

# Pleasanton Weekly

NONPROFIT LOCAL NEWS FOR THE TRI-VALLEY

Luxury Homes  
Preview

Page 20

VOL. XXVII, NUMBER 13 • APRIL 24, 2026

PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

## THE RISE & FALL of ERIC SWALWELL

PAGE 14

HOW DUBLIN NATIVE WENT FROM MEDIA DARLING DEMOCRAT  
IN DC AND POPULAR GOVERNOR CANDIDATE  
TO POLITICAL EXILE AND SEX ABUSE SCANDAL

- 5 | **NEWS** State finds day care responsible for death
- 5 | **NEWS** Foothill wins We the People national title
- 16 | **TRI-VALLEY LIFE** Honoring Community Patriots

# LOCAL NEWS IS ABOUT LOCAL VOICES

When you support your local nonprofit news room, you can be sure the news and information you receive is about the people and issues you care about most in your community.

Let's keep it that way.

## BECOME A MEMBER!

**Pleasanton Weekly**

[pleasantonweekly.com](http://pleasantonweekly.com)

If you would like to pay for your annual membership of \$144, or make a donation by check it may be sent to:

Embarcadero Media Foundation,  
2345 Yale St., FL 1, Palo Alto, CA 94306

A receipt will be mailed to you.



# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## A trip to the theater

The excitement is building at the Bankhead Theater.

Not long after this column goes to print, I'll be on my way downtown for Livermore Valley Arts' announcement party where the arts nonprofit will unveil and celebrate the lineup for its 2026-27 year of programming.

LVA already revealed that Grammy Award winner Lyle Lovett will usher in the start of its 20th season at the newly rebranded "Opening Night at the Bankhead" fundraising event Aug. 29, but the rest of the shows on the bill from September to May 2027 have remained under wraps. Look for coverage in an upcoming edition.

The Bankhead will also soon be spotlighting its summer slate, usually an eclectic mix of performances and activities inside the theater and outside in the plaza.

Not to be missed in these forward-looking announcements is a crowded catalog for the heart of spring to put a bow on 2025-26 for LVA and its resident theater companies. Since we won't be able to have individual stories on all of the interesting shows, let's do a quick rundown.

The final weekend of April stomps out of the gates Friday night with Dinosaur World Live, dubbed "an interactive show for the whole family" featuring animatronic dinos. "Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a pre-historic world of astonishing (and remarkably life-like) dinosaurs," LVA reps said of the unique presentation.

The music then moves in, with Texas Guitar Quartet in concert for Del Valle Fine Arts' final show of the season at 3 p.m. Saturday and pianist Jon Nakamatsu joining Pacific Chamber Orchestra on the stage Sunday at 3 p.m.

PCO will be back at the Bankhead next weekend for its third annual Tri-Valley Craft Cocktail Competition on the plaza from 4:30-6:30 p.m. next Saturday (May 2). I'll be there too, returning as one of the judges like I did for the inaugural event in 2024.

Next weekend also marks the arrival (and the departure) of SPARC Theater's production of the Tennessee Williams classic "The Glass Menagerie" performed in the Bankhead's alternative Stage Door Lounge setup to get the audience among the action of the play. Five shows are set from May 1-3 for its one-weekend run in Livermore.

LVA's other venue, the Bothwell Arts Center, will be among the stops for the Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour

next Saturday and Sunday (May 2-3). Creatives across the Valley will open their studios for viewers to see where the artistic magic happens.

Still art is as much a part of LVA's programming as the live entertainment. Just look at that first full week of May, with ongoing art classes on subjects like "Children's Creative Lab", "The Dynamics of Comic Book Making" (both May 4) and "Adult Beginning Painting" (May 7).

The Bothwell will also host the Livermore-based Encore Players for two weekends worth of performances of its production of "Expecting Isabel" May 2-10.

Back at the Bankhead for Mother's Day weekend, comedian Mike Delamont helms his one-man show, "God Is a Scottish Drag Queen 2" on May 8.

Singer Glen Phillips will take the stage the next night, known best for fronting the rock band Toad the Wet Sprocket, which had hits in the 1990s with "All I Want" and "Walk on the Ocean" (which are repeating in my headphones as I write at this very moment). Singer Garrison Starr is opening for Phillips on May 9.

The all-female ensemble Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea will headline mom's special day on May 10.

East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars are performing the group's 10th anniversary concert at the Bankhead on May 15.

CYT Tri-Valley has five shows in two days of its production of "Junie B. Jones Jr. The Musical" (May 19-20, including three school-day matinees geared toward student field trips), and Valley Dance Theatre has two performances in two days of its "Spring Rep" (May 23-24).

And rounding out the month will be "Come Together" The Beatles Concert Experience" on the evening of May 30.

On the Bankhead calendar for what are technically the final weeks of spring are the brand-new culinary creativity showcase "Palate: The Art of Cuisine" (June 6), Livermore-Amador Symphony's "Dramatic Voices" concert (also June 6) and CYT Tri-Valley's production of "Newsies" (June 12-20).

Now is certainly the time of year to catch a show, as the weather is still up and down, as a distraction from election season and (inter)national news, and as a final ticket before the busyness of summer kicks in. The Bankhead offers plenty — and don't sleep on the Firehouse in Pleasanton, Village Theatre in Danville, and Front Row and Dougherty Valley in San Ramon either. That trip to the theater awaits locally. ■

## About the Cover

Long before his reputation was abruptly tarnished by accusations of sexual assault, then-congressman Eric Swalwell was a young rising star in the Democratic Party. File photo courtesy Swalwell's Office.

Cover design by Doug Young.

Vol. XXVII, Number 13



**FLASHBERGER**  
REAL ESTATE GROUP  
DRE# 01243871 | 01001584 Realtor®, CRS, GRI, SRES

**925.463.0436**  
Sue @SoldInAFlash.com  
SoldInAFlash.com



 <p><b>PREMIERE SHOWING IN KOTTINGER RANCH! OPEN FRIDAY 4:30-6:30 ~ SAT 2-4PM</b></p>  <p><b>4129 GRANT COURT, PLEASANTON</b> 6 Bedrooms   4 Baths   4,554 Sq Ft   .43 Acre Parcel Offered at \$3,498,000</p>	<p><b>COMING SOON!</b></p>  <p><b>862 GRAY FOX CIRCLE, PLEASANTON</b> 5 Bedrooms   Great Room   Den   Gym   5 Bathrooms 2 Half Baths   7,163 Sq Ft   1.15 Acre Parcel Offered in the high \$4,000,000's</p>
<p><b>SOLD IN A FLASH ~ MULTIPLE OFFERS!</b></p>  <p><b>859 GRAY FOX CIRCLE, PLEASANTON</b> 5 Bedrooms   4 Full Bathrooms   3,979 Sq Ft 0.42 Acre Parcel   3+ Car Garage   Bonus Room Sold for \$3,190,000</p>	<p><b>SOLD IN A FLASH!</b></p>  <p><b>1237 CONCORD STREET, PLEASANTON</b> 3 Bedrooms   2 Baths   1,542 Sq Ft Imagine walking to school every day! Sold for \$1,488,000</p>
<p><b>REVIEWING MULTIPLE OFFERS!</b></p>  <p><b>788 CRYSTAL LANE, PLEASANTON</b> 5 Bedrooms   3 Baths   2,758 Sq Ft   9,827 Sq Ft Parcel Offered at \$2,200,000</p>	<p><b>ANOTHER SALE PENDING!</b></p>  <p><b>3921 ALMA COURT, PLEASANTON</b> 4 Bedrooms   2 Baths   1,831 Sq Ft Offered at \$1,498,000</p>
<p><b>JUST A WALK IN THE PARK</b></p>  <p><b>7449 MUIRWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON</b> 4 Bedrooms   3 Baths   1,877 Sq Ft Offered at \$1,550,000</p>	<p><b>SOLD IN A FLASH!</b></p>  <p><b>4127 ALVARADO STREET, PLEASANTON</b> 3 Bedrooms   2 Baths   1,347 Sq Ft   .15 Acre Parcel Sold for \$1,358,000</p>

**YOUR HOME DESERVES AN EXPERT**

We can help you sell your home for the best price possible.  
Contact us to review our comprehensive home - selling services and complete marketing plan.

SUMMER

# CAMP CONNECTION

## Adventure Kids Summer Day Camp

Pleasanton & Danville | AdventureKid.org

Adventure Kids Summer Day Camp offers an exciting and affordable way for children ages 6-14 to explore the outdoors and make the most of summer. Campers enjoy a dynamic mix of supervised activities, hands-on learning, and non-stop fun. Each day brings a new adventure, from thrilling trips to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom and local waterparks to favorites like mini golf, go-karts, laser tag, beach outings and more. Kids build confidence, form lasting friendships, and create unforgettable summer memories in a safe, engaging environment designed for adventure and discovery.

## Camp Integem

Pleasanton & San Ramon  
Camp.Integem.com | (408) 459-0657

Join Camp Integem, the premier STEM/STEAM camp for ages 6-18, to have a fun, hands-on journey into AI, Robotics, Drones, Coding, 3D AR, Game Design, Arts, Animations, Space/Nature Exploration and more.

Kids and teens will build smart robots, design AI-powered space drones, and launch high-altitude balloons into the stratosphere. They'll bring their ideas to life by creating magical games and animated worlds, then step inside them using Holographic AR.

No prior experience needed. Suitable for beginner to advanced levels. Accredited by ACS WASC, Camp Integem is an NVIDIA AI Training Partner and Presidential AI Challenge Resource Provider. Use code CAMP to save \$50/week.

## Fashion Design & Sewing Camp @ KIDZ KRAFTZ!

7690 Quail Creek Cir. | Dublin | (925) 271-0015  
KidzKraftz.com

Focus on sewing stylish, wearable clothing, accessories, craft and jewelry projects, while introducing children to fashion design concepts, sewing techniques, basic pattern manipulation and fashion illustration. Sewing machines and notions provided. FREE fabric for first day of the camp. Early Bird Registration Special, as well as many discount options available.

## Garden Explorers Summer Camp

Hagemann Ranch | 455 Olivina Ave.  
Livermore | (925) 800-1042  
sunflowerhill.org/programs/summer-camp

Join us for hands-on fun at Sunflower Hill's Garden Explorers Summer Camp! Our special day camps are designed for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), ages 13 and up. Each week-long session runs Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm at Sunflower Hill Garden in Livermore. Sessions: June 1-5 and July 13-17. Campers will enjoy a variety of engaging outdoor activities, including: hands-on gardening, crafts, cooking activities, and movement-based games and exercises. Regional Center of the East Bay clients welcome.

## Las Positas College Summer Camps

LasPositasCollege.edu/SummerCamps

### Basic Car Inspection/Maintenance for Teen Drivers

- Session 1: June 9-26 | 8:00 am to 12:00 pm | Fridays
- Session 2: July 10-17 | 8:00 am to 12:00 pm | Fridays
- \$150 | Age Group: High School or Recent Graduate. Parents Welcome!

Learn how to change your own oil and filter, read the digital code on tires, and gain general knowledge about cars. Learning through experience in our state of the art facility, wear clothes that may get dirty!

### 3D Modeling Camp

- June 8-11 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - \$150 | Age Group: Middle School
- Experience some of the basics of 3D workflows

exploring hard surface modeling, digital sculpture, and animation. In this camp, students will use Autodesk Maya to learn about the core concepts of 3D modeling, how to create props and environments, and how a 3D animation rig works.

### Character Design Camp

- June 15-18 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - \$150 | Age Group: Middle School
- Designing a captivating character is vital for graphic novels, movies, video games, and many other industries. We will draw and paint our own character in Photoshop, taking style, costuming and props into consideration, as well as expressions and gestures.

### Jazz Camp

- June 22-25 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (concert 6/25 5-7 pm)
- \$250 | Age Group: High School, including rising High Schoolers and incoming College Freshman

Join us for a 4-day intensive of Improvisation, Music Theory, Rehearsals, Performance and more! Musicians of all abilities will get the opportunity to work with LPC Music Faculty and Alumni and present their work in a public performance on the Mertes Main Stage. This year's theme is one of the greatest of all American composers: Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899-1974)!

### Interior Design Camp

- June 22-25 | 10:30 am to 12:30 pm | Live Online Camp
  - \$150 | Age Group: Middle and High School
- Interested in learning how to decorate homes or become an interior designer? Learn the elements and principles of interior design with an emphasis on the use of color and texture in the selection of home furnishings using a computer aided design (CAD) program.

### Public Safety Camp

- June 10-12 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
  - \$150 | Age Group: High School
- Immerse yourself in a journey where you'll interact with professionals in the Fire service, Criminal Justice and Emergency Medical Responders. Gain invaluable insight, skills, and knowledge that can shape your future and empower you to make a difference in your community.

## Stratford School

StratfordSchools.com/Summer

### Summer@Stratford...Where Wonder, Exploration, and Discovery Meet!

Stratford School has designed the perfect summer camp experience for your child, complete with the fun, enriching activities they love and the essential safety measures you expect.

**Academic Camps** will enhance your child's love of learning while focusing on grade-level readiness and subjects ranging from math and robotics to literature and creative writing. Campers work independently and in small groups to apply real-life experiences to lessons learned in the classroom. Additionally, students enjoy plenty of fun as they join the day camp program in the afternoon.

**Roar and Explore Day Camps** feature hands-on indoor and outdoor activities, with field trips available as an addition. Grades 1- 5 students jump into action with new, exciting themes each week. Campers explore science and nature, get creative with arts and crafts, STEAM projects, and performing arts. They also stay active with plenty of team sports and games.

**Innovative Specialty Camps** offer unique, curated experiences that help campers discover new skills and talents. Whatever your child's interests are, Stratford offers fun and unique activities to try.

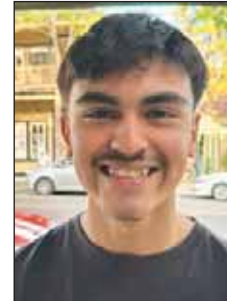
**Sports Camps** are dedicated to skill development, introducing children to new activities, and fostering healthy exercise habits. Sports specialists assist each camper in improving, practicing, and playing sports to build self-confidence and increase overall competence.

Summer@Stratford offers over 25 locations across the Bay Area. Extended-day options are also available. Give your child a summer filled with wonder, exploration, and discovery!

# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What do you do to distract yourself when you feel extremely disturbed, dismayed and distressed by local, national and/or world news?



### Alexandro Lizarraga

College student / server

I try to stay busy with hobbies and small tasks that take my mind off of things and that make me feel like I'm being productive. When I do that, I'm able to stay calm, regardless of what is going on in the world around me.



### Richard Meuse

Finance

I try to not concentrate too much on things that are beyond my ability to control, and I think instead about what I can do with my own life, given the circumstances surrounding me. I also engage in all sorts of recreational activities, like golfing, when the news concerns me too much.



### Julie Scranton, with Moose

Operating room manager

I take my dogs for a nice, long walk into town, where I'll often end up at McKay's or somewhere else that is dog-friendly and has live music. That usually does the trick for me.



### Todd Scranton, with Maggie

Clinical analyst

I go out to find live music because I always find that soothing and calming. I also play guitar in a band, and my wife Julie sings really beautifully. Music is just what we do and where we find comfort. Sometimes, we also go out sailing on the Bay.



### Emma Himsl, with Callie

Commercial real estate broker

I go walking with my dog, Callie, who is the Pleasanton Police Department's therapy dog. We do our weekly visits to the department, as volunteers, providing therapy dog services to everyone who works there. Doing this when things around me seem negative and disturbing, really soothes my heart.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

The Pleasanton Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media Foundation, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 203, Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840. Mailed at Periodicals Postage Rate, USPS 020407. The Pleasanton Weekly is mailed upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. However, in order to continue delivering you the news you depend on, we encourage you to become a paid subscribing member. Go to [www.PleasantonWeekly.com/join](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com/join) to start supporting the Pleasanton Weekly today.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 203, Pleasanton, CA 94566. ©2026 by Embarcadero Media Foundation. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

Visit [PleasantonWeekly.com/camp-connection](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/camp-connection)

To advertise, call (925) 621-1177 or email [kklein@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:kklein@pleasantonweekly.com)



## DIGEST

### TVNPA grants

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance announced the names of 11 essential care and community care nonprofits in the region this month who will be receiving donations from the alliance's Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund.

The recipients are Reins in Motion Foundation, Nephrotic Syndrome Foundation, Bonita House, Culinary Angels, Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay, Royal Theater Academy, Teen Esteem, Tri-Valley Career Center, Tri-Valley REACH, Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area and Three Thirty Three Arts.

### Kids Club facility

The Pleasanton Unified School District recently celebrated the opening of a new Kids Club building at Fairlands Elementary School, which the district says will expand before- and after-school care options for families.

The new building, according to PUSD, helps add 50 new openings to the program at Fairlands. It is part of the district's broader Kids Club expansion.

For more information on the new facility, visit the district's "Early and Expanded Learning" website.

### Dublin Pride Week

Dublin residents will be able to celebrate their city and give back to their community during the upcoming Dublin Pride Week, which lasts from April 25 to May 2.

