The plan is based on a similar effort in Santa Clara County and will include elements from such plans implemented in Los Angeles, Chicago and Portland, Oregon.

The ICE-Free Zones will be established at county-owned or county-controlled properties, including parking lots, vacant lots, garages and the nonpublic areas of county buildings.

Those areas will be off-limits to federal agents engaged in civil immigration enforcement activities and who might seek to use them as staging areas, processing areas or operations bases, among other things. The zones will be marked by signs and blocked off with physical barriers where appropriate.

In addition to the ICE-Free Zones and the rapid response plan, supervisors have previously approved more than \$7 million for things like legal and deportation defense services for immigrant communities, a hotline people can call to help track ICE activity in real time, and other resources.

"We don't want to be caught off guard, we want to do everything possible as elected officials to protect our people," Fortunato Bas said. ■

State senator joins list of Congress candidates

Wahab on track for Democratic Party endorsement in growing race for Tri-Valley House seat

By JEANITA LYMAN

The race for a successor to represent California's 14th Congressional District is heating up, with South Bay State Senator Aisha Wahab's (D-Hayward) campaign up and running.

Wahab is on track for the state Democratic Party's sought-after endorsement, giving her a leg up in the increasingly crowded field of Democratic candidates vying for the seat currently held by Rep. Eric Swalwell, which covers most of eastern Alameda County including the Tri-Valley.

The race for the seat is wide open as Swalwell campaigns for governor. Wahab, a former Hayward city councilmember, joins fellow

Democrats Matt Ortega, Melissa Hernandez and Abrar Qadir in her bid for the seat. So far only one Republican, Wendy Huang, has joined the lineup.

Although California Democrats are still in the midst of their endorsement process, with formal announcements set for later in the primary election season, Wahab garnered a vast majority of votes — nearly 77% — according to results of the pre-endorsement conference that were made public last week.

Wahab is now in the final stretch



Aisha Wahab

of her term in the state's 10th senate district representing northern Santa Clara county as well as Fremont and Hayward. She was elected as the first Afghani American woman to hold public office during her term on the Hayward City Council.

Her roots at the crossroads of the East Bay and Silicon Valley stretch back further, having attended Ohlone College, San Jose State University and CSU East Bay before earning a doctorate degree at the University of Southern California.

Wahab is running on a "back to basics" platform centered on affordability, jobs, healthcare, housing, and public safety issues that she believes are most impactful to

everyday voters.

"I'm fighting for the American Dream we all believed in! One where working hard means you can own a home, take care of your family, and retire in dignity," Wahab said. "We must get back to basics and that means serving the people we represent. I have done that on City Council and in State Senate."

Wahab's own trajectory, "from foster care to the State Capitol" is the essence of the "American Dream" according to her campaign.

"Her life story is one of resilience and barrier-breaking leadership—driven by the belief that government must serve people, not the powerful," Wahab's campaign said.

Having lost both parents at a

young age, Wahab was adopted by a Fremont couple who raised her to understand "perseverance, service, and the American Dream," according to her campaign.

However, Wahab's family would go on to lose their home and business during the 2008 recession, during which she was also "laid off and priced out of her hometown," according to campaign representatives, laying the groundwork for her advocacy for "renters, workers, and everyday families."

"This fight is bigger than me — and long overdue," Wahab said. "I'm running to keep fighting for the Bay Area we all deserve, and I can't do it without you."

More information is available at aishawahab.com. ■

Dublin presses pause on new firearms retailers

Interim ordinance bides time for regulatory review by staff after inquiry to open gun store near school

By JUDE STRZEMP

Dublin has entered into a temporary moratorium on the establishment of new firearms retailers and shooting ranges, as well as their expansion or relocation, with the City Council hitting the pause button after an inquiry from a prospective dealer who might want to open near a future school site.

The moratorium signaled a 45-day suspension of regulations that typically allow shooting ranges in commercial and industrial zones with proper clearing or permitting and firearm dealerships by

right in zoning where retail uses are allowed, according to a staff report prepared by Dublin community development director Amy Million.

During the suspension period, city staff intend to review land-use and regulatory frameworks governing such uses. Additionally, the operations of existing firearms retailers will not be impacted, since the ordinance applies to new permits or relocations requiring a permit, according to city attorney John Bakker.

The Dublin City Council greenlit the moratorium effective

immediately during a special meeting Jan. 20 via 4-0 approval of an urgency interim ordinance — absent Mayor Sherry Hu — following a discussion lasting under 10 minutes.

"Council needs to be really well-informed on the differences in the rights of merchants, as it pertains to both retail firearms and shooting ranges," Councilmember Michael McCarriston said during the meeting.

Sparking the ordinance before council was an inquiry to city officials about establishing a firearms dealership with an indoor shooting

range near where a school is being constructed along the Dublin Boulevard corridor in the downtown area, according to the staff report.

While federal and state law restrict firearm possession within 1,000 feet of a school, the laws do not prohibit firearms dealerships and shooting ranges in the area, Million wrote in the report.

"The inquiry nonetheless raised questions about whether the city's existing regulatory framework needed further study," she added.

During public comment two people expressed opposing opinions on

the ordinance, with one citing the danger that guns pose to youth and the other rejecting the idea that gun retailers are a threat.

According to the staff report, city staff are set to return to the council for policy direction and the 45-day period "could be extended to allow staff time to prepare and implement necessary amendments to the municipal code."

Dublin is set to lose its only gun store with indoor shooting range business soon, with the owner of Guns, Fishing & Other Stuff at 6705 Amador Plaza Road announcing its impending closure in December. ■

Deal reached on \$590M loan to prop up Bay Area transit

Aims to help stave off service cuts at BART, Caltrain, Muni, AC Transit pending tax measure

By BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

State and local officials have agreed on a \$590 million bridge loan to prop up Bay Area transit agencies until voters decide on a sales tax increase to bolster the systems.

The loan will stave off service cuts at AC Transit, BART, Caltrain and San Francisco Muni pending revenue from a proposed five-county tax hike, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission said Friday.

Without the bridge loan, the systems that carry hundreds of thousands of daily transit riders faced a deficit of more than \$800 million in the next fiscal year, the commission said in a press release.

Much depends on a regional funding measure authorized by the Legislature that may appear on the November ballot in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

If it qualifies for the ballot and is approved by voters, the tax measure

would allow increases of 0.5% to 1% to be collected in nine Bay Area counties to generate roughly \$1 billion per year for transit service.

'So many Bay Area residents rely on transit to get to work, school, or family, and service cuts would also explode traffic congestion. We must not let this happen.'

State Sen. Scott Wiener

"This agreement between my administration and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission provides essential short-term financing to support Bay Area transit operations while the region works

together on long-term funding solutions," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement.

The money from the loan will become available July 1. If the sales tax wins voter support, those funds would not begin flowing until the following year, the commission said.

San Francisco Democratic Sen. Scott Wiener, who co-wrote the bill authorizing the transit tax measure, said the loan headed off a potential "death spiral" for transit agencies.

"Public transportation is part of the Bay Area's lifeblood," he said in a statement. "So many Bay Area residents rely on transit to get to work, school, or family, and service cuts would also explode traffic congestion. We must not let this happen, and we won't let it happen."

The loan agreement uses money awarded but not yet allocated for Bay Area projects by the California Transportation Commission through the state Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program, according to the MTC.

It calls for repayment over 12 years, with interest-only payments during the first two years.

Payments are secured by the "revenue-based" portion of State Transit Assistance that goes directly to the

transit agencies, the MTC said.

Interest rates are variable so the state is repaid at the same rate it would have earned had the funds remained in state accounts, the commission said. ■

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Swalwell co-authors bill to quell excessive force by ICE

'ICE OUT Act' aims to support victims, hold officers accountable by removing qualified immunity

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Tri-Valley congressman and gubernatorial candidate Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) recently introduced a new piece of legislation alongside Rep. Dan Goldman (D-New York) that aims to strip away qualified immunity from federal immigration agents who use excessive force.

According to the "ICE OUT (Oversight of Unchecked Tactics) Act", which Swalwell and Goldman presented to the house of representatives on Jan. 30, the bill would help ensure that victims of excessive force can hold Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection officers accountable.

"ICE is not invincible," Swalwell said in a Jan. 30 press release. "This bill ensures that ICE agents lose qualified immunity when they use excessive force. We're putting an end

to masked federal agents dragging people by the hair, breaking into homes without cause, and killing Americans in cold blood. Civil rights laws exist; now Congress must step in to defend the rights of the most vulnerable in our communities."

A few days after introducing this new bill, Swalwell's office released a statement saying that he had to miss Tuesday's first gubernatorial debate after voting against ICE funding in Congress.

"I'm missing the first debate in the governor's race tonight because I'm in Washington, D.C. to vote against the ICE budget," Swalwell said in the statement. "This is the most important thing I could do to fight for Californians. We cannot fund this terror in our communities. I'll continue to play offense against ICE."

Qualified immunity "protects a government official from lawsuits alleging that the official violated a

plaintiff's rights, only allowing suits where officials violated a 'clearly established' statutory or constitutional right", according to Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute.

"Qualified immunity balances two important interests — the need to hold public officials accountable when they exercise power irresponsibly and the need to shield officials from harassment, distraction, and liability when they perform their duties reasonably," the website states.

However, according to last Friday's press release from Swalwell's office, given the context of what has been seen in the media recently where federal agents have shot, and in some cases, killed protesters and other civilians, qualified immunity takes away those victims' rights to hold federal agencies accountable.

Under the current standard for qualified immunity, it is difficult to "bring ICE officers to trial and to

seek justice for violations of their rights", according to the press release.

Some recent examples are when an off-duty ICE officer shot Keith Porter Jr. on New Year's Eve; when an ICE agent shot and killed Renee Good in Minneapolis early last month; and, more recently, when CBP agents shot and killed Alex Pretti, whose death was recently ruled to be a homicide by the Hennepin County medical examiner.

"An out-of-control, untrained, secret ICE paramilitary is beating and killing Americans all around the country without any accountability from this administration," Goldman said in the press release. "To ensure there is some accountability, we must end the current qualified immunity standard for ICE and CBP agents. ICE agents must be held accountable when they illegally use excessive force and victims must be able to get justice. I will keep pushing Congress to do

everything in its power to rein in this authoritarian immigration dragnet."

If passed, the bill would create an enforceable guardrail around ICE conduct and it would also make it clear to agents that they can "no longer arbitrarily use excessive force without expecting to face consequences".

More specifically, the bill would strip immunity from ICE and CBP agents during instances where courts find that excessive force was used.

"The ICE OUT Act would create clearly-defined objective language in statute that limits the circumstances in which immunity may apply for ICE and CBP agents," the press release states. "It would also codify Bivens doctrine, guaranteeing an individual's right to sue federal officers when their constitutional rights have been violated. By doing so, this bill will create the opportunity for the victims of excessive force to finally have their day in court." ■

AVELAR

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enforcement was because of her own experiences with issues like addiction, homelessness and incarceration in her family.

"As a police officer, when I first started, I was able to relate to people as human beings and really look at: what does this person need," Avelar said.

