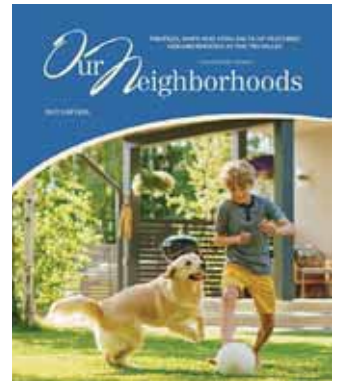


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# WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

## Elections ... already?!

Time for the fun to officially begin. The candidacy nomination period for the June 7 statewide primary election opened earlier this month and continues until March 11.

Of course we've all heard rumblings from local officials and regular residents in recent months about their potential interest or even intent to run for certain elected offices this spring, but now is when we find out if that was just talk or if they really have the goods.

And there are plenty of important positions up for election on the June ballot — even though midterm elections have notoriously less participation than presidential years, with the primary election having even worse turnout rates, traditionally.

I hope to see that change in 2022, but I'm realistic based on years and years of voter participation data.

Still, I'll make my pitch here that people should start getting geared up for the 2022 election season now.

Our coverage strategies are already being carefully delegated among our staff behind the scenes. You won't see much from us on the statewide candidates on the June ballot, unless a local resident jumps into a race. Those nine seats include U.S. senator and California's governor, secretary of state, attorney general and treasurer.

These are important elected offices, no doubt, but I feel like our readers really only look to us for Tri-Valley candidate coverage. Plus, we have to be realistic about our staffing levels and bandwidth to source statewide or national stories.

So we turn our full attention to the U.S. House of Representatives and State Assembly, which will be on the ballot in the wake of redistricting. (The Tri-Valley was also majorly affected when the State Senate lines were redrawn, but those seats won't be on local ballots until 2024, although we'll watch for the outcome in the new neighboring District 10.)

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) has pulled papers to run for the new District 14, with potentially seven challengers at this point. It appears Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) has not yet taken out re-election papers to run in redrawn District 16, but she would have more than two weeks still left to go.

I also know the new Assembly District 20, which will include a portion of western Dublin and Pleasanton, will be heated. Dublin City

Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, who works for Bauer-Kahan's office, has indicated his intent to run for that District 20 seat and has racked up public endorsements, but he hasn't qualified for the ballot yet, according to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Six countywide positions will be on the ballot.

Particular attention will be paid to the district attorney's seat with Nancy O'Malley not seeking re-election, as well as Sheriff Gregory Ahern potentially facing multiple challengers, but you can trust we'll also be covering county superintendent of schools, assessor, auditor-controller and treasurer-tax collector too.

It appears at least two Alameda County Superior Court judgeships could be contested as well.

Remember, a county candidate could win the position outright in the primary election if they earn more than 50% of the vote. If no one wins a majority in June, then the top two finishers would advance to a runoff to be held during the general election.

In terms of hyper-local contests, it will be nothing like November when every city and school district will have seats on the ballot. That said, there is one important contest for the Tri-Valley now: Four positions on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors are up for grabs. That's a majority of the board to be decided in June, in a drought year.

The Tri-Valley will also vote for their regional representative on the Alameda County Board of Education, for Trustee Area 7.

I acknowledge too that voters in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District will vote on a parcel tax renewal on May 3. The renewal question, which asks to extend the existing \$138 per parcel tax rate for seven more years, was quietly advanced for a special mail-only ballot with frankly little direct public communication from the district. We'll see how that apparent strategy plays out.

I'll end with this (admittedly unsolicited) advice: Vote because you want to vote; that's why I engage that civic responsibility. Make sure you're correctly registered. Make sure to know which districts you live in. Make sure you educate yourself. Make sure you actually cast your ballot.

Oh, and if you want to be a candidate in the primary, you better get a move on. The deadline fast approaches. ■

## About the Cover

Participation was strong at the public input session on Feb. 12 seeking feedback about proposals to potentially bring a cricket pitch and pickleball courts to Muirwood Community Park. Respondents thus far have been overwhelmingly against the cricket plan, according to city staff. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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## What measures do you take to avoid 'sweating the small stuff'?



