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# VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

## The family that brews together...

The pandemic raised all sorts of problems — and solutions — for ordinary folks. I'm not referring to medical personnel or the seriously challenged but those of us who just tried to cope the best we could. One dilemma: How to stay close to adult children who no longer lived at home and we now could not see.

Susan and Lou Astbury of Pleasanton arrived at a tasty solution along with their son Trey, Foothill High class of 2004, who lives in Oakland. He has been a home beer brewer for years and wanted to continue, even as the stores carrying the ingredients closed. He also wanted to keep seeing his folks and thought they might help with the endeavor.

"As long as we were careful, he thought he could brew beer in our garage with me in my newly created role as the assistant brewer," recalled Susan with a laugh.

"In the beginning of the pandemic, we were extra cautious," she continued. "Wearing masks, gloves, turning our ping pong table into a sanitization station, and armed with antibacterial wipes — this was our way of life, brewing in the garage."

They left the garage door open for ventilation, ignoring inclement weather, and drew the curiosity of neighborhood bugs and bigger critters, including wild turkeys.

"Trey, an experienced brewer, did the actual brewing, and I was responsible for assisting and maintaining control when he returned to sheltering in place in Oakland," Susan said.

Susan, who works for TV30, had shifted to a home office like the rest of us, and now she assumed this extra challenge.

"My new responsibility every morning was to try to check beer temps, detect leaks ... and report to back to Trey," she said. "One time, I felt lightheaded sticking my head in his fermentation chamber. I learned that CO2 produced by fermentation can leave you with a woozy feeling and can even cause you to pass out."

Susan sent her son photos and videos to keep him apprised of the situation.

Now she points out that she



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Trey Astbury enjoys the product brewed in his parents' garage during the pandemic.

knew nothing about making beer — or even drinking it — but she was pleased to worry about something besides COVID, plus to do something together with Trey.

Soon the activity in the garage drew curious neighbors, even back when people were afraid to venture out much.

"As soon as the garage door opened, it became an excuse for people to come over and make contact," Susan remembered. "Just standing at the end of the driveway, having an opportunity to talk to another human being became a diversion from COVID worry."

Neighbors began to request certain beers and they asked Trey for advice. Trey also brought his folks a sourdough starter, and they all enjoyed the results.

"Beer and bread were a winning combination," Susan said.

The Astburys are fully vaccinated now and, like all of us, are venturing out. But to Susan, the year of sheltering in place will always include this special memory.

"It seems like a dream, but in the end, we're still brewing and I'm still the assistant brewer," she noted. "Who knows what the future holds — but I think beer will still be playing a role." ■

*Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," appears on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.*

### About the Cover

Wente Vineyards welcomes club members back for a special Mother's Day luncheon, among the special events the Livermore winery has been hosting as pandemic restrictions ease. Photo by Cierra Bailey. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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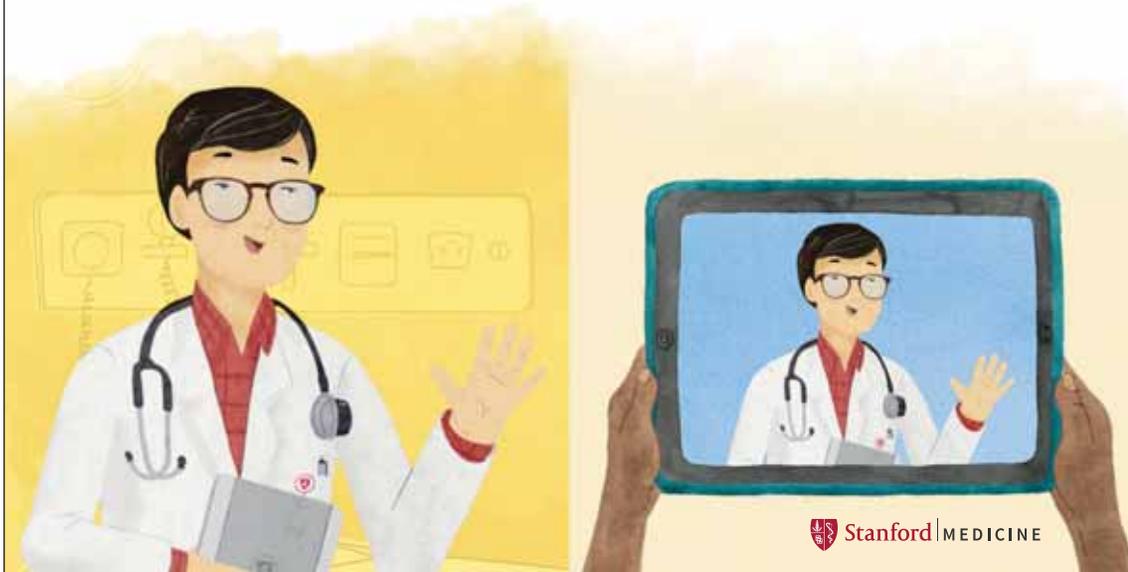
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# Streetwise

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## How are the weekend closures of Main Street to car traffic impacting your downtown business?



**German Carlucci**  
*Restaurant owner*

The closures have been great for our business. It is only because of the street closures last summer that we were able to stay in business. We really hope the weekends of "No Cars on Main" will continue permanently, weather-permitting, of course.



**Jon Magnusson**  
*Restaurant owner*

As awful as this pandemic has been, good has come out of it through the weekend street closures. They have totally revitalized the town. Everyone should come out to experience it. It feels like being in Europe. Our city is alive again with people. And that has been great for business.



**Art Sanchez**  
*Restaurant manager*

It has been wonderful, not just for the businesses that have been suffering during the pandemic, but for everyone. For me, it is all about the community spirit. I love seeing families out with their kids and dogs, playing and bicycling and scootering and dancing, right in the middle of the street.



**Sonu Bandesha**  
*Restaurant owner*

We are doing so well because of it, as we've been able to expand our dining area into the street. I am so happy that so many people are able to enjoy our outdoor dining and are so willing to be able to patronize our business this way.



**Jennifer Chan**  
*Flower shop owner*

The weekend closures have enabled so many more people to dine and walk and shop downtown. It has helped the business. More people out on Main Street is always good.

— Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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## DIGEST

### Makers Market

The Livermore Downtown Makers Market street festival returns this weekend, revamped to be COVID-compliant. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, festival-goers can expect retail, artist, and craft-maker booths along First Street from L Street to Maple Street.

Shoppers will have an opportunity to visit Blacksmith Square on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a makers market hosted by boutique Vault California followed by the Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and BATCH Makers Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

While organizers said there will be no food or alcohol vendors as part of the street festival, downtown restaurants will be open for service. Several of them will be offering "Flights and Bites" specials with proceeds benefiting the event.

Admission to the festival is free. Learn more at [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com).

### The Wave reopening

Dublin city officials this week announced the return of recreational swimming at The Wave for the summer season starting Memorial Day weekend.

All state and county health guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of all guests and Wave staff, officials said.

Rec swimming will resume on May 29 in both the outdoor Sports Pool and the indoor Natatorium, with two time slots available daily for paid entrance. Pre-registration is required, as park capacity will be limited. Reservations will open today at [www.DublinRecGuide.com](http://www.DublinRecGuide.com).

The start of recreational swimming also marks the return of the birthday party program. Pending the status of California's planned reopening, The Wave Waterpark (which includes the Splash Zone and the Waterslide Tower) could reopen in mid-June.

For more information, visit [www.thedublinwave.com](http://www.thedublinwave.com) or call 925-574-4800.

### Positive case

Granada High School in Livermore notified members of the campus community last week that a student participating in on-site learning has tested positive for COVID-19.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District staff said the case was contracted outside of the campus and as of now, there isn't a necessity to close the school or suspend activities.

District officials did not comment on when the student tested positive. No spread originating from this case has been documented to date. ■

## Focus on the future: Council finishes drafting work plan

Housing sites, roadwork, cricket fields, plastics, Century House among key talking points

By JULIA BAUM

After more than seven hours of discussion spanning two meetings, the Pleasanton City Council recently wrapped up business on the city's draft work plan for the next two years that is now headed for ratification.

About 90 items are expected to guide the council and city officials in their decision-making for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years, as well as how to allocate funds and staffing toward realizing those goals.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the work plan "serves as the basis for the development of our two-year work plan, but also our two-year budget and our capital improvement plan which will be presented in June."

The council completed the biennial planning process on May 4, following a special meeting and workshop the previous week that lasted six hours and was

continued to the following week at Mayor Karla Brown's request.

City staff, residents and other stakeholders in the community all gave input during the two meetings on the comprehensive list of various projects, many of which are expected to become Pleasanton's top priorities once the council approves the 27-page document at their next meeting.

"Tonight's discussion is really not about the debate of the policy implications of the items that are before you or even the options will be considered," Fialho told the council during the second meeting. "Rather, today is whether or not to spend any time or resources on the issues that you'll see for prioritization over the coming two years."

Fialho added, "The details, the analysis, the options will come at a later time."

The last work plan was completed about a year before the

pandemic started and brought out nearly 300 resident speakers and attendees for the public debate, but this year's online format had many call in during the April 28 workshop.

In particular, about half of the approximately 100 callers during the April 28 meeting's three-hour public hearing urged the council to prioritize developing a cricket field and facilities in Pleasanton.

Youths complained about practicing before 7 a.m. just to get a shot at using local facilities when they're available, while parents lamented they were spending hours "just commuting and driving" their children for practices every week.

The cricket fields were originally listed a "C-level" priority status — meaning they wouldn't have been started in the next two years — but Brown said, "We heard from almost 50 residents today saying can we move this forward

faster than a C level," then asked her colleagues to "consider raising this up to an A, at very least a B to get cricket pitch started in Pleasanton."

Councilmember Kathy Narum concurred that "it's time to make this a priority" and said "we've heard that pretty loud and clear."

Other residents were also very vocal at the April 28 workshop about a staff proposal to pave over a large portion of the open green space at Bicentennial Park, in order to add parking for the historic Century House in Santa Rita Road. In the end, the council agreed to evaluate alternative options and prioritize a master plan to renovate the Century House for future use as an event space.

Some items with majority or unanimous council support are local public works projects, such as repairing and replacing sound

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## Funk named DUSD superintendent

San Jose schools leader taking helm in Dublin on July 1

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin Unified School District's leadership has turned a new page with the unanimous appointment of San Jose area administrator Chris Funk as its new superintendent by the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday.

Maintaining social distancing and wearing a face mask, Funk appeared in person at the board meeting, where he thanked the district for "entrusting me to be your next superintendent of Dublin."