The annual celebration, which is centered around Earth Day (April 22), brings together hundreds of volunteers for a "large community volunteer day focused on beautification projects throughout Dublin." Other events and activities designed to promote environmental stewardship and civic pride will also be featured.

Some of the events happening Saturday include a volunteer day, a compost give away and a Amador Valley Industries community truck day. Other events that week include a prescription drug "take-back"; a children's emergency food bank food drive and a climate solutions virtual workshop. Visit [www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov). ■

### Corrections

Two election preview stories from last week's edition included residency errors.

Matt Ortega, a candidate for Congressional District 14, is a San Ramon Valley High School alumnus who now lives in San Leandro with his family.

Sangeetha "Sandi" Shanbhogue, the Dublin resident running for Alameda County Board of Education Trustee Area 7, has lived in the Bay Area since 2002.

The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the errors.

## State finds Dublin day care center responsible for toddler's death

Building Kidz intends to appeal \$10,000 fine; family's lawyer laments 'slap on the wrist'

By JUDE STRZEMP

A lack of supervision at Building Kidz of Dublin one year ago resulted in the death of a child, the California Department of Social Services concluded in a new investigative report.

The alleged violation of a licensing requirement occurred April 15, 2025, the same day 2-year-old Matthew Bonneau Jr. was found unresponsive at the facility after nap time. He was pronounced dead later that day, and the Dublin Police Services deemed the young boy's

death to be non-criminal in nature.

As a result of the CDSS investigation into the level of supervision that fateful day, Building Kidz of Dublin was cited last October with a Type A violation. At the time, consideration for an enhanced civil penalty was under review.

Given the CDSS facility evaluation report published April 14, the child care center at 6351 Dublin Blvd. faces a \$10,000 fine. While the documents from the state's investigation into the April 15, 2025 death do not name Bonneau, his family's attorney J. Gary Gwilliam

confirmed the connection to the Pleasanton Weekly.

"There's no question it's Matthew," Gwilliam said Tuesday. "It's that date."

"It was more than negligent, it was gross negligence and pretty outrageous — the way that they didn't pay any attention — then this little boy died," Gwilliam told the Weekly. "He had a real chance of surviving had they been on the ball and watching for him."

Independent of the April 14 report, the Bonneau family is suing the day care center over the

toddler's death, along with related entities including Building Kidz, Inc.; Building Kidz Worldwide, LLC; Building Kidz Properties, LLC; Brilliant Minds Academy and Brilliant Minds Investments LLC.

The child care center, which remains in operation, intends to challenge the penalty imposed last week.

"Building Kidz School of Dublin does not agree with the State's findings of this report and plans to appeal," Building Kidz School

See **DAY CARE** on Page 12

## Alameda delays Beaudin vote

With contract at dais, council majority balks in light of new info

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Alameda City Council opted to delay the appointment of Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin as the next leader of its city in an unexpected move Tuesday night with his negotiated contract poised for a final vote.

Councilmember Greg Boller, who made the motion to continue the item to May 5, said he did so because the city's recruiter "informed me last week that she was preparing new and important information" for the council's consideration regarding Beaudin's appointment.

"She believed that the council could consider it in a future closed session — we didn't actually receive this until after 10 a.m. today and so now I think we need to notice a closed session," Boller said.

The councilmember, however, acknowledged Beaudin as a stand-out candidate and said his appointment being continued had nothing to do with his merits.

"He's an impressive candidate

See **BEAUDIN** on Page 7



COURTESY PUSD

Foothill High School's We the People competitive civics team took home the first place award at this year's national We the People competition in Washington D.C.

## National champions

Foothill wins We the People title in Washington

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Foothill High School's competitive civics team erupted in cheers of joy Sunday after they were named as this year's We the People national champions.

This marks the high school's first time winning the top spot after four years of making it to the national competition. In 2024, Falcons took the third-place award home from Washington, D.C.

"This accomplishment, to win the national championship, is a culmination of all of the years of education in Pleasanton, where our

students have to draw from various classes, experiences, and develop incredible skills to work as a team to compete at this level in the country," Foothill principal Sebastian Bull told the Pleasanton Weekly.

"Congratulations to our students, our teachers, and their families who were all part of this experience!" Bull added.

We the People is an educational program where thousands of high school seniors across the country demonstrate their understanding of the federal government and the U.S. Constitution by participating in simulated congressional hearings.

These high school teams compete every year at their respective state events in order to get a chance to represent their state at the national level. Foothill took home first place at the state competition while Amador Valley High School came in second place, meaning both teams represented California at the national competition, which took place this past weekend in Washington, D.C.

"It is with immense pride and admiration that we acknowledge and celebrate the truly

See **WE THE PEOPLE** on Page 8



Gerry Beaudin

# Dankwardt named PUSD's Teacher of the Year

Harvest Park math teacher, department chair 'deeply honored' to win top award from district

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Harvest Park Middle School teacher Greg Dankwardt was recently selected as the Pleasanton Unified School District's 2026 Certificated Employee of the Year.

The 20-year educator was recognized for his "innovative teaching, student-centered approach, and leadership that fosters a positive and inclusive school environment," according to an announcement in the April 1 E-Connect newsletter from the district.

"I am deeply honored to be chosen as the Teacher of the Year," Dankwardt said in a statement to the Pleasanton Weekly. "I view it as a reflection of the incredible environment at Harvest Park and throughout the district."

Dankwardt first joined the district in 2006 after having taught fifth grade in Fremont. He spent two years teaching fifth grade at

Fairlands Elementary School before moving over to Harvest Park, where he has been since.

At the middle school, Dankwardt said he primarily serves as the school's math intervention specialist and as the math department chair. Additionally, he said he teaches Project Lead the Way design and robotics, which are curriculum designed by the PLTW nonprofit organization to better equip students with knowledge and skills in the STEM world, according to the organization's website.

Outside of the classroom, he said he also helps facilitate leadership and student activities and serves as a member of the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program committee.

"Greg is the heart of our campus, creating a hands-on, welcoming environment where every student feels known, supported

and capable of more than they imagined," Harvest Park principal Russell Campisi said in a statement to the Weekly.

"From early-morning math support to leading inclusive programs in leadership, mentoring, and innovation, he builds strong relationships with students, staff, and families that turn the school into a true community," Campisi added. "He's truly a joy to work with, and his impact is felt in every corner of campus, where he consistently goes above and beyond to ensure all students have a place to belong and the confidence to succeed."

One example of Dankwardt going above and beyond for his students is his passion for teaching the school's "Mentoring Through Agriculture" class, which is a program that connects middle school students with preschoolers through gardening.

"One of my most rewarding experiences has been developing the Mentoring Through Agriculture program over the past seven years," Dankwardt said. "My day brightens every time my middle school students engage with the younger preschool students either on the playground or in the garden."

Dankwardt said the thing he values about working at PUSD is the "support from the district, administrators, and other teachers and staff, which has given me the creative freedom to develop unique and challenging courses and programs that keep students engaged and excited".

"I am inspired by the talented colleagues and dedicated staff I work with daily," he said.

But he also noted that his students remain the primary inspiration behind his work.

"The students are my motivation,"



COURTESY PUSD

Greg Dankwardt, who was named as this year's Pleasanton Unified School District Teacher of the Year, reads a book to students at Harvest Park's annual pumpkin patch.

Dankwardt said. "I strive to create an environment where they are genuinely excited to walk through my door and feel safe and excited to tackle the day's challenges." ■

## New retail, dining options coming to Stoneridge Mall

Businesses include Hollister, Maruwu Seicha and ONIGILLY Japanese Kitchen

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Clothing retailer Hollister is set to open a new store inside the Stoneridge Shopping Center later this year, according to a recent press release from the Pleasanton mall.

In addition, two new food and beverage options will be opening inside the mall this year; Maruwu Seicha, an authentic Japanese tea shop, and ONIGILLY Japanese Kitchen, a chain in the Bay Area

known for its Japanese street food.

"We're seeing strong demand from top national and regional brands that want to be part of the momentum here at Stoneridge," said Ruben Perez, executive vice president of leasing at Simon Property Group, the national real estate investment trust that owns the mall.

"As we talk with prospective tenants, there's a clear recognition that this property offers more than a

traditional retail setting," Perez added. "Visitors are coming here for the full experience — great dining, new concepts, and the trusted stores they already enjoy."

According to the April 14 press release, the Hollister store is scheduled to open during the third quarter of the year. No clear date has yet been announced.

Hollister has been a widely known retailer for decades and features casual clothing as well as

"trend-setting styles that are both upscale and authentic."

"We are proud to bring yet another destination brand to Stoneridge with the arrival of Hollister," Kevin Saldaña, the general manager at Stoneridge, said in the press release.

In regard to the two new dining options, Maruwu Seicha is also set to open later this year on the mall's first level. According to the press release, the shop will cater to tea novices and enthusiasts alike as guests will be able to enjoy "hand-crafted teas crafted using time-honored traditions".

ONIGILLY Japanese Kitchen, which started off as a food cart in San Francisco before expanding into other cities across the Bay Area, will also offer customers a unique street food dining experience by featuring popular items such as onigiri, which are pressed rice balls that contain a wide

variety of different fillings.

The press release states that the restaurant and the tea shop will open later this year but provides no clear opening date.

"As we continue to expand our roster of dining and retail experiences, we aren't simply creating a place to shop, we are building a true hub for the East Bay community where people can gather and enjoy time together," Saldaña said. "Brands are more excited than ever to become a part of the community that we are shaping right here in Pleasanton."

These new attractions continue the mall's progress of expanding its diversity of stores during 2025, which saw a number of new dining and shopping businesses open their doors, according to its owners. Some of those tenants included It's a Grind Coffeehouse, Pop Mart, Shiekh Shoes, Balabala, Carter's and the Funshare Arcade. ■

## Your Neighborhood Estate Planning Solution

Conveniently Located in Downtown Pleasanton

### We Create and Update Living Trusts

Accomplish Your Family's Needs and Priorities:

- ✓ New Trusts
- ✓ Update Existing Trusts
- ✓ All Trusts Include:
  - Power of Attorney
    - Financial
    - Health Care



Creating Peace of Mind for You  
~Security for Your Family~

**DECARLI LAW**  
WILLS • TRUSTS • ESTATE PLANNING

480 St. John Street, Suite 260  
Corner of St. John and Peters  
Downtown Pleasanton

In the same building as the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT  
**(925)568-2350**

## PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

### Say 'Ka-chow!'

Meet Lightning McQueen, a small 4-year-old cuddle buddy with a big, lovable personality. This sweet and mellow guy enjoys strolls, cozy naps and simply being by your side. With the perfect balance of playful energy and laid-back charm, he's ready to cruise home with you today. Come meet Lightning McQueen at East Bay SPCA's Dublin campus, or learn more about him at [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

# Warren v. Miles for Alameda County judgeship

Trial attorney, administrative law judge vie on ballot for superior court seat No. 19

By JUDE STRZEMP

Tri-Valley voters will be among those selecting between trial attorney Selia Warren and administrative law judge Patricia Miles for the Alameda County Superior Court bench, one of two contested judgeships listed separately on the primary election ballot.

Dubbed office No. 19, the election featuring Miles and Warren said her guiding principals would be impartiality, compassion and fidelity to the rule of law.

As a superior court judge, Warren said her guiding principals would be impartiality, compassion and fidelity to the rule of law.

“Every person who comes before the court deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and I would be committed to applying the law fairly while ensuring all litigants feel heard and understood,” she explained.

“I believe deeply in public service and in the judiciary’s vital role in protecting fairness, justice, and the rule of law,” Warren said of running for the seat.



Selia Warren



Patricia Miles

Warren aims for the bench with over 20 years of experience as an attorney.

She has worked since 2015 as deputy city attorney for Oakland, where she has advised and represented the city in trial and appellate court regarding civil rights constitutional law, elections, the California Environmental Quality Act and restraining orders, she said.

“I’m ready to expand my service and apply my expertise to benefit my county, where I have lived and worked for over a decade,” Warren told the Pleasanton Weekly via email interview.

Warren earned her juris doctor at the University of Michigan Law School and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley.

“I have strong credentials, but

humble beginnings,” she added.

The San Francisco native attended public school in Vallejo. Her parents worked as mail carriers for the postal service, and her stepdad worked as a plumber.

“Because of my background, I am especially focused on the experiences of regular working people in the courtroom and will work to make sure those individuals do not get lost in the system,” she said.

Warren is the only candidate from the either judge race to be endorsed by all five Alameda County supervisors.

An administrative law judge of 13 years, Miles said her focus as a superior court judge would be to ensure everyone receives the full protection of the U.S. Constitution.

“I will treat participants in the process with due respect and dignity,” she told the Pleasanton Weekly via email interview.

It is a pet peeve of hers for a judge to treat people with disrespect and impatience.

“Our democracy is ‘for the people and by the people.’ Therefore, ‘the people’ deserve our appreciation and respect AND they deserve to understand what is happening — irrespective of the outcome that

they ultimately receive,” Miles said.

Miles explained that she plans to read all relevant materials ahead of a hearing, listen to and analyze parties’ positions in view of statutes, ask questions as necessary and render a clear, well-reasoned and balanced decision.

“I want to be transparent in how I deliberate and what I consider and make sure they understand the process,” Miles explained. “I hope that this will ensure that the public respects the process and feels that our democracy works for them.”

Miles emphasizes the importance of judges serving as “above the political fray” without bias.

“In the current times where people seem to be increasingly disillusioned about our government, and the principles upon which our democracy stands — I would like to be in Superior Court to have a more

direct involvement with people,” she said. “I want to bring my experience to a more grassroots daily interaction with the public.”

Miles said she is capable of understanding voters’ concerns as she shares similar life experiences with many of those casting ballots.

“I am THEM,” Miles said. “My life’s path has been shaped by ordinary hard work.”

Her parents were “blue collar workers” and her dad was in the same Teamsters local from 1929 to retirement in 1973.

“If they want a real person with common sense — then they should elect me to Superior Court,” Miles said.

Learn more about Miles’ campaign at [pmilesforjudge.com](http://pmilesforjudge.com). More information about Warren’s campaign is available at [seliawarrenforjudge.com](http://seliawarrenforjudge.com). ■

## BEAUDIN

Continued from Page 5

given his broad experience, his expertise and his knowledge, particularly of Alameda,” Boller said. “We previously received incomplete information and as fiduciaries we just need to discuss the item and the new information in closed session and that’s the only place this particular information can be discussed.”

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft was the lone dissenter in the 4-1 vote to postpone consideration of Beaudin’s appointment, which was under the council’s consent calendar. Items on consent are considered routine in nature and are approved in a single vote.

Ashcraft told Boller she was “totally unaware of what you’re speaking about”, which is why she did not second the motion or vote in favor of continuing the item.

“I’m really confused by what Councilmember Boller has just stated and so if I don’t understand something I’m certainly not supporting it,” Ashcraft said.

While the drama unfolded early in the Alameda council meeting, Beaudin was seated in the Pleasanton City Council Chambers for a regular meeting in his current city.

Beaudin was first appointed as Pleasanton’s city manager in May 2022. He had previously served as Pleasanton’s community development director from 2015 to 2019 before leaving for a job as Alameda’s

assistant city manager — a title he held during 2019 to 2022.

Over the last four years leading Pleasanton, Beaudin oversaw the development strategic and management plans, found himself in the middle of multiple contentious labor negotiations and budget cycles, and guided the city through a number of notable projects.

‘As fiduciaries we just need to discuss the item and the new information in closed session.’

Greg Boller,

Alameda City Councilmember

Following a months-long recruitment process by the city of Alameda that began in December, Beaudin was expected to be hired Tuesday night by his former workplace to the west, with the Alameda City Council announcing Beaudin as its finalist for permanent city manager on April 9.

Now, if the vote happens May 5 as currently proposed, Beaudin’s first day on the job would be June 30.

“The City received many highly qualified candidates,” Yibin Shen, city attorney for Alameda, stated in a staff report to the council. “At the end of the selection process, Mr.

Beaudin clearly stood out.”

Beaudin would replace Interim City Manager Adam Politzer, the former Sausalito city manager who has led Alameda on a temporary basis following Jennifer Ott’s departure in December.

In addition to being closer to his home in Oakland, Beaudin would be receiving a nearly \$40,000 salary bump at the city of Alameda. In Pleasanton, Beaudin is currently making just over \$343,500, while in Alameda he is set to make a little over \$383,100.

The Alameda City Council, in addition to approving the employment agreement with Beaudin, would have to vote on adopting a resolution to increase the city’s salary range for the city manager position by 1% in order to “accommodate the proposed starting annual salary”.

According to his proposed employment agreement, Beaudin would also be guaranteed a salary that will “always be at least 5% above the salary for any member of the Executive Management Compensation Plan”.

The agreement includes 3% in deferred compensation contribution by the city equal to roughly \$11,500 every year, \$550 month for his car, a 12-month severance package, and other benefits including health insurance, leave accrual and holiday pay.

His employment agreement in Pleasanton requires 30 days’ notice, which could put his last day on the job during the first week of June. ■



TriValley Medical Associates

a Hill Physicians pillar practice

New Doctor,  
New Office,  
New Hours!

More Convenient  
Than Ever!

Meet Dr. Frank Lin, M.D.  
Now accepting new patients!  
Fluent in English, Mandarin  
and Taiwanese.