**Janet McCarroll**  
*Author/business owner*

Mostly I try to have a good sense of humor, and also, I talk to friends that I trust because they help me to change my perspective on things so that I feel like whatever the situation I'm in is part of a comedy show, rather than feeling as though I'm stuck in a nightmare.



**Amanda Lezcano**  
*Office manager*

I really think about and process all of the small stuff, and try to come to some kind of solution or resolution about it. Once I do that, I try to put it behind me and move on, so that I don't have to sweat it anymore.



**Joe Lezcano**  
*Business owner*

Well, if something or someone upsets me, the first thing I do is to let that be known. Even if it's "small stuff". I'm just the kind of person who really needs to rant and vent. Once I let it all out, I let go, forgive and move on.



**Madeline Secundy**  
*Product specialist*

I really try to not sweat any of the small stuff that is beyond my ability to control. My philosophy in life is to let go of the things that I cannot control and to focus my energy, attention and efforts on the things that I can.



**Alex Rockwell**  
*Logistics manager*

I have all sorts of great hobbies that engage my mind and body, and that make me happy and distract my attention from all of the small stuff I might otherwise stress over.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### COVID testing site

KindlyTest has opened a new COVID-19 community testing site at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton designed to serve the Tri-Valley community.

Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week, the no-cost test site is open to everyone age 2 years old and up (insured or uninsured) and no appointment is necessary. The company partners with a certified laboratory in Hayward to process results within 24 to 36 hours.

“At multiple test locations across the Bay Area, KindlyTest partners with schools, businesses, organizations and community centers to improve access to COVID-19 testing for everyone. The company is currently completing more than 5,000 COVID-19 tests in Pleasanton each month to help reduce the spread of COVID-19,” fairgrounds officials said.

To access the site, enter the fairgrounds off Valley Avenue through Gate 12 and follow the KindlyTest signage.

### Sponsor a banner

Dublin city officials are now accepting applications from residents interested in sponsoring a banner to honor a local service member or military veteran to be displayed along Dougherty Road between Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

“Each custom banner features a photo of the honoree; name, rank, and branch of the military served; and if they are active duty or a veteran,” city officials said.

The deadline to apply is March 31. The \$200 sponsor fee is not due until after the application is approved — and financial assistance could be made available if needed. Contact the City Manager’s Office at 925-833-6650 or visit dublin.ca.gov.

### The Golden Sneaker

Many schools throughout the county are participating in the Alameda County Transportation Commission Safe Routes to Schools Program’s 2022 Golden Sneaker Contest now through March 11.

“During this beloved event, Alameda County students, classrooms, and schools will participate to see who can use active and shared transportation the most, receiving points every time they walk, roll, bicycle, ride a scooter or skateboard, take transit, or use a supportive mobility device such as a wheelchair,” officials said.

Students work to track their progress and compete for prizes in the contest that aims to reduce schools’ carbon footprint and promote a safer, more active lifestyle. Learn more at alameda-countysr2s.org. ■

## Changes contemplated at Muirwood Park

Plan to add cricket pitch faces big pushback; pickleball courts could be on horizon too

By JEANITA LYMAN

Following months of research into potential sites for a long sought-after cricket pitch in Pleasanton, city staff are considering how to move forward with the next steps of the process amid a surge of negative feedback from community members on the recommendation of Muirwood Community Park as a site several months ago.

At the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Nov. 18, staff recommended Muirwood Park as the site for two proposed sports facilities at the top of the city’s agenda: a cricket field and pickleball courts. While the commission voted unanimously in favor of both items, the public input process, including several community meetings earlier

this month, has garnered significant pushback from neighboring residents on the former.

“So far, feedback has been almost 100% negative, so that will definitely weigh in,” said Heidi Murphy, Pleasanton’s director of library and recreation. “It was very different than we expected, so our plans may change.”

Cricket has been on the horizon for Pleasanton since 2014, when the Parks and Recreation Master Plan specifically mentioned it as one of the programs the city should seek to facilitate, in cooperation with youth sports organizations. In January 2021, the commission named a cricket field as its No. 3 priority, with support from a number of residents.

The City Council unanimously supported the construction of a

cricket field on April 28, 2021, deciding to make it an “A-list” rather than a “C-list priority,” with \$250,000 in the city’s capital improvement project subsequently being allocated for the research, design, and construction costs necessary for a cricket field.