"I am leaving a lot of political capital in San Jose to come to Dublin but I assure you the energy and the focus, the partnerships that are available, the collaboration needed to continue to make this district a destination for our students and for our employees," Funk said, also adding he was "just excited to get started."

Funk is coming to Dublin after working nearly the past decade as superintendent of the East Side Union High School District.

Starting in July 1, Funk will become DUSD's first permanent leader in more than two years, following former superintendent



Chris Funk, new superintendent of Dublin Unified School District.

Leslie Boozer's sudden departure in March 2019. After Boozer's exit, the district brought in former Dublin High School principal and retired Newark superintendent Dave Marken to temporarily lead.

Marken agreed to stay on for two years, to give the district and board enough time to find a permanent leader, but he abruptly stepped down at the end of his first full year, in June 2020. The exact reason Marken parted ways with DUSD was never disclosed, but the move came just

weeks after disagreements over reopening plans and a tentative agreement between DUSD and the Dublin Teachers Association was voted down, against Marken's recommendation.

Daniel Moirao was then brought in to serve as interim superintendent this school year.

A nationwide recruitment to find DUSD's next permanent superintendent was started two years ago, and included feedback from multiple stakeholders including the DTA, California School Employees Association, Dublin Partners in Education, Alameda County Office of Education, student and city leadership, and others.

As part of the search, a 15-person Community Interview Committee was formed. After the first round of interviews, candidates were selected for an additional interview with the committee, who then consulted with the board to help select the final candidate.

When the DUSD trustees publicly identified Funk as their top choice for permanent superintendent on May 6, pending successful contract negotiations and

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## Man killed crossing Stoneridge with dog

Driver stayed at scene, cooperated with officers, PPD says

By JEREMY WALSH

A Pleasanton man was killed and his pet dog injured when they were hit by a vehicle while trying to cross Stoneridge Drive from a neighborhood east of Santa Rita Road on Monday morning, according to police.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the victim as Mark Fiala, 66.

The cause of the crash, including who was at fault, remains under investigation, according to Sgt. Marty Billdt of the Pleasanton Police Department.

The situation unfolded just after 6 a.m. Monday when Fiala and his dog were walking northbound on Newton Way and crossing Stoneridge Drive inside the crosswalk when both were struck by a vehicle traveling eastbound on Stoneridge, according to Billdt. The four-way

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# Livermore men charged with murder for killing at motel

Late-night shooting appears to be gang-related, LPD says

By JEREMY WALSH

Two men from Livermore face first-degree murder and gun charges, as well as potential enhancements for prior convictions, in the wake of the shooting death of another local man at the Motel 6 in town in what police said appears to have been a gang-related killing last weekend.

Phe N. Phan, 27, and Ronnie Ray Martinez Jr., 29, were booked into the Santa Rita Jail after being



Ronnie  
Martinez Jr



Phe  
Phan

arrested in Tracy on Saturday evening, according to Livermore police

Sgt. Steve Goard. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed formal charges against both men on Tuesday.

Court documents identified the victim as Emilio Molina, 24, of Livermore.

Martinez and Phan were arraigned in court on Wednesday morning, but entry-of-plea was pushed out until next month, according to the DA's office. It was not immediately clear whether the

two defendants are represented by attorneys yet.

Livermore Police Department officers responded to the Motel 6 just off the freeway on Lassen Road after receiving multiple calls reporting that a shooting had occurred there around 11:55 p.m. Friday. Officers arrived to find a 24-year-old man on the ground outside a motel room with a life-threatening gunshot wound, according to Goard.

Molina was transported to Eden

Medical Center in Castro Valley, where he succumbed to his injuries at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, authorities said. An online fundraiser created this week to support Molina's family said he was the father of three children.

"LPD detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation, quickly developing and following up on leads," Goard said.

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## FUNK

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background check, DUSD Board President Dan Cherrier praised Funk as "exceptionally qualified to lead our district, now and into the future."

"The process of selecting a superintendent for a school district with all the complexities found in Dublin is not easy," Cherrier said in a statement. "Dublin is a unique environment and the Board needed to be confident that the selected candidate has the skills needed to address our current growth challenges while maintaining academic excellence,

being vigilant regarding issues of equity, and positioning the district for future success."

With more than three decades in public education, Funk has been ESUHSD superintendent for the past nine years but last summer announced he would be stepping down from there at the end of this school year.

In a letter to the East Side district, Funk said in August he would remain on board through June 2021 "to provide a smooth transition as the Board seeks their new superintendent and I seek new personal opportunities."

According to a report by San Jose Spotlight, Funk said his

pending departure from ESUHSD wasn't on the best terms, with many disagreements stemming from the district's deficit problem, and that he couldn't "lead in this environment anymore."

"I want to help us get through this pandemic and hopefully release some of the pressure allowing new thoughts for solving the deficit to come to fruition. That's the only reason why I'm stepping down," Funk told San Jose Spotlight.

Funk, a native of San Jose, graduated with a master's in social science from San Jose State University before starting his career in education as a teacher

with ESUHSD, then served in various leadership roles at San Jose Unified School District before later returning to ESUHSD. He currently lives in San Jose with his wife, Leslie, and has two grown sons that also live in the Bay Area.

The Dublin school board affirmed terms for Funk's contract in closed session and then voted 4-0 to approve the agreement on Tuesday.

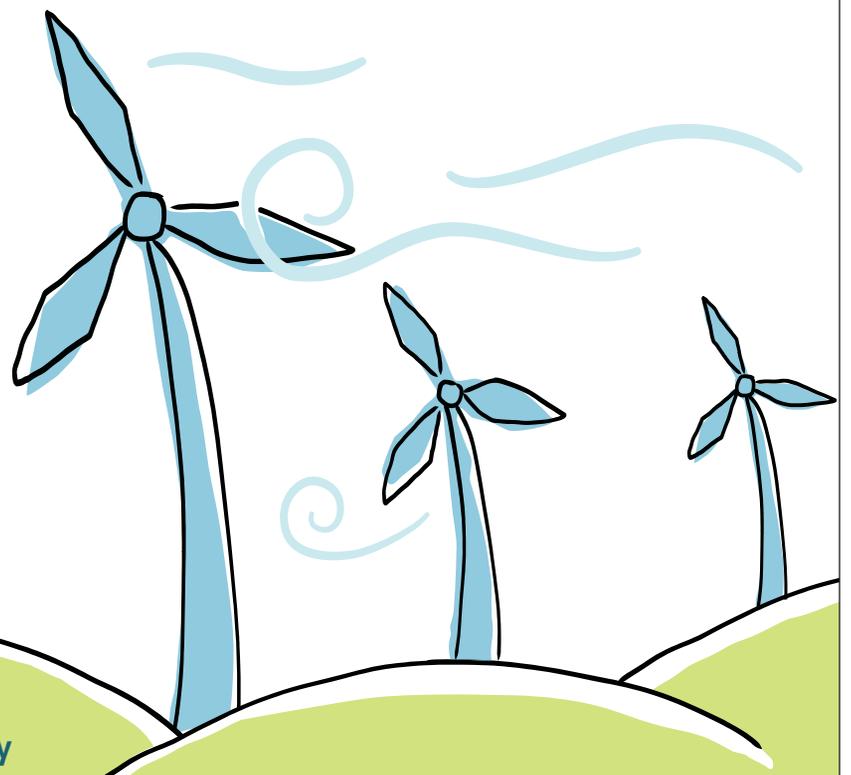
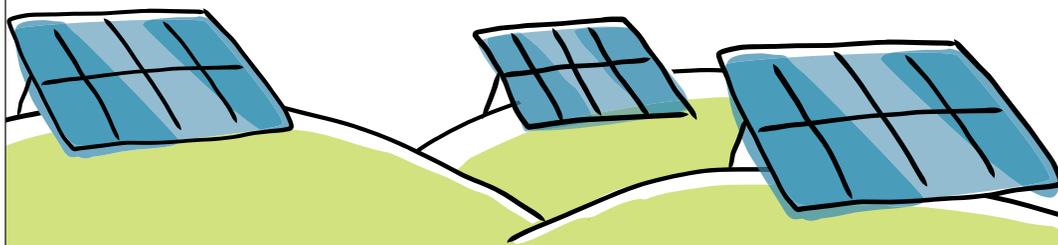
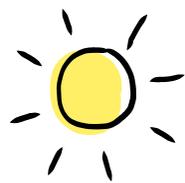
According to his contract, which is effective July 1 and initially runs until June 30, 2024, Funk will receive \$344,500 for his first year with DUSD "and shall receive the appropriate

amount of the designated annual salary on a pro rata basis for days/months worked in the 2021-22 school year." The salary schedule for the superintendent position at DUSD caps out at \$371,000.

Funk's appointment comes during a time when the district is trying to fill the vacant trustee position in Area 3, after former trustee Catherine Kuo was fatally struck by a car at Fallon Middle School in March. The board is scheduled to interview three candidates for the open seat at a special meeting next Tuesday (May 18). ■

Editor's note: Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.

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### Automotive Technology

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### Commercial Music

July 5-9, 2021 | 9am to 2pm | Via Zoom  
\$100 per student | Age Group: 14-18

Making Music for Film and Games: The Commercial Music summer camp will be action filled with creating short pieces for film scenes and game projects. It will cover the basics of the topics covered in the Scoring for Film and Multimedia course including an intro to Logic Pro X and using MIDI to create music digitally. This camp is for people with at least some musical experience (familiar with notes, scales, and rhythms), and a willingness to dedicate time to creating. We will be using Logic Pro X, a Mac based program, but will be accessible for PC users, or those who do not have their own license, through a remote access application.

## Graphic Design & Digital Media for High School Students

July 12-15, 2021 | 9am to 2pm | Via Zoom  
\$100 per student | Age Group: 15-18

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July 12-15, 2021 | 10am to 3pm | Via Zoom  
\$100 per student | Age Group: 15-17  
Information: commed@laspositascollege.edu

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# PUSD aligns elementary instructional minutes

Also: Board reinstalls temporary grading policy allowing Credit/No Credit marks

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District will align instructional minutes to fix inconsistencies in learning time and teacher-to-student contact at its nine elementary schools, but the Board of Trustees agreed last week that each site should collaborate and have the flexibility to decide their own bell schedule.

"At the end of the day, it's the individual school site in consultation with their teachers that will determine what programmatic structure that they do at that school site," Board President Joan Laursen said before voting at the board's regular meeting May 6.

By aligning instructional minutes, the district said that "daily schedules may vary by school site, but the total yearly minutes for students will be consistent throughout the district by grade level."