After joining the Foster City Police Department in 2002, Avelar eventually moved her way up the ranks to become the first female lieutenant, captain and police chief in that city's history.

Avelar said she was fine with the idea of retiring in Foster City. But that changed when she heard then-Pleasanton police chief David Swing departing in early 2024.

Avelar, who lived in Dublin for years, holds the Tri-Valley — especially Pleasanton — near to her heart. Her children attend school and play sports there, which made the Pleasanton police chief role a perfect fit.

"It just feels like we're coming home," Avelar said.

She was officially sworn in on Jan. 8, 2025, becoming the first woman to serve as police chief on a permanent basis in Pleasanton history.

Avelar said after starting on the job, her leadership style required little adjustment beyond accounting for the size and population of the city.

"There's logistical things that are different, but as far as leading people ... it's the same," she said. "It's treating people with respect, making sure that the people inside the organization have what they need and are able to have a voice because if I make decisions

for people doing the job, it's not going to work out well. We need their input."

As far as what she plans to do at the PPD, Avelar is currently focused on developing and building trust within the organization and succession planning for the future leaders.

"Leadership is everything when you're dealing with a people-focused organization like a police department," she said. "If you make the internal part solid and the culture good, then they will go out there and serve the community amazingly."

But to do that, she said it's important for the city to continue addressing recruitment and retention efforts. Back in 2023, the department's police force was so low that it had to temporarily shut down several units including the traffic unit, which has since been reinstated.

Avelar said the challenge for most police departments — and any public sector job — continues to be retaining employees because of things like competitive wages and how officers could go to neighboring cities and get more money there.

"The conversation for any government job right now is centered around the limited number of applicants in every position, not just policing, and the draw (of) how do we get the employees, how do we keep the employees," she said.

However, she noted that while there are some vacancies, the department is adequately staffed.

Another pressing topic Avelar talked about were multiple homicides in 2025 for Pleasanton, where even one in any year jumps out as unusual and concerning for the community — but a statistic she also sees as an anomaly in the

greater context of crime in the city last year.

"The homicides, those were just random and not something that we can change," Avelar said. "Those are challenging and were both tragic but it's hard to change that. It's not like it was some store robbery or something like that."

"Every single thing is lower in 2025," Avelar said in regard to the crime statistics, not including homicides, in Pleasanton.

Of note, Avelar mentioned that, when made public, the department's 2025 crime statistics will appear to be higher due to a reporting change.

The city shifted from the Universal Crime Reporting (UCR) program to the California Incident Based Reporting System (CIBRS) in 2025. This move is significant because CIBRS, unlike UCR which only tracked the highest offense, details every single offense during an arrest or incident.

Avelar emphasized that the seemingly higher 2025 crime data primarily reflects this added reporting, not an actual increase in crime.

Other statistics that Avelar shared were the significant increase in traffic violations and driving under the influence arrests the department made last year thanks to the reinstatement of the traffic unit. She said moving and equipment violations went from 624 to 2174 last year and DUI arrests went from 88 in 2024 to 133 last year.

Avelar said visibility in the community, whether it's making traffic stops or just engaging with the community, and having the right technology is also important when it comes to the city's policing.

She pointed to the Real Time

Information Center, which notifies officers about a suspect committing a crime in real time. She said by identifying these suspects quickly and arresting them, it deters them from coming back and committing more crimes.

"We're stopping it from occurring over and over and over again," she said. "If we can stop someone from coming to Pleasanton because they're like 'Oh I'm not going there, I'm going to get busted,' then good. Don't commit crime here." ■

TAKE US ALONG



At Senso-ji Temple: The Norman family recently visited Japan, pictured here in front of the Five Storied Pagoda at Senso-ji Temple in Tokyo are Andrew (age 14), Jessica, Jonah (17) and Maxwell.

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

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Dublin man convicted of rapes while at UC Santa Barbara

A young man from Dublin was found guilty of committing multiple sexual assaults while in college, Santa Barbara County prosecutors announced Jan. 20 following a three-month trial that ended with a hung jury on more than a dozen other counts.

Arian Eteghaei, a former athlete at Dublin High School and student of University of California at Santa Barbara, was convicted of forcible sexual rape of two victims, forcible sexual penetration and misdemeanor domestic violence, along with a special allegation that the crimes involved more than one victim, according to Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office.

Jurors were unable to reach a verdict on the remaining 14 counts, according to the DA's office.

Eteghaei, 23, was remanded without bail and is set to remain in custody ahead of his sentencing, where he faces the potential of 30 years to life in state prison, prosecutors said.

As originally reported by Santa Barbara County news group Noozhawk, Eteghaei fled custody in Santa Barbara following the verdicts but was apprehended shortly after.

"The victims in this case showed remarkable bravery by coming forward, reporting the crimes, and taking the stand to testify during this lengthy trial," Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnock said in the statement. "Their courage made it possible for the jury to hold the defendant accountable for his actions."

Meanwhile, Andrew Flier, one of Eteghaei's defense attorneys, thinks the case should have been declared a mistrial, given multiple occasions of a hung jury.

"We truly believe that pressure from other jurors and also the fact that the court is asking them to keep on going back — keep on deliberating — puts that indirect pressure on them, where they feel they gotta come back with verdicts," Flier told the Pleasanton Weekly. "That's just not the way the system should be."

Officials at the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office declined to comment further on the case when contacted by the Weekly.

Eteghaei was arrested on Aug. 13, 2021 at the Oakland San Francisco Bay Airport on sexual assault allegations. He was released on bail, placed on house arrest and resided with his parents in Dublin, according to a case file involving the later execution of an arrest warrant for Eteghaei and a related search

warrant for his parents' home that November.

At the time, Eteghaei had been charged with felony sexual assault of 11 women while a student at the UC Santa Barbara.

As for Eteghaei's post-conviction flee attempt, "I don't really consider it an escape; it's hard to escape going maybe less than a couple hundred yards in a crowded Santa Barbara area with handcuffs on," Flier told the Pleasanton Weekly. "I just think that it was the product of really feeling that he got a bad trial and the consequences were very serious."

Eteghaei's sentencing is scheduled for April 8 at the Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

"I don't expect the court to grant our motion for a new trial ... but we believe we will prevail," Flier said. "We truly believe that this case will be overturned."

— Jude Strzemp

Game night fight at Livermore High

A brawl involving multiple juveniles at Livermore High School during a basketball game last week resulted in at least one local teen being hurt, police said.

Officers responded at about 8:40 p.m. Jan. 27 to a report of the altercation in the LHS gym's foyer, according to a social media post by Livermore Police Department officials.

Emergency medical services were also called to the scene, LHS principal Roxana Mohammed wrote the following day to the school community.

Upon arrival, police officers located a 17-year-old Livermore boy who had reportedly lost consciousness during the incident, LPD officials said. The suspects fled the scene ahead of officers' arrival, they added.

Police investigated reports that one suspect displayed a gun, but ultimately determined they were untrue. "Based on our investigation to date, no firearm was involved," LPD officials said on Jan. 29 as part of an updated statement.

"The safety of our students is our highest priority, therefore, the remainder of the game was postponed out of an abundance of caution," Mohammed wrote. "When the game is rescheduled, we will ensure that increased security will be present."

LPD's Criminal Investigations Bureau is conducting an investigation into the incident with assistance from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and school resource officers.

As an active investigation, LPD is not currently releasing additional information, department spokesperson Azenith Smith

confirmed to the Weekly.

LPD officials urge anyone with information about the incident to call the department's anonymous tip line at 925-371-4790.

— Jude Strzemp

Stranger danger at Sunol Glen School

A woman was arrested after reportedly walking inside Sunol Glen School and causing a disturbance on a school day last month, the Pleasanton Weekly has learned.

Victoria Loma Bowers, who apparently has no ties to the campus, was charged with misdemeanor counts of battery and obstruction and is awaiting a pretrial hearing scheduled for next month, according to the Alameda County's criminal case portal.

"Everyone is safe, and the situation was resolved quickly," Sunol Superintendent and Principal Shay Galletti wrote in a letter to the community, which she shared with the Weekly.

The incident happened just after 11 a.m. on Jan. 8 when Bowers entered the school's main building through a door that was unlocked due to a meeting that took place earlier that day, according to Galletti. The woman does not have any kids who go to the school nor does she have any connection to the school.

"The individual was behaving erratically and would not leave when asked," Galletti said.

In a separate letter directed to the parents of one of the teachers who, along with her students, briefly interacted with the intruder

that day, Galletti said that Bowers briefly spoke to students outside of the teacher's classroom before the teacher directed her students back inside the classroom and notified administrators.

"Administration responded immediately, and the Sheriff's Office was contacted," Galletti said. "The individual exited the building without further issue. The incident lasted approximately six minutes."

Upon leaving the school, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office promptly arrested Bowers, according to Galletti.

The principal said during the incident, the intruder pushed past her as she stood by a doorway to prevent access to areas where other students and classes were located, which is what led to the battery charge.

"I was not injured," Galletti told

the Weekly. "Based on the individual's behavior and actions, charges were pursued to ensure she is not permitted to return to the school grounds."

Galletti added that the school did not go under lockdown that day because it was not deemed necessary after staff "followed established procedures to address the situation without escalation."

"As part of our regular safety planning, we were already scheduled to share information with families next week about an upcoming lockdown drill," Galletti said. "Today's incident serves as a reminder of why we practice these procedures and the importance of calm, practiced responses."

According to court documents, Bowers was arraigned on Jan. 12 and pleaded not guilty. Her pretrial hearing is scheduled for March 5. ■

— Christian Trujano

Paul Edward Tyson Jensen

April 27, 1926 - November 29, 2025

It is with a heavy heart to announce the passing of Paul Edward Tyson Jensen, 99 of Pleasanton, California on November 29, 2025, at home surrounded by family.

Paul, "Pops" was born April 27, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana to Paul Christian Wittenberg Jensen and Nena Laura Roberston. He graduated from Tulane University majoring in physics, mathematics 1947 and business administration 1949; later obtaining an MBA at Golden Gate University in 1976.

Paul's life was marked by service, generosity, kindness and devotion to family and community. A proud veteran of the USNR 1943-45 Midshipman and Captain of the USMCR, WWII, Korea. He met his bride Jule "Cookie" in San Diego during his enlistment and wed in 1953 in Camaguey, Cuba. Paul worked as the assistant manager of the Cuban Atlantic Sugar Company, in Lugareno until 1955. Upon returning to the states, he began his career as senior engineering specialist at GTE Sylvania, in Mountain View and later with ESL/TRW as senior staff engineer until his retirement in 1992. He shared his expertise by teaching at Bay Area colleges and universities, professional memberships to IEEE, American Physics Society, Mathematical Association of America, World Future Society and Associate Fellow, Society for Technical Communications. In his free time, he enjoyed connecting with others on his ham radio, cheering on the SF Giants and Warriors, watching tennis and running half marathons in the Avenue of the Giants.