The process escalated later last year, however, and raised concerns from neighbors, when city staff recommended Muirwood as the most appropriate site for a cricket pitch in the immediate future, with an eye toward hosting a cricket field at Staples Ranch in the long-term.

Following several months of research and meetings on the matter, staff recommended that the city look toward both “near-term” and “long-term” solutions to Pleasanton’s lack of cricket facilities.

In looking for a “near-term solution,” staff sought to identify sites with criteria including a minimum 180-foot radius, at least five to 10 parking spots, access to restrooms, and that could accommodate a synthetic pitch and shorter grass. Sites that were reviewed along with Muirwood included Ken Mercer Sports Park, Amador Community Park, Bernal Community Park, and the as of yet undeveloped Staples Ranch.

Sports Park and Amador Community Park were eventually deemed to have too many conflicting activities, and were ruled out. Muirwood was recommended by staff as the site for the near-term facility, with Staples Ranch being eyed for the long-term

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## Police fatally shoot man in Pleasanton

Man in domestic dispute allegedly came at officers with knife

By JEREMY WALSH

Police officers fatally shot a man who allegedly approached them with a knife in hand after initially barricading himself in an apartment amid a domestic violence investigation in Pleasanton last week.

The Pleasanton Police Department had not confirmed the identity of the man who died in the Feb. 17 encounter, as of press time Wednesday. The names of the officers, who were said to be uninjured, have also not been revealed publicly.

“We know the public wants to know more, which is why we’re moving quickly to gather the facts,” Lt. Erik Silacci said in a statement on the evening of the fatality.

According to Silacci, the situation began unfolding at 11:51 a.m. Feb. 17, when emergency dispatch received a call from a victim in a domestic violence incident at an apartment complex on Willow Road, near the Owens Drive intersection across the street from the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station.

Pleasanton officers arrived to find a man inside an apartment refusing to come out, Silacci said. After initially barricading himself inside, the man “exited the building armed with a knife” in the afternoon and “an officer-involved shooting

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Rendering depicts overhead view of the proposed layout of the new neighborhood in Happy Valley that received approval from the Pleasanton City Council on Feb. 15.

## Happy Valley development plan earns approval from City Council

Project includes 22 houses plus 22 ADUs; Balch recuses due to family property nearby

By JULIA BAUM

A planned unit development plan to construct 22 single-family homes and 22 accessory dwelling units in the Happy Valley area received approval from the Pleasanton City Council last week.

Called the Flat at Spotorno Ranch, the project is proposed for construction on an approximately 112-acre vacant parcel adjacent to 1000 Minnie Drive, one mile south of Sunol Boulevard and also located in the Happy Valley Specific Plan. Each house built within the development will undergo individual design review before

being approved for construction.

The plan earned 4-0 approval at the Feb. 15 council meeting, with Councilmember Jack Balch recusing himself from both the discussion and subsequent vote, based on direction from the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) last month.

Balch disclosed that his aunt and uncle “live adjacent to the subject property,” and “are an indirect source of income to me, to a sufficient level that requires my recusal from this item.”

An agricultural/open space parcel deemed undevelopable by the

city will be retained by the Spotorno family, which owns the land, and two common area parcels will be owned by the future homeowners association.

Based on “the desirability, great location and current robust real estate market here in Pleasanton,” John Spotorno told the council that his family “believes this is the right time to move forward with this project.”

An affordable housing agreement was also reached in conjunction with the project. Spotorno

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# Memorial service marks life of late Deputy Aubrey Phillips

Community rallies to support family, honor Phillips' memory through donations

By JEREMY WALSH

Family, friends and the law enforcement community joined together last weekend to commemorate the life and service of Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Aubrey Phillips, who died following a medical emergency on duty in Dublin earlier in the month.

Phillips, a mother of three young children whose husband is also a sheriff's deputy assigned to their hometown of Dublin, was laid to rest after a memorial service at the Oakland California Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Feb. 19 that included a motorcade from Lafayette to Oakland as well as full police honors.

"Speakers paid tribute to Aubrey's spirituality, passion for life, family and her community. Aubrey made each day in her life count and never missed an opportunity to be a brilliant woman. She was an amazing wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend," the sheriff's office said on social media.