An audit of elementary instructional minutes at PUSD was conducted while planning for the 2021-22 school year comparing pre-COVID and the onset of Senate Bill 98, which requires California public schools to offer in-person instruction as much as possible. There was "a wide variance" reported in how many instructional time students received as well as teacher-to-student contact time, according to staff.

"We want to come into compliance with Ed Code for the main reason we are currently disadvantaging some of our students who aren't getting the same number of instructional minutes — whether or not they're getting staggered — as other students in our district," Laursen said.

Staggered start and end times were identified as the starting point for many of the discrepancies in instructional minutes compared to sites that follow a consistent schedule. The audit also found slight variations in recess or lunch minutes contributed

to differences in instructional minutes and teacher-to-student contact for third through fifth grades.

All schools met the minimum instructional time requirement, but "major inequalities in time" resulted in some kindergarten, first- and second-grade classes receiving 22 to 24 school days worth of extra instructional minutes compared to others, according to the audit.

Laursen explained the varying bell schedules started because at one point "everybody was doing staggered, and we had school sites come to us...and said 'we want to change, we want to do something differently.'"

"The board didn't say 'no you can't do that,'" Laursen said. "That's why we have some (sites) that do staggered and some that don't."

Several teachers shared their thoughts on staggered schedules and reading instruction during open comment, with most emphasizing the importance of smaller classes, especially for their youngest students that are learning foundational skills.

Alisal Elementary teacher Erin Salcido said her first-graders "have benefited from having a smaller class size ratio of 12 to 1, less noise, and less distraction," and that "adding more minutes does not equate to more learning nor does it accelerate a child's learning."

"Are you aware that many first-graders are coming into next year without ever being in a classroom?" Salcido said. "We are just starting to come out of a pandemic and by providing first-graders with a 45-minute small class environment, that gives students academic confidence, stabilizes their social and emotional needs, and gives students more individualized instruction from their teacher."

Trustee Kelly Mokashi said she was struggling with "the notion that

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# ACFD hoisting new flags in hazardous fire weather

Alert residents to Red Flag Warning days

Starting this month, two dozen fire stations around Alameda County are hoisting flags during dangerous fire weather conditions.

The fire weather flags are aimed to warn the public on Red Flag Warning days to refrain from activities that could inadvertently ignite fires.

Those activities include yard work with combustion engine equipment, discarding smoking materials, and driving or parking on grassy areas.

The new banners will fly under the U.S. flag for the duration of Red Flag Warning conditions. Flag

protocols will be observed, including half-staff conditions when only the Stars and Stripes would fly.

The flags are being distributed to the county's 27 stations, said Jo Leal, spokesperson for the Alameda County Fire Department.

ACFD serves unincorporated areas, along with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the cities of San Leandro, Emeryville, Dublin, Union City and Newark. ■

—Bay City News Service

# Dublin honors community's best in 2020 at award ceremony

City celebrates Citizen of the Year, Mayor's Award, more

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin residents who have contributed significantly to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic were celebrated during a virtual ceremony late last month, where Dublin city leaders also announced the 2020 Citizen, Young Citizen and Organization of the Year.

"While the global pandemic caused the cancellation of many traditional events in the past year ... the hard work dedication and kindness of our community volunteers could not be canceled," said Mayor Melissa Hernandez, who gave opening and closing remarks, and presented several awards at the event.

Councilmembers Sherry Hu, Michael McCorriston and Jean Josey also presented awards and gave remarks during the April 28 ceremony, which was originally broadcast live. The ceremony also featured a remote appearance by Vice Mayor Shawn Kumagai, who was off fulfilling his service commitments in the U.S. Navy Reserves, as well as nominees and local volunteer organizations via a Zoom video conference.

Hernandez said the event "may look a little different than in years past, but we cannot let the amazing work of the many volunteers in our community go unnoticed and uncelebrated."

The past year was a time "when our local organizations truly rose up to meet the challenges brought by the pandemic," Hu said. "These

groups made certain that students had school supplies, families had the food on the table, and healthcare workers had protective equipment they needed to continue their work in serving lives."

Open Heart Kitchen won the Mayor's Award, which is given to those the mayor believes "have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Dublin community in the past year," according to the city.

In receiving the award, Open Heart Kitchen CEO Heather Greaux said demand for their meal service has intensified since the pandemic and thanked the "dedicated staff and volunteers who have served on the front lines this past year."

"Because of city support and continued donations for local residents, we've been able to meet that increased demand for our services as long as the demand for food exists," Greaux said. "We will continue to help the hardest-hit individuals and families in the Tri-Valley and help them gain stability in their lives."

Connie Mack, recipient of this year's Mayor's Legacy Award, which goes to an individual or group for their "extraordinary, long-term dedication to the Dublin community," thanked the city and said she was "surprised and I'm totally honored, so thank you for even thinking of me."

Dublin's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year are both nominated for exemplifying the Dublin Integrity In

Action's 10 Characteristics; Michael D'Ambrosio is the 2020 Citizen of the Year while Anya Sengupta won the Young Citizen of the Year, which is given to Dublin youths in first through 12th grade for their volunteerism. Each winner's favorite charitable organization will receive a \$300 contribution.

"Although this last year was a tough year, it was remarkable to see the Dublin community helping and supporting each other," Sengupta said, and D'Ambrosio thanked the Dublin City Council for the recognition, as well as his loved ones "for supporting my crazy ideas."

"During all of this, many of us have felt alone but when this group was founded, we all became alone together," D'Ambrosio said.

Local youth club Breaking BEAR-riers, which aims to "bring together their peers ... by building a better community around them" and has continued its programs during the pandemic such as gardening, was named Dublin's 2020 Organization of the Year. The organization also won a \$500 cash prize along with the title.

All of the winners will also be recognized at the Dublin City Council meeting next Tuesday (May 18). The Dublin Volunteer Recognition Awards will be rebroadcast on Tri-Valley Community Television (TV30) through the end of May and can also be seen online at [trivalleytv.org](http://trivalleytv.org). ■

## PUSD

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if the staggered schedule goes away, that small group instruction engagement with our students cannot go to the wayside."

"This is personal for me; I have a daughter that is a struggling reader and so she does benefit with that smaller group instruction," Mokashi said. "But what I don't want to have is a message that even if we align these minutes and get some consistency across the board, that that small group instruction engagement is going to go to the wayside."

Teachers "need help with this transition, and so the district will have to support, to do that, and help make this transition so that our students

don't lose out," Mokashi added.

### In other business

• Middle and high school students that are struggling either with remote learning or transitioning to in-person instruction will receive Credit/No Credit marks instead of failing grades on their report card, after the board unanimously approved the same temporary grading policy for the second semester that was in effect for the first semester this academic year.

Students in grades 6 to 12 who earn a D letter grade this semester will instead receive a CR mark on their report card, while F letter grades will be replaced by NC marks. In both cases, students still may need to retake the course in question in order to satisfy graduation or

college admission requirements.

The district said a CR/NC mark does not affect a student's GPA negatively like a D or F grade, and that the policy allows students who are failing "to avoid the immediate impact on the transcript until the course is remediated."

Extra grade weighting for A, B and C grades earned in Advanced Placement and Honors-level courses will be upheld, as will all other passing grades for students in regular classes. The temporary grading policy will also be applied to students in special education or with an IEP or 504 plan.

State legislation that would allow families to request changing their student's letter grades during the pandemic to Pass/No Pass also prompted PUSD to revisit its policy. ■

be evaluated by a veterinarian, the sergeant said.

The driver, whose name has not been revealed publicly, remained at the scene and cooperated with police, according to Billdt. They were released from the scene.

Several witnesses also stayed and talked to officers, Billdt said. The collision remains under investigation

by the department's traffic unit. It has not been determined whether alcohol or drugs were a factor.

Portions of Stoneridge Drive were closed for nearly five hours during the investigation and cleanup Monday morning.

Anyone with information about the crash can contact Pleasanton PD at 925-931-5100. ■

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## STONERIDGE

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intersection has traffic lights and is near the area where Stoneridge Drive transitions from 35 mph to 40 mph in the eastbound direction.

Fiala died from his injuries at the scene. The dog appeared to have sustained minor injuries but will

# Livermore company develops first rapid saliva COVID-19 test

KAYA17 seeks to provide quick testing for travel, schools and students

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Coronavirus vaccination numbers continue to grow throughout the Tri-Valley and nation, but local company KAYA17 has found that there is still very much a need for quick and accurate COVID-19 testing and has dedicated itself to developing new rapid methods.

Most recently, the Livermore-based startup has developed the first-ever rapid COVID-19 test that is non-invasive and saliva-based. It is able to detect the virus with up to 98% accuracy in 15 minutes.

“KAYA17 test is basically a rapid saliva-based COVID test that can give you results within 15 minutes, and it’s a saliva test so we don’t have to poke your brains out,” said KAYA17 CEO and co-founder Sulatha Dwarakanath.

“We would be the first rapid saliva test. There are saliva tests that take place in the lab, so that’s where we compare it to ... (but) we will be the first rapid saliva test for COVID-19.”

“Initially there was a lot of disbelief about saliva tests, but we’ve really done it and showed people that it can be done (accurately),” added co-founder and CTO Srinagesh Satyanarayana.

While many organizations are focused on developing and administering vaccinations to quell the coronavirus pandemic, KAYA17 recognizes that the pandemic is still ongoing and there are centers that are still in dire need of testing.

Schools are one such institution that will still need testing, particularly as schools begin to return to in-person learning and young

people are not yet eligible to receive vaccinations — Alameda County allows residents 16 years old and above to receive the vaccine.

Airports, terminals and other large transit stations are also key areas that will need quick testing for people seeking to travel internationally or to any location that requires COVID-screening prior to arrival.

KAYA17 is generally cost-effective as well, according to Dwarakanath, who said that tests are \$25 each to run without pooling tests. With federal support, pooling can reduce costs to \$15 a test.

Speed is also a key component of the test. With one KAYA17 “reader” — a briefcase with a full selection of testing equipment — officials say 30 tests can be administered in the span of one hour.

With five readers, that comes out to 150 tests in an hour.

Satyanarayana added that, while a user needs to be careful when conducting a test, they are also created with ease of use in mind.

“A lot of people like that, in addition to using saliva, running the test is very simple. Running the test is very easy when it comes to training someone to do it. You can easily train a school nurse to do it. It doesn’t necessarily require a high level of skill to do it,” Satyanarayana said. “I mean you do have to be careful when running staples, but it is very easy to learn.”

KAYA17 hopes to receive federal funding and approval to help bring its rapid test to the public.