Join us at our new Pleasanton  
office with Saturday morning  
appointments!

Schedule an Appointment:



Livermore: (925) 371-8885  
Pleasanton: (925) 460-9903



TVMedAssociates.com

# PUSD avoids certain layoffs after union negotiations

Social worker positions will also be safe thanks to new funding from Alameda County

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District will be canceling a handful of layoff notices that were previously sent out as part of the district's latest budget cuts, following the school board's approval last week.

Some of the positions that will not be laid off include social workers, district parent liaisons, child welfare and attendance specialists, elementary library media assistants, and elementary reading intervention support specialists.

In addition to the five line items that the board approved to be rescinded, the trustees also gave staff the green light to send out rescissions of layoff notices — at staff's discretion — to other employees over the next couple of months if PUSD manages to find and secure

additional funding from ongoing labor negotiations or grants for those positions.

"The sooner that we can return people and get people out of this sense of panic and pain, I think the better," Trustee Charlie Jones said during the April 16 board meeting. "And so I appreciate that we are beginning to move on rescinding people's layoffs."

Last week's decision was the latest in a roughly year-and-a-half long process where the district worked with members of the community and staff to identify about \$11.2 million of budget cuts and reductions for the upcoming 2026-27 fiscal year.

These cuts were necessary in order to help address the district's ongoing fiscal challenges, including a structural deficit caused in part

by things like declining enrollment, reduced state funding and other inflationary pressures, according to PUSD.

But because approximately \$5.4 million of the \$11.2 million of identified cuts needed to be negotiated with labor partners like the Association of Pleasanton Teachers and the California School Employees Association Chapter 155, the school board back in February decided to approve a contingency list in case those \$5.4 million were not realized. The contingency list items were the positions that, in previous budget talks, trustees deemed the most impactful to students and staff and ones they did not want to see on the chopping block.

Following the board's approval of the contingency list, the district

began working on sending out preliminary layoff notices, as required by law, by March 15.

However, it was always the district's goal to rescind, or cancel, some of these layoff notices if staff were able to find additional funding sources, which they did.

According to the April 16 staff presentation, four of the five items in the contingency list of cuts were able to be saved thanks to funding realized from negotiations with the CSEA, which represents classified employees, and other slight tweaks to the list. For example, the district parent liaison position was revised after previously having a higher full-time equivalent reduction.

Prior to the budget item, the board approved a memorandum of understanding between the district and the CSEA, which essentially

reflected the budget reductions and helped realize the rescission of layoff notices.

As for the social worker positions, staff said the district was able to secure new Alameda County Office of Education grant funding.

Jones said he appreciated seeing that a lot of the positions being saved fall within the scope of the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan, which focuses on improving student outcomes, because of previous concerns raised by the community. However, he also noted how difficult the overall process continues to be and how he would still like to see more positions taken off the list.

"This is still painful," Jones said. "There's still a lot to be done and

See PUSD on Page 10

## Hart principal retiring at end of school year

District says it has already begun searching for Fields' replacement

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Hart Middle School principal Caroline Fields will be retiring from her position at the end of the current school year, the longtime educator announced last week.

In a message to the school community, Fields said her decision came after her husband retired at the beginning of February.

"We want to start our next adventure together," Fields said in the notice April 15. "Thank you for your continued support and will miss all of you immensely."

Fields' career at the Pleasanton Unified School District spans back to 2003. The Bay Area native started off teaching at Harvest Park Middle School for one year before transferring over to Foothill High School where she remained for 10 years.

Then, in 2014, she returned to Harvest Park to serve as the school's assistant principal for five years before assuming the principal role at Hart in 2019.

"We are grateful for Caroline's dedicated service to PUSD," the district said in a statement to the Weekly.

"She has made a lasting impact on students, staff, and families, and we appreciate her leadership and commitment to supporting all students. We wish her all the best in retirement.

Over her three decades in education, Fields said the last 22 years at PUSD have been a highlight of her career.

In her community notice, she took some time to thank her staff and faculty at Hart for their dedication and passion for the students and greater PUSD community. She attributed a lot of the school's



Caroline Fields

recent accolades — the Blue Ribbon School, California Distinguished School and School to Watch awards — to their talent as educators and their student-centered approach to teaching.

"Our focus has been both academics and creating a kind school culture," Fields said. "We are not perfect, but learn and try to improve everyday, just as we ask our students to do."

She also thanked the students and their families for all of their support over the years and said they are the reason she believes the school is so special.

"I have been so fortunate to have been able to work here and witness our students grow and learn everyday," Fields said. "Hart will

continue to be an outstanding school as the entire Husky Pack is so strong and committed."

She ended her announcement by confirming that she will continue to serve as principal until the end of this school year, noting that the district has already begun its search for her replacement.

"I will be remaining until the end of this school year and available to assist and welcome your new principal," Fields said.

According to an April 6 EDJOIN post, which is where educational institutions typically post their job offerings, the deadline to apply for the job was last week.

"We will share an update once a new hire has been made," the district stated. ■

## WE THE PEOPLE

Continued from Page 5

outstanding accomplishments of the Foothill High School We the People team," Pleasanton Unified School District deputy superintendent Ed Diolazo said in a statement to the Weekly. "The dedication and effort put forth by our students to prepare and compete in this prestigious and demanding academic event are absolutely amazing."

While Amador did not place in the top 10 awards, the high school was named as the Unit 6 wildcard winner. According to the We the People website, these are special awards that are presented to schools who, over the course of the competition, had high cumulative scores in one of the six units of the We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution textbook.

"We also recognize Amador

Valley High School for advancing to the national finals, an exceptional achievement that reflects the strength of civic education across our district," Diolazo said.

Bull said he was particularly proud of the Foothill students who, with the help of their teachers and advisers Graham McBride and Jeremy Detamore, spent months preparing for the state and national competitions.

"The students have put in so much work since August in preparation for their competitions and have shown their incredible constitutional knowledge and application at every level of competition so far this year," Bull said. "Each question that the students have to prepare a testimony for takes hours of discussion, studying, writing, and practice before it is refined with the help of the teachers and other volunteers who pour themselves into helping

the team get ready."

Bull also took a moment to acknowledge Foothill's past We the People teams who all came close to winning it all and helped set the foundation and standard for the current and future teams.

"We are thrilled and excited to congratulate the students, their supportive families, and the dedicated Foothill teachers and administrators who have consistently championed and supported their goals and aspirations," Diolazo said.

"The accomplishment of being crowned as the 2026 National Champions in the We the People competition solidifies Foothill High School's reputation as a powerhouse in civic education," he added. "Congratulations to the Foothill High School We the People team — your hard work has paid off and you are now the 2026 National Champions!" ■

**AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS  
2026 QUILT SHOW**

*Quilting with Friends*

**APRIL 25-26, 2026**

**Trinity Church  
Gymnasium  
557 Olivina Ave,  
Livermore**

Sat. 10 - 4  
Sun. 10 - 3  
\$10 Admission  
Free Parking

# Deckert wins 2026 Pleasanton Mayor's Award

Outgoing parks commissioner, longtime nonprofit volunteer honored for dedication to community

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton native Chuck Deckert, a devoted supporter of a variety of local nonprofits and a city commissioner for nearly a decade, received the 2026 Mayor's Award last week.

Mayor Jack Balch praised Deckert as "a powerful reminder of what genuine community looks like" while presenting the surprise award during the city's annual Commission and Committee Recognition Dinner & Mayor's Award Celebration on April 16 at Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

"Chuck is a man whose actions match his words, and whose life is guided by a north star pointed firmly toward kindness. Pleasanton is lucky to call him one of its own," Balch said in his speech.

"For more than 25 years, he has been at work behind the scenes, helping bring people together, organizing events that have become cherished traditions, and stepping in wherever there was a need," the mayor added. "In fact, if you have attended a community event in Pleasanton, there is a good chance you have seen him — not front and center, but just off to the side, camera in hand, documenting the

moments that bring our community together."

Deckert, who just wrapped a nine-year stint on the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission, has held leadership or volunteer roles with notable nonprofits in-

clude I was this year's Mayor's Award recipient," Deckert said. "Will admit it was nice to have the mayor, who represents the city I love, think enough of my volunteer efforts to extend his award to me this year."

'Chuck is a man whose actions match his words, and whose life is guided by a north star pointed firmly toward kindness.

Pleasanton is lucky to call him one of its own.'

Jack Balch, Pleasanton mayor

cluding St. Vincent de Paul, Open Heart Kitchen, Valley Humane Society, Hope Hospice, Spectrum Community Services, Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association and American Red Cross. He has also been a freelance photographer for the Pleasanton Weekly and its sister publications since 2021.

"Certainly haven't for notoriety or kudos engaged with the many nonprofits I have worked with over the years," Deckert told the Weekly on Friday.

"Was very nice and a complete surprise to hear some key words in Jack's announcement speech to

Deckert, an Amador Valley High School alumnus, worked a long career in corporate sales and has always been connected to his hometown and its residents — but his experience with lymphoma in his 40s inspired more intentional action.

"After surviving a very aggressive cancer in 2005 something changed in me having a heavy desire to help those much less fortunate than me," Deckert said. "The substantial time since, working with nonprofits who feed and assist the local underserved population and seniors who are in need of some type of



COURTESY CITY OF PLEASANTON

Pleasanton Mayor Jack Balch (left) presents the 2026 Mayor's Award to Chuck Deckert during April 16 event at Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

assistance, has been a true labor of love."

Among his noteworthy volunteer accomplishments, Deckert has coordinated more than 30 mobile blood drives for the Red Cross, participated in the Paws to Read and therapy dog programs with his "sweet personable lab" Zoey and served as a leader with the Hometown Holiday Celebration committee.

Of Deckert's parks commission tenure, Balch lauded a record of "genuine care, near-perfect attendance, boundless enthusiasm and an unwavering commitment to

making Pleasanton a place where everyone feels at home. Over nearly a decade, Chuck helped shape the parks, programs and facilities that residents enjoy today."

"Chuck's impact extends far beyond any commission seat or program outcome," the mayor said. "He is the kind of person who shows up not because he has to, but because that is simply who he is. He greets everyone with a smile and a hug. He remembers names. He asks how you are doing and means it. He makes people feel seen, valued, and welcomed, not as a gesture, but as a way of life." ■

## Monarch Tractor announces sale of core technology

'We had to make difficult decisions': Former Livermore company breaks silence after recent turmoil

By JEANITA LYMAN

The autonomous tractor company that finalized the exit from its Livermore headquarters and research-and-development property earlier this year announced that its technology has been bought by another company after months of silence amid public speculation and scrutiny.

The company announced in a LinkedIn post earlier this month that its "core technology" had been acquired by a "large global equipment manufacturer", first reported as Caterpillar Inc. according to anonymous sources who spoke to Bloomberg last week.

"Building and scaling a new tractor platform in agriculture came with unforeseen challenges," Monarch officials wrote on LinkedIn. "We had to make difficult decisions, including a shift away from manufacturing to a technology licensing model which validated that the core EV

& AV technology could operate across tractors, augers, utility vehicles, and construction equipment."

The company's decision to shift from producing automated tractors to providing a "software as a service" (SaaS) product last August preceded three lawsuits filed later in the year from dealerships who alleged that its tractors failed to operate autonomously as advertised, as well as the closure of its former home base in Livermore.

After news broke and circulated about the company's exit from Livermore and from the realm of researching, developing and manufacturing equipment, public scrutiny increased in recent weeks following a viral video posted by a natural wine producer in El Dorado County demonstrating the tractors' failures.

"It just does not perform," Patrick O'Connor said in a video posted to Instagram on March 29. "It's actually quite dangerous."

Monarch's LinkedIn post this

month was the first time it had broken its silence on the company's future since its transition to software development last fall, with the company's public phone number and media email addresses no longer in operation as of last month.

"We recognize that this transition caused disruption to customers and partners, and we understand the impact it has had," Monarch officials said. "We appreciate the customers and partners who've continued to support us through the transition."

"We are deeply grateful to the early customers who took a chance on us, the investors who backed the vision, and the team who believed in a more sustainable food ecosystem and put in an extraordinary amount of work to make it real," they continued.

Caterpillar had not yet publicly announced the acquisition as of Tuesday afternoon. The company is set for its first quarter earnings call on April 30. ■

## SPEAKER SERIES: FOOD AS MEDICINE

with DR. PERICLES IOANNIDES



Dr. Ioannides is an oncologist at Adventist Health Hospital, Former Chief Resident at UC Irvine, Stanford certified in Nutrition Science, and evidence-based research presenter on "food as medicine" helping reverse chronic disease.

- Friday, May 8
- 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Open to the Public
- Cost: Complimentary

TO REGISTER: email [info@castlewoodcc.org](mailto:info@castlewoodcc.org)



The Club at Castlewood  
707 Country Club Circle  
Pleasanton, CA 94566



# Modern French supper club to replace The Syndicate

Under new ownership, Le Nocturne set for unveiling next month in downtown Livermore

By JUDE STRZEMP

Since shuttering last month, The Syndicate cocktail bar downtown Livermore is anticipated to reopen with a different concept this spring under new ownership.

Located at 2470 First St., Suite 100, the site was previously home to The Last Word, which closed temporarily in January 2025 as it rebranded to a mafia-inspired speakeasy dubbed The Syndicate. Under its new identity, the business operated for about one year.

Proprietor-in-waiting, Gianni Schell, is renaming the business to Le Nocturne — meaning “the night” — and refashioning the bar and restaurant in a vintage Parisian style with contemporary French cuisine such as steak frites, trout amandine, a chicken dish called coq au vin and escargot.

Schell aims to open Le Nocturne during mid-to-late May and



JEREMY WALSH

A supper club dubbed Le Nocturne is slated this May to open in place of The Syndicate downtown Livermore.

envisions the supper club as having elevated dining service and nightlife.

He is also the owner of Rebel Kitchen & Libations and co-owner of The Black Cat restaurant, both

of which are also located on First Street in Livermore.

“What Gianni is doing is going to be something completely different than the town has seen, and even around the area,” The

Syndicate co-owner Stewart McLean told Livermore Vine. “It’ll be nice to see our legacy passed on too.”

Stewart and Michelle McLean began considering selling The Syndicate about seven or eight months ago, he told Livermore Vine.

Marking their entrance into the scene of bar restaurant ownership, the couple viewed their business as especially near and dear.

“This was kind of our baby,” McLean said. “We took pride in The Last Word. We took pride in The Syndicate. We loved it.”

The McLeans own Mornings on First, a breakfast spot on First Street that they intend to maintain, and have other investment opportunities as well as regular jobs.

“We wanted more time back in our lives,” McLean said of the decision to sell The Syndicate.

Schell jumped on the opportunity

to take the reins.

“I always thought it was a really cool location, and then when the opportunity presented itself, I couldn’t help myself,” Schell said.

“I’m just really excited about bringing something new and different to Livermore,” he added.

As Schell starts up Le Nocturne, he and The Black Cat co-owner Dina Parks are seeking a managing partner for the bar.

Parks is currently in charge of the bar’s daily operations, but is facing time constraints and has other ventures she wants to focus on, according to Schell.

If the two are unable to find a managing partner for The Black Cat, Schell said they will likely sell the business.

The restaurant is described as thriving and offering a “turnkey opportunity” on BizBen, an online marketplace for buying and selling businesses. ■

## The battle over Measure B

Campaigns heat up for 0.625% sales tax increase in Contra Costa County

By JEANITA LYMAN

A sales tax measure that a majority of Contra Costa County supervisors decided earlier this year to present to voters in the upcoming primary election is set to appear on ballots that begin going out next month.

Measure B would increase sales tax across the county by 0.625% and generate an estimated \$150 million in revenue annually over the next five years. The measure

aims to contend with federal cuts to social services funding and bolster health care, food assistance, and other county services.

Debate over the measure raged during and after the Board of Supervisors’ 4-1 vote last month to bring the measure to the upcoming ballot, with a judge ruling April 1 that some ballot language must be changed during an expedited hearing in a case brought forward by Sandra Kallander and

David Minor against Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder Kristen Connelly less than two weeks after the board’s vote March 5.

District 2 Supervisor Candace Andersen cast the only dissenting vote against the resolution to bring the ballot measure forward, urging the board to “slow this down” after she clarified that language in the resolution referring to a \$300 million annual deficit through 2029 was referring to a cumulative, not

annual projection.

At that meeting, attorney Jason Bezis said that he had clients, including someone from the county’s Libertarian Party, who were prepared to sue if the measure was placed on the ballot. He went on to represent Kallander and Minor in the complaint filed March 16.

Nonetheless, a majority of supervisors and a campaign in favor of the measure have continued to urge its passage in the June primary, pointing to grim financial circumstances amid cuts to health care spending in the current federal budget, which county officials have been sounding the alarm on for months.

The county’s health system is facing a more than \$1 billion deficit by 2031, according to projections from staff. If passed, the temporary tax measure is projected to only partially soften that blow, with the \$150 million annual projected revenue amounting to \$750 million over the course of its five-year run.

County officials estimated in December that changes to Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility requirements and reductions in federal funding could leave 93,000 residents without healthcare and 17,600 without food assistance by 2029. The former figure represents

See **MEASURE B** on Page 11

### PUSD

Continued from Page 8

we can go further and farther and I’d like to believe that we will make that happen.”