He was known for his kindness, humor and willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need. Paul was an active member of Pleasanton North Rotary, Sertoma and GraceWay Church. Paul and Jule traveled globally making many friends along the way. Paul was a dedicated husband, father, grand-father, great grandfather, uncle and friend. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years Jule and son Christian. Paul is survived by his two daughters Elena Frost and Connie Moss, grandchildren, Michael, Jacob, Caroline, Abigail and Julia, great grandchildren, Daphne, Paul, Aiden and Ryan.

Paul will be missed greatly but leaves a warm legacy of cherished memories and love. A celebration of his life will be held on March 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. GraceWay Church 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton followed by a reception in the parish hall.

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SOMETHING TO SEE

Firehouse sets lineup of concerts, plays, exhibitions for winter and spring

BY JEREMY WALSH



Continuing to establish its identity in the fine arts landscape of the Tri-Valley, Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center is presenting an eclectic mix of offerings in the first half of 2026.

With original musical stylings local to international, tribute concerts and theatrical productions showcasing the present and future of live stage performance, the Firehouse Theater aims to bring a little bit of everything to entice audiences to its 221-seat community venue in downtown.

"The Firehouse works best when it's active, welcoming and shared — a place where youth programs and professional artists can thrive side by side," Julian Mireles, recreation supervisor for the city, told the Pleasanton Weekly.

Mireles, who oversees programming and scheduling at the black-box theater operated by the city government, said the Firehouse "continues to feel vibrant and full of life" upon the release of its Presenting Series schedule for the winter and spring.

"This season highlights the range of what the Firehouse does best — from youth-driven productions like 'Mary Poppins Jr.' and 'Creatures of Impulse,' which showcase the creativity and confidence of Pleasanton's young performers, to professional artists bringing original voices and global influences to our stage," Mireles said.

"Whether it's folk and blues legend Maria Muldaur, the energy of Carlos Reyes' string performances, or Ramana Vieira's soulful take on Portuguese fado, the season reflects our goal of offering something meaningful and accessible for every audience," he continued, adding:

"We're also excited to host special moments like Cali Celtic's CD release ahead of St. Patrick's Day, which will be a fun, and perfectly timed, event, alongside many other performances that reinforce the Firehouse as a place where both community talent and touring artists can connect with local audiences."

As often the case, tribute acts are a theme at the Firehouse.

The season, which got underway last month with the Aja Vu Band playing the music of Steely Dan and Chicago, keeps a-rolling this Friday night (Feb. 6) with James Garner's tribute to Johnny Cash. The performer does more than just cover the music of the late "Man in Black"; Garner embodies Cash and captivates the audience to tap their toes and sing along to the timeless country crossover hits, Firehouse officials noted in their newly published 2026 Spring Season Brochure.

The tribute concerts continue with CCSegeR performing the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival and Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band

on March 14 and with Long Time covering the songs of Boston on April 4.

Familiar music will also be at the center of Franc D'Ambrosio's appearance in Pleasanton on April 18.

Known for his long run as the titular character in "The Phantom of the Opera", D'Ambrosio will blend "iconic musical-theater hits with timeless jazz standards", Firehouse reps said.

"Each number is introduced with a brief story — sometimes cheeky, sometimes poignant — highlighting how Broadway and Jazz have always danced together in the shadows of the same smoky lounge," they added. "It's a celebration of reinvention, rhythm, and the power of the Great American Songbook."

Look for a different take on the "Great American Songbook" three weeks later, when the Tri-Valley's Chorus Eclectic takes to the Firehouse stage on the evening of May 8.

Another local act, The CoolTones Big Band, will perform their favorites in American music and more with their concert blending big band, jazz, swing, blues, R&B, rock and funk on March 21.

One of the shows highlighted by Mireles, Maria Muldaur — who has recorded more than 40 albums in her six-decade career — is coming to the Firehouse with her Jazzabelle Quintet next Friday (Feb. 13) for a Valentine's weekend concert.



“This performance celebrates her enduring artistry and soulful sound, offering an unforgettable evening of classic style and authentic musical storytelling,” Firehouse reps said.

In time for St. Patrick’s Day, Cali-Celtic has a tour stop in Pleasanton on the heels of releasing its sixth album, “West of Shannon.”

“Known for high-energy performances, the band delivers rollicking interpretations of traditional Irish songs alongside hilarious originals that explore Ireland and its ties to the San Francisco Bay Area,” Firehouse reps said ahead of the group’s March 13 concert.

Two weeks later, world-renowned Paraguayan harpist and violinist Carlos Reyes — who has performed solo around the globe, as well as alongside the likes of Willie Nelson, The Doobie Brothers and Chuck Mangione — will be at the Firehouse on March 27.

Vocalist Ramana Vieira, who specializes in Portuguese fado music, will lead a concert with her backing ensemble band on April 3. “Blending the timeless beauty of traditional Fado with Brazilian rhythms, Latin grooves, and contemporary jazz, Vieira and her ensemble create a sound that is both deeply rooted and refreshingly modern,” Firehouse reps noted.

Adult, teen and youth theater also play a major role in the back

half of the 2025-26 season at the Firehouse.

Pleasanton Youth Theater Company, which produced its “The Addams Family Younger@Part” over two weekends in January, will present its “... And All That Jazz” cabaret on April 17, its “Mary Poppins Jr.” center stage musical from April 24 to May 3, and its “Magic Tree House Pirates Past Noon KIDS” play from May 18-24.

The latter is an adaptation of Mary Pope Osborne’s fourth “Magic Tree House” book. “This time around, Jack and Annie’s tree house takes them to an exotic island with pirates, where the two discover the power of friendship and the simple pleasures in everyday life,” according to PYTC.

Pleasanton’s award-winning teen improv troupe, Creatures of Impulse, will bring its “Face-Off” shows from Feb. 19-21 and its “Musical” events from April 9-11 — each performance uniquely improvised.

And Tri-Valley Theatre Company will make its way to the Firehouse stage on Feb. 27 and 28 for “Dreams Reimagined: A Miscast Cabaret.”

“What happens when performers finally play the roles they’ve always dreamed of? Dreams get reimagined,” Firehouse reps said. “Join us for a fresh, funny, and inspiring cabaret where boundaries of casting are joyfully broken. Hear Broadway

favorites like never before in this celebration of artistry, possibility, and performing without limits. Two performances only — new voices, new perspectives and dream roles brought to life.”

Other events on the Firehouse calendar for the winter and spring, which aren’t part of the city-sponsored Presenting Series, are Best of San Francisco Stand-Up Comedy on March 6, Ronstadt Revolution - A Tribute to Linda Ronstadt on March 7 and Monsoon Dance Company’s “Finding My Dha” on March 28.

Visual art spaces within the Firehouse also have their schedules set for the coming months.

The Harrington Gallery is hosting this year’s “Flora in Focus” exhibition now through March 7 and then will welcome “Fresh Works Jr. II” from March 21 to May 23.

The Firehouse lobby, which is holding a solo exhibition of Wei-Ting Chuang through Feb. 28, will showcase artists Jenna Hobbs from March 7 to May 2 and Yi Ding from May 9 to July 2. The Pleasanton Art League-curated Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall exhibition features a lineup of Jean Batchelder (now), Zelda K. (March 21 to May 9) and Kristin Kuipers (May 16 to July 11).

For more information on the winter and spring programming at the Firehouse, go to firehousearts.org. ■



The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton has a range of programming on its winter and spring schedule, such as (clockwise from far bottom left) “The Addams Family Younger@Part” performed last month, the “Flora in Focus” art exhibit that includes “Orange African Daisy” by Helene Royslance, and concerts by CaliCeltic, Carlos Reyes, The CoolTones Big Band and Ramana Vieira. (Performer photos courtesy Firehouse Arts. Venue pictures are Weekly file photos.)



EXPERIENCE DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

PDA ANNOUNCES 2026 SCHEDULE OF POPULAR RETURNING EVENTS MIXED WITH COUPLE NEW OFFERINGS

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Downtown Association has unveiled its schedule of special events for the year, saying that “creating shared experiences, strengthening community connections and supporting small businesses” is at the heart of the series of familiar and new offerings alike.

Headlining the lineup are the summer Concerts in the Park at Lions Wayside Park, two installments of Weekends on Main taking over Main Street and popular holiday showcases like the Bunny Hop Hunt, Halloween Brew Crawl and Spirit & Sweater Stroll. New additions are the inaugural Country Fest in June and the first Boo Bash for the whole family in mid-October.

“Designed to bring people together in Downtown Pleasanton, these events welcome residents, visitors, and guests from across the region to gather, connect, and support the local small businesses

that make downtown such a vibrant and inviting destination,” PDA Executive Director Gabrielle Welk said in the press release last Friday.

“Whether you’re a longtime local or visiting Downtown Pleasanton for the first time, the 2026 event lineup invites everyone to stroll Main Street, discover unique shops and restaurants, enjoy live entertainment, and experience the joy of coming together — right in the heart of the city,” Welk added.

Leading things off will be annual St. Patrick’s Day Brew Crawl “featuring festive pours, green gear and plenty of Irish cheer” on March 14. Next up will be a pair of springtime favorites: the Bunny Hop Hunt on April 4 and the Wine Stroll on May 2.

Weekends on Main, which see Main Street closed to vehicular traffic from 4 p.m. Friday through 10 p.m. Sunday, return June 5-7 for the first of two installments. The Saturday (June 6) will offer Hot Rod Row while the Sunday (June

7) will bring Totally Mimosa and the first-ever Country Fest.

“Main Street transforms into a full-blown country playground with 4+ live band stages featuring country artists all day long, a BBQ smoker cook-off, corn hole tournaments, line dancing, a petting zoo, and local vendors lining the street,” PDA officials said of Country Fest.

Concerts in the Park return on Friday evenings from June 5 to Aug. 28 — with the band roster still to be released.

The Forkful Culinary Crawl showcases downtown’s diverse dining scene Sept. 12.

Weekends on Main are back from Oct. 2-4, including Pleasanton Palooza and the BMX Bike Fest on the Saturday (Oct. 3) and Porsches on Main on the Sunday (Oct. 4).

PDA will debut its new Boo Bash — “the grand finale of the month-long Pumpkins on Main Scavenger Hunt” — on Oct. 17.

“Families are invited downtown for an afternoon of Halloween



The Pleasanton Downtown Association has announced its full lineup of special events on and around Main Street during 2026, including the return of Concerts in the Park (top left, photo by Chuck Deckert) and Weekends on Main with Pleasanton Palooza (top right and above photos by Joy Liu Photography/courtesy PDA).

music, festive carnival games, a pumpkin painting contest and fall fun,” PDA reps said. “Downtown businesses will also be open for trick-or-treating, giving kids another chance to fill their bags with goodies. Costumes encouraged — spooky and sweet fun guaranteed.”

Four popular returning events

will round out the 2026 schedule for the PDA: Halloween Brew Crawl on Oct. 24, Small Business Saturday on Nov. 28, Magical Holiday Evening on Dec. 4 and Spirit & Sweater Stroll on Dec. 12.

To learn more about each event and the rest of the PDA’s activities, go to pleasantondowntown.net. ■

Boyz II Men to headline fair closing weekend

Electronic-dance trio Cheat Codes, Metallica cover band Damage Inc. also on tap July 10-12

By JEREMY WALSH

Four-time Grammy Award winners Boyz II Men highlight the concert lineup for closing weekend of the 2026 Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton.