Company officials offered a tour of the facility to local U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore)

— who himself received a KAYA17 test that would come back negative — on May 6 as part of their effort to gain federal support.

“Testing is becoming more and more important for younger people who are not yet vaccinated. We are opening it up soon to 12- to 15-year-olds getting vaccinated, but still that is a critical age group that can transmit. So for schools in particular you are still going to need tests until we get to immunity. Even as variants come in, it’s going to be important to deploy these testing resources as quickly as possible,” Swalwell said.

“My focus is supporting anything that can reopen schools as quickly as possible and also facilitate domestic and international travel so we can get this economy moving,” he added. ■

## WORKSHOP

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walls on Stoneridge Drive as well as West Las Positas Boulevard and Valley Avenue designing lighting improvements on St. Mary Street from Peters Avenue to the Railroad Parking Lot, conducting a facility

assessment of Amador Theater, implementing renovations at Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks, and designing improvements for Fire Station No. 2.

Others relate to continuing work on the first phase of the Bernal Park Community Garden, updating the city’s water and sewer master plans (including city connection fees)

plus utility rates, adopting a 10-year infrastructure and facilities replacement plan, and developing a planning framework for the Stoneridge Shopping Center area.

Housing also is prominent throughout the work plan from the Merritt property senior housing development, updating the city’s Housing Element, and monitoring related legislation, to restarting the East Pleasanton Specific Plan.

Regional priorities for the council include continued support for widening to four lanes on Highway 84 between Pigeon Pass and I-680, completing plans to connect BART to Valley Link, and designing a permanent reconstruction of West Las Positas.

At first, a proposal for an ordinance to reduce single-use disposables and plastics from retail and dining establishments had the support of just one council member, but it was unanimously boosted to a B priority after nearly a half hour of deliberation at the May 4 meeting.

Councilmember Julie Testa was originally the sole supporter of creating a local ordinance to decrease waste from plastic forks, knives and other disposable cutlery in local restaurants and retail establishments. The proposal was also on the last work plan but Testa said she was “horrified” by the proliferation of plastic utensils from restaurant takeout and food delivery during the pandemic, and wanted to address the issue sooner.

“Everything is being given to us in massive amounts of plastic and I think it’s a huge priority,” Testa said.

Fialho explained that Alameda County’s StopWaste program has been developing a similar county-wide ordinance, and recommended waiting until it becomes available some time later this year before using city resources to create a local ordinance.

Fialho said, “It was really a matter of whether or not we wanted to dedicate time and resources to a

Pleasanton local customized ordinance that may be in conflict with the county ordinance.”

Because “StopWaste doesn’t technically have jurisdiction to impose ordinances upon cities,” Fialho said municipalities must either opt in or opt out, “regardless of action taken.”

“As a substitute to this item, I’d suggest that we come up with a different priority that says opt into the county ordinance when it becomes available ... and show that as a priority A,” Fialho added.

Ultimately, the council upgraded the item from a C to a B priority, and agreed to evaluate the county ordinance when it becomes available. Should the council not be satisfied with the county ordinance, then they will consider a local ordinance for review and consideration.

Council members are expected to ratify the final two-year work plan at their meeting on Tuesday (May 18), starting 7 p.m. ■

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HIGHLIGHTS

On March 3, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and subsequently issued Executive Order N-25-20 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The virtual meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton> and <https://www.tri-valleytv.org>

**City Council**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Continued from May 4, 2021** – Adopt and waive second reading of Ordinance No. 2214 amending Municipal Code Chapter 1.22 to add a \$1,000 voluntary campaign contribution limit and decrease the existing voluntary campaign expenditure limit to \$24,000 for a council member candidate and to \$30,000 for a mayoral candidate  
**\*Councilmembers Balch and Narum voted “no”**
- Introduction of the 2023-2031 (6th RHNA Cycle) Housing Element Update and 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation process including the draft public participation plan
- Presentation regarding California Beverage Container Recycling Act, California Refund Value Program, and Buy Back Centers

**Economic Vitality Commission**

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

- Coordinated Business Support Program

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## HOMICIDE

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Security footage showed an Asian man and a Hispanic man walking together in the Motel 6 parking lot at 11:54 p.m. Friday, Det. Brittney England wrote in a probable cause statement. The detective said she was able to Phan and Martinez as the two men in the video based on knowledge of their appearances and previous investigations.

England alleged the video showed Martinez and Phan, both armed with guns, reach the staircase in front of the Motel 6 lobby and fire multiple gunshots toward Molina who was outdoors. The Livermore man was hit at least one time, with the bullet wound to his back proving fatal.

The shooters fled the scene, but detectives were able to determine that their prime suspects were in Tracy on Saturday. At around 5:45 p.m. that day the Livermore police tactical team and Tracy Police Department apprehended Phan and Martinez and placed them under arrest on suspicion of murder, according to Goard.

The circumstances of what led up to the shooting remain unclear.

“All indications point to this being a gang-related event. We can’t say for sure they knew each other personally. As for what occurred prior, at this point, we do not know,” Goard told the Weekly.

The DA’s office charged Martinez and Phan on Tuesday with first-degree murder and a special allegation of firing a gun with the intent

of inflicting great bodily injury. If convicted, both men would face sentence enhancements based on prior convictions — five including assault, gun and drug counts for Martinez and three for assaults and criminal threats for Phan, according to prosecutors.

The defendants are scheduled to enter pleas to the charges in court on June 2.

A GoFundMe page created to raise money for funeral costs and Molina’s three children had generated just over \$5,000 in donations, as of noon Wednesday.

The investigation into the shooting remains ongoing, and anyone with information on the case can contact the Livermore PD tip line at 925-371-4790, Goard said. Callers can stay anonymous. ■



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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### San Ramon woman killed in crash was longtime PE teacher

A longtime physical education teacher who lived in San Ramon died in a three-car crash at the intersection of Crow Canyon and Bollinger Canyon roads last week when her car was struck by a truck that police say might have run a red light.

The victim in the May 5 crash was identified by the Contra Costa County Coroner's Division as 56-year-old Susan Guinee. She worked in the San Lorenzo Unified School District for more than three decades, most recently teaching adapted and modified PE for students with special needs at Arroyo High School.

"During her 31-year teaching career in San Lorenzo Unified, she impacted many students. Please keep Ms. Guinee's family in your thoughts and prayers," Superintendent Daryl Camp said. "The San Lorenzo Unified School District family is extremely saddened by this loss. Support has been and will continue to be available for both students and staff during this difficult time period."

According to San Ramon police Capt. Cary Goldberg, while the crash is still under investigation, it appears that the truck struck Guinee's vehicle at approximately 12:15 p.m. May 5 after running a red light while traveling eastbound on Crow Canyon Road.

The lone occupant of her vehicle, Guinee had been attempting to turn westbound on Crow Canyon Road from Bollinger Canyon Road when she was struck, according to police.

Police officials added that three other involved people were either transported to the hospital by ambulance or treated at the scene for non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the truck has not been identified publicly.

The crash caused a closure of the oft-traveled intersection for approximately four hours.

In the wake of Guinee's death, San Ramon resident David Lawrence has organized a GoFundMe page to raise money to support her family. More than \$74,000 in donations had been collected as of press time Wednesday.

The GoFundMe said that Guinee is survived by her son Devin and her live-in mother. The organizer hopes the fundraising page will help provide the family with money for food, rent and funeral expenses during this time.

"Devin and his family have made a massive impact in this community, and they need and deserve help now. Please consider donating whatever you can as soon as you can — the expenses are real and



ARROYO HIGH

Susan Guinee taught PE for students with special needs at Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo.

they're immediate. But also keep the Guinee family in your thoughts and prayers beyond the next few days and weeks. The support they need will be ongoing, and I can't think of a more worthy cause," the GoFundMe page said.

—Ryan J. Degan

### In other news

- Police arrested 29-year-old Pleasanton resident Ronald Ferrari in connection with a stabbing that took place early Sunday morning at the Sports Page Bar and Grill in Mountain View, officials said.

At about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, officers responded to the 1400 block of Shoreline Boulevard, near the intersection of Plymouth Street, for reports of man who had been stabbed.

According to the callers, the suspect walked away from the scene, and security officers were following him on foot, police said.

The victim, a 19-year-old man from East Palo Alto, was taken to a local hospital with one stab wound to his upper body, police said. He is expected to survive.

A police dog, Thor, found the knife that was used in the stabbing and discarded by the suspect.

Ferrari was located by police and detained without incident, officials said. He was arrested and booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on suspicion of attempted murder. An investigation into what led to the stabbing is ongoing, police said.

—Bay City News Service

- A Livermore man was arrested on suspicion of felony DUI after clipping a parked car and then crashing his sedan against a house in Pleasanton last Friday evening, according to police.



JD LASICA

This was the scene on Pimlico Drive after the crash on May 7.

The situation occurred at about 6 p.m. at the T-intersection of Kirkcaldy Street and Pimlico Drive, right after where West Las Positas Boulevard turns into Kirkcaldy.

The driver, who allegedly later admitted to ingesting fentanyl before getting behind the wheel, hit a parked car while driving on West Las Positas and then continued on Kirkcaldy but failed to turn either right or left at the Pimlico intersection, police said. The car drove on the front yard, then atop a property line divider wall and struck a house.

Nobody outside the car was hurt. The driver, who appeared uninjured, showed signs of illegal drug use and was given a field sobriety test, police said. A subsequent search of his vehicle allegedly revealed illicit items.

Joby Ryan Dendy, 37, was placed under arrest on suspicion of felony DUI (drugs) and possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia and weapons (shurikens, or so-called "throwing stars"), police said.

—Jeremy Walsh

- San Ramon police arrested a man who allegedly rammed his car into a police vehicle before leading officers on a chase through the city into Danville and then running on the outer side of a freeway overpass fence trying to escape Tuesday morning.

Police said they were able to subdue the suspect — identified as Juan Vargas, 28, of Tracy — with a Taser under the Interstate 680 overpass at Sycamore Valley Road to end the situation. Police allege he was driving a stolen car and is suspected of being involved in a recent burglary.

The incident began just before 8 a.m. on Tuesday, when an officer was making a stop on a vehicle near 5000 Crow Canyon Road in San Ramon, according to police.

The driver, later identified as Vargas, suddenly struck the police cruiser with his vehicle and then drove away from the area immediately, police said. Despite sustaining minor injuries that would later require treatment at an area hospital, the officer pursued the suspect as he drove down Crow Canyon Road toward the freeway.

The pursuit continued from Crow Canyon Road near Shoreline Drive onto I-680, where Vargas' vehicle began having unspecified engine

issues, police said. The suspect eventually exited the freeway at Sycamore Valley Road and then proceeded to run away on foot.