And while it has been difficult for the trustees to see this process play out and to see all of the other positions that are still on the chopping block, they all said they hope to see some additional money realized over the next few months. Negotiations with APT are still ongoing, which staff said could also lead to more rescissions of layoff notices.

“I just hope that we can really secure those alternative funding sources quickly so we can get the specialists back and bring back as many people as we possibly can,” Trustee Laurie Walker said.

As far as next steps, staff will

continue to work on finding other sources of funding, including working with organizations like the Pleasanton Partnerships In Education Foundation, as they begin the process of rescinding layoff notices. Assistant superintendent of human resources Nimarta Grewal told the board that as additional funding comes in, they will continue to rescind other items listed in the contingency plan — the board previously numbered the list so that the positions higher on the list would be saved first.

Grewal also said that while PUSD has until May 15 to send out any final layoff notices, there are still ways to bring back employees if they can find the money to do so, it would just be a case where the district asks those employees if they would like to be rehired. ■



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 14

## Candidate Forum

**GET INFORMED BEFORE YOU VOTE**

ICYMI — or would like to revisit the conversation — you can watch the full recording on [PleasantonWeekly.com](https://PleasantonWeekly.com) at your convenience.

**WATCH THE VIDEO:** [tinyurl.com/congressional-forum](https://tinyurl.com/congressional-forum)



HOSTED BY **Pleasanton Weekly** Livermore **VINE**

ORGANIZING PARTNER: Livermore Indivisible

PROMOTIONAL PARTNERS: Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore Valley Chambers of Commerce

# Peasant be gone: Courtyard Restaurant rebranding in Alamo

Bakery owner takes over cafe from The Worth Group, teases expansion to dinner menu soon

By JEREMY WALSH

One of Alamo's most familiar restaurants has a new name as of Monday, with an ownership change for the cafe business announced the day before its final meal service as The Peasant's Courtyard last weekend.

The family behind the East Bay Artisan bakery business, known for selling its risen goods at farmers' markets in the area, including in Danville every Saturday, is making its first brick-and-mortar foray into the San Ramon Valley and rebranding the space as The Courtyard Restaurant. The Worth Group has operated the restaurant along Danville Boulevard for nearly 17 years.

"With some familiar faces and a fresh new feel, we are excited to serve our Alamo community!" the new owners said in a dual statement that chef Rodney Worth posted on social media Saturday morning.



JEREMY WALSH

The last day in business for the Peasant's Courtyard in Alamo was April 19. It rebranded under new ownership as The Courtyard Restaurant starting the next day.

"Get excited as we will be updating our new seasonal menu on May 4th and dinner will be coming soon! We can't wait for this opportunity to share our passion for food and service that much more

with our amazing community!" added the new owners, whose East Bay Artisan business has operational ties to Walnut Creek and Livermore. They also run Cafe 1277 in the Treat Towers office building in Walnut Creek.

The transition happened instantly, according to both ownership groups, with The Peasant's Courtyard serving its final breakfast and lunch meals on Sunday (April 19) and The Courtyard Restaurant opening the next morning.

"It has been a true pleasure serving the community. Your support has meant the world to us! While we're sad to say goodbye, we're excited for what the future holds for us, and we hope to see you at our other locations," Worth's team said in the statement, framed as a farewell-and-hello announcement from the two groups.

"Wishing you joy, good company, and wonderful dining adventures!"

Worth's team added.

A well-known chef and restaurateur in the Tri-Valley, Worth took over the popular cafe spot at 3195 Danville Blvd. on the edge of downtown Alamo in 2009, opening The Peasant's Courtyard that August. The restaurant had been the Courtyard Cafe for nearly 25 years before closing in March 2009.

Worth also operates The Peasant & The Pear in downtown Danville and The Bourbon Pear in downtown Livermore. His restaurant venture in downtown Walnut Creek, The Little Pear, shuttered this January after less than three years.

The Worth Group is poised to open The Golden Pear in Rossmore, although a debut date has not been confirmed yet. Renovations in the restaurant space inside the gates of the senior community have been ongoing for most of the year so far. ■

## LFPD launches redesigned website

In effort to improve usability, accessibility and transparency

By JEREMY WALSH

Visitors to the website of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department have been greeted with a new look since last week.

Aiming to modernize the design of [www.lpfire.org](http://www.lpfire.org), the project sought to "strengthen communication and engagement with the community" while ensuring "all users can easily find the information they need," according to leaders

of the department that jointly serves the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore.

"This new website is one piece of a larger effort to improve how we connect with our community," LFPD Fire Chief Aaron Lacey said in a press release. "From our annual reports to our growing social media presence, we are committed to providing timely, transparent, and meaningful communication."

The project, whose Phase I

dropped online April 14, was undertaken with Pleasanton graphic design firm Ogden Costa Creative Group.

"The new website serves as a central hub for residents to access safety information, department programs, and important updates in a clear and user-friendly format," LFPD officials said. "The website also features the department's updated mission, vision, and core values, reinforcing its

direction and commitment to service."

Prominent sections below the refreshed dropdown menu on the new homepage include a live incident map, the day's current fire danger level, featured events, popular services with thumbnail links to options like public records requests or reporting a hazard online, and a recap of 2025 annual report statistics — such as 15,842 calls for service, 469

fire incidents and 10,581 medical responses.

"The website redesign is part of a broader initiative to enhance how LFPD communicates both internally and externally," officials said. "Over the past two years, the department has expanded its communication efforts through the development of annual reports, a bi-annual community newsletter, and a stronger, more consistent social media presence." ■

## MEASURE B

Continued from Page 10

more than a third of the 270,000 residents currently served by the county health system, with reduced Medi-Cal enrollment combined with cuts to state funding estimated to reduce the department's funding by a total of \$300 million in the coming years.

"These changes mean fewer people covered and fewer dollars coming into the system at the same time," Andersen said in a press release from the county in December. "Our responsibility is to face that reality head-on, plan carefully, and ensure the county continues to provide essential care for residents who have nowhere else to turn."

Budgetary impacts are already evident on the ground with 46 nurses laid off since the December announcement and further discussions and 3,650 patients cut from county health programs, according to a statement from the Contra Costa nurse's union, who called

on the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting to put a stop to the cuts.

According to the Yes on Measure B campaign from Safe and Healthy Contra Costa, estimated budget shortfalls for the county health care system have only increased in the months since alarm bells were sounded in December, with the sales tax measure necessary to ensure its financial viability.

"If Measure B fails, emergency response times will increase," supporters wrote on the Yes on B campaign site. "Since brain damage can occur after just three minutes without oxygen, stroke and heart attack victims could be at risk. Wait times for all patients receiving critical care will increase at every hospital in the County. If we don't act, lives will be lost."

Meanwhile, the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association has registered as the opposing campaign.

The Stop Measure B campaign's points on their website include the error that Andersen identified at the March 5 board meeting on

\$300 million being a cumulative number rather than an annual number, questions about the timing of when the sales tax increase would go into effect if approved — which they said would be prior to the full impact of federal funding cuts in 2027 — and previous cuts to the county health department that weren't driven by federal funding cuts.

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association is hosting a discussion on its critiques of the ballot measure on April 24, headed by executive committee member and longtime local activist Mike Arata. Registration is available at [cocotax.org](http://cocotax.org).

A third campaign not registered with the county elections department has also emerged. Contra Costa Plan B's website is described as offering a "resident-led analysis" of the measure and a "transparent, phased alternative" that the group is urging the board of supervisors to consider.

According to early campaign finance reports, the Yes on Measure

B campaign is bolstered so far by a total of \$100,000 in contributions from the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 21 Issues PAC, with no records of spending yet available.

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association has reported no

contributions so far, but one independent expenditure of \$7,601 as "set up costs for VotersAI" on April 6.

As the campaigns ramp up, vote-by-mail ballots are set to start going out throughout Contra Costa on May 4 ahead of Election Day on June 2. ■

## Deborah Dennison

August 4, 1965 - December 21, 2025

Born August 4, 1965 in Chicago, Illinois to Dr. Eric Hohnwald and Karen (Jensen) Hohnwald, died December 21, 2025 in Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek, California.

She was the older sister to Brian Hohnwald and Dr. Kevin Hohnwald.

Debbie grew up in Sarasota, Florida and graduated from high school there.

After acquiring a degree in Business Administration and Accounting she supported herself as a bookkeeper and accountant, and then while married to Jeffery Dennison, working full time, and raising son Derek Dennison and daughter Kaitlin Dennison PhD, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of South Florida with a major in Urban and Regional Planning and Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) - which became a lasting passion of her life.

Filling her years with a constant pursuit of learning and education, Debbie became an expert in GIS, remote sensing and imagery analysis — and applying her knowledge to a career path working for both US Government and private sector firms designing, building and operating advanced information processing systems that aided these sponsors and their clients and the general public.

Debbie worked for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 2009-2017. During that time she provided many programs with astounding results, many earning her awards of special recognition. She collaborated with leading scientists in support of vital systems for Military Defense, Homeland Security, Emergency Management and Response. She served as Subject Matter Expert on a vast array of projects that needed GIS and Remote Sensing Technology and routinely performed Project Management activities. She worked with global satellite companies and consultants. Highly sought for her ability to produce quality and time-critical results, she was always working multiple projects - while also completing her master's degree in GIS from Penn State University. Since then she continually trained herself and others. She was a certified GIS Professional, (URISA GPN).

In 2017 she pursued her passion for geography, history, and world culture, leveraging her skill at cartography and expertise in remote sensing and imagery, as founder of GeoJango LLC (<https://geojango.com>) in Pleasanton. In her final days, she appointed her son Derek as the new company owner and he now continues the business and mission she started - to teach others about the world we live in through maps and games with educational, fun and impressive graphic features.

In 2023, if running her own business was not enough, she took on another full time job with an environmental management company, S2SERM, (San Ramon, CA) where she was the Director of GIS & Remote Sensing.

Debbie loved travel, hiking and exploring with partner Tim Voss. Many early mornings they would hike the hillsides in nearby parks in and around Pleasanton, California and when work schedules allowed it, travel to visit National Parks and attend conferences.

She saw & learned much on her worldwide travels. A most memorable foreign trip was to Turkey which included a hot air balloon ride, and her final world trip in 2025 was to Southeast Asia with her mother.

A private memorial service, a Celebration of Life, is being held locally on May 2nd and a separate special hike to her favorite spot on May 3rd.

To honor Debbie, the family recommends that you donate to a cancer research organization of your choice, and consider visiting her company's website, <https://geojango.com> and pick out a map or a game you like and buy it, knowing you are getting something rare and unique that was created by Debbie and her passion for life.



PAID OBITUARY

## Nordstrom opening new Danville service hub this summer

Outpost to offer pickups, returns, alterations and exchanges

By JEANITA LYMAN

Longstanding department store chain Nordstrom has announced a foray into the San Ramon Valley later this year with a service center in Danville that is set to offer alterations, online pickups, returns “and more”.

The Seattle-based company announced earlier this month that it is “expanding its footprint in California” with Danville and San Diego announced as the two new outposts set to open this summer.

“We’re excited to bring these new Nordstrom Local service hubs to

San Diego and Danville, expanding our commitment to serving customers across California,” said Fanya Chandler, president of Nordstrom stores in an April 6 press release.

The Nordstrom Local Danville is set to occupy the 1,214-square-foot space at 600 Sycamore Valley Road in the Danville Livery Shopping Center, a unit that previously housed a Pure Barre studio.

Scheduled to open June 18, the Danville location is set to be Nordstrom’s sixth local hub in the state, and the second in Northern California. The company debuted a

local hub in San Francisco’s Fillmore District last year after closing its longstanding, full-service flagship store on Market Street in 2023.

“Northern and Southern California represent two of our most significant markets, and these new locations reflect our continued focus on evolving alongside our customers,” Chandler said. “By extending our presence closer to where our customers live and work, we believe Nordstrom Locals will offer greater convenience, broader access to what they need, and a more personalized experience.” ■

## DAY CARE

Continued from Page 5

spokesperson said in an email interview.

As previously reported by the Weekly, the CDSS determined Oct. 14, 2025 through an investigation that Building Kidz of Dublin provided inadequate supervision April 15, 2025.

The state agency alleges a Building Kidz staff member was hanging art supplies and supervising active children in a classroom, so they were unable to supervise 12 other children, including one who was experiencing a medical emergency during nap time.

The conclusion was based on interviews, record reviews, physician’s interviews, video surveillance analysis and staff interviews, investigators said.

The probe was spurred by a complaint of inadequate supervision received by the department on April 16, 2025, the day after Bonneau’s death. Building Kidz appealed the state’s initial citation last fall, according to a statement provided last November by a Building Kidz School spokesperson.

CDSS received another complaint April 16, 2025 alleging the “questionable death of daycare child in care”, but the agency found it to be unsubstantiated. The allegation might be valid, but there is “no preponderance of evidence to prove the alleged violation”, according to a separate complaint investigation.

“Ultimately, these investigations determined that there was insufficient evidence to support the allegation that Building Kidz School of Dublin played a role in the student’s passing,” the company spokesperson said.

“Additionally, the Alameda County Coroner’s Bureau report determined the most likely cause of death was due to complications from the influenza B virus,” they said. “It’s important to note that the staff on that day did not provide

any heightened supervision of the student, as the parents did not alert staff that the child was ill when he arrived at school that day.”

Since the October reports, CDSS officials called Angelina Bowers, Building Kidz’s senior director of franchise growth and success, and Building Kidz chief operating officer Sangeet Karamchandani for a meeting April 14 to discuss facility citations within the last year as well as to deliver the enhanced civil penalty related to the student death.

“An Enhanced Civil Penalty (ECP) in the amount of \$10,000 is being assessed due to the issuance of a violation determined to have resulted in the death of a child,” the report states.

The value of the penalty was determined using the California Health and Safety Code.

While endorsing the citation of Building Kidz, Gwilliam said a \$10,000 penalty was very little punishment.

“To say it’s a slap on the wrist is way too soft. This doesn’t cause them five minutes of effort for a big company like this,” Gwilliam said.

But it may be the only penalty available to the Social Services Department, he conceded.

Building Kidz is permitted to request a formal review by the licensing agency to amend or dismiss a notice of deficiency and or civil penalty. The request must be made in writing within 15 business days of receiving the deficiency notice or civil penalty assessment.

The CDSS did not provide comment further comment to the Weekly, as of Tuesday afternoon. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Birthday cruise:** Kerry Vara poses aboard the Norwegian Bliss leaving San Pedro for her 50th birthday Mexican cruise with her parents, Pleasanton residents Alan and Jean Purves.

To submit your “Take Us Along” entry, email your photograph to [editor@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto: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.

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Dublin men admit to fraudulent H-1B visa scheme

Two Dublin residents pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit visa fraud, U.S. Attorney Eric Grant announced Friday.

Sampath Rajidi, 51, and Sreedhar Mada, 51, worked together in a fraudulent H-1B visa scheme.

Rajidi ran two businesses that serviced H-1B visas for foreign workers seeking temporary placement in various companies. Mada was chief information officer for University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources in Davis, where he needed authorization to hire H-1B workers.

Together, the pair conspired to submit fake H-1B visa petitions for several beneficiaries between 2020 and 2023, according to prosecutors. Rajidi falsely claimed that beneficiaries would be working for the University of California, then Mada lent his name as CIO to give the scheme credibility. In reality, the positions did not exist. The visa beneficiaries did exist, but were instead marketed to clients other than UC.

"They submitted false information knowing such information was material to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) decisions in granting visas," said prosecutors in a statement released by Grant's office.

Rajidi and Mada's actions gave them an unfair advantage over other firms and depleted the pool of H-1B visas available to competing firms.

Both are scheduled to be sentenced on July 30 and are facing up to five years in federal prison and a fine of \$250,000.

— Bay City News Service

### DUI checkpoint in Livermore

Livermore police are scheduled to conduct a DUI checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the city limits this Friday night.

"Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk," Livermore Police Department Sgt. Scott Harrison said in a press release. "Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improve traffic safety."

The department called out that it's not just alcohol that can lead to driving illegally under the influence — marijuana, prescription medications and even over-the-counter drugs can result in impaired driving.

The checkpoint, which will be in operation from 8 p.m. Friday (April 24) until 1 a.m. Saturday, will be at a location determined based on data of past incidents of DUI-related crashes, according to LPD. Funding for the program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

— Jeremy Walsh

### Not so 'Earth friendly'

Multiple district attorney's offices in Northern California including Alameda County resolved a misleading advertising case with a company that wrongly marketed its materials as plastic-free, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said Monday.

The case of the People v. Venus Laboratories ended in a civil penalty for the company, which does business as "Earth Friendly Products" and the brand name "ECOS".

ECOS manufactures, markets, and sells cleaning products to California consumers, including through retail stores and online platforms. ECOS also advertises its products through its website, www.ecos.com.

As part of the settlement, the company will pay \$176,110 in civil penalties and costs to resolve the alleged violations.

Prosecutors alleged that ECOS marketed and sold laundry and dishwasher detergent sheets that were labeled "zero plastic" but actually contained polyvinyl alcohol, which is a form of plastic.