Known for worldwide hits like “End of the Road,” “I’ll Make Love to You,” “One Sweet Day” (with Mariah Carey) and “On Bended Knee,” the vocal group from Philadelphia rose to prominence in the 1990s with emotional harmonies that spanned R&B and pop genres.

Boyz II Men will take to the amphitheater stage at the fairgrounds on the evening of July 10 as part of the Big O Tires Concert Series.

Fair officials announced the rest of the final weekend concert schedule several days before revealing Boyz II Men.

Damage Inc., a Metallica cover band based out of Southern California, will perform at the fair on July 11. The group has been hand-selected to tour alongside the real deal, as well as having been listed among “The World’s Greatest Tribute Bands,” fair officials noted.

And for the final show of the 2026 fair, electronic-dance trio Cheat Codes will be on stage July 12. Fair reps hope the high-energy group — with hits like “No Promises” (featuring Demi Lovato) and “Let Me Hold You (Turn Me On)” with

Dante Klein — will provide a fun party vibe to close out the concert series.

They join three other acts announced so far of the 17 main concerts at the 2026 Alameda County Fair, which runs on Wednesdays through Sundays from June 19 to July 12 (no concert on Independence Day).

Twist on Taylor is performing June 20, The Beach Boys on July 1 and Flo Rida on July 8.

Tickets for the closing weekend concerts go on sale this Friday (Feb. 6) at 9 a.m., with a presale for season pass holders starting two days earlier. Learn more at alamedacountyfair.com. ■



COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Boyz II Men are performing at the 2026 Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton on July 10, the final Friday night concert of the season.

'Then and Now' recalls historic schools of East County

Livermore Heritage Guild seeks to restore, relocate structure to city park

By JUDE STRZEMP

On the far eastern edge of Alameda County sits the sole remaining one-room schoolhouse in the Livermore area.

Inside the building, the walls are lined with original black boards and wood, set in a tongue and groove fashion.

Constructed in the late 1800s, the structure dubbed Midway Public School is the subject of a renovation and relocation project spearheaded by the Livermore Heritage Guild.

More specifically, the organization intends to transport the 34-foot-by-22 feet building some 20 miles west to Hagemann Park in Livermore where it can serve as a public museum and the site of immersive field trips for local students.

The overall project is expected to cost a total of \$700,000, with approximately \$450,000 already secured.

The guild's project took center stage at the Civic Center Library on Jan. 21 during a presentation dubbed "Sit Straight, Eyes Front: Livermore's Early Schools" — one lecture in the ongoing historical series "Then & Now: Livermore Stories", co-presented by the guild and the Livermore Public Library.

Proctoring the event was Jeff Kaskey, newly appointed city historian and guild vice president.

"Having the school in place is a really important piece of people recognizing the historic value of the community that they're in," Kaskey said of relocating the structure.

By 1900, over 10 rural schools cropped up around the Livermore area, loosely defined as the Livermore Valley, Murray Township and Eastern Alameda County.

Many of the one-room schoolhouses featured similar elements such as three windows along each side of the building and one door, Kaskey explained.



May Public School was among the first one-room schools in Livermore, a site that the guild worked to restore, but that burned down in the 1970s, Kaskey said.

Whether replaced, burned or located under a present-day reservoir, each of the one-room school houses disappeared except one — Midway.

Built in about 1883, the schoolhouse was surrounded by an unincorporated town of about 35 people, shops and a post and telegraph office, according to Kaskey.

In addition to the structure's use as a school, it may have also served as a church services or meeting hall, Kaskey said.

The unincorporated town dipped from its prime, marked by the closure of its post office around 1918, the shuttering of its saloon and dance hall as well as a large warehouse fire, Kaskey said.

By 1946, the school closed.

The structure was rediscovered as recently as 2006 on land near Patterson Pass Road on the Mulqueeney Ranch — the family had been using the building for storage.

The Mulqueenys haven't done any modifications other than installing a new metal roof, something Kaskey noted with positivity.

"The new metal roof is not historic, but it does keep the rain out and that is really important to being able to salvage this as a historic structure," Kaskey explained.

Otherwise, hints remain within the building that relay its original form.

A horizontal line along the room's back wall signals an absent platform, Kaskey noted. Additional lines along the ground point to the room's previous configuration.

Kaskey said both aspects of the school house can be reconstructed.

Although the guild began considering the Midway project about 20 years ago, recent efforts kicked off during the last five years, Kaskey explained.

As part of the restoration efforts



PHOTOS COURTESY LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD

Left: The Livermore Heritage Guild plans to restore and relocate the Midway Public School from the eastern edge of Alameda County to Hagemann Park in Livermore. Above: The Midway structure has undergone select changes ahead of the restoration project by the Livermore Heritage Guild.

so far, the school's sign has been recreated and new windows have been created. Additional work is needed to build a new front porch, ADA ramp and interior.

Once complete, the guild aims to host a historical reenactment program at the schoolhouse for third graders' field trips.

The visitors can expect a day-in-the-life of a 19th century student, complete with historic desks and books.

Organization officials are also interested in involving fourth graders, as learning about the history of California's public education system is part of their curriculum.

"The ability to see and touch, talk about, work with and play in the real physical artifacts makes a huge impression on kids," Kaskey explained.

The guild is not alone in creating its vision, as one-room school programs are already hosted at the Tassajara School east of Danville and Lammersville School House in Tracy.

Both programs have served as helpful models for the guild,

Kaskey explained.

"We're not inventing a new program that hasn't been tried," he said. "And it's been very successful in both of these places — very popular."

More than just a living history opportunity, the school represents a piece of history and heritage in need of preservation, Kaskey said.

At its proposed location near Hagemann Ranch, attendees of the ranch's monthly open-house would also be able to visit the school house, Kaskey explained.

The guild is currently working with the city for approval of project entitlements as well as a lease agreement for the project site.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District manages the park, but if permitted to move forward with the project, the guild would be responsible for operating and maintaining the schoolhouse.

Since the event, the guild has received direction and questions from city staff on the project regarding an access path, the location of a fence gate and parking considerations, Kaskey said. ■



Jeff Kaskey

Tri-Valley museum highlights Anza expedition history

'Blockbuster' exhibit aims to present 'complete narrative' of Spanish colonial voyage to California

By JEANITA LYMAN

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley in downtown Danville is delving into the history of the Anza expedition for its next virtual program.

Led by Juan Bautista de Anza, the expedition was formed to discover a route between southern Arizona and California, ultimately bringing 240 Spanish settlers into the state — and the Bay

Area — 250 years ago, where the Presidio and the Mission system were established.

The "blockbuster exhibit" curated by former town councilmember, ex-East Bay Parks board director and local historian Beverly Lane in collaboration with the museum and the National Park Service is the only one of its kind centered on the portion of the Anza expedition that expanded to the Bay Area in 1776.

"It will tell the complete narrative of the Expedition, from the political reasons Spain initiated it to the character of the colonists to the impacts this 'moving city' had on 75 Native tribes along the 1200-mile route," museum organizers said in a press release.

The exhibit features the names of all of the families who came to California during the expedition, a diorama of the 1,000 livestock



COURTESY MUSEUM SRV

Painting of the Anza Expedition, which expanded its trek to California to reach the Bay Area in 1776.

that were brought along, as well as information about Anza himself and the expedition's chaplain, Father Pedro Front.

Debuting last weekend, the exhibit runs through May 31. For more information, go to museum.srv.org. ■

Opinion

GUEST OPINION

By CHRISTINA NYSTROM

Our words say equity; our outcomes say otherwise

African American students in Pleasanton Unified School District perform below the state average in both English language arts and math. They are 54 points below standard in ELA, a gap of 123 points compared to “all” Pleasanton students. In math, they are 102 points below standard — a staggering 168-point gap.



Picture that distance on a number

line. Then ask yourself how this can exist in a district that prides itself on excellence.

Our Black students are the only student group in Pleasanton that does not outperform the State of California academically.

At the Jan. 15 “equity” school board meeting, much of this data was brushed aside as anomalies within the data. Trustees were told a tutoring program was coming (but has been in the works for over a year) and the superintendent is creating an advisory group (that won’t meet until the end of March).

They consciously ignored the role

of culture, racism and hate-motivated behavior in shaping student outcomes. Notably absent from the discussion was the district’s own hate-motivated behavior policy.

That omission matters.

At that same meeting, a fifth grade parent shared that her daughter has been the target of race-based bullying — even being called the n-word at school. I have spoken with other parents whose children have experienced the same.

Last week a high school student told the board that absenteeism among Black students is partly driven by not feeling safe at school. Another parent spoke, saying that her child has received much more hate in Pleasanton than other places they have lived.

These are not abstract concepts. They are lived experiences, here, right now, in Pleasanton.

And yet, at that same meeting, the board celebrated African

American History Month and adopted a resolution affirming its commitment to supporting students. Resolutions and smiles are easy. But ... I appreciate action so much more.

I recently attended a city-PUSD liaison meeting and raised concerns about racism in Pleasanton and achievement gaps. The response was that the city has launched Pleasanton Connects, and therefore, they are in the clear.

This is an attitude I’ve experienced, and admittedly, one I’ve probably even exhibited at times myself. It’s Pleasanton arrogance. We have the best parks, the cleanest city, high property values, incredible schools (for most students) ... yet we are ignoring the lived experiences of a historically marginalized group.

I care because these kids are in the critical 0-18 year period — the foundation for the rest of their lives

is being built right now. We have a responsibility to guard children, especially in our schools. We also have a responsibility to show all students, by example, how we take care of each other.

Our area has plenty of outrage over a variety of issues. I know what everyone is fighting against. Supporting kids in our community, right here, is something we can fight for. If you want to talk about action steps we can take as a community, follow allmeansall.pUSD on Instagram.

It’s great that we have the distinction of being one of the cleanest cities in the country — truly. But we are educating Black students worse than the state of California. And that feels dirty. ■

Editor’s note: Christina Nystrom is a PUSD alum and parent. She operates SMNC Consulting and taught business courses for Las Positas College at the federal prison in Dublin for five years.

LETTERS

Lessons from space with NASA astronaut Cady Coleman

On Jan. 4, my nonprofit, The Sustainability Lens, hosted former NASA astronaut Dr. Cady Coleman for a virtual interaction held at the Pleasanton Library.

With rain in the forecast and many people out of town, I expected about 10 attendees and nearly canceled. Instead, over 150 people showed up in person, with 80 others watching the livestream.

I started The Sustainability Lens after noticing a barrier to climate action: climate research and media coverage are often difficult for the public to interpret. The nonprofit focuses on translating complex climate science into clear, accessible knowledge that supports community action, including through our YouTube podcast, “Simply Sustainability”.

I discovered Dr. Coleman’s book “Sharing Space” at the Pleasanton Library and was intrigued by her insights from space about sustainability on Earth. I invited her to be a guest on my podcast, and she generously agreed. Since it’s not every day we hear from a NASA astronaut, I opened the event to the Tri-Valley community.