After jumping the Sycamore Valley Road overpass fence, Vargas allegedly began running on the outside of the fence above the freeway — I-680 was temporarily shut down in both directions for the suspect's safety, police said.

Police were able to apprehend the suspect underneath the west side of the Sycamore Valley Road overpass in Danville after he was struck with a Taser deployed by police officers.

Police alleged the suspect vehicle had false license plates and had been reported stolen out of San Francisco. Vargas is also suspected of being involved in a recent local burglary according to police, who added that the man was placed under arrest on suspicion of assault against a peace officer, felony evasion, having an outstanding warrant out of San Joaquin County and probation violation.

Tuesday's confrontational arrest took place yards away from the site of the fatal police interaction exactly two months earlier in which Tyrell Wilson was shot by Danville officer Andrew Hall after the homeless man

approached the officer knife-in-hand at the Sycamore Valley Road-Camino Ramon intersection. Wilson died at a local hospital from his injuries on March 17.

—Ryan J. Degan

- The owner of a Bay Area construction firm admitted to committing felony workers' compensation insurance fraud after years of firing employees when they requested medical treatment for work-related injuries, Santa Clara County prosecutors said.

Man Tat Szeto, 71, of San Ramon, was also charged with unemployment insurance tax fraud and money laundering.

Szeto agreed to a plea deal with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, which announced the agreement on May 5 after a two-year investigation performed in coordination with the California Department of Insurance and the state's Department of Industrial Relations.

The agreement requires that Szeto be placed on five years of formal probation, serve nine months in county jail and make restitution of approximately \$250,000. ■

—Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### May 9

#### Burglary

■ 5:02 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Shoplifting

■ 11:45 a.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:28 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### May 8

#### DUI

■ 1:04 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Hansen Drive

■ 1:14 a.m. on the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive

■ 6:23 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

#### Theft from auto

■ 8:15 a.m. on the 7800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Vandalism

■ 10:46 a.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Domestic battery

■ 11:15 a.m. on Owens Court

■ 6:30 p.m. on Segundo Court

#### Assault/battery

■ 9:17 p.m. on the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle

#### Drug violation

■ 10:05 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

### May 7

#### Stolen property

■ 12:27 p.m. at Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road

#### Theft

■ 2:22 p.m. on the 3900 block of Old Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 10:05 p.m. on Ramblewood Way

■ 10:14 p.m. on Pleasanton Avenue

### May 6

#### Assault/battery

■ 11:58 a.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

#### Drug violation

■ 12:03 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

■ 1:59 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

■ 4:22 p.m. at St. Mary Street and Pleasanton Avenue

#### Theft

■ 3:01 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 6:21 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:02 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 7:39 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 7:46 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

### May 5

#### Theft

■ 10:46 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; shoplifting

■ 12:37 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 5:08 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:31 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 5:54 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 6:26 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 10:20 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

### May 4

#### Drug violation

■ 4:38 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 5:58 a.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard



# BACK IN BUSINESS

Wine country ushers in return of tourism to Livermore Valley

**STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY CIERRA BAILEY**

With statewide COVID-19 restrictions loosening and weather heating up, the Livermore Valley wine industry is welcoming visitors back for tastings, special events and live music after lying mostly dormant for over a year.

The Weekly spoke with four of the region's 50-plus wineries and the Purple Orchid resort about how they overcame hardships during the pandemic and what's in store for customers and club members moving forward.

After the first pandemic shutdown in March 2020, McGrail Vineyards and Winery initially shifted to offering virtual events and curbside pick-up options, according to president Heather McGrail. As fall approached and a number of establishments were allowed to briefly

reopen before closing again in December, the family-owned winery allowed visitors back on the property by reservation only with just a handful of tables available on the winery's patio.

While guests are still required to make reservations to visit in 2021, McGrail Vineyards has expanded its offerings to include live music events called "Live on the Lawn." There are socially distanced white circles spray-painted on the front lawn of the winery called "picnic pods" that groups can reserve for about six to 10 people and hear bands play onstage.

"When you come to Live on the Lawn, you bring your lawn chair, you bring your blanket, some people even have folding tables they bring out. It's very much like going to a rural park setting — the only difference is there are bathrooms

available and wine for purchase," McGrail said. She added there is also often a food vendor on site for these events.

"I'm happy to be out here and I appreciate all of the precautions they're taking — I hope it sticks, actually. I like that everything is socially distanced," Sunnyvale resident Jessica Gonzalez said at a recent cheeseboard making workshop hosted by Charming Fig Catering and McGrail Vineyards.

Although they've started ramping up their in-person events, McGrail said they plan to continue holding virtual experiences but they will become less frequent.

"Throughout our time as a winery, we would get people who would join the wine club and either live out of state or would move out of state and they would stay in the wine club and it was kind of like,

'Great, we'll send you some wine.' But we didn't have much connection with those people, and so, the virtual events have been really a great way to stay connected with people who don't live close," McGrail said.

The winery will also continue its "SIP" (shelter in place) club, which is a paid subscription service launched during the pandemic for Tri-Valley residents that includes two different bottles of wine delivered directly to homes each week followed by a biweekly virtual tasting call.

"It was going to be over once the shelter in place was lifted but people love it and so we're going to continue that on," McGrail said.

As restrictions become looser over time, McGrail said she hopes to start planning more food and wine pairing events. "Before it was

100% about the wine, but when you're stuck at home all day and you can just mess around and cook and create recipes and all of that, we really got into that. And we started a blog and had a lot of different pairing types of ideas."

She said they will resume their Friday Night Live summer music series this year — set to run biweekly from June 18 through Sept. 11 — but it will be moved from their back patio to the front lawn where there is more space for social distancing.

"The only constant in the business right now is that nothing is constant. Every two to three weeks we are making adjustments, we're changing something, we're adding something or taking something away. It's just one of those times that you've got to be nimble right now in order to stay in business," McGrail said.



Top of page: In response to the pandemic, Darcie Kent Vineyards transitioned its tasting experience indefinitely to primarily outdoors. (Photo courtesy of Darcie Kent). Left: McGrail Vineyards recently partnered with Julia Steinman of Charming Fig Catering to host an in-person cheeseboard making workshop. Right: Patti Rinetti of McGrail Vineyards fills glasses for registered participants of Charming Fig workshop.

Two of the winery's longstanding traditions that definitely won't be returning this year are the lobster feed and paella party. "Those are probably going to be off the table until 2022," McGrail said.

Like McGrail, Wente Vineyards event director Ann Ogden told the Weekly that staffing has been one of the toughest challenges during this time.

"We thought the pool would be a little more plentiful but people just aren't applying as much as we thought they would be applying," Ogden said. "I think people are still a little leery of serving the public, maybe still getting unemployment, maybe there are still childcare issues, so I think to find the right staff has been a little bit harder."

Ogden said that eventually, once more staff is in place and it's safe to do so, Wente plans to bring back larger events like their summer concert series. "We're doing great and I think we're being safe. I don't think we're at the point where we need to have 1,000 people on the property, so I just think slow and steady is kind of the way," she said.

Like Wente Vineyards and McGrail Vineyards, Steven Kent Winery and Darcie Kent Vineyards are also currently open for tastings and special events by reservation only.

"COVID, obviously, has been a dramatic challenge for everybody in every walk of life. From a business standpoint, it's been particularly difficult, I think, for the hospitality industry," said Steven Kent Mirassou, CEO and head winemaker of The Lineage Collection, which comprises The Steven Kent Winery, Lineage Wine Company and Mia Nipote Wines.

One example Mirassou provided is the financial hit that restaurants and wineries have taken as a result of being closed to onsite service for half the year and operating at significantly lower capacities upon reopening.

Mirassou also said the pandemic created an emotional void for him, staff and club members. "We've been able to create a lot of really wonderful relationships with our club members over the last 25 years and with our guests — they've become friends. When you can't see your friends, except through a piece of cloth or a shield or what have you, that was a loss for me, personally," he said.

Despite its difficulties, the pandemic provided Mirassou an opportunity to experiment with virtual experiences, which allowed the winery to conveniently engage with a number of wine club members who are on the East Coast.

"Using Zoom and using those technologies is definitely something that we're going to continue," Mirassou said. "It's not like being face-to-face but it's the next best thing."

Mirassou's business philosophy in the face of adversity encourages perseverance and flexibility.

"No one could have foreseen,

necessarily, how bad this was going to be but there are always going to be challenges from a business standpoint," Mirassou said.

"We're in the agricultural business, so there's always something different happening in that culture — there was a fire happening in 2020 at the same time that COVID is happening," he continued, adding:

"We tend to be pretty flexible as agricultural workers in a way but the pandemic has taught us that you can't wait for a future to unfold in front of you, you have to be active about creating the future that you want for your business and for the people who have come to love what it is that you do."

Fifth-generation winemaker and artist Darcie Kent transformed the experience at her namesake winery by using the shutdown to make improvements and adjustments that accommodate different comfort levels for guests.

"When COVID hit last March and we were shut down, we lost 95% of our business immediately and so did almost every other winery in Livermore. And it's had a dramatic effect on all of us; several wineries had to drop out of the (Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association), had cash-flow issues. Several wineries have closed their doors permanently and we had to find a way to survive," she said.

Kent said that their biggest pivot was transitioning their tasting experience to primarily outdoors.

To make the switch, they created a tasting "Terrace & Green" in an area on the property that was used for concerts pre-pandemic. They also offer a space on their pepper tree lawn where people can bring their own food and picnic items and order wine by the bottle or glass.

For days when the weather is not conducive to being outside, they've renovated the historic purple barn on the property that was built more than 100 years ago, which is now open up to 25% capacity as another area for tasting.

The Darcie Kent brand has also launched the Almost Famous Wine Company as part of their philanthropic initiative. "Each one of the wines has a charity that the proceeds go to," Kent said.

As they gear up to officially introduce the new brand to the public, the former Darcie Kent indoor tasting room will become the Almost Famous Wine Lounge. Kent said that being shut down at the height of the pandemic afforded them the time to develop these ideas that allow for a more versatile wine tasting experience.

Similarly, the owners of Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa took advantage of the downtime to make some upgrades to their property. The luxury bed-and-breakfast caters to tourists and leisure travelers.

Owner Rhiannon Eddy said the entire property suspended operations for about six months last year. When the facility reopened last fall,

Eddy said she started to get some local clientele back but didn't start to see a real uptick in destination travel until earlier this year.