"ECOS further represented that these products were biodegradable when prosecutors allege that they are not likely to break down during wastewater treatment processes in sewer or septic systems before entering the ocean or other waterways," the Monterey DA's Office said.

District attorney's offices involved in the case also included those from Alameda, Napa, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Sonoma counties, as well as Fresno, Orange, Riverside and Sacramento counties. ■

— Bay City News Service



## Susan Williams

November 21, 1948 - February 12, 2026

Susan Kohler Williams — beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, wife, musician, educator, and friend — died peacefully on February 12, 2026, at the age of 77, surrounded by family and friends. Known to many as Susan, Suzie, or simply Sue, she lived a life defined by curiosity, music, service, and deep devotion to the people she loved.

Susan is survived by her husband of 55 years, Peter Williams; her daughters Carolyn Williams and Rebecca Crow; her son-in-law Abram Crow; and her cherished grandchildren James Williams, Myles Crow, and Melanie Crow. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl William Elmer Kohler and Susan Clark, and by her brothers Bill Kohler and David Kohler.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1948, Susan grew up surrounded by music and the outdoors. Her childhood was filled with camping trips, canoeing adventures, singing, and playing instruments—joys that would remain constants throughout her life. Even as a young girl, she brought enthusiasm and creativity to everything she did, qualities that became hallmarks of her character.

Susan attended Peabody High School, where her academic excellence and discipline earned her the honor of valedictorian in 1966. She went on to study mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Math in 1970. It was there that she met Peter Williams, her future husband and lifelong partner. They married in 1970 and began their shared journey together, rooted in mutual respect, humor, and love.

The early years of their marriage were spent in Pepperell, Massachusetts, where Susan became deeply involved in the community. A devoted volunteer, she actively supported the Friends of the Lawrence Library and the Nashua River Watershed Association, reflecting her love of learning and the natural world. She was also the founder and director of the Community Church of Pepperell Handbell Choir.

Family life was central to Susan's identity. She made time for camping trips, canoe outings, and countless shared adventures, always finding ways to turn ordinary moments into memorable experiences. She loved teaching songs, passing along camp traditions, and encouraging curiosity. Whether around a campfire or at a family gathering, Susan's presence brought warmth, laughter, and music.

Committed to education and lifelong learning, Susan earned her Master of Education from

the University of Lowell. In 1989, life took her west to California, where the family settled in Pleasanton. Susan taught math at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley, where she became known for her creativity, dedication, and genuine care for her students. She enjoyed coaching Math Counts and was always exploring innovative ways to make math engaging and accessible. Teaching was never just a job for Susan—it was a calling, and she brought her whole self into the classroom every day.

Music remained a defining thread throughout her life. Susan was an organ player, pianist, guitarist, and later an enthusiastic ukulele player. Susan was a part of the Pleasanton Ukulele Band for many years, singing and playing all around the community but especially senior living communities and rehabilitation centers. Susan loved bringing smiles to others through music. Susan also organized and performed handbell music, especially around Christmas time, finding ways to include everyone in the music of the season.

Susan was a seasoned camper, an avid canoe lover, and someone who found peace and inspiration outdoors. She also loved reading and baking, pleasures she especially enjoyed sharing with her grandchildren. Some of her happiest moments were spent playing music with them, reading together, or simply being present—listening, encouraging, and cheering them on.

Above all, Susan was a fierce supporter of her family. She showed up fully for every occasion, big or small, offering steady love, thoughtful guidance, and unwavering encouragement. Her generosity of spirit extended beyond her family to friends, neighbors, students, and fellow musicians. She had a gift for making people feel seen and valued, and her kindness left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Susan Kohler Williams lived a life rich with purpose, creativity, and connection. Her legacy lives on in the music she shared, the students she taught, the community she served, and the family she loved so deeply. She will be remembered for her intelligence, her joy, her adventurous spirit, and the way she brought her whole heart to the world.

She will be profoundly missed and lovingly remembered. A Celebration of Life is scheduled to take place in Pleasanton in late July 2026. For further information, please contact [watergirl64@gmail.com](mailto:watergirl64@gmail.com). For those interested a donation can be made in Susan's name to Math Counts at <https://cspeef.org/donate/>.

PAID OBITUARY

Visit

## Lasting Memories

An online directory of obituaries and remembrances. Search obituaries, submit a memorial, share a photo.

Go to: [PleasantonWeekly.com/obituaries](https://PleasantonWeekly.com/obituaries)

# The rise and fall of Eric Swalwell

How Dublin native went from media darling Democrat in DC and popular governor candidate to political exile and sex abuse scandal

BY CIERRA BAILEY

**T**he Tri-Valley is still reeling as one of its most notable political figures has been embroiled in sudden scandal this month after multiple accusers came forward with allegations of sexual misconduct.

Now-former congressman Eric Swalwell — who resigned last week under threat of expulsion amid the turmoil despite calling the serious claims “flat false” — quickly fell from a household name to a disgraced one just as his campaign for California governor was heating up and gaining significant traction.

While conservative media pundits like Laura Ingraham and Carmine Sabia may have dubbed Democrat Swalwell’s alleged behavior “the worst kept secret” in Washington, D.C., the news likely sent shockwaves throughout the Tri-Valley to many who watched his political career blossom during the past 15 years with widespread support and adoration from constituents and other local leaders.

Over the course of his two decades in public service, there’d been no allegations of this nature levied against the 45-year-old politician publicly, but as his gubernatorial campaign charged full steam ahead, his golden boy image was thrown off track.

Born in Iowa, Swalwell’s family moved from the Midwest and settled in Dublin when he was a child. He attended Wells Middle School and graduated from Dublin High School

in 1999 before attending Campbell University and later transferring to the University of Maryland where he graduated from.

After finishing law school and returning home to settle back in the Tri-Valley in the mid-2000s, he worked as a prosecutor with the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office from 2006 to 2012, according to his LinkedIn profile.

He served on the city of Dublin’s Heritage & Cultural Arts Commission from 2006 to 2008 and on the Planning Commission from 2008 to 2010.

In 2010, he kicked off his career in elected office serving on his hometown’s city council.

He remained on the council until he put his bid in for Congress during the 2012 election to represent what was previously California’s 15th Congressional District before a redistricting in 2022 that became what is now District 14.

Swalwell won the 2012 race in an upset at 31 years old, unseating then 20-term incumbent Democrat Pete Stark. Swalwell held on to the seat ever since.

He also briefly joined the 2020 presidential race but dropped out early amid very low polling numbers. He chose instead to run for reelection to his congressional seat that year, which he won.

Just after the 2020 election, Swalwell faced the first major scandal of his political career involving a Chinese national named Fang Fang



FILE PHOTO BY VERONICA WEBER

Eric Swalwell speaks at a 2016 rally in downtown San Jose calling for the recall of Judge Aaron Persky following the release of Brock Turner, who served half of his six-month sentence for sexual assault.

— also known as Christine Fang — accused of being a spy targeting American politicians between 2011 and 2015, including Swalwell. Those allegations came to light from reporting by national news outlet Axios.

The allegations raised in the Axios article included that Fang raised funds on behalf of Swalwell’s 2014 reelection campaign and recommended at least one potential intern who obtained a position in Swalwell’s Washington D.C. office.

While the news report stated that Swalwell was not accused of wrongdoing and he immediately cut ties with Fang in 2015 upon being notified of the FBI’s concerns, a complaint led to the House Ethics Committee opening an investigation. After two years, the ethics committee ultimately made no finding of wrongdoing, closing its probe and taking no further action on the matter as of May 2023.

Despite Swalwell feeling vindicated, the ordeal did leave a smudge on his reputation that continues to follow him, even amid the current sex abuse claims with many flooding his social media comments in recent weeks with references to Fang and alluding to him even having a romantic relationship with her.

Prior to announcing his resignation from Congress on April 14, Swalwell was in the middle of his seventh term in the House of Representatives, having won reelection most recently in 2024.

He had championed a number of causes tied to Tri-Valley issues, including the recent case of Miguel Lopez, a Livermore man who was deported to Mexico last year while attending what he thought was a routine meeting at an immigration office in San Francisco.

Swalwell joined the community of activists and Livermore residents banding together to help overturn

Lopez’s deportation, even traveling down to Mexico to meet with him personally, according to a September 2025 post from Swalwell’s Instagram account — which converted to private in recent days. He also introduced H.R. 5294 that same month, a private bill that aims to grant Lopez permanent residency.

Swalwell was also a visible figure at recent “No Kings” rallies in the area and supported Dublin teachers during their four-day strike last month, speaking at a March 9 rally at Kolb Park. “You are the co-authors of our children’s lives and for that, we don’t just owe you a raise. We don’t just owe the community a smaller classroom. We owe you everything,” he said in his remarks.

While the Tri-Valley knew Swalwell’s name and face very well, he was gaining more recognition on a broader scale in recent years.

He was climbing the ranks within the Democratic Party, making national headlines and countless TV news appearances for his strong criticisms of President Donald Trump and his two administrations.

In an ironic twist of fate, Swalwell was among the many politicians demanding for the federal government’s release of the infamous Epstein files — documents pertaining to the activities of deceased financier and convicted child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein — and on numerous occasions calling for Trump to be held accountable for alleged sexual misconduct.

He was also an impeachment manager during the second impeachment of Trump in 2021 related to the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. His appointment to the role was “largely due to the respect given to Eric for his long leadership in the House and because on January 6th as a member of the Democrats’ leadership team, Eric stood his ground on the House

floor”, according to Swalwell’s bio on his gubernatorial campaign website which remained active as of Monday morning.

Even as Swalwell loudly called out Trump as an abuser, he still had not been publicly accused of being one himself — until two weeks ago.

With Gavin Newsom on his way out, Swalwell had his sights set on becoming California’s next governor. But that journey was abruptly derailed on April 10 when news reports from the San Francisco Chronicle and CNN published that afternoon unveiled the stories of women who claim the married father of three abused them.

The Chronicle story detailed the account of one unnamed woman who previously worked for Swalwell.



FILE PHOTO BY RYAN J. DEGAN

Approximately 1,000 Bay Area residents attended Swalwell’s hometown rally in Dublin in 2019 during his short-lived campaign for president. The Tri-Valley Democrat remained in the race for only a few months, participating on the debate stage before ultimately bowing out.



Swalwell speaks at a “No Kings” rally in P

She alleged that, in different encounters between the years of 2019 and 2024, he solicited oral sex from her while she was working for him and sexually assaulted her on two occasions when she was intoxicated.

CNN shared that woman's story as well as those of three other anonymous women who told the news outlet Swalwell harassed them in various ways, including sending nude photos and unwanted explicit messages.

That day sparked a wave of backlash, with key figures within his campaign resigning and a number of his peers and colleagues withdrawing their support. He suspended his campaign on April 12 and put in his resignation from Congress two days later.

That same day, April 14, yet another woman came forward. Lonna Drewes of Beverly Hills claimed she'd been raped and that she believed she had been drugged by Swalwell during an encounter in 2018.

Swalwell has denied all of the allegations, releasing multiple statements over the course of several days that attempted to clear his name of wrongdoing and defend his reputation. However, he has in more than one statement referenced undisclosed "past mistakes in judgment".

He posted another statement from attorney Sara Azari on his behalf on April 14. He has been silent on social media since.

"These accusations are false, fabricated and deeply offensive — a calculated and transparent political hit job designed to destroy the reputation of a man who has spent twenty years in public service," Azari wrote.

"The timing, nature, and coordinated rollout of these vile and heinous allegations speak for themselves. This is neither about justice, nor the truth. This is a ruthless and shameless attempt to smear Congressman Swalwell," she added.



PROBONOPHOTO.ORG / GUY CUMMINS  
Pleasanton in October 2025.

The Pleasanton Weekly reached out to Swalwell for comment but did not receive a response by time of publication.

Despite his claims of innocence, law enforcement agencies where some of the alleged incidents took place are taking the accusations seriously and have opened investigations against Swalwell.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office said last week it was investigating the 2018 allegations, and the LA District Attorney's Office said its sex crimes division was working with law enforcement involved in the case.

Days before that, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office had said that it was investigating a sexual assault allegation against Swalwell.

On April 16, multiple media outlets reported that the Department of Justice was launching an investigation into the allegations against Swalwell, although the agency had not confirmed their investigation as of press time.

And although it is unclear at this time if any alleged misconduct occurred in Swalwell's home district, Alameda County District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson said in a statement that she is, "closely monitoring this situation, and should there be a legal process from a case originating in Alameda County, I will act with full transparency to determine the most appropriate path forward".

Additionally, Jones Dickson rescinded her endorsement of him and declined his endorsement as she campaigns to reclaim her spot as DA in the upcoming election.

Meanwhile, another question remains: Who will take over Swalwell's vacated seat in Congress?

In a proclamation issued last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom set a special election to fill the seat for Aug. 18. The winner of that election would carry out the remainder of Swalwell's current term.

Nine candidates are already on the June 2 primary election ballot seeking to succeed Swalwell in Congress for the next full two-year term beginning in January 2027.

Two weeks later, there will be a special primary election in the race to win the right to finish Swalwell's unexpired term through 2026.

As of publication time, 10 candidates had already pulled papers for the June 16 special primary, including four who are also running in the regular primary. Melissa Hernandez, Wendy Huang, Dena Maldonado and Aisha Wahab are listed on the Alameda County election site.

They are joined by former state senator Steve Glazer along with Democrat Alisha Cordes, Republican Ozel Kirkland, Democrat Jot Thiara, Republican Jack Wu and Thomas Wong who is listed with no party affiliation.

Hernandez, a fellow Dubliner and the city's former mayor, was among the many local leaders to issue statements when the allegations against Swalwell dropped, distancing



COURTESY SWALWELL CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK

Swalwell addresses a packed house of supporters at a rally during his campaign for California governor.

themselves from him and denouncing his alleged behavior.

"I never want my daughter to believe that men in positions of power can take advantage of others and face no consequences," Hernandez wrote April 11. She called the accusations "serious and disturbing" and called upon him to resign from Congress and end his gubernatorial campaign — which he ultimately did in the following days after numerous calls for him to do so.

Hernandez doubled down on her stance during the Weekly's Congressional District 14 virtual candidate forum on April 12.

Similar sentiments were echoed by the other five participants that included Carin Elam, Huang, Rakhi Israni, Matt Ortega and Wahab. (The additional three candidates on the ballot, Maldonado, Victor Aguilar Jr. and Suzanne Chenault, were not in attendance.)

When asked about the allegations against their predecessor that had just come out two days prior, all six candidates on the panel said they stood by the alleged victims and each expressed strong condemnation for sexual misconduct.



FILE PHOTO COURTESY SWALWELL'S OFFICE

Swalwell (left) and State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (center) toured rancher Russ Piazza's fire-damaged property south of Lake Del Valle following the 2020 SCU Lightning Complex fires.

this burden for years," the statement reads. "The corroboration reported by both outlets, including medical records and multiple witnesses, makes clear that this cannot be dismissed or deflected. No statement, no cease-and-desist letter, and no claim of political motivation changes what our colleague experienced."

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose District 4 includes portions of Pleasanton, wrote on Facebook April 13 that he was "shocked, saddened and disappointed" by the allegations against Swalwell.

The sentiment of his statement took more of an empathetic perspective toward Swalwell than most of the others, as he called the disgraced congressman a friend.

While noting that he stands "in firm support of sexual assault victims and can find no excuse for harm caused to them", Miley also wrote, "Rep. Swalwell's decision to suspend his gubernatorial campaign and to resign his congressional seat was, unfortunately, the only thing for him to have done for himself, his family and the electorate. I consider Rep. Swalwell a friend and have worked with him on many occasions over the years. This is a sad day for us all."

Other Bay Area leaders who issued statements responding to the scandal include Rep. Lateefah Simon (D-Oakland) and Rep. Sam Liccardo (D-San Jose). Both expressed support for Swalwell's resignation from Congress and suspending his gubernatorial campaign in their individual comments.

Liccardo also took it a step further and called out those who ignored longtime rumors of Swalwell's alleged behavior toward women.

"We are left to confront the hard truth now: too many powerful people looked the other way, and even supported a man long rumored to abuse his position to exploit young women," Liccardo wrote on social media April 14. "We must demand change." ■

## HONORING COMMUNITY PATRIOTS

### Yeaw, Robys receiving 2026 awards at museum ceremony next week

By JEREMY WALSH

Three people with long records of giving back to the Pleasanton community are set to be recognized next week during a reception outside of the Museum on Main.

Pam Yeaw and Anne and Brock Roby have been selected as the 2026 Ed Kinney Community Patriots, an annual award program named for late former mayor and councilmember that honors local residents “who exemplify through their actions love, pride, faith, belief and devotion to our community”, like Kinney did.

“I never would have believed that I’d be honored for doing something I enjoy so much!” Yeaw, a dedicated Pleasanton Police Department volunteer, said in the press release announcing the award winners. “I enjoy meeting people, and I enjoy helping the officers out.”

Yeaw gives some 130 hours per month to PPD, a familiar sight in uniform at many special events or assisting around the office or supporting police personnel in the field when crowd control is needed.

Her journey with the department started 21 years ago when she was one of the inaugural four volunteers in a new program launched by then-police chief Tim Neal.