Dr. Coleman spoke about her path from chemistry and the Air Force to becoming an astronaut, her work on space shuttle laboratory research, and deploying the Chandra X-ray Observatory.

She humanized space science with practical details, even how astronauts pee and poop. She also shared her experience as a woman persisting in space exploration,

including having to use a medium-sized spacesuit because the small suits that fit her were discontinued.

She closed by highlighting the importance of teamwork, mission-driven work, and diverse perspectives, all essential, she reminded us, to protecting our home planet.

— Pareena Gupta

Special teams shine

So exciting! Super Bowl LX is in California: Seattle Seahawks vs. New England Patriots will be at Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara on Feb. 8. In pigskin history, Super Bowl 50 was there.

Super Bowl Sunday is unofficially an American holiday. On this day, oodles of fans rush to parties hosted in bars, homes and restaurants across the nation. Scoring and safety come in games.

In football, special teams are vital for kicking plays and are key players to the game.

Gatherings must have a special team, and might be one person. This team can eat, laugh and talk with all throughout the game and does not drink alcohol. This sober person drives those who are drunk.

When 16 in 1992, I was hit head-on by a drunken driver and seriously hurt. I cope with my handi-caps daily for 30-plus years.

Out of the 360 DUI arrests CHP made statewide on Super Bowl 50 in 2016, one person was killed and 52 were injured in alcohol-related crashes. Bring that down! Super Bowl LX highlights California, and let the decrease of drunken drivers do the same.

Feeling tipsy and ready to go

home? Do not drive. Get a ride from any sober driver: special team or not (e.g., taxi).

Special teams ensure successful endings.

— Lori Martin

Greenland, Minneapolis and, oh yeah, Epstein

I have a big favor to ask of you. Please pay attention to Greenland and please pay attention to Minneapolis. The fact that I just wrote such a sentence, mentioning Greenland and Minneapolis, two places that, as far as I know have nothing in common except being cold, speaks volumes to the upside down world we live in today.

Why Greenland? Trump has stated that, “One way or another, we are going to have Greenland.” Specifically, he wants to buy it with funds from who knows where, but likely it would be U.S. taxpayers, or invade it.

Based on recent comments (incoherent rants is probably a more accurate description), he may be backing off on this, but this is a guy who has targeted Greenland not because he’s thought of the

collateral damage it could cause, but because it looks so big on a map.

And we all know about Minneapolis by now — Renee Good and Alex Pretti murdered by ICE, Kristi Noem and the administration defending the murder with cruel and nonsensical rhetoric, 3,000 more ICE agents deployed to Minnesota and a 5-year-old detained and put in a detention center in Texas.

Similar surges of ICE agents are being seen in Maine and Alaska with more states to follow, undoubtedly.

So please take note — the USA is now becoming an imperialist bully and the out-of-control mayhem reeked by ICE is expanding. Let your voice of resistance be heard now; we still have three more years of Trump and his goons.

And don’t forget: the Epstein files. Trump has wanted Greenland and ICE to provide a distraction from this ongoing scandal. So in addition to being a wannabe king and a tyrant, he is also engaged in a massive pedophilia coverup.

— Ward Kanowsky

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

Cuddle with Max

Max is a wonderful dog who will add happiness and joy to your life! He is a white, 4-year-old Chihuahua who weighs just 6 pounds. He loves to give kisses and cuddle on your lap. He is housebroken, sleeps quietly in his crate and is ready to greet each day with joy! Learn more about adopting Max through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at tvar.org.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Mannion showed coaching promise from early age

Starring at QB for Foothill and Oregon State set stage for NFL career that continues to blossom

When former Foothill High quarterback Sean Mannion was hired as the offensive coordinator of the Philadelphia Eagles last week, it raised some eyebrows.

I mean, he's 33 years old, has all of two years of coaching experience, and as recently as 2023 was still a player in the NFL.

But for those of us around Pleasanton, it wasn't shocking at all. If anyone with as little experience was going to be hired for such a position, it was Mannion.

If you know Sean, you know he was destined for coaching. His dad John was a longtime member of the Foothill staff, both as an assistant for Matt Sweeney, then the head coach for Foothill.

In a story I wrote early on about Mannion I remember saying, "good things happen to good people" — and Sean Mannion is at the top of that list.

After leaving Foothill, John

moved on to a successful career as a high school coach in Oregon.

John coached Sean at Foothill, where he was a three-year quarterback for the Falcons. Having spoken with him many times, it was amazing how he had such a mature grasp of the game at such an early age.

One of the more amazing games I witnessed was his senior year in a North Coast Section game against James Logan where Foothill won 59-37 and Mannion had over 600 yards passing.

When he got to Oregon State, he excelled and ended up being the all-time Pac-12 passing leader with 13,600 yards. He is now No. 2 behind Luke Falk of Washington State, who finished with 14,486 yards.

Mannion's numbers were better than quarterbacks like Matt Barkley, Carson Palmer, Jared Goff, Derek Anderson and Marcus Mariota.

He was drafted in the third round

of the 2015 NFL draft by the then-St. Louis Rams and went to the Super Bowl with the Rams in 2018.

He also played for the Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks. He retired from the NFL in February of 2024 and went to work for the Green Bay Packers where he spent one year as an offensive assistant and one year as quarterbacks coach before making the big jump to the Eagles.

I will be talking with Sean in the next couple of weeks and an in-depth story on him will be following, but I didn't want to wait for a couple of weeks to get my thoughts out.

A big congratulations to the entire Mannion family!

Amador boys' soccer

After dropping a 3-0 decision to top-ranked Monte Vista on Jan. 27, the varsity Dons showed their grit with a 3-2 victory over Dougherty Valley.



COURTESY PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

The Philadelphia Eagles announced former Foothill Falcons star Sean Mannion as their new offensive coordinator on Jan. 29.

The offensive effort was led by goals from Atishay Sati, Matteo Eichler and Jio Lee. Diogo Tempero provided a key assist, while Nader Hanna earned Player of the Game honors for his standout performance.

The junior varsity squad swept their schedule last week, highlighted by a thrilling last-minute 2-1 win over Monte Vista.

A counterattack in the final moments sealed the game, with goals from Oliver Heid and Mathias Tempero. Assists were credited to Kingston Smith and Eli Yeh, while Harry Brown took Player of the Game honors.

The momentum carried into their matchup against Dougherty Valley, where the Dons secured a 2-0 shut-out. Tempero and D. Perez Gallegos found the net, supported by assists from Smith and Heid. Yeh was named Player of the Game for his

relentless distribution in the midfield.

The freshmen continued their winning streak with a strong performance at home against Monte Vista, winning 3-1.

They followed that Friday beating Dougherty Valley 4-0 in their last home game of the season. Simon Hilton and Calvin Sharma both scored three goals over the two games, while Emiliano Quintanilla, Aariv Shah and Samuel Prunty played great on defense.

Amador girls' soccer

After pulling out a 1-0 win over Monte Vista to start the week, the Dons racked up a big 5-0 win over Dougherty Valley to end the week.

Mia Harris scored twice for the Dons, getting assists from Addison Stout and Mia Garuda.

Stout had an unassisted goal, and Kaylee Walker drilled one home from 35 yards out. Leena Khan scored the other goal for the Dons, taking a pass from Hailey Couper and putting it away.

Amador boys' basketball

The Dons opened the week with a 63-56 win over Monte Vista, getting 26 points from Jaylen Smith. Cade Krueger added 14 points and Elijah Stanley scored 12 points.

Later in the week in a huge game, Dougherty Valley hit a game-winner in the closing seconds and pulled off a 59-56 win.

Smith had 19 to top the scoring for Amador, with Dante Ventura scoring 13 and Krueger and Stanley had 11 points each. ■

Burgermeister named Amador football head coach

'There are no gimmes in the Mountain ... Making the playoffs is a big key. The parents want to win.'

By DENNIS MILLER

When Amador Valley football coach Danny Jones decided, after 10 years of building the program into one of the top in Northern California, to move his family to Idaho, it left the Amador administration in a precarious position.

Whoever they hired to take over from Jones needed to be the perfect coach. With players moving from school to school as transfers have become as commonplace as finding a Starbucks in your town, the wrong hire could be disastrous to the program.

There was much speculation and certainly plenty of interest in the job. In the end the Amador team made the choice of Duncan Burgermeister to lead the program.

Touchdown, Amador!

It was the perfect hire for the Dons as Burgermeister, in my mind, was a no-brainer. But it wasn't where Burgermeister figured he'd be a decade ago.

"This wasn't on my Bingo

card when I started coaching the freshmen team 10 years ago," Burgermeister said with a chuckle.

He is the associate vice president of the Children's Fund at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The job affords him the luxury of coaching, but he will not be on the campus during the day.

"It allows me to do my coaching thing," Burgermeister said. "There will be a few challenges not being around during the school day, but we will be fine."

Seeing that he was the offensive coordinator this past year, I don't expect a major overhaul.

"Danny had a good thing going and I'd like to think I was a part of that," Burgermeister explained. "It's all about making it fun for the kids. I was running the offense so that will stay the same."

When you make the jump to running the program from coordinator, there are more than a few responsibilities that will be new.

"I'm trying to learn the transfer rules. (College transfer dynamics)



COURTESY BURGERMEISTER FAMILY

Duncan Burgermeister, who has been an assistant coach at Amador Valley the last 10 years, is the Dons' new head coach.

are starting to leak into high school. It's crazy — I never would have thought it would get to this," said Burgermeister. "Other challenges are putting together a staff — most are remaining which is nice. We don't have a full schedule yet either."

Which is a major issue concerning teams in the East Bay Athletic

League's Mountain Division. With teams like San Ramon Valley, Monte Vista and California as opponents a team could play well in every game and go 0-3. That leaves non-league games vitally important.

You don't want to schedule cream puffs as that does not prepare a team for the rigors of the EBAL, but you must get some wins for the overall record so you can make the postseason.

"There are no gimmes in the Mountain," he said. "You've got to have some games where you can have some success. Making the playoffs is a big key. The parents want to win."

Ah, the parents.

Burgermeister does have the added experience of coaching in the Pleasanton Junior Football League for years.

"All you do is deal with the parents in PJFL," Burgermeister said with a laugh.

I had the pleasure of coaching PJFL one year against his team and can vouch for two things. One, it is all about dealing with then parents,

as you have 23 quarterbacks on your roster.

Two, coaching against Burgermeister you got to see how great a coach he is. I put in more film work for his team than I have ever done.

We split games in the regular season, then got an overtime win in the championship game thanks to a late-game miracle. Ask Duncan if that loss still pains him as if the game was televised; they probably had a 99% win chance when the miracle occurred.

The bottom line is Amador leaders needed to make a perfect call for the new coach, and they did just that.

I am looking forward to watching the Dons play next season and watching the magic Burgermeister will bring to the table! ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. This column originally appeared in Tri-Valley Preps Playbook, a weekly sports e-newsletter published by Embarcadero Media Foundation. To sign up for free, visit pleasantonweekly.com/tri-valley-preps-playbook.