"Since we reopened our spa in February, we've found that we are getting guests from out of town, people who are coming back to explore the wine region," she said, adding that Purple Orchid is particularly unique as the only boutique-style bed-and-breakfast in the city.

"The California Hotel and Lodging Association really did a great job for our industry because before we were even allowed to reopen for leisure travel, they had already developed the guidelines for how to be clean and safe," Eddy said, adding that her property immediately implemented the protocols outlined by the association when they became available and are still following them.

While about 75% of their clientele comes from within a 45-mile radius of Livermore, Eddy said the other 25% that come from outside of the Bay Area are making their way back. The property also operates as a wedding and special event venue, which they've started hosting again in April after postponing more than 25 weddings last year.

At the height of the pandemic, Eddy said that laying off her staff was particularly painful for her. "We operate like a family environment here, so to lay off our team that were really counting on our operation for their employment was really hard," she said. "It was definitely an emotional undertaking," she added.

Eddy said that now that conditions are improving, she is optimistic about the future of the Livermore Valley's wine and hospitality industry.

"Everybody's excited to be back open and to be welcoming guests," Eddy said of the region. "I really believe we've all created a very safe environment for people to gather again, so overall I'm very satisfied with the way things are moving forward." ■



Jessica Gonzalez (left) and Ashley Kraemer learn to make cheeseboards for a belated birthday celebration at McGrail Vineyards.



From left: Tina Coe, Sheila Young and Ann Ogden direct and coordinate Wente Vineyards' Mother's Day luncheon for club members.



From left: Justin Blonigan, Alex Shapiro, Lana Blonigan and Marina Shapiro enjoy Mother's Day wine tasting at Wente Vineyards.

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High school talent makes a splash

## 'ON BROADWAY'

Annual joint musical production this year is movie for all to enjoy



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Left: Scenes and songs from "Les Miserables" are part of the "On Broadway" joint high school production, which is a movie this year instead of a stage show. Above: Leila Brown performs in "On Broadway" as Rebecca, an aspiring actress who happens into an empty old theater.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

It's not too late to catch this year's joint high school production, "On Broadway." Adapting to pandemic restrictions, Amador Valley and Foothill combined their students' talents to produce a movie of the musical revue that remains available on YouTube.

"We had a directing team of seven people," Amador music teacher Mark Aabel said. "We got together and decided what songs to do."

Amador drama teacher Lynn Kirksey pieced together a story to loosely unite the Broadway tunes after an aspiring performer named Rebecca takes refuge from a storm in an old theater. A series of show scenes unfolds, including from "Les Miserables," "Dear Evan

Hansen" and "Shrek the Musical."

Work began in January for the 19 students in the cast and 17 in the orchestra. Musicians and singers recorded the audio at their homes, then the orchestra and vocal recordings were edited and combined.

When the cast finally gathered on set, they lip-synced to the audio track, removing their masks only for the final filming.

"It was a challenge following all the protocols," Kirksey said, "but we did this safely and are very proud of the outcome."

"This was the first time it's ever been done here. We've never made a movie," Aabel said. "They still wanted to do a musical, and they were 100% for it."

Auditions for the show were submitted by video.

"We had to sing one minute of a song, and also do a dance," said Leila Brown, a junior at Amador who landed the part of Rebecca.

"I was so excited, and also very shocked because it was my first time doing a school musical," she recalled.

Brown has been in community productions through the city and Bay Area Children's Theater since the third grade, she said. She has participated in choir and the drama club in high school.

"When they said we were doing a movie, I was a little skeptical: How's that going to work?" she remembered. "I was very pleasantly surprised. It turned out to be literally a movie."

"The whole experience was surreal," Brown added, "because after not doing theater for a year I was

feeling a little down and stressed out, not doing the things that made me happy. But we had virtual rehearsals and that brought back to me how much I loved theater."

"On Broadway" premiered March 26 on YouTube with a livestream, and audience members could make comments, which are still visible, enhancing the viewing experience.

Opening night was special even though the performers were still mostly sheltering in place.

"I had a premier party at my house with just my immediate family," Brown said. "I put up decorations, popped some popcorn and made little tickets."

Each year the two high schools join their talents in the spring to produce a musical at the Amador Theater.

Last year the production, "All Shook Up," was ready for opening night, including \$10,000 paid for the rights. Sets, costumes and props cost another \$4,000.

Then COVID-19 hit. The show went on for just one performance, and the only audience was stuffed animals placed in seats here and there throughout the theater.

"We're hoping to do a full musical next year," Aabel said.

Each year's production depends on money raised by the previous performance, which last year was minimal. To make a donation toward a full musical production next year, visit [pusdedu.info/musicaldonation](https://pusdedu.info/musicaldonation).

But first enjoy this year's production, "On Broadway," on YouTube.com. Search for "Amador Foothill On Broadway." ■



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Left: Grayson Iverson as Charlie Chaplin and Maggie Loll as Hedda Hopper perform "All Falls Down" from "Chaplin: The Musical." Above: Members of the orchestra are shown in imaginative formats as they play the overture for "On Broadway."

# Virtual PAL show highlights young artists

Competition lets entrants have professional exhibit experience

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton Art League took a new approach this year with its 2021 Youth Art Competition, “PAL’s Pals,” allowing students to “enter an art show like a pro.”

“Kids really approach art very differently from adults — it is fascinating and unpredictable,” said Jennifer Huber, an art teacher at Bothwell Arts Center, who led the organizing team. “The pieces showed sophistication and knowledge that can only come with lots and lots of practice.”

Cash prizes were given for Best in Show and five Merit Awards, and ribbons for five Honorable Mentions in middle and high school categories. The virtual exhibit will run the month of May at [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com).

The organizers planned the event to let the young artists have a professional exhibit experience, with guidelines for preparing and submitting a photograph of their artwork; teaching them the importance of giving credit when using another work for inspiration; and gathering comments from the judges as part of their art education.

Each participant was limited to a single entry to be evaluated by a panel of volunteer judges, to encourage students to make tough choices and submit their best.

The competition drew 52 entries from 13 middle schools and 13 high schools in Pleasanton,



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“Hopeful” by Neha Narayanam, ninth grade, Merit Award Winner, colored pencil, is a tribute to the nurses who worked tirelessly during the pandemic.

Livermore, Dublin, Fremont, Union City, Danville, San Ramon, San Jose, Round Rock (Texas) and Aurora (Ill.). Students, ranging in ages from 10-18, submitted works in acrylic, oils, watercolors, alcohol markers, colored pencils, pencil drawings, charcoal, mixed media, digital art and gouache.

Judges were art league members George Garbarino and Tina Chan for high school, and Chandana Srinath and Nataliya Gavrilova for middle school.

“I love it that the artwork is all different,” Huber said. “Some copied famous paintings or local artists or photos, but each and every piece in this show is unique. If I could

hang this show in person, I would take the time to write up each artist’s insights on their work.”

The organizing team also included Marion Huff, Lorraine Wells and Meghana Mitragotri, who spearheaded the effort to have an exhibit entirely for young artists to compete. In addition, Usha Shukla and Linda Garbarino helped with ongoing publicity for the show, spotlighting two young artists every day on social media.

“I recommend everyone take a look at the show and read what each artist has to say about their work,” Huber said. “It is insightful not just to 2021 but to a new generation of artists.” ■

# Bankhead Gallery: ‘Composing the Future’

Artists respond to past year’s events, express hopes for tomorrow

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Bankhead Gallery is presenting “Composing the Future,” a Northern California Women’s Caucus for Art (NCWCA) member exhibition, now through June. Events include an opening reception 1:30-4:30 p.m. June 5 and a series of online Artist Talks, all free.

Artists were challenged to flex their artistic powers in response to the extreme events of the past year and to project their hopes, dreams and ideas into the future. The artworks engage viewers on many levels — wonder, worry, hopefulness and activism — expressed in an inspired array of visual media.

“As artists, we are witnesses and raw material for envisioning possible futures,” exhibition chairwoman Elizabeth Addison said. “We are now called upon to examine our own pandemic responses, the social upheaval around us, and the pervasive political madness that faces our country. These reflections will serve as inspirations to envision possibilities for



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“School of Fish” by Fleur Spolidor.

cultural transformation.”

“Composing the Future” includes works that consider how the events of 2020-21 confront history or provoke change. Others reveal inspiration in isolation and blooms in the chaos, as artists have found beauty in the shadows, reassessed priorities, adjusted their joy thresholds, and reset expectations.

The exhibit also includes an installation, “Table Setting,” curated by Jennifer Jigour, based on Judy Chicago’s groundbreaking 1974-79 epic feminist artwork.

Author Talks will be held 7-8 p.m. Thursdays, May 27, June 3 and 10, on Zoom; for information, visit [www.ncwca.org/composing-the-future-members-exhibition](http://www.ncwca.org/composing-the-future-members-exhibition).

The Bankhead Gallery is located in the lobby of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Hours are 2-6 p.m. Fridays; 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Masks are required. ■



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“Tightrope Walker” by Diane Williams.



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Getting back on the mic for a high school basketball game

Also: Amador girls soccer wins at Dublin; Granada beats Dougherty in boys hoops

I have been fortunate enough in my life to announce several events, ranging from a variety of different sports to parades to being a master of ceremony at fundraisers or dinners that are paying tribute to someone.

Without a doubt, my favorite thing to announce is a basketball game. That being the case, it was a joy last week to finally be back behind the mic for the boys basketball game when Foothill hosted Dublin.

I love being close to the action, as well as being privy to the coaches working the referees. There is a science to working the officials, and Dublin coach Tom Costello is one of the best.

It is about being polite but making sure you get your point across in a non-condescending way. Of course, knowing and using the officials first name is key.

The atmosphere is always something to look forward to during a basketball game.

A crowded game that is close is about as good as it gets. The announcer can feed off the energy of the crowd and can also get the energy level going in the gym.

I must admit, I was a little worried about the atmosphere at the game since there was to be no students and only two guests per player.

I was thinking it would be a relatively quiet and uneventful crowd but was pleasantly surprised that it was still a live crowd — and the 59-51 Dublin win was major reason why as it was a battle from start to finish.

It was a back-and-forth game with Foothill holding leads at the end of the first quarter and the half, before Dublin started hitting 3-pointers, leaving the game at 44-44 after three quarters.

The fourth quarter was just like the rest of the game, as the Falcons took the lead early in the quarter with the Gaels coming on late.

The key player down the stretch for Dublin was 6-foot-5 sophomore Courtney Anderson, who had 13 of his 15 points in the final quarter, including a thunderous dunk in the final minute of the game.

Anderson's dunk, along with one

from 6-7 junior Paul Labat, also in the final minute, cemented the game for the Gaels.