Yeaw has been called on late at night, including one time leaving a volunteer appreciation dinner to support police investigating a fatal crash on Foothill Road from 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. But these days she often checks in early in the morning, beginning with an exercise shift at the workout space inside the department at 3:30 a.m. “That’s when I have time to myself,” she said.

She was also a board member and ambassador for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and supporter of Pleasanton North Rotary Club activities. She and husband Wayne have owned and operated Alpha Omega Printing in town for 40 years. They have three adult sons, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



CHRISTINA GRAY / BELLA LUNA STUDIOS

Pam Yeaw, 2026 Ed Kinney Community Patriot.

A recognizable couple around Pleasanton, Anne and Brock Roby are being honored for their dedication to charity and ministry in their community.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive,” Brock said in the press release. “Maybe I’m getting more out of all this than I give.”

“We like to work with people,” Anne added.

They met at Princeton University studying civil engineering, and after graduation, they followed a calling for a ministry that took them to Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Honolulu over 19 years.

The Robys moved to Pleasanton in 2001, finding the public school system ideal for supporting their first-born son Barrett, who has Down syndrome, as well as his younger brother Nick.

They soon helped create an E-Soccer program in Pleasanton, to bring together kids of all abilities on the field.



CHRISTINA GRAY / BELLA LUNA STUDIOS

Brock and Anne Roby, this year’s other Community Patriot award recipients, will also be honored at the reception Monday evening.

“It was a win-win,” Brock said. “The players loved the younger buddy-coaches, and the coaches liked being a help to the players.” Anne later chronicled those experiences and more in an original blog, “The Exceptional Journey”, sharing resources and ideas with other parents.

The Robys previously served on the boards of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley Charitable Foundation. Brock sat on the city’s Human Services Commission and was on the implementation committee for the city’s Youth Master Plan. Anne participated in Sunflower Hill, YMCA Tri-Valley and Assistance League of Amador Valley.

They are both now involved in San Francisco Bay Fellowship, establishing so-called “home churches” and mentoring church leaders in Korea and western Europe in-person

and online. He also worked as a civil engineer and she as a liaison between prep tutors and clients.

“As Margaret Meade famously said, ‘Never doubt that a small group of citizens can change the world ... it’s the only thing that ever has.’ And this year’s recipients have worked to make our part of the world a better place,” said W. Ron Sutton, founder of the award and president of the Make A Difference, Today & Always nonprofit that sponsors the annual program.

The Community Patriots reception is set for next Monday evening (April 27) outside the museum in downtown Pleasanton.

The Museum on Main will also soon be home to a permanent plaque honoring all Ed Kinney Community Patriots since the first award in 2005, with the unveiling set to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. ■

## Young actors fly with ‘Mary Poppins’ at Firehouse

PYTC presents family musical with magical nanny during next two weekends

By JEREMY WALSH

There may be no more ‘ap-pier crew than those practicing at the Firehouse Arts Center ahead of opening weekend for Pleasanton Youth Theater Company’s production of “Mary Poppins JR”.

An adaptation of the Disney movie and Cameron Mackintosh stage musical, the youth play centers on magical nanny Mary Poppins and her adventures with friend Bert, a jack of all trades including chimney sweep, and young Jane and Michael Banks and their parents.

“Compared to other junior productions, ‘Mary Poppins JR’ has a large number of songs — 31, to be exact! — that require energetic

group dances and lots to memorize. However, our cast does a fabulous job of practicing at home and they always come to rehearsal ready to work,” director Leila Brown told the Pleasanton Weekly.

“Our ensemble does such a fantastic job of contributing to the world of ‘Mary Poppins JR’, as they fill the stage with high energy dances and big character choices,” Brown said. “It gives me so much joy when an actor comes up to me with an idea. Throughout this production, it’s been my goal to promote creative choices and character work and it truly shines through the way they portray the characters.”

The PYTC production, which runs eight shows this weekend and

next at the Firehouse in downtown Pleasanton, includes two separate casts of actors — the “Kite Cast” and the “Chimney Cast”.

“‘Mary Poppins JR’ is such a heart-warming story with songs that make you dance in your seat,” Brown said. “While there are moments of pure joy in this story, there are also moments where I shed a tear. Specifically, the song ‘Feed the Birds’ gets me every time. That final stage picture where Mary and the kids look at the ensemble with understanding and empathy is so sweet and endearing.”

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from April 24 to May 3. For tickets and more information, go to [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org). ■



COURTESY FIREHOUSE ARTS

Bert and Mary from the “Chimney Cast” in Pleasanton Youth Theater Company’s 2026 production of “Mary Poppins JR”.

Pleasanton Preps sponsored by

**PARK46**  
REAL ESTATE  
Park46.com

Stephany Jenkins  
925.989.3318 DRE# 01311486  
Ashley Kenitzer  
925.895.1603 DRE# 01739482



## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill baseball stays in thick of EBAL race

Also: Dublin Pleasanton Tennis Group qualifies for nationals

The Foothill High baseball team had been on a roll, winning six straight games and were unbeaten in East Bay Athletic League.

Last week, the Falcons dropped a pair of games to Granada, falling from the unbeaten ranks. But thanks to the latest winning streak, the team is still in the thick of the EBAL race.

The first game against Granada was a 4-0 loss. Hudson Flora had a pair of hits in three at-bats for the Falcons. Carson Mendonza got a double, with Aiden Tavares and Dylan Souza adding a hit each.

The rematch saw Granada come away with an 8-2 win over Foothill.

Flora had a hit and scored a run for the Falcons. George Schmitt had

a hit and a run scored for Foothill. RJ Manicki had a double and Grant Hoenninger had a hit and drove in both Foothill runs.

#### Foothill boys' volleyball

The Falcons split a pair of matches last week, with the win qualifying them for the North Coast Section playoffs.

The week started with a 20-25, 24-26, 25-17, 14-25 loss to Livermore. Highlights came from Josh Salonga (39 assists, 8 digs, 6 service points), Jeremy Sun (14 kills, 7 digs), Thomas Paduraru (11 kills, 4 blocks) and Trey Elson (7 kills, 1 block).

The Falcons closed the week with a 25-22, 25-15, 25-20 win over California.

This time the highlights came from Salonga (27 assists, 8 kills, 8 digs), Paduraru (9 kills, 470 percentage, 2 blocks), Rushil Vadada (6 kills at .600, 5 digs) and Manav Raghuram (11 digs, 10 service points).

#### Amador JV tennis

The Dons split their matches with California and San Ramon Valley last week.

In the 6-3 loss to California, the three wins came from Samarth Mahapatra, Suvir Rao and the doubles team of Henry Bull and Avij Asarawala.

In an 8-1 win over San Ramon Valley, four of the five singles wins came from Shreyas Sattiraju, Srikar Chidipotu, Kengo Waddell and Shaurya Grover.

The doubles teams of Erik Van Slyke-Udayan Singhal, Arman Turkhan-Suvir Rao and Aryan Chawwal-Sameer Datta all got wins as well.

#### Dublin Pleasanton Tennis Group qualifies for nationals

The Dublin Pleasanton Tennis Group reached a historic milestone last month, capturing the USTA Northern California Tri-Level Invitational title held from March 20-22 at Blackhawk Country Club.



KATIE GRIMES

Eli Davidson of Foothill gets ready at third base against Granada.

The victory marks the group's ninth trip to the National Championships in just four years and their first-ever qualification in the competitive 3.0/3.5/4.0 Division.

Led by captain Gabriel Mangonon and group mentor Narayana Rao Surapaneni, DPTG has built a legacy of excellence since the post-COVID return to play.

Their impressive national resume now includes one national championship (2022), two national runners-up finishes (2024, 2025), and nine total national appearances in four years representing USTA NorCal.

The DPTG winning team features a talented lineup of Tri-Valley athletes: Devank Agarwal, Gaurav Anand,

Goutham Arra, Ritesh Bhandari, Sai Charan Kukunoor, Arjun Kumar, captain Mangonon, Mahesh Narayanan, Oliver Nono, Kiran Kumar Thungala, Bryan Wendleton, David Wiser and group mentor Surapaneni.

"While we have had great success in the 3.0 and 3.5 divisions, this is the first time we've made it to Nationals in the Tri-Level 3.0/3.5/4.0 category," Surapaneni said. "The competition in Diablo South is incredible. Our second team finished 5th overall, missing the semis by just one set. Having two DPTG teams in the top five standings alongside San Ramon and Fremont proves the immense depth of talent in our local tennis community." ■

### New public Fitness Court opens at Dublin school campus

'We know that access matters when it comes to health and wellness'

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Dublin community now has access to a free outdoor gym at the academic campus on York Drive, thanks to a partnership between the school district and the National Fitness Campaign.

Unveiled earlier this month, the Fitness Court brand exercise structure features seven workout zones (core, squat, push, lunge, pull, agility and bend) designed to let users of all ability levels set their own pace and hit all major muscle groups by leveraging their own body weight across the seven stations. The free Fitness Court App offers guided workouts and coaches.

"We know that access matters when it comes to health and wellness," Dublin Unified School District Superintendent Chris Funk said in an April 3 press release. "By bringing a Fitness Court and supportive programming into our community, we are helping remove barriers and ensuring that more students and families have the opportunity to engage in regular physical activity."

Open to students, staff and the greater community, the Fitness Court is located on DUSD's York Alternative



COURTESY DUSD

DUSD officials unveil the new Fitness Court at its York Alternative Learning Center.

Learning Center, on the west end of the track between Wells Middle School and the current Valley High School campus.

In addition to the National Fitness Campaign, the district received support from Fremont Bank and Roebbelen Construction for the project.

"By bringing an outdoor Fitness Court and digital wellness programming to Dublin, the District is creating a lasting resource that supports physical and mental wellbeing while

making fitness accessible to everyone. We are proud to partner with the Dublin Unified School District to help bring that vision to life," said Mitch Menaged, founder of National Fitness Campaign.

"The addition of the outdoor Fitness Court and digital wellness programming reflects a meaningful investment in improving health outcomes and expanding opportunities for movement, connection, and well-being across the Dublin community," Menaged added. ■



CHUCK DECKERT / HOPE HOSPICE

A look back at the 2025 Hike for Hope at Del Valle Regional Park.

### Hike for Hope

Fundraiser for hospice nonprofit next month

BY JEREMY WALSH

Supporters of nonprofit hospice care in the Tri-Valley are coming together outdoors next month for the annual Hike for Hope at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore.

Benefiting Hope Hospice, net proceeds from registrations and donations for the May 9 event support the organization's efforts to care for more than 2,000 local residents each year, regardless of their ability to pay, with end-of-life care for hospice patients and grief support and dementia education programs for caregivers, organizers said.

"More than ever, families are seeking hospice care they can trust that puts people before profit. As an independent nonprofit agency, Hope Hospice's top priority is care excellence and answering first and foremost to the patients and families we serve," said

Anthony Lupian, senior vice president of By the Bay Health's South Care region, which includes Hope Hospice.

"Community generosity through events like Hike for Hope helps sustain our mission, so we are grateful to each and every person who shows up for this in support of a great cause," Lupian added.

One of Hope Hospice's biggest fundraisers of the year, the Hike for Hope is set to run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9. Following the scenic hike in the trails and hills around Lake Del Valle, there will be a barbecue and a raffle.

Registrations remain open, with 22 teams and 210 people signed up so far, pushing Hope Hospice nearly a third of the way toward its \$150,000 fundraising goal for the 2026 event. For more information, go to TheHikeForHope.com or call 925-829-8770. ■

# Public Notices

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

Case No.: 26CV177123

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: DAVID MAURCELLUS THOMAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

DAVID MAURCELLUS THOMAS to JUDAHDAVID OLUWATOBILOBA AYODEJI OLUUMIDE

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: May 22, 2026, 9AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 03/23/2026

MICHAEL M. MARKMAN

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: 26CV179112

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: HAOUYU ZHAI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ZIRUI ZHAI to MIKE ZIRUI ZHAI

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: 05/22/2026, 9:00 AM, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA located at 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544.

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

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 04/02/2026

MICHAEL MARKMAN

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JENNIFER FREDRICA KIDDER, AKA JENNIFER FREDRIKA KIDDER, AKA JENNIFER F KIDDER Case No.: 26PR181192

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JENNIFER FREDRICA KIDDER, AKA JENNIFER FREDRIKA KIDDER, AKA JENNIFER F KIDDER.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: DIPANJAN RAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's

will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 11 2026 at 9:45 AM in Dept. 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner in Pro Per:  
Dipanjan Ray  
1616 Channing Way Apt 3  
Berkeley, CA 94703  
510-843-7090  
(PLW Apr 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

SUMMONS

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso):

25CV133618

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

Ginger Wolf, an individual; Unknown Successor Trustee of the Alice G. Strecker Revocable Trust; All Persons Unknown, Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Right, Title, Estate, Lien, or Interest in the Property Described in the Complaint Adverse to Plaintiff's Title, or Any cloud Upon Plaintiffs Title Thereto; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust, U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Collateral Trust Trustee  
LOT 927, MAP OF "FORESTLAND EXTENSION", FILED SEPTEMBER 25, 1925, MAP BOOK 4, PAGES 90 TO 93, ALAMEDA COUNTY RECORDS.

WITH THE APPURTENANCES THERETO.

Assessor's Parcel Number: 048E-7330-049-00. Commonly known as, 6962 Saroni Dr., Oakland, CA 94611

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](http://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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center

([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. *¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.*

*Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte qua la quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.*

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Oakland - Rene C. Davidson Courthouse Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Alameda 1225 Fallon 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 número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, 27368 Via Industria, Ste. 201, Temecula, CA 92590, (619) 465-8200

DATE (fecha): 07/24/2025

Chad Finkle, Executive Officer/ Clerk of the Court, Clerk (Secretario), by A. Gospel, Deputy (Adjunto)

(SEAL)

(PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

SUMMONS

CASE No. CV427856

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(A VISO AL DEMANDADO):

KEVIN SCOTT WEIGAND, JEFFREY M MOORE, MICHAEL A EVANS SR, HILDEGARD M EVANS, JAVIER CASTRO and ANTHONY ABADALLAH, and Does 1 through 100 , YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. *¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.*

*Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legates para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encantrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de /eyes de su candado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presents su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sue/do, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no canoce a un abogado, puede llama, a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programs 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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de /as Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniendose en cantacto con la corte o el alegio de abogados locales. AV/ SO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar /as cuotas y /os castos exentos por imponer un gravamen sabre cua/quier recuperacion de \$10,000 6 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.*

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Lake County Court 255 North Forbes Street, 4th Floor Lakeport, CA 95453

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la 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

DATE (Fecha): 10/23/2025

Krista D. LeVier, Clerk (Secretario)

Monica Ivceovich, Deputy (Adjunto)

(SEAL)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:

You are served as an individual defendant. (PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

CAFFEINATED COWBOY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 621946

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

1.) Caffeinated Cowboy , located at 4299 Valley Ave 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):

WISE & WHETSTONE COFFEE, LLC

413 4th Street

Petaluma, CA 94952

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/20/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 27 2026.

(PLW Apr 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 2026)

4BAY CLEANING SERVICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 622215

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

1.) 4Bay Cleaning Services , located at 4808 Bernal Ave Apt F, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

SEVGI DURAK

4808 Bernal Ave Apt F

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 April 07 2026. (PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

MISS BASIA KNITTING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 622118

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

1.) Miss Basia Knitting , located at 202 Stratus Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County. This business is conducted by: an Individual.

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

KATARZYNA SZARECKI

202 Stratus Cmn

Livermore, CA 94550

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 April 03 2026. (PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

ARISTA EXTERIORS

ARISTA EXTERIOR SYSTEMS

ARISTA SIDING SYSTEMS

ARISTA DECKING SYSTEMS

ARISTA ROOFING SYSTEMS

ARISTA SIDING & DECKS

ARISTA SIDING & ROOFS

ARISTA SIDING & EXTERIORS

ARISTA EXTERIORS CORP

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 622576

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

1.) Arista Exteriors , 2.) Arista Exterior Systems , 3.) Arista Siding Systems , 4.) Arista Decking Systems , 5.) Arista Roofing Systems , 6.) Arista Siding & Decks , 7.) Arista Siding & Roofs , 8.) Arista Siding & Exteriors , 9.) Arista Exteriors Corp , located at 5424 Sunol Blvd 10-178 Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ARISTA EXTERIORS CORP.