Public Notices

SUMMONS Case No. 25CV129405

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): MARISOL MONTERO, an individual; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL

DEMANDANTE): GIANCARLO AGURTO, an individual.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond Within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more Information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Rene C. Davidson Courthouse, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is

(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Scott Talkov and Jordan Thomas, 4000 MacArthur Blvd Ste 655, Newport Beach, CA 92660, (949) 888-8800

DATE (Fecha): 07/02/2025

Chad Finke, Executive Officer / Clerk of the Court, Clerk,

by /s/ Chan Huang, Deputy Clerk

(Secretario) (Adjunto)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served (PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Louella Hunter,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Vicki Brooks,

Defendant.

IN THE CIIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

CASE NOS.: 2025-CP-40-

AMENDED SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

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

JABBER & ISAAC, P.A.

By: _____ s /Tameika Isaac Devine

Tameika Isaac Devine, Attorney for Plaintiff

SC Bar # 13486

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Columbia, South Carolina

September 4, 2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Louella Hunter,

Plaintiff,

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Defendant.

IN THE CIIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

CASE NOS.: 2025-CP-40-

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

Plaintiff, by and through her undersigned counsel, complaining of the Defendant, would respectfully show unto this Court the following:

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

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

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

FACTS

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

1. Edna Bowman died September 28, 2011.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
(Declaration of Heirship and Title)

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

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

FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
(Quiet Title)

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

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

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court:

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

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

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

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

JABBER & ISAAC, P.A.

By: _____ s /Tameika Isaac Devine

Tameika Isaac Devine, Attorney for Plaintiff

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September 4, 2025

(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

SUMMONS
CASE No. CV427757
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(A VISO AL DEMANDADO):
Jennifer L. Peterson, Jeremy Barringer, Michael Malcom Sidorick, Cesar Ontiveros, Charles Schaffner, Paul Russo, and Marlena Russo, and Does 1 through 100, **YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION
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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Lake County Court
255 North Forbes Street, 4th Floor
Lakeport, CA 95453

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el numero de telefono de/ abogado de/ demandante, o de/ demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Jacqueline S. Vinaccia, Vanst Law, LLP 8880 Rio San Diego Dr. Ste. 800, San Diego, CA 92108
858 243 4299
(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 606546

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):
FIGURE HAVEN
2445 San Carlos Ave
Castro Valley, CA 94546
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 05/17/2024
UNDER FILE NO. 606546
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
DICKSON TSE
2445 San Carlos Ave

Castro Valley, CA 94546
STANLEY TSE
2445 San Carlos Ave
Castro Valley, CA 94546
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A General Partnership.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 16 2026.
(PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 569378

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MEGA ELECTRIC
38525 Knute CT
Fremont, CA 94536
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 03/05/2020
UNDER FILE NO. 569378
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
DIURCA COSTIN
20348 Stanton Ave #7
Castro Valley, CA 94546
KUNTZ REIGH MELISSA
20348 Stanton Ave #7
Castro Valley, CA 94546
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Married Couple.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 28 2026.
(PLW Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 578886

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):
FRESH FLOWER BUCKET BOUQUETS
3608 Vine St.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 05/11/2021
UNDER FILE NO. 578886
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
LORI WREDEN
3608 Vine St.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 20 2026.
(PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 588042

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
CENTRAL COUNTY MARKETING GROUP
7021 Koll Center Parkway
Pleasanton, CA 94566
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022
UNDER FILE NO. 588042
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
7021 Koll Center Parkway
Pleasanton, CA 94566
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026.
(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 588045

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TRI-CITIES MARKETING COUNCIL
7021 Koll Center Parkway
Pleasanton, CA 94566
FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022
UNDER FILE NO. 588045
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
7021 Koll Center Parkway
Pleasanton, CA 94566
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 604406

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

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

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 614882

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): SEQUOYAH COUNSELING CENTER 21636 Redwood Rd., unit F Castro Valley, CA 94546 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 05/28/2025 UNDER FILE NO. 614882 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): JEFFREY E. KLIPPENES 21636 Redwood Rd., unit F Castro Valley, CA 94546 JACQUELINE R. KLIPPENES 21636 Redwood Rd., unit F Castro Valley, CA 94546 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Married Couple. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on December 30 2025. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588041

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): ALAMEDA INFORUM & MARKETING MEETING 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022 UNDER FILE NO. 588041 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588046

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

15 2026.

(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 588044

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): REAL ESTATE ALLIANCE OF LIVERMORE 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 04/06/2022 UNDER FILE NO. 588044 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 7021 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on January 15 2026. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

BAY AREA AUTO SALES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619837

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Bay Area Auto Sales , located at 37525 Glenmoor Dr STE 16 Fremont, CA 94536, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): SAN JOSE MOTOR GROUP 1440 Bob White Place San Jose, CA 95131 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 05 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

CADENCE ALEXIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620167

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) CADENCE ALEXIA , located at 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd Suite 110-23 Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DELASANEICE JOHNSON 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd Suite 110-23 Pleasanton, CA 94588 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/23/25 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 15 2026. (PLW Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

FREEWAY INSURANCE AGENCY OF LIVERMORE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619713

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Freeway Insurance Agency Of Livermore , located at 1509 M Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ORAM GROUP LLC 1509 M Vasco Rd Livermore, CA 94551 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/29/2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 29 2025. (PLW Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

FLOW GIVING LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620382

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Flow Giving LLC , located at 605 Hillsborough St. #1 Oakland, CA 94606, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 351 Oak St. #237 Oakland, CA 94607. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

CIPOTAVOZ STRATEGIES LLC

351 Oak St. #237

Oakland, CA 94607

State of Incorporation/Organization: California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 23 2026. (PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

REDWOOD MOBILITY AND ACCESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620254

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Redwood Mobility And Access , located at 500 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. Mailing Address: PO BOX 6094 Moraga, CA 94570. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): NORCARE LLC PO BOX 6094 Moraga, CA 94570 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 20 2026. (PLW Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

OOMBIE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620239

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) OOMBIE , located at 3056 Castro Valley Blvd #129 Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): INSPIREBYSUD LLC 3056 Castro Valley Blvd #129 Castro Valley, CA 94546 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/05/2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 16 2026. (PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

FLOURNIA BAKERY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620227

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Flournia Bakery , located at 3020 Bernal Ave STE 110, PMB 1026 Pleasanton, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): INSIDWARE APPS LLC 3020 Bernal Ave STE 110 PMB 1026 Pleasanton, CA, 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 16 2026. (PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

INSIDWARE APPS LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620228

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Insideware Apps LLC , located at 3020 Bernal Ave Ste 100 PMB 1026 Pleasanton, CA 94566, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): INSIDWARE APPS LLC 3020 Bernal Ave Ste 100 PMB 1026 Pleasanton, CA 94566 State of Incorporation/Organization: California Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 16 2026. (PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

DEBORAH'S HOME CARE SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619426

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Deborah's Home Care Services , located at 5648 Bay St. Emeryville, CA 94608, Alameda County. Mailing Address: 1096 Cape May Drive Pittsburg, CA 94566 This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): DEBORAH MBOYA 1096 Cape May Drive Pittsburg, CA 94566 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 11 2025. (PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

SONKKE SONKKE, USA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620212

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) SONKKE , 2.) SONKKE, USA , located at 4847 HOPYARD ROAD, SUITE#4-446, Pleasanton, CA 94588 , ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ETHEL MATSHIYA-LAW 4847 HOPYARD ROAD, SUITE#4-446 Pleasanton, CA 94588 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 16 2026. (PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

ALL ABOUT LANDSCAPING AND ROOFING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620148

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

JD'S HANDYMAN & HAULING SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620043

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

THE MENOPAUSE PLATE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619597

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

CIRCUITRY ELECTRIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619883

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Circuitry Electric , located at 3389 Smoketree Commons Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 1003 Black Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MOSAHA HERRERA-PEREZ PO BOX 1003 Black Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 05 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

RILEY RECOVERY CENTERS FOUNDATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619280

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) RILEY RECOVERY CENTERS FOUNDATION , located at 20880 BAKER RD. CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): ARETHREE CORP 20880 BAKER RD CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/20/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 04 2025. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

CLEARVIEW INV FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 619308

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) CLEARVIEW INV , located at 355 CHESTER STREET Oakland, CA 94607, ALAMEDA County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): THOMAS KAN PO BOX 22692 San Francisco, CA 94122 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 05 2025. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

THE PUZZLE SWAP SOCIETY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620038

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) The Puzzle Swap Society , located at 960 Shorepoint Court, Unit 103, Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): KATHERINE EBY 960 Shorepoint Court Unit 103 Alameda, CA 94501 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 09 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

GOLDEN WORKWEAR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 620054

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) GOLDEN WORKWEAR , located at 19367 Mission BLVD, Hayward, CA 94541 , Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): GOLDEN WORKWEAR & PRINT CO LLC 19367 Mission BLVD Hayward, CA 94541 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/08/2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 09 2026. (PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

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ARTEREX
ARTEREX, PLEASANTON CA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 619967
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Arterex, Pleasanton CA, located at 1043 Serpentine Lane Ste A, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ADROIT USA, INC.
1043 Serpentine Lane Ste A
Pleasanton, CA 94566
State of Incorporation/Organization: California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on January 07 2026.
(PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

CTI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 619576
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) CTI, located at 6601 Owens Drive, Ste 105, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CAREER TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
6601 Owens Drive, Ste 105
Pleasanton, CA 94588
State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on December 18 2025.
(PLW Jan 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV166518
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Shannon Marie Baker filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SHANNON MARIE BAKER to SHANNON MARIE SINACOLA
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: March 27 2026, 9am, Room 514, 2nd Floor of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward CA 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: January 27, 2026
Thomas Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV165912
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Martina Paulina Valenzuela filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MARTINA PAULINA VALENZUELA to SAMINA M VALENZUELA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: 03/27/2026, 9:00am, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street Civil Division, RM 108, Hayward, Ca 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: 01/23/2026
Thomas J Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
Case No.: 26CV163842
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Burl Steven Smith III filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
BURL STEVEN SMITH III to STEVEN SMITH
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Feb. 27, 2026, 9 a.m., Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: Jan. 12. 2026
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV164897
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Andrew James Ochoa-Pratt filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ANDREW JAMES OCHOA-PRATT to ANDREW JAMES OCHOA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: 03/06/2026, 9AM, Hayward Hall of Justice of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, California 94544.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PLEASANTON WEEKLY
Date: January 16, 2026
Thomas J. Nixon
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PLW Jan 23, 30, Feb 6 and 13, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 26CV165912
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: Martina Paulina Valenzuela filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MARTINA PAULINA VALENZUELA to SAMINA M VALENZUELA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

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Entertainment

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

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

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

COMEDIAN BRIAN COPELAND Standup comedian and San Francisco talk show host Brian Copeland presents, The Great American Sh*show: Monologues on Life in the Age of Trump, at the Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, Las Positas College. 2 p.m., Feb. 8. Visit bit.ly/Copeland2026.