TJ Meagher had 21 points to lead Dublin.

For Foothill, it was Nick High and Anirudh Murugesan with 12 points each leading the way. Carter Donlon came off the bench to add some spark to the Foothill offense in the first half.

#### Amador girls soccer

Amador Valley visited Dublin on May 5, bringing home a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

The first half ended without a goal from either side, but the second half provided plenty of tension. Kennedy Mayo struck a loose ball in front of the net for Amador's first goal minutes into the half. Shortly after, Dublin converted a penalty kick after a handball in the penalty area. Both teams battled the rest of the half to find a game-winner.

The deciding goal came with five minutes remaining in the game when Mayo gathered the ball near midfield, beat two defenders on a breakaway and slotted the ball off the far post and into the net for her second goal.

Maggie Nostrand and Kate Derham excelled from their outside back positions while Olivia Soble, Natalie O'Sullivan and Kaamna Shankar were tenacious throughout the contest.

#### Granada basketball

The Granada boys varsity basketball team remained undefeated with a win over highly touted Dougherty Valley by a 69-66 final.

The game was played at Gail Ranch Middle School due to COVID-19 restrictions, and as a result, there were no spectators allowed in the smaller middle school gym.

Kevin Gad led the way with 21 points, 4 rebounds and 5 assists. Andrew McKeever added 18 points and 9 rebounds for the Mats. ■

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KARRIE SMITH

Penny Murphy dribbles across the field for Amador Valley in the Dons' win over Dublin.

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**LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN MAKERS MARKET** First Street will be closed from L to Maple for downtown retail, artist, crafter and maker booths. This COVID-compliant event is 10 a.m.-6 p.m., May 15-16. Visit [livermoredowntown.com](http://livermoredowntown.com).

## Film

**LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST FILM DISCUSSION** In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Livermore Public Library will host a discussion of the film "The Farewell". Held on Zoom, registration required by May 17. Visit <https://bit.ly/2OXIW2s>. 7 p.m., May 18.

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF AT THE BANKHEAD** The Bankhead Theater reopens in May screening films for a limited audience size. Only 140 tickets distributed across the 507-

seat theater will be sold for each event. The classic musical "Fiddler on the Roof" (1971) will be the first to return. 7 p.m., May 19. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**TRAVEL WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN** The Bankhead Presents Tintoretto: A Rebel in Venice. This film fully immerses audiences in the life of the last great artist of the Italian Renaissance. Visit places that evoke and preserve the memory of the painter. 3 p.m., May 30. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Concerts

**BON JOVI ENCORE DRIVE-IN NIGHTS** Encore Drive-In Nights featuring Bon Jovi will air at outdoor venues across the United States, Canada and Ireland on Saturday, May 22. The never-before-seen show was recorded live, exclusively for this one-night only event. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com). 6 p.m., May 22.

## Talks

**BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR** This virtual tour visits 25 homes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties with gardens designed with plants native to California that thrive without amendments, fertilizers or pesticides. May 16 & 23. The tours are free but registration is required. Visit [Bringingbackthenatives.net](http://Bringingbackthenatives.net).

**REDUCE CHILD GUN DEATHS — PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION** Hosted by the Livermore Valley Chapter of Be SMART for Kids, this timely, virtual presentation discusses what parents can do to keep children safe from gun violence. After the brief presentation, participants are welcome to ask questions and share their stories and concerns. 2:30-3:30, May 19. Email [cynthiashon@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiashon@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**ED KINNEY LECTURE SERIES-VIRTUAL WEBINAR** The Museum on Main presents "An Afternoon or Evening with Che Guevara". Che's story is complex and driven by an unwavering commitment to economic and educational equality. 7 p.m., May 26. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**LIVERMORE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** Livermore Shakespeare Festival's Life SPARC series presents, "Becoming Othello: A Black Girl's Journey", with Debra Ann Byrd. 5 p.m., May 29. Visit [livermoreshakes.org](http://livermoreshakes.org).

## PET OF THE WEEK



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## Fundraisers

**GROWL MEOW & WINE** A fun, feel good event to benefit the East Bay SPCA. This virtual event will have animal appearances, a silent and live auction and a special \$25,000 matching gift opportunity. Visit [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org). 4-5 p.m., May 16.

## Family

**SILICON VALLEY HORSE SHOW** The premier horse show on the West Coast for American Saddlebreds, Morgans and Hackney Ponies. The show hosts some of the top horses

in the region and the nation located at the newly renovated Pleasanton Equestrian Center at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. \$10 per car, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 14-16. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**2021 DIESEL TRAIN RIDES** Ride through Niles Canyon in all of its spring splendor. 10:30 a.m., 1 & 3:30 p.m., May 15. Visit [ncry.org](http://ncry.org).

## Outdoor Recreation

**WEEKEND RANGER PROGRAM-FABULOUS FLIERS** Spring has sprung and the park is filled with color and life. Join Ranger Dawn to discuss flying creatures like dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies and mayflies. Pre-registration is required by calling the Ranger Office at 960-2400. 10 a.m., May 22. Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

## Seniors

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOR SENIORS** Join Dublin Senior Center staff and friends on zoom. 10-11 a.m., May 19. Email [seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov) for the Zoom link and password.

## Government

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 18. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION** The next regular Livermore Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 18, held virtually. For questions contact The City of Livermore Planning Division 960-4450.

**LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** The Livermore School Board conducts business of the district. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 18, currently held virtually. Visit [livermoreschools.org](http://livermoreschools.org).

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL** The Dublin City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is 7 p.m., May 18. Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

# Employment

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# Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Elite Dumpling  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 577990

The following person doing business as: Elite Dumpling, 24036 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Elite Dumpling, LLC, 24036 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA, 94545, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by Elite Dumpling, LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein September, 1, 2020. Signature of Registrant: Yao Li, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 7, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2021.)

Asemblé Designs  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 578078

The following person doing business as: Asemblé Designs, 5538 Corte Sonora, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Stephen Schmidt, 5538 Corte Sonora, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Stephen Schmidt, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Stephen Schmidt, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 12, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 23, 30, May 7, 14 2021.)

### 997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF Alameda, Case No.: HG21095020 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Deborah Chang Murayama filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DEBORAH CHANG MURAYAMA to DEBORAH CHANG YAHSIANG MURAYAMA; DEBORAH YAHSIANG CHANG MURAYAMA to DEBORAH CHANG YAHSIANG MURAYAMA; YAHSIANG CHANG to DEBORAH CHANG YAHSIANG MURAYAMA; YAHSIANG CHANG MURAYAMA to DEBORAH CHANG YAHSIANG MURAYAMA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: June 11, 2021, 11 a.m., Dept. 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2021. Tara M. Desautels JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 16-19 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and April 5-9 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

**750 Bonita Avenue** Janah Investments Inc to G. & S. Riazi for \$1,575,000

**3214 Burgundy Drive** Neilsen Trust to J. & H. Estes for \$1,000,000

**7412 Flagstone Drive** N. & Y. Tsai to M. Chua for \$1,261,000

**2311 Goldcrest Circle** Kuramoto Family Trust to Y. & Z. Liu for \$936,000

**4014 Jackie Court** S. Narendrula to G. & N. Chandrasekaran for \$1,275,000

**5226 Muirwood Drive** D. & K. Martin to N. & M. Cai for \$1,565,000

**401 Oak Lane** Kane Family Trust to J. & R. Wilcox for \$1,000,000

**4759 Sutter Gate Avenue** K. & G. Yadav to R. & M. Lambert for \$1,400,000

**1428 White Stable Drive** Genard Family Trust to Talati Family Trust for \$2,300,000

**616 Windmill Lane** P. & S. Bach to D. & R. Wood-Taylor for \$2,134,500

**3683 Woodbine Way** Farrell/ Living Trust to P. & P. Murthy for \$710,000

### Livermore

**317 Anna Maria Street** D. Black to R. & M. Rinna for \$895,000

**1633 Bluebell Drive** Abrahamson Trust to E. Kolli for \$720,000

**1870 Broadmoor Street** J. & E. Roberts to S. & D. Priyanath for \$800,000

**752 Cottonwood Court** A. & D. Dumas to U. & N. Vishwanathan for \$1,350,000

**140 El Caminito** S. & J. Bordelon to P. & J. Priyadarshini for \$860,000

**1044 Elaine Avenue** M. Beckwith to H. & S. Bhattacharjee for \$965,000

**745 Forester Court** L. & R. Bianchini to C. & R. Carey for \$1,400,000

**732 Laurel Drive** J. Tyree to Y. & X. Chen for \$855,000

**2342 Merlot Lane** Hart 1999 Trust to Dhillon Trust for \$1,695,000

**1042 Spring Valley Common** K. Roome to H. & C. Lawson for \$611,000

**866 Teton Court** K. & C. Johnson to K. & B. Fregoso for \$1,075,000

### Dublin

**5213 Aspen Street** F. He to P. & K. Phung for \$1,809,000

**3296 North Bridgepointe Lane** Caerlang Trust to Y. & J. Du for \$1,675,000

**3112 Colebrook Lane** Martin Living Trust to Tran Trust for \$1,625,000

**7019 Coombsville Loop** M. Williams to Rehan Family Trust for \$950,000

**4038 Knightstown Street** D. Panneerselvam to S. & S. Lolla for \$1,225,000

**2787 Randall Loop** T. Cheung to A. & N. Velagala for \$1,215,000

**4362 Roscommon Way** S. Jirbandei to P. & P. Thurgam for \$1,425,000

**5668 Sterling Street** Brookfield Wilshire LLC to S. & R. Banerjee for \$945,000

**4335 Sunset View Drive** A. Ramasahayam to A. & L. Anthony for \$1,311,500

### San Ramon

**1514 Arianna Lane** G. Low to U. & V. Challa for \$875,500

**2110 Arlington Way** C. Chong to K. & G. Ramasamy for \$1,425,000

**1129 Arrowfield Way** B. & D. Miyao to R. & D. Dela Cruz for \$1,500,000

**7327 Balmoral Way** V. & D. Wadhwa to Kalyan Family Trust for \$2,100,000

**2409 Basswood Drive** G. Gangadi to M. & K. Subbian for \$1,321,000

**7172 Briza Loop** Chen Trust to S. & L. Chan for \$1,101,000

**3438 Browntail Way** Deshmukh Family Trust to B. & N. Srinivas for \$1,443,000

**2791 Camino Venadillo** Thomas Family Trust to N. & S. Tolani for \$1,650,000

**126 Copper Ridge Road** Wong Family Trust to R. & B. Lakshmanan for \$650,000

**2543 Derby Drive** K. & K. Hardman to A. & S. Doddabalapur for \$1,890,000

**302 Eastridge Drive** Bedford Trust to E. & W. Schleis for \$460,000

**6120 Kearny Way** Kulkarni Family Trust to B. & G. Maganti for \$1,880,000

**558 La Copita Court** Johnston Trust to E. & H. Chinchin for \$635,000

**408 South Overlook Drive** Kozimor Family Trust to P. Mata for \$655,000

**600 Peaceful Valley Drive** Hanehan Family Trust to C. & C. Lu for \$1,780,000

**130 Reflections Drive #28** Stoesser-Anderson Trust to Singhs Trust for \$490,000

**82 Sage Circle** Phillips Living Trust to S. & M. Ross for \$1,585,000

**625 Santander Drive** Salvatore Living Trust to S. & T. Shrivastava for \$1,670,000

**7407 Sedgfield Avenue** D. & P. Wagner to R. & C. Desai for \$1,480,000

**511 Skyline Drive** Tenma Family Trust to N. & A. Dewatteville for \$630,000

**2896 Sombrero Circle** Andree-Ashley Trust to V. & S. Bandaru for \$1,285,000

**101 Stone Pine Lane** A. Gerten to S. & Y. Chung for \$575,000

**216 Sun Ridge Drive** S. Sharma to R. & N. Kumar for \$1,910,000

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Feb. 16-19)