5424 Sunol Blvd 10-178

Pleasanton CA 94566

State of Incorporation/Organization:

California

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/17/2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 17 2026. (PLW Apr 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 2026)

*Continued on next page*

# Public Notices

Continued from previous page

STUDIO4ALL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 621330

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Studio4All, located at 1100 Pacific Marina Apt 207, Alameda, CA 94501, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
DANIELA LEMUS  
1100 Pacific Marina Apt 207  
Alameda, CA 94501  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/20/2026  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 06 2026.  
(PLW Apr 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 2026)

BN LABS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 622098

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) BN LABS, located at 4613 Shasta Ct Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
BENJAMIN NGUYEN  
4613 Shasta Ct  
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 April 02 2026.  
(PLW Apr 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 2026)

EAST WEST CONSULTANT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 621842

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) East West Consultant, located at 11324 Bay Laurel St Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SHAINA SAEED  
11324 Bay Laurel St  
Dublin, CA 94568  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/15/2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 25 2026.  
(PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

CARPEDIEM NOIR  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 622027

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) CARPEDIEM NOIR, located at 4600 TASSAJARA RD, APT 4211 Dublin, CA 94568, ALMEDA County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 10371 PLEASANTON, CA 94588  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
CARPEDIEM CLUB LLC  
PO BOX 10371  
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 March 31 2026.  
(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

GOLDEN HORIZONS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 621751

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) GOLDEN HORIZONS, located at 1665 WYLMA WAY MODESTO, CA 95350, STANISLAUS County. Mailing Address: 6005

TILLMAN COURT PLEASANTON, CA 94588  
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
BROOKSIDE HAVEN LLC  
6005 TILLMAN COURT  
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 March 23 2026.  
(PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

PHOENIX SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 621524

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) PHOENIX SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING, located at 420 CENTRAL AVE APT 211 ALAMEDA CA 94501, ALAMEDA County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
SWATI B NAPHADE  
420 CENTRAL AVE APT 211  
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 March 13 2026.  
(PLW Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2026)

DESIGN ELECTRIC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 622110

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Design Electric, located at 39 Wyoming St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
PMN DESIGN ELECTRIC, INC.  
39 Wyoming Street  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
State of Incorporation/Organization: California  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/29/1994  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on April 03 2026.  
(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

THE 680 GROUP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 622024

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) THE 680 GROUP, located at 900 Main Street, Suite 101, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
DOUGLAS ALBERT BUENZ  
900 Main Street, Suite 101  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on March 31 2026.  
(PLW Apr 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026)

**The Pleasanton Weekly is adjudicated to publish in Alameda County.**

- Fictitious Business Name
- Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name
- Name Change
- Partnership Withdrawal or Dissolution
- Petition to Administer Estate - Probate Hearing
- Notice of Bulk Sale
- Legal Summons
- Trustee Sale

**The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 pm. Visit PleasantonWeekly.com/legal\_notices/**  
For assistance email LegalNotices@PleasantonWeekly.com.

## CALENDAR

## Entertainment

**DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE** Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World Live in this Olivier award-winning interactive show. 6:30 p.m., April 24. Tickets \$55-\$85. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**TEXAS GUITAR QUARTET** The Texas Guitar Quartet is known for exciting programming, virtuosity and joyful music making. 3 p.m., April 25. Tickets \$35-\$57. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**JAZZ AT INKLINGS** Bryan Bowman, piano, Tim Devine, sax, Jim Kassiss, drums and Matt Finders, bass. 6-7:30 p.m., April 25. Reservations at [meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society](http://meetup.com/pleasanton-jazz-society).

**JON NAKAMATSU WITH PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** Music director Lawrence Kohl presents pianist, Jon Nakamatsu, a Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Gold Medalist and a Bay Area favorite. 3 p.m., April 26. Tickets \$25-\$85. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**OVER THE RAINBOW BENEFIT CONCERT** The Alan Hu Foundation presents a benefit concert to raise mental health awareness and funds for the Alan Hu Scholarship Fund. 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. For more information, visit [alanhufoundation.org/benefit-concert](http://alanhufoundation.org/benefit-concert).

**AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH GRACE O'MALLEY** Irish legend abounds with stories of Grace O'Malley (portrayed by Karen Vuranch), a pirate queen who sailed the high seas in the 16th century and fought against the conquest of Ireland by its powerful neighbor, England. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 30. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit [museummain.org](http://museummain.org).

## Scholarships

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

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

## Outdoors

**NATIVE GARDEN WORK DAYS** Tend and nurture the native gardens at Sycamore Grove Park where volunteers help provide seasonal weeding, planting, pruning and more. All levels of experience are welcome. 9-11 a.m., April 24. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org)

**BRUSHY PEAK 2-MILE LOWLANDS HIKE** Explore the magical parkland owned by LARPD known as Brushy Peak Regional Preserve which is only

open to the public by ranger-led tours. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 25. \$30R/\$33NR. Register at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORK DAYS** This spring work with LARPD Rangers to maintain trails in the upper property of Sycamore Grove Park and Patterson Ranch Trail. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., April 25. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION: EVERYDAY IS EARTH DAY** The City of Pleasanton's Earth Day celebration is a lively, family-friendly event that brings the community together to promote sustainability, environmental awareness and green living with hands-on activities for kids and giveaways. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 25. Pleasanton Library.

## Fundraisers

**SUNOL 4H PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The key fundraiser of the year for Sunol 4H club is the annual Pancake Breakfast serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, juice, coffee & milk. Adults \$15, kids \$10. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., April 26. Sunol Glen School.

**LPC RUN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION** Suit up for a fun walk and run designed for all ages and ability levels to champion education, health and wellness while supporting organizations of the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance. 9 a.m., April 25. Visit [bit.ly/LPCRUN26](http://bit.ly/LPCRUN26).

# Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Data Scientist/Personalization & Data Science in Pleasanton, CA. Hybrid worksite. May telecommute part of the week. Build production-ready models & generate insights leveraging machine learning, statistical analysis, & large-scale data. \$133,952-180,950/yr. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Email resume: [TA.Applications@albertsons.com](mailto:TA.Applications@albertsons.com), Attn: M. Mercado. Ref# 0320AG

Embarcadero Media Foundation is an independent multimedia news organization looking for talented and creative people to produce outstanding journalism and results for our advertisers through print and online. Learn more at [tinyurl.com/EMF-careers](http://tinyurl.com/EMF-careers).

To advertise here please visit [PleasantonWeekly.com/employment\\_ads/](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/employment_ads/).

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**2025 Urban Water Management Plan, Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Consistency with Delta Plan Policy WR P1**



Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) is a wholesale water supplier serving approximately 270,000 residents in Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin in Alameda County, and the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon in Contra Costa County. Zone 7 sells treated water to four retailers: City of Pleasanton, City of Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District, and California Water Service Company.

Zone 7 has updated its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), which are required to be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026. The 2025 UWMP is a planning document that reports on, describes, and evaluates water deliveries and uses, water supply sources, and conservation efforts. The UWMP also demonstrates consistency with Delta Plan Policy WR P1, "Reduce Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance" (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 5003). The WSCP provides a plan for responding to various water supply shortage conditions.

**Materials:** These plans are available for review on Zone 7's website at <https://www.zone7waterca.gov/reports-planning-documents> under Water Supply/Reliability. A limited number of printed copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis, at Zone 7's main office located at 100 N. Canyon Pkwy in Livermore; please contact Jennifer Heller ([jheller@zone7water.com](mailto:jheller@zone7water.com)) to make arrangements for pick-up (24-hour notice is required).

**Public Hearing:** Zone 7's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7 p.m. to take public comment on the Public Draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP. The meeting will be held at 100 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore, CA, and may also be viewed online and on local Channel 29. Meeting details will be posted on Zone 7's website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Board will consider adoption of the 2025 UWMP and WSCP at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7 p.m.

**Public Comments:** Public comments may be submitted via email to [jheller@zone7water.com](mailto:jheller@zone7water.com), by mail at 100 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore, CA 94551 or provided directly at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted from Wednesday, April 15, 2026, through Wednesday, May 13, 2026. All comments must be received by the close of the public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Questions regarding preparation of the UWMP and WSCP may be directed to Jennifer Heller, [jheller@zone7water.com](mailto:jheller@zone7water.com).

# LUXURY HOMES PREVIEW



COURTESY GETTY IMAGES

## Luxury Locally: Yes, it's expensive. Yes, people are still buying.

*Data shows demand for homeownership at highest level is very much alive in Tri-Valley*

BY DEVIN DAVIS

The economic forces that impact housing affordability in general also influence luxury real estate here in Pleasanton.

The National Association of Realtors reported that existing-home sales fell 3.6% month-over-month nationally during March 2026, and rising mortgage rates have led NAR to trim its sales outlook for the year.

Dr. Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, recently noted housing headwinds like softer consumer confidence and slower job growth are real, and both homebuyers and sellers feel them.

Similar trends are occurring in the Pleasanton real estate market. Overall, sales dropped from 29 homes during March 2026 compared with 39 homes during March 2025. However, that drop wasn't felt by all segments in the market.

Sales actually increased in homes priced from \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million in Pleasanton compared to March 2025, and there was almost no change in the sale of homes priced at \$3 million and more. The data tells us the demand for homeownership particularly at the "luxury" level is still very much alive.

"The Tri-Valley continues to attract buyers who are looking for quality of life and long-term value. Even when the broader numbers soften, these communities hold their own because the fundamentals are strong and people still want to live here," said Bill Espinola, 2026 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.



Devin Davis

An example of the sustained high demand for homeownership is seen in how long a home is on the market. In this case, what didn't change tells an important story. The average days on market for single-family detached homes in March 2026 was 15, which is the same amount of time that was seen a year ago.

The number of homes for sale is another indicator of where the local real estate market is heading. Pleasanton's active listings dropped about 36% year-over-year during March.

Fewer listings in a desirable market like Pleasanton can mean more competition for the right home, and that decisive action matters.

"Inventory is tightening in some of our communities including Pleasanton, and buyers who are prepared and working with a knowledgeable Realtor will be in the best

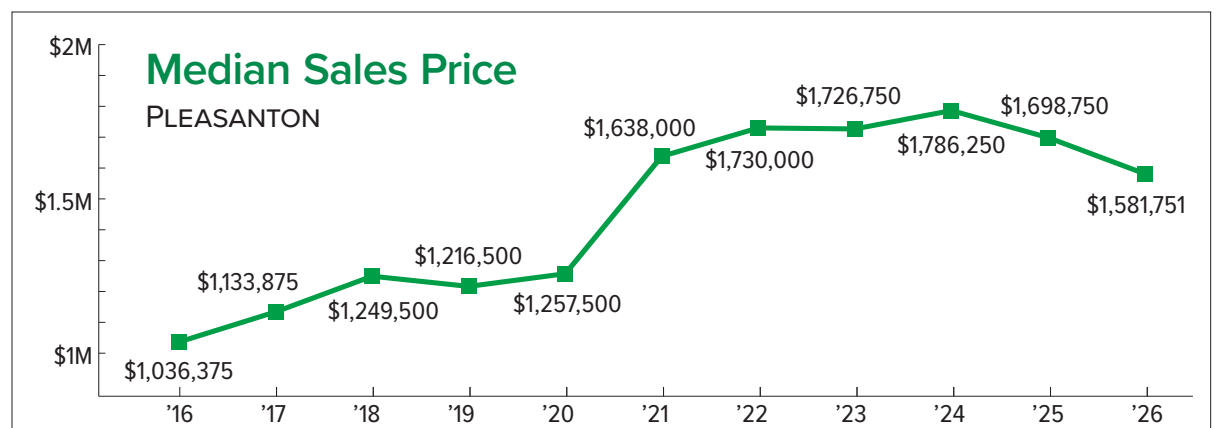
position to move quickly when the right home comes along," Espinola said.

Nationally, even with the revised forecast, NAR still projects existing-home sales to increase 4% for the full year of 2026 and expects home prices may rise about 4% as well. The foundation has not cracked.

"We're seeing a more measured market than we've seen in recent years, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. For serious buyers in the luxury tier, a more balanced pace can actually mean more time to make thoughtful decisions," Espinola said.

Working with a local Realtor who understands the microtrends within each community, not just the national averages, is more important than ever. ■

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



SOURCE: BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®



# FLASHBERGER

## REAL ESTATE GROUP

DRE# 01243871 | 01001584

Realtor®, CRS, GRI, SRES

### 925.463.0436

Sue @SoldInAFlash.com

www.SoldInAFlash.com

COMPASS

## Dave & Sue FLASHBERGER



### 4129 GRANT COURT, PLEASANTON

5 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | Great Room | Den | 4,554 Sq Ft | 18,731 Sq.Ft. Parcel

Premiere Showing Friday 4:30-6:30PM ~ Saturday 2-4PM | Offered at \$3,498,000



### 862 GRAY FOX CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

5 Bedrooms | 5 Bathrooms | 2 Half Baths | Office | Gym | Bonus Room | 4 Car Garage | 7,163 Sq Ft | 1.15 Acre Parcel

Showings Arranged By Appointment | Offered in the high \$4,000,000's



# ARMARIO HOMES

TRI-VALLEY LUXURY REALTY

## Pleasanton Luxury. Strategically Sold.

From generating multiple offers to negotiating hundreds of thousands in client advantage, Armario Homes delivers a level of strategy, precision, and execution that sets us apart.

Considering a Move This Spring?  
Let's Talk Strategy.

📞 Call or Text (925) 694-0802



6900 RIDDELL ST, PLEASANTON



DUBLIN CANYON RD, PLEASANTON

**SOLD \$2,800,000 | Represented Seller**  
Multiple offers generated | Sold above asking price

**SOLD \$4,810,000 | Represented Buyer**  
Secured \$390,000 below asking price



405 WAYLAND LOOP, LIVERMORE  
\$1,950,000



4262 TAMUR CT, PLEASANTON  
\$2,099,000



4805 KNOX GATE CT, PLEASANTON  
LISTED AT \$1,598,000

## LUXURY REPRESENTATION FOR SELLERS & BUYERS ACROSS THE TRI-VALLEY

50+ Years  
Experience

\$1.1 Billion  
In Total Sales

[www.ArmarioHomes.com](http://www.ArmarioHomes.com)



DeAnna Armario & Brianna Armario  
(925) 694-0802 | [Info@Armariohomes.com](mailto:Info@Armariohomes.com)

459 Main Street, Pleasanton  
DRE #01363180 #01967027 | Broker DRE# 02065804



THE  
**BLAISE LOFLAND  
&  
KELLY MCKAIG**

REAL ESTATE GROUP  
CONNECTING PEOPLE & PROPERTY



Blaise Lofland  
925.846.6500



Kelly Mckaig  
925.364.0327



Jacinda Lofland  
925.846.6500

blaise@blaiselofland.com

blaiselofland.com

DRE 00882113

Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.



**WE LIST, WE SELL, WE CLOSE!**

**SPRINGWOOD MEADOWS**

**NEW LISTING**



**5943 CORTE ARBOLES  
PLEASANTON**

3 BED + BONUS ROOM  
(4TH BR) & 3 BATHS

1701 SQFT OF LIVING SPACE  
ON PREMIUM LOT W/ POOL

**CALL FOR PRICING**



**CONTACT US  
TODAY  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

**PLEASANTON VALLEY**

**COMING SOON**



**1778 BEACHWOOD WAY  
PLEASANTON**

4 BED 2 BATH 2112 SQFT OF  
LIVING SPACE

SPACIOUS 8700 SQFT LOT

**CALL FOR PRICING**



**CONTACT US  
TODAY  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

This is not intended as a solicitation if your property is currently listed with another broker. The above information, is based on data received from public sources or third parties and has not be independently verified by the broker, Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty. If important to readers, readers are advised to verify information to their own satisfaction.

# Agencies adopt blueprint for Bay Area's future

*Plan Bay Area 2050+ focuses on housing, transportation, economic resiliency, environment*

BY RUTH DUSSEAUT / BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission adopted Plan Bay Area 2050+ and certified its environmental impact report last month, giving final approval to the region's long-range blueprint for transportation, housing, economic resiliency and environmental sustainability.

The plan was approved unanimously a week before by the Association of Bay Area Governments' Executive Board, concluding a nearly three-year planning process that included input from more than 17,600 residents, community organizations, advocacy groups and public agencies.

Plan Bay Area 2050+ outlines 35 strategies across transportation, housing, the economy and the environment and is intended to make the nine-county region

more affordable, connected and resilient through 2050 and beyond.

The plan emphasizes expanding affordable housing, improving equity in the reach of public transit, and addressing climate risks such as wildfires and rising sea levels.

For the first time, the plan includes a regional resilience project list. It is an inventory of infrastructure projects needed to prepare the region for roughly 4.9 feet of sea level rise in coming decades.

Michael Germeraad, associate planner with ABAG, said many of the projects on the resiliency list are conceptual in nature.

"It's meant to give the region a tool to understand the

level of funding that's needed to meet this challenge," Germeraad said. "Our approach is allowing locals or asset managers to lead an adaptation planning ... as opposed to us coming in at the regional level and suggesting a specific approach."

ABAG is the council of governments and the regional planning agency for the Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities and towns, and the MTC is the transportation planning and financing agency for the same area. The two agencies are required by the state to develop the regional plan jointly.

The Final Plan Bay Area 2050+ can be viewed at [planbayarea.org/finalplan](http://planbayarea.org/finalplan). The EIR can be found at [planbayarea.org/2050/environmental-impact-report-eir](http://planbayarea.org/2050/environmental-impact-report-eir). ■

## HOME SALES This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 9-20 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and March 16-27 for San Ramon.