MARIA MULDAUR & HER JAZZABELLE QUINTET Maria Muldaur, the legendary voice behind the timeless hit, Midnight at the Oasis, brings her signature charm and rich musical heritage to the stage with her Jazzabelle Quintet. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13. Tickets \$38-\$43. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE STRING QUEENS Praised for authentic, soulful and orchestral sounds, The String Queens is a dynamic trio that creates stimulating

musical experiences that inspire audiences to love, hope, feel and imagine. 8 p.m., Feb. 13. Tickets \$45-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY Spend Valentine's Day with the symphony. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 14. Tickets \$31-\$46. Visit livermorearts.org.

SELECTED SHORTS Join for funny, mysterious and poignant short stories about surprising romances, competing desires and unexpected encounters, conceived with a simple premise: take great stories by well-known and emerging writers and have them performed by terrific actors of stage and screen. 3 p.m., Feb. 15. Tickets \$40-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

CYT SEUSSICAL JR Seussical, a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza, brings to life favorite Dr. Seuss characters including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie and more. Feb. 18-19. Tickets \$20. Visit livermorearts.org.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE - FACE-OFF 2026 Watch as local Bay Area improv teams compete against Creatures of Impulse in this pro-wrestling themed run of shows. 7 p.m., Feb. 20. Tickets \$8-\$13. Visit firehousearts.org.

INTERNATIONAL GUITAR NIGHT International Guitar Night returns for an evening of world-class guitar mastery. This year's lineup features an extraordinary quartet of acoustic guitarists from across the globe, each bringing their own distinct style and cultural flair. 8 p.m., Feb. 20. Tickets \$40-\$70. Visit livermorearts.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH SOJOURNER TRUTH Madelyn Porter brings to life the formidable spirit of Sojourner Truth, one of the 19th century's most powerful advocates

for human rights who escaped bondage and transformed herself. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Feb. 26. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit museumonmain.org.

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL The Wild & Scenic Film Festival On-Tour partners with environmental organizations around the world to share powerful short films that celebrate the beauty of our planet and the people reimagining how we care for it. 5 p.m., Feb. 27. Tickets \$15-\$40. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART EXHIBIT OPENS Art of the African Diaspora, in partnership with Richmond Art Center, supports artists of African descent in the Bay Area through representation, professional development and building a creative community. Visit a satellite exhibit at Livermore Civic Center Library in celebration of Black History Month. Through Feb. 28.

THE INDEPENDENT GALLERY-BILL OWENS Dedicated to showcasing solo and small group exhibitions by local and regional artists, this dynamic space highlights diverse artistic voices and fosters community engagement through rotating contemporary art displays. Through Feb. 28. 6-8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 2250 First St., Livermore.


FIREHOUSE LOBBY EXHIBIT Where Waters End: Wei-Ting Chuang's Art Journey, features nearly 20 works by the artist including the artist's signature works of East Asian brushwork, ink and pigment on paper. Through Feb. 28. Visit firehousearts.org.

FLORA IN FOCUS EXHIBIT The Harrington Gallery welcomes back the Flora in Focus group exhibition featuring approximately 100 works of various mediums where 13 local artists take part in this floral-themed show. Through March 7. Visit firehousearts.org.

CONTEMPORARY ASIAN VOICES EXHIBIT Through painting, sculpture and mixed media, these artists reflect on ancient traditions, personal and collective memory, and the rapidly shifting landscapes of their homelands. UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery at the Bankhead. Through March 8. Visit livermorearts.org.

IMAGINATION EXPRESSED 2026 Stop by Museum on Main to see what Pleasanton's art community has been up to recently at the annual show of new work from PAL featuring paintings, photography, drawings, jewelry and other media from Tri-Valley artists. Through March 14. 603 Main St.

MEMORIAL WALL EXHIBITION The work of Jean Batchelder will be on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall featuring 15 of the artist's representative watercolor works utilizing techniques of subtractive painting and watercolor on yupo paper. Through March 14. Visit firehousearts.org.



PLEASANTON
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BLACH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
Pleasanton Unified School District - Amador Valley High School Campus Renovation - Increment 2
NOTICE SOLICITING PROPOSALS

Pursuant to California Education Code 17406, notice soliciting proposals is hereby given that Blach Construction will be accepting subcontractor bids for the Pleasanton Unified School District - Amador Valley High School Campus Renovation - Increment 2. *The second increment of the project includes: The construction of the New Competition Gym (BLDG S) & the New Theater (BLDG T), site work adjacent to buildings and to support EVA and path of travel improvements. Excavation, rough grading, and pad preparation for future new Competition Gym and Theater Buildings.*

**No PLA on this job.*

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

- Prequalify with Blach Construction and the Pleasanton Unified School District. To obtain instructions on how to prequalify, please contact Alex Waldsmith (alex.waldsmith@blach.com).
- Adhere to Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirements, as stated in Public Contract Code 2601 and 2602 as well as Senate Bill 693.

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

All bidders must provide the fully completed documentation in a sealed package to Blach Construction on or before Thursday, February 26th, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

Outdoor Rec

NATIVE GARDEN WORK DAYS Tend and nurture the native gardens at Sycamore Grove Park where volunteers help provide seasonal weeding, planting, pruning and more. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Feb. 6 and 27. Visit larpd.org.

SNAKE MEET & GREET Learn about the snakes that call Sycamore Grove home where an LARPD ranger will bring out items to see and touch and introduce one of their resident reptiles. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Feb. 8. Meet at the Ranger Station Picnic Area, 5035 Arroyo Rd. Free registration at larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM Join an LARPD Ranger on Valentine's Day for a fun, family friendly exploration of amazing, silly and surprising ways animals show affection. 2-3 p.m., Feb. 14. Wetmore Entrance 1501 Wetmore Road. Free registration at larpd.org.

RANGER PROGRAM Animal Hearts is the discussion of this Ranger Program. Learn about the different hearts of animals found throughout the world. 2-3 p.m., Feb. 15. Free registration at larpd.org.

Lunar New Year

PACIFIC PEARL Pacific Pearl invites the community to ring in the Lunar New Year with a festive, family-friendly celebration featuring live cultural performances and interactive entertainment along with face painting and balloon artists for children and families. 1-3 p.m., Feb. 7. 4200-4500 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton.

CULTURAL CELEBRATION SERIES The City of Pleasanton's Cultural Celebration Series offers an opportunity for residents and visitors of all ages to connect, learn and celebrate the beauty of our diverse community. 1-3 p.m., Feb. 14. Pleasanton Senior Center 5353 Sunol Blvd.

HACIENDA CROSSINGS Celebrate Lunar New Year with a vibrant, family-friendly afternoon filled with cultural performances and festive activities at Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center with a traditional Lion Dance, Xiaopei Chinese dance, face painting and balloon artists for kids and families. 1-3 p.m., Feb. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO PREMIUM OUTLETS Ring in the Lunar New Year with a lively community celebration welcoming the Year of the Horse. Guests are invited to experience an afternoon filled with color, culture and tradition, featuring a festive Lion Dance. 1-3 p.m., Feb. 21. 2774 Livermore Outlets Drive, Livermore.

BANKHEAD THEATER Join Livermore Arts in celebrating the Year of the Horse with performances by XiaoPei Dance and Kung Fu Dragon and an altar of tidings and lantern making activities. Free and open to the public. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 22. Bankhead Theater. Visit livermorearts.org.

Talks

AUTHOR DR. AKILAH CADET AT LIBRARY In celebration of Black History Month, author Dr. Akilah Cadet will discuss her book "White Supremacy is All Around: Notes From a Black Disabled Woman in a White World". ASL interpretation will be provided. 2-3 p.m., Feb. 7. Livermore Civic Center Library.

CONSERVATION RANCHING (50+) Meet Livermore's fifth-generation ranchers, the Calhoun Sisters, as they share their family's legacy of agriculture and conservation on their 110-acre Mines Road ranch. 1:30-3 p.m., Feb. 10. RLCC - Cresta Blanca Ballroom. Free registration at larpd.org.

TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY COMMUNITY FORUM Tri-Valley Conservancy is hosting a public community forum to bring together local experts to shed light on the real challenges facing South Livermore's vineyards and what is being done to protect them. 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 10. Robert Livermore Community Center. RSVP at forms.gle/GCBpDSunBhnEfyku9.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS Lisa and Ron Rigge present "A Voyage to Alaska, British Columbia and Haida Gwaii: A National Geographic/Lindblad Expedition". 1:30 p.m., Feb. 12. Livermore Civic Center Library, Storytime Room.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB At the next meeting, Karla from Beeline Blooms discusses dahlias with tubers for sale. 6-8 p.m., Feb. 12. Crosswinds Church, 1660 Freisman Road, Livermore, Red Farm Theater Building.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Scott Norrick will discuss virtually, On-line Resources for Researching British Ancestry, where participants will be introduced to resources that are most useful in tracing British ancestors. 7 p.m., Feb. 12. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Register at l-ags.org.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS This month's meeting on Valentine's Day will be like none other allowing all to interact with fellow guild sisters, make new friends, learn new information and have fun. 1:30-4 p.m., Feb. 14. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Join for a writing session from prompts, meet-and-greet and informal discussion of all things writing with time for socializing. Bring a favorite writing implement and snack/beverage. 2-4 p.m., Feb. 19. La Quinta Inn, Dublin. Free registration at treasurer@trivalleywriters.org.

Scholarships

JUANITA HAUGEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP The Community of Character Collaborative invites all High School seniors attending Pleasanton Unified School District schools to apply for the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship which recognizes students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character. Deadline Feb. 9. Visit communityofcharacter.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF LIVERMORE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS Applications are now being accepted for Rotary Club of Livermore Music Scholarships where Middle School and High School age students are eligible to apply for scholarships worth \$100-\$1,000. Applicants must be a resident of or study music in Livermore. Deadline Feb. 23. Visit bit.ly/4qv50wy.

2026 PEDROZZI SCHOLARSHIP Eligibility for Pedrozzi Scholarships extends to students of all ages who are either graduating or have graduated from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Deadline Feb. 27. For more information visit pedrozzifoundation.org/apply-3/.

ALAN HU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP The Alan Hu Foundation presents scholarship awards to Tri-Valley high school seniors whose college and career aspirations are in mental health fields. Application closes March 8. For more information, visit alanhufoundation.org/scholarship.

CALIFORNIA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOC. SCHOLARSHIPS The Tri-Valley chapter of the California Retired Teachers Association will award up to five \$2,500 scholarships to students planning to become teachers or school counselors, open to seniors attending a public high school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or San Ramon. Deadline March 14. Visit div85.calrta.org.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF AMADOR VALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS Offering three different scholarships to graduating high school seniors residing in Pleasanton, Livermore or Dublin covering tuition, books and supplies. Deadline March 16. Visit assistanceleague.org/amador-valley/.

AMADOR VALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc. awards scholarships to graduating seniors from Foothill, Village and Amador High Schools continuing their education at a Vocational/Technical School, Community College or Four Year University. Deadline March 20. Visit amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org.

PLEASANTON MASONIC LODGE SCHOLARSHIP The Pleasanton Masonic Lodge is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school in Pleasanton with a record of volunteerism, a minimum 2.5 GPA, attending a trade/technical school, 2-year community college or 4-year university/college in the fall term following graduation. Deadline April 7. Visit bit.ly/4jFLPNS.