**Total sales reported:** 11

**Lowest sale reported:** \$710,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$2,300,000

**Average sales reported:** \$1,275,000

### Livermore (Feb. 16-19)

**Total sales reported:** 20

**Lowest sale reported:** \$400,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,466,000

**Average sales reported:** \$830,000

### Dublin (Feb. 16-19)

**Total sales reported:** 9

**Lowest sale reported:** \$945,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,809,000

**Average sales reported:** \$1,311,500

### San Ramon (April 5-9)

**Total sales reported:** 11

**Lowest sale reported:** \$611,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,695,000

**Average sales reported:** \$895,000

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**8233 Brittany Drive**  
4bd/3ba | 2,932 sq.ft | 12,350 sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,900,000

SOLD WITH 30 OFFERS \$351K OVER ASKING IN 7 DAYS



**3711 Newton Way, Pleasanton**  
5bd/4ba | 3,400sq.ft | 14,868 sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$2,850,000

PENDING WITH 3 OFFERS



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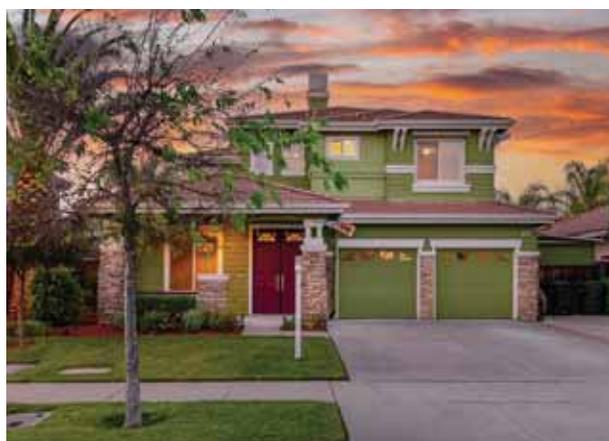
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**3141 Pellaro Court, Ruby Hill**  
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Location, Location, Location! Extensively Upgraded and Expanded Large Single Level in Desirable Westside "Stoneridge" Neighborhood! Well -Maintained Spacious-Four Bedroom, Two Bathroom, Home on Quiet Court. Private .24 Acre Lot. Remodeled Kitchen with Granite and SS Appliances, Dual Pane Windows, Expanded Main Bedroom with Remodeled Bathroom, Remodeled Hall Bathroom, Large Secondary Bedrooms, Wainscoting, Crown Molding, Wood Burning Fireplace with Gas Option, New Exterior Paint, Private Backyard with Patio & Generous Lawn Area, Beautifully Landscaped, Cemented Side Yard Access, Convenient Location is Near Two Parks, BART Station, Commute Access to Both 580 & 680, Elementary School, Stoneridge Regional Mall, and Just Minutes to Golf Courses, Livermore Wineries and Downtown Pleasanton!

**OFFERED AT \$1,699,888**

**COUNTRY FAIR II**



**6474 CALLE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON**

Don't Miss this Remodeled & Upgraded Home! Built In 1992-This Ponderosa Country Fair II Home Shows Pride of Ownership! This Four Bedroom (Office/4th), Three Bathroom Home Has 3027 Square Feet and is Situated on a 6500 Square Foot Lot. Tastefully Landscaped Front & Back! Remodeled Gourmet Kitchen with Stainless-Steel Appliances, Upgraded Family Room, Remodeled Bathrooms, New Carpet, New Door Hardware, Upgraded Lighting and Electrical Switches & Outlets, Newer Interior & Exterior Paint, Two Fireplaces, Tile Roof, New Garage Doors, Newer Perimeter Fencing, and More! Three Car Garage. The Central Location is Unmatched and Convenient to Everything, Including Parks, Shopping, BART, 680/580 Access, Downtown & Award-Winning Schools! Minutes to Downtown & Livermore Wineries.

**OFFERED AT \$1,788,888**

**VINTAGE HILLS**



**802 CRELLIN ROAD, PLEASANTON**

Upgraded Home on Large, Private Corner 8016 Square Foot Lot in Desirable Vintage Hills Neighborhood! Pride of Ownership is Apparent in this Home. Four Bedrooms, Three Bathrooms (Downstairs Guest Suite), Approximately 1942 Square Feet, Remodeled Kitchen, Remodeled Master Bath, Remodeled Downstairs Bathroom, Dual Pane Windows, Upgraded Copper Plumbing, Newer Furnace & Air Conditioner, Newer Doors & Hardware, Newer Interior Paint-2018, New Carpet-2021, Engineered Wood Flooring, Newer Hot Water Heater-2015, Metal Lifetime Roof, Re-Stuccoed Exterior with Custom Molding, Cemented Side Yard Access, Newer Exterior Facia Boards-2020, New Rear Fence, Beautifully Landscaped, Private Rear Yard, Vintage Hills & Tawny Parks Nearby, Walk to Award Winning Vintage Hills Elementary! Minutes to BART, Downtown, Stoneridge Mall, the new Outlet Center & Livermore Wineries!

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**4825 DRYWOOD STREET, PLEASANTON**

Location, Location, Location! Extensively Upgraded and Impeccably Maintained Largest Single Level "14L" Model in Desirable Westside "Stoneridge" Neighborhood! Pride of Ownership is Evident in this Tasteful-Four Bedroom, Two Bathroom, 2217 Square Feet Home. Remodeled Kitchen with Granite and SS Appliances, Expanded Remodeled Master Bathroom, Crown Molding Throughout, Milgard Windows Throughout, Extensive Real 3/4" Oak Flooring, Added Recessed Lighting, Wood Shutters, Wood Burning Fireplace with Gas Option, 50-Year Roof, Private Backyard with Deck & Generous Lawn Area, Beautifully Landscaped, Newer Driveway, Convenient Location is Near Commute Access to Both 580 & 680, Two Parks, Elementary School, Stoneridge Regional Mall, and Just Minutes to Golf Courses, Livermore Wineries and Downtown Pleasanton!

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**COUNTRY FAIR II**



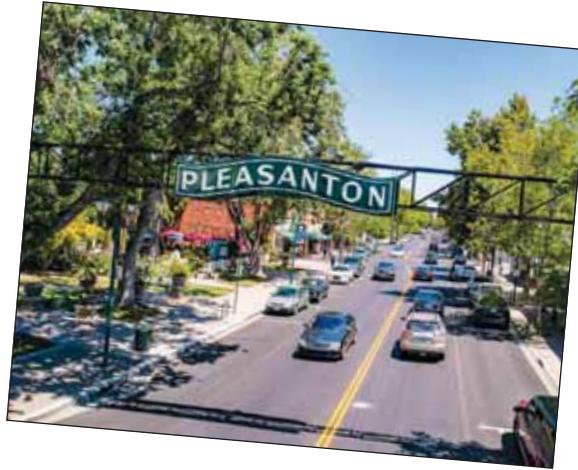
**6415 CALLE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON**

Don't Miss this Remodeled & Upgraded Home! Built In 1991, This Ponderosa Country Fair II Home Shows Pride of Ownership! This Four Bedroom (Office 4th), Three Bathroom Home Has 3027 Square Feet and is Situated on a Generous 7579 Square Foot Lot. The Front & Private Backyard are Both Professionally & Beautifully Landscaped! Remodeled Gourmet Kitchen with Custom Cabinets & Stainless-Steel Appliances, Upgraded Bathrooms, Hardwood Floors, New Carpet, Newer Windows, 4" Wood Shutters, Sub Zero Full-Sized Built-In Wine Refrigerator, New Door Hardware, Upgraded Lighting and Electrical Switches & Outlets, Newer Interior & Exterior Paint, New Heat & Air, Two Fireplaces, Tile Roof, Newer Garage Doors, Newer Perimeter Fencing, and More! Three Car Garage. The Central Location is Unmatched and Convenient to Everything, Including Parks, Shopping, BART, 680/580 Access, Downtown & Award Winning Schools!

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**4241 Bevilacqua Court**

**Presented at \$1,990,000**

*Views of Mt. Diablo and Pleasanton Ridge*

*Close to Downtown*

- 3 - IPE wood decks offering panoramic views
- Updated and remodeled throughout
- EV car charger along with RV parking space in the driveway
- **Kitchen:** raised open beam ceiling, quartz island, 48" glass door refrigerator, Wolf range with a pot filler, and 2 Miele 84" tall wine refrigerators
- **Master bath:** Carrera marble, oversized free standing tub, Expansive walk-in closet with custom quartz topped island

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**PLEASANTON**



4132 Cid Way  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,510 Sq Ft  
**LISTED AT \$1,085,000**  
**SOLD FOR \$1,360,000**

**PLEASANTON**



4686 Sutter Gate Avenue  
4 BD | 2 BA | 1,963 Sq Ft  
**PENDING**  
**LISTED AT \$1,585,000**

**PLEASANTON**



4550 Gatetree Circle  
4 BD | 2 BA | 1,808 Sq Ft  
**PENDING**  
**LISTED AT \$1,515,000**

**Coming Soon**

- **DUBLIN** — West Side. Remodeled....move right in. 4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,511 Sq Ft | 11,485 Sq Ft lot | Loft/game room | Pool | Views
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