### PLEASANTON

**3178 Berkshire Court** Paladini Trust to Y. & L. Qian for \$1,850,000

**16 Castlewood Drive** T. Wang to Vankayalapati Family Trust for \$1,503,000

**4436 Del Valle Parkway** K. Lu to A. & R. Casillas for \$788,000

**3259 Harvey Court** Lin & Zhang Family Trust to B. & P. Perumal for \$1,905,000

**6852 Massey Court** Wh3 LLC to S. & S. Haldankar for \$1,310,000

**8185 Mountain View Drive #C** Casson Trust to Callan Trust for \$399,000

**5995 Via Del Cielo** J. Beasley to J. Calmels for \$2,618,000

**62 Paseo Robles** Y. Wang to N. & S. Sutar for \$1,900,000

**4175 Alba Court** D. & S. Batoy to T. Richman for \$805,000

**2122 Arroyo Court #3** P. Tong to E. & R. Robertson for \$500,000

**3588 Ballantyne Drive** Silverman Trust to H. & A. Hoac for \$1,580,000

**124 Barias Place** Sanders Living Trust to M. & G. Su for \$1,500,000

**1360 Brookline Loop** Ko-Nguyen Living Trust to S. & P. Kuhl for \$1,855,000

**2712 Chocolate Street** Uma Trust to Kct Family Trust for \$1,575,000

**845 Division Street #B** A. & D. Fregoso to Callahan Trust for \$535,000

**1112 Finch Place** C. & J. Mickelson to J. & K. Dryden for \$3,400,000

**3227 Harvey Court** Lambro Family Trust to B. & H. Ding for \$2,050,000

**7435 Maywood Drive** B. Zong to N. & K. Jha for \$1,135,000

**200 Valletta Lane** M. & S. Pak to Y. & G. Tao for \$1,100,000

**3254 Verde Court** Sandbrink Trust to R. & A. Krishna for \$865,000

### LIVERMORE

**1543 4th Street** J. Hartford to M. & N. Tasto for \$830,000

**5311 Charlotte Way** Maya Holdings LLC to S. & T. Wallin for \$1,329,000

**996 Del Norte Drive** A. & M. Szeto to A. Kugman for \$645,000

**426 El Caminito** Lamb Family Trust to B. & K. Mcintosh for \$1,000,000

**303 Garden Common** S. Blackwell to L. Brandi for \$630,000

**879 Grace Street** Espinoza Family Trust to A. & T. Quazi for \$1,080,000

**589 South M Street** Overturf Family Trust to M. & S. Bass for \$1,085,000

**2105 Malbec Common** T. Cox to L. & J. Johnson for \$1,035,000

**1821 Meadow Glen Drive** Christensen Family Trust to Shuang Family Trust for \$1,280,000

**3866 Santa Clara Way** J. Mcelvogue to Tripleye Realty Spv I LLC for \$850,000

**852 Seminole Drive** K. & C. Francovich to Full Throttle Project Solution for \$750,000

**2369 Senger Street** Buck Living Trust to Lindl Family Trust for \$1,775,000

**2432 Sheffield Drive** Arlt Living Trust to C. & I. Russell for \$1,937,500

**2072 South Vasco Road** Phillips Living Trust to B. & Y. Meka for \$2,192,000

**5740 Woodrose Way** Agarwal Family Trust to M. & J. Klapperich for \$1,370,000

**632 Carla Street** I. Venkatesh to E. & D. Valle for \$1,265,000

**2599 Cooper Circle** Ehrhardt Trust to P. Lyons for \$2,450,000

**1133 Coronado Way** Bauman Family Trust to A. & N. Khayata for \$1,080,000

**2660 Covey Way** M. & K. Pope to Winslow Trust for \$2,520,000

**610 Daisyfield Drive** B. Tavakolzadeh to Y. & S. Xin for \$1,675,000

**1753 Elm Street** D. Hoyt to L. & J. Mitchum for \$950,000

**2535 Kellogg Loop** A. & P. Leisher to C. Weiner for \$1,960,000

**1059 Lakehurst Road** Anthony Family Trust to K. & C. Goularte for \$1,010,000

**318 South Livermore Avenue #104** M. Poitras to Dahlberg Family Trust for \$1,150,000

**2571 Merlot Lane** D. & T. Clark to J. & A. Sarich for \$2,150,000

**975 Murrieta Boulevard #37** Whippet Trust to Q. & Y. Shi for \$360,000

**454 Nightingale Street** Survivors Trust to E. & L. Evans for \$1,145,000

**3075 Olivoro Court** Scherbarth Trust to A & J Trust for \$2,105,000

**549 Regulus Road** Bidhar Trust to S. & V. Amirsetty for \$2,315,000

**707 Sandpiper Common** Q. Li to M. & D. Garcia for \$675,000

**1443 Wagoner Drive** Deleon Living Trust to M. & A. Vansell for \$1,100,000

**1144 Winged Foot Court** Lac Family Trust to S. & G. Nagar for \$1,318,000

### DUBLIN

**5875 Annandale Way** Sousou Trust to N. & P. Ganesan for \$3,800,000

**7109 Elba Way** Cgcc Management LLC to L. & C. Chung for \$1,460,000

**7065 Lancaster Court** S. Hollie to S & L Ventures LLC for \$1,150,000

**5851 Midnight Place #G** B. Regis to S. & S. Dani for \$1,084,000

**7724 Turquoise Street** D. Vangara to Nakanishi Living Trust for \$1,465,000

**5792 Barley Road** K. Kang to Kaustubh & Vasudha Trust for \$1,400,000

**3727 Central Parkway #28** Wong Trust to J. & N. Licudine-Gonzales for \$1,125,000

**3231 Central Parkway** K. Hiura to Y. & X. Wang for \$1,270,000

**5519 Holly Bay Avenue** J. & C. Lowe to L. & W. Budziwojski for \$1,299,000

**6013 Kingsmill Terrace** I. Esomonu to M. & A. Dhanda for \$3,000,000

**4022 Knightstown Street** B. Gupta to S. & J. Malneedi for \$1,645,000

**5789 Nugget Way** T. & S. Hakeem to V. & M. Madaka for \$1,900,000

**6468 Rosebay Court #202** D. Chan to L. & J. Mathis for \$1,015,000

**5406 Saffron Way** J. & A. Hung to S. & H. Gujja for \$990,000

**5803 Turnberry Drive** M. Trolan to A. & G. Aggarwal for \$3,300,000

### SAN RAMON

**440 Bollinger Canyon Lane #299** Zhao Family Trust to S. Tso for \$530,000

**120 Canyon Lakes Way** Mccollin Trust to E. & D. Schmierer for \$1,950,000

**7035 Emerson Lane** R. Poomrin to Hong Living Trust for \$2,850,000

**3211 Ivory Terrace** Summerhill City Village LLC to C. Jeong for \$1,312,500

**2110 Ivory Terrace** Summerhill City Village LLC to C. & T. Morrow for \$1,168,000

**3409 Loreto Drive** Burkman Trust to E. Parr for \$1,395,000

**182 Madelia Place** Ferguson Living Trust to J. & M. Leiding for \$1,550,000

**118 Mintaro Court** Warder Living Trust to N. & P. Yelugula for \$2,079,000

**126 Pebble Place** Y. Xu to Shah Family Trust for \$1,770,000

**732 Pradera Way** M. & B. Ryan to M. & L. Caine for \$1,680,000

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### PLEASANTON (FEB. 9-20)

Total sales reported: 25

Lowest sale reported: \$399,000

Highest sale reported: \$3,400,000

Average sales reported: \$1,507,037

### LIVERMORE (FEB. 9-20)

Total sales reported: 32

Lowest sale reported: \$360,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,520,000

Average sales reported: \$1,344,109

### DUBLIN (FEB. 9-20)

Total sales reported: 15

Lowest sale reported: \$1,084,000

Highest sale reported: \$3,800,000

Average sales reported: \$1,726,866

### SAN RAMON (MARCH 16-27)

Total sales reported: 13

Lowest sale reported: \$530,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,850,000

Average sales reported: \$1,679,000

Source: California REsource

**2705 Salisbury Way** E. & G. Radtke to J. & C. Lanzafame for \$2,000,000

**7742 Stoneleaf Road** Montoya Trust to D. & T. Gualdarama for \$978,000

**2240 Tahiti Drive** S. Mudhasani to S. & S. Adamski for \$1,679,000

**9695 Ashby Way** C. & J. Brunnett to Yeung Family Trust for \$1,448,000

**2035 Canyon Lakes Drive** Chen-Sun Trust to R. & M. Trolan for \$1,500,000

**2612 Durango Lane** R. Ruehl to Hall Living Trust for \$1,430,000

**3231 Sleeping Meadow Way** Zhang Family Trust to Elamparathi-Nithya Trust for \$1,960,000

**3263 Sleeping Meadow Way** X. Chen to V. & K. Shivashankar for \$2,107,000

**113 Stone Pine Lane** Gopal Family Trust to W. & S. Iritani for \$575,000

**6185 Yardley Lane** A. Pai to B. & R. Tamilselvan for \$1,065,000

Source: California REsource



**INTEGRITY AT YOUR FRONT DOOR.**  
PROUD TO SERVE THE TRI-VALLEY FOR 20+ YEARS

*Recently Sold*



**279 Bolla Avenue**

ROUNDHILL | ALAMO, CA  
4 BED • 3 BATH • 3,409 SF • 0.40 AC

**Sold for \$2,400,000**

10% OVER ASKING	8 DAYS ON MARKET
5 OFFERS	ALL CASH

*Coming Soon*

**Walnut Glen Estates**

PLEASANTON, CA  
5 BED • 3 BATH • 3,979 SF • 0.36 AC

A truly exceptional estate, privately set on a coveted cul-de-sac and offering an unparalleled blend of space, elegance, and resort-style living. Set on an expansive premium lot, this residence is designed for both grand entertaining and effortless everyday living.

**Birdland**

PLEASANTON, CA  
4 BED • 2.5 BATH • 2,100 SF • 0.21 AC

Set on a peaceful, quiet street, this two-story home offers a functional layout, and abundant natural light. Situated on a lot with no rear neighbors, the property backs directly to Pleasanton Sports Park. The backyard is ideal for entertaining, complete with a pool.

*Client Testimonial*

*"Working with Julia Murtagh has been a very rewarding experience. She has guided our daughter with the purchase of her home and two granddaughters who were looking for their first homes. All were very complimentary of her manner and expertise. Because everyone spoke so highly of Julia we decided to be one of her clients and have been extremely satisfied. We highly recommend her." – Kay & Dick B*



**The Murtagh Team**

JULIA MURTAGH DRE# 01751854  
AMY MAYERSON DRE# 02069902

**\$600M+**

**HISTORICAL  
VOLUME**

**8**

**AVERAGE DAYS  
ON MARKET**

**105%**

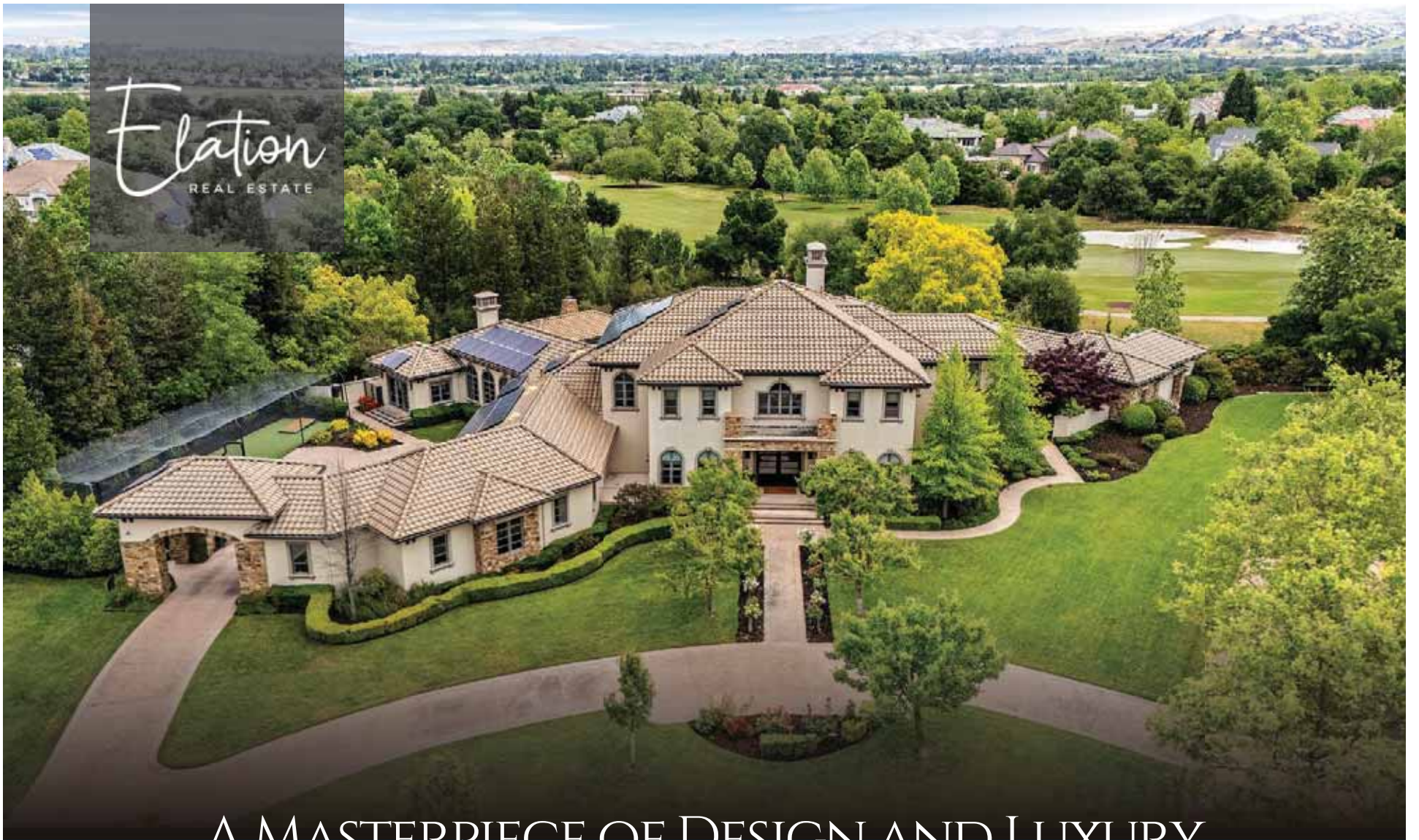
**AVERAGE SALE  
TO LIST PRICE**

**925.997.2411 | murtaghrealestate.com**

Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. License Number 01527235. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footages are approximate. Rules & Exclusions apply. Compass offers no guarantee or warranty of results. Subject to additional terms and conditions.



*Elation*  
REAL ESTATE



## A MASTERPIECE OF DESIGN AND LUXURY UNPARALLELED IN RUBY HILL



• 6 Bedrooms

• 8 Bathrooms

• 7,590 Square Feet

• 1.3 Acre Lot



**Gina Piper**  
925.200.0202  
gina@ginapiper.com  
DRE#: 01201349

**Elation Real Estate**  
127 Spring Street #230  
Pleasanton, CA. 94566



This stunning estate is a masterpiece seamlessly blending art and luxury, with a quality rarely seen in Ruby Hill. The meticulously curated finishes and fixtures, and quality craftsmanship combine to create an experience that must be seen in person to appreciate, and will exceed the expectations of the most discerning buyers.

OFFERED AT \$8,500,000



• Guest House

• Pool & Spa

• 5-Car Garage

• Owned Solar



Contact Gina to schedule a private showing or consultation

Scan the QR code to visit the property website for additional pictures and details, or visit [www.RubyHillLuxury.com](http://www.RubyHillLuxury.com)



View Property

# VENEMA HOMES

EXPERIENCE



EXCELLENCE

## \$22 Million In Active Inventory, 1 Local Team

*From \$13.5 Million to \$465 Thousand, Venema Homes represents every corner of the Tri-Valley market with the same luxury standard.*



**1515 Germano Way**

**\$13,500,000 | Open House Saturday 1-6**



**Open  
Sat/Sun 1-4**

**2270 Doccia Court  
\$2,695,000**



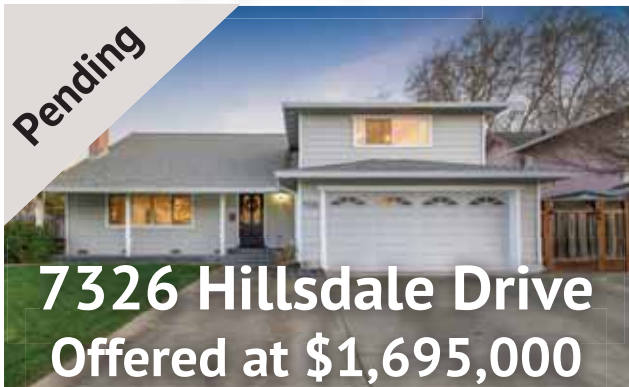
**Open  
Sat/Sun 1-4**

**1131 Mataro Court  
\$2,049,000**



**Open  
Sat/Sun 1-4**

**4073 Stanley Boulevard  
\$1,895,000**



**Pending**

**7326 Hillsdale Drive  
Offered at \$1,695,000**



**Coming  
Soon**

**1202 N P Street  
\$878,000**



**Coming  
Soon**

**2243 Segundo Court #2  
\$465,000**



**Led by Liz Venema, Powered by Venema Homes**



VenemaHomes.com | Liz@VenemaHomes.com | 925.413.6544 | 660 Main Street, Pleasanton | DRE# 01922957