Fairgrounds

ULTRA DANCE COMPETITION Ultra Dance Competition is the most electrifying and innovative dance competition in the industry. Ultra provides a state-of-the-art experience for all dancers, teachers, choreographers and parents. Feb. 6-8. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

THE FLY FISHING SHOW The Fly Fishing Show produces the world's largest consumer fly fishing event designed for all levels and ages. Explore the latest in rods, reels, lines, leaders and accessories. Feb. 27 to March 1. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Festivities

LIVERMORE WINE & CHOCOLATE STROLL Join for the Wine & Chocolate Stroll in downtown Livermore and stroll through participating local businesses while sampling local wines and a variety of chocolate samples along the way. 1-4 p.m., Feb. 7. Tickets \$40. Visit eventeny.com.

Government

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Feb. 12. Visit pleasantonUSD.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular meetings begin at 6 p.m. in the boardroom at the District Office, 685 E. Jack London Blvd. The next meeting is Feb. 10. Visit livermoreschools.org.

Support

ROTARIAN FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS Rotarian Foundation of Livermore invites grant applications where community organizations are encouraged to seek support for projects that contribute to the health and well-being of our community. Applications for awards up to \$10,000 are due March 13. Visit rotarianfoundationlivermore.org.

MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES Parents' Critical Role in the Lives of Adolescents is the subject of this webinar by Kenneth Ginsburg, MD, MSEd where he will present his parenting approach, rooted in Balanced Parenting and known to produce the best outcomes for young people and their relationships. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Feb. 17. Register by Feb. 16 at alanhufoundation.org.

FOSTER FAMILY SUPPORT TOWN HALL Community members interested in

learning about becoming a Resource Parent or Respite Care Provider, and those interested in supporting Foster Families in the community, are invited to attend this Town Hall meeting, 5-7:15 p.m., Feb. 25. Dublin Library, Community Room.

SPECTRUM MEALS ON WHEELS Spectrum Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). For more information, call 510-881-0305 or visit spectrumcs.org.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES AT LIBRARY Livermore Civic Center Library will host free tax preparation services geared toward seniors and low-income residents, but is open to all qualifying situations, available by appointment only, Thursdays. Through April 9. Schedule appointments at 925-373-5505 or at lib@livermoreca.gov.

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM Open Heart Kitchen serves free meals that are nutritious and freshly prepared at the Vineyard Resource Center, 450 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore. 12-5 p.m. weekdays. Visit openheartkitchen.org/community-meals.

OPEN HEART REFUGE Open Heart Refuge offers overnight shelter using an assigned bed model. Check-in is 6-7 p.m., seven days a week where beds are assigned in advance; there is no nightly lottery. Clients may request to be added to the shelter waitlist by visiting the Vineyard Resource Center. Visit openheartkitchen.org/refuge.

Farmers Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers Market is Saturday year-round featuring vendors with seasonal fruits & vegetables, plus artisan goods. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. W. Angela St.

LIVERMORE FARMERS MARKET The Livermore Farmers Market is Sunday, year-round. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 206 South J St.

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Apple Cinemas backs out of Blackhawk Plaza

Theater reopening postponed ‘indefinitely’ amid legal and financial turmoil for plaza owner

By JEANITA LYMAN

After years of “coming soon” announcements and renovation work at the former site of Century Theatres Blackhawk, the owners of a cinema chain that had been set to restore the theater have apparently pulled the plug on their plans as the plaza’s future remains uncertain.

The Blackhawk Plaza theater had been set to reopen under Apple Cinemas as part of the East Coast movie chain’s venture west, which kicked off with a location in San Francisco that has been open since last summer.

An Instagram account for the planned Blackhawk location posted first that “big things” were coming in 2024, provided construction updates in 2025 and announced a planned opening that summer.

Although that opening date was later postponed, Apple Cinemas had remained steadfast in their statements that the theater was nonetheless still coming, even amid



The vacant theater at Blackhawk Plaza on Jan. 16.

JEANITA LYMAN

a trademark lawsuit from Apple Inc. that coincided with the cinema chain’s westward expansion.

That optimistic tone finally changed over

the past week though, with a “not opening now” announcement on the planned theater’s Instagram page on Jan. 30 as workers moved construction equipment and

materials away from the theater.

“With the uncertainty surrounding the ownership structure of the Plaza, we are unable to move forward opening at this time,” Apple Cinemas representatives said. “We are monitoring the situation and have hope that at some point we can realize our goal of serving the Tri-Valley community.”

That situation is still evolving. A receivership hearing — also held on Jan. 30 — in Orange County Superior Court was set to outline next steps. An ex parte application from the owner, Andrew Stupin of Ramanujan Group LLC, was denied by a judge Tuesday morning.

The hearing comes in the wake of bankruptcy proceedings by Stupin, with one of his lenders, Nano Banc, alleging that he has defaulted on a \$5 million loan and that it is entitled to the Blackhawk Plaza property to recoup losses via a sale or rental revenue.

A judge was set to hear a demurrer on a cross complaint from Stupin and hold a case management conference on Feb. 6. ■

A new generation of homeowners could emerge

Better market balance points to more hopeful environment for first-time buyers in Bay Area

By DEVIN DAVIS

After a year marked by greater housing choice and shifting market dynamics, a new generation of homebuyers may be poised to emerge in the Bay Area.

Recent East Bay housing trends suggest that conditions are becoming more favorable for buyers, and particularly younger adults who may have been waiting for the right moment to explore homeownership.

According to East Bay market data from 2025, buyers had significantly more options throughout the year,



Devin Davis

approaching pre-pandemic norms with more than 2,300 homes listed for sale on average each month.

“The market we’re looking at now is the kind of environment that can be important for younger buyers who are navigating homeownership for the first time,” said Bill Espinola, 2026 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors. “More time on the market means a little more breathing room.”

While affordability remains a consideration across the Bay Area, local real estate professionals report that more time, more inventory, and steadier pricing have encouraged younger buyers to move from observation to participation.

“Affordability is still a challenge, but it’s

not entirely the barrier a lot of people believe it to be,” Espinola added. “With more choices and less urgency, buyers can really find opportunities that simply weren’t available a few years ago.”

Local Realtors note that there are successful buyers who are first-time homeowners and longtime renters who once assumed ownership was unattainable.

“I often see buyers who are genuinely surprised by what’s possible,” said Adrian Yip, 2025 chair of the Bay East Young Professionals Network. “Younger generations often underestimate their buying power during our initial conversations — and as seasoned professionals, we have the expertise to maximize a client’s budget and provide

resources for first-time homebuyers.”

As national generational trends continue to show gradual gains and local conditions support a more balanced buying environment, Realtors say the outlook for aspiring homeowners, including younger buyers, is increasingly hopeful.

“If I could share one message of encouragement, it’s to not be afraid to ask,” Yip said. “Realtors have access to much more information and resources than anything available online. Just having a conversation allows us to help you map out a strategy, whether it’s a one-year or a five-year plan.” ■

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

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during Nov. 17-21 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Jan. 5-7 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 3379 Arbor Drive** Sanders Family Trust to K. & S. Won for \$1,480,000
- 8093 Bethel Lane** Breglio Trust to Mandula Family Trust for \$3,103,500
- 4165 Cortina Court** L. Su to S. & V. Badam for \$1,032,000
- 3135 Gulfstream Street** Swiney Living Trust to Hari Family Trust for \$1,510,000
- 2589 Larrikeet Court** Drew Family Trust to D. & Y. Feng for \$2,000,000
- 3958 West Las Positas Boulevard** W. & T. Wright to Yarlagadda Family Trust for \$1,425,000
- 3560 Ovella Way #8** Singh Living Trust to M. & J. Parker for \$2,300,000
- 5550 San Juan Way** Rose Trust to J. & J. Du for \$1,425,000
- 3532 Stacey Court** Concepcion Living Trust to Concepcion Trust for \$650,000

Livermore

- 2542 4th Street** 2542 Fourth Street LLC to R. & B. Martinez for \$1,225,000
- 829 Berryessa Court** Rivas Family Trust to H. & J. Shin for \$901,000
- 5410 Betty Circle** M. & C. Brazil to A. & W. Stem for \$1,200,000
- 1806 Bluebell Drive** K. & D. Costin to R. & I. Mclean for \$1,361,000
- 851 Carmel Avenue** Stocking Family Trust to Wiest Family Trust for \$1,050,000
- 1333 Daisy Lane** L. Jimenez to B. & J. Hu for \$780,000
- 591 Debra Street** J. & J. Black to S. & R. Derdak for \$900,000
- 578 Escondido Circle** D. Foster to Bagatelos Family Trust for \$1,436,000
- 1044 Geneva Street** Daugherty Trust to A. Cervantez for \$1,040,000
- 4224 Guilford Avenue** Maiden Trust to Helping Homes Ca LLC for \$900,000
- 1241 Hibiscus Way** N. Gharibyan to Wilkerson Trust for \$750,000
- 161 North L Street #101** A. & A. Cervantez to Boyle Family Trust for \$680,000

- 538 Oriole Avenue** Kurtzer Trust to L. & S. Madhappan for \$900,000
- 974 Ventura Avenue** Avery Property Management LLC to Wahab Investments LLC for \$750,000
- 1429 Winding Stream Drive** Kurtzer Living Trust to X. & M. Bauer for \$1,255,000

Dublin

- 8263 Cardiff Drive** D. Liu to J. & K. Stevens for \$1,200,000
- 7387 Dalmally Lane** D. Lam to W. Wang for \$730,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #369** J. Kuhl to C. & J. Huang for \$437,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #548** C. & D. Chang to Lee Trust for \$665,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #217** J. Castanha to Rangarajan-Bhandary Trust for \$650,000
- 10625 Eastertown Lane** W. & J. Wong to D. Batchu for \$889,000
- 5565 Holly Bay Avenue** J. & M. Wang to G. & A. Obiacoro for \$1,310,000
- 5736 Idlewood Street** Q. & G. Chan to M. & P. Nema for \$1,420,000

- 5755 Juniper Way** T. & M. Leonard to K. & V. Shah for \$1,930,000
- 4213 Lorimer Loop** M. Tong to F. Tang for \$1,395,000
- 6350 Monterey Way** Hatti Family Trust to S. Kazmi for \$962,500
- 8351 Mulberry Place** S. & R. Lawson to L. Ramalingam for \$1,125,000
- 8857 Oliver Place** Aparna Family Trust to R. & P. Popli for \$854,000
- 1856 South Terracina Drive** S. & A. Chakma to F. Lan for \$2,399,000

San Ramon

- 235 Copper Ridge Road** L. Chan to Wolfe Trust for \$668,000
- 3891 Crow Canyon Road** M. & R. Sheyman to D. Ozes for \$615,000
- 407 Daybreak Court** A. & S. Chen to C. & D. Rector for \$915,000
- 2222 Dewberry Drive** Rose Lifetime Trust to T. & N. Siddineni for \$2,035,000
- 805 Watson Canyon Court #163** Nejadnik & Descheemaek Trust to D. Gudmundson for \$411,000

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