Aubrey Phillips

"We are humbled that we had the privilege to be such a big part of her life," sheriff's officials added. "She truly loved being a Deputy Sheriff and serving her community ... We will never forget Aubrey and her purposeful and meaningful life. She was truly an inspiring person."

Phillips, 36, had worked for the past five years as a sheriff's deputy, most recently assigned to Dublin Police Services under the city's contract with the sheriff. She had come from a law enforcement family as well, as the daughter of a former county deputy-sheriff.

Phillips was in her patrol vehicle after making an arrest while on duty in Dublin at around 1:45 a.m. Feb. 12 when she suffered a serious and sudden medical emergency that was later diagnosed as an aneurysm, according to the sheriff's office. She later died at a hospital in Walnut Creek.

In mourning the loss of Phillips, Sheriff Gregory Ahern noted that the deputy was a registered donor whose organs would go on to be given to patients in dire medical need.

Following the deputy's unexpected death, the community has been inspired to raise money to benefit

her family as well as set the stage for future support of other Dublin police officers who die on duty.

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) last week established an online fundraiser to assist Phillips' family "with the considerable expenses they will incur in the wake of this tragedy." The effort is more than halfway to its \$50,000 goal.

Additionally, the city of Dublin has partnered with the Three Valleys Community Foundation to create a new "Dublin Fallen Officers Fund", with donations to be provided to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Charitable Foundation in Phillips' name.

"I want to thank the Three Valleys Community Foundation for swiftly pulling together this fund to support the Phillips family," Dublin City Manager Linda Smith said in a statement. "Many members of our community want to do what they can to help the family of Aubrey Phillips, and we knew that establishing this fund would ensure that the greatest number of people who want to help, could do so."

To contribute or learn more about the respective fundraisers, visit [porac.org](http://porac.org) and [3vcf.org](http://3vcf.org). ■



ACSO

Memorial service at the Oakland California Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Feb. 19 honors Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Aubrey Phillips, who died one week earlier after suffering an aneurysm on duty.

## Livermore Downtown Inc. hires new executive director

Longtime city resident, former staffer Lopez-Villarreal returns to lead LDI

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore Downtown Inc. (LDI) has announced that longtime Livermore resident and marketing professional Ruby Lopez-Villarreal will replace Rachael Snedecor as the organization's executive director.

Snedecor announced in November that after 21 years, she is stepping away from LDI to pursue a new entrepreneurial venture.

"Having worked with Ruby in the past and having watched her continued success and growth in a stellar career path, I am so thrilled to leave the LDI Association in such talented and capable hands!" Snedecor said in a statement from LDI.

She added, "I am confident that



Ruby Lopez-Villarreal

the business community will see a huge expansion of outreach and marketing programs that will assist in the post-Covid comeback underway. Creativity, innovation, and JOY are all part of Ruby's DNA. Get ready Livermore! It's going to be a great ride!"

Lopez-Villarreal previously worked with LDI as the marketing director and event coordinator from 2008 to 2009. She was also the TV30 producer who directed the Livermore Downtown Inc. lifestyle show "Livermore Life" in 2007.

In the years since her departure from LDI, Lopez-Villarreal has pursued opportunities in marketing, community engagement and project management. She's worked for Yahoo, Intel and she was an in-game host and reporter for the Oakland Athletics. She worked for the Golden State Warriors in game operations and as a host/spokesperson.

She also previously hosted a local lifestyle show for the city of Walnut Creek.

In a full circle moment, Lopez-Villarreal now returns to lead LDI — which, like its fellow downtown organization in neighboring Pleasanton, had been recruiting for a new executive director since the fall.

"I am honored and grateful for the wonderful opportunity to serve as the executive director of Livermore Downtown Inc.," Lopez-Villarreal said in the LDI statement. "I am so thrilled to be able to join the LDI team once again and I'm looking forward to carrying the torch that Rachael has carried so brilliantly."

Lopez-Villarreal's connection to Livermore extends beyond her previous work with LDI. She's been a Livermore resident for 25 years, where she is also now raising her two children with her husband Joel.

"It truly feels like coming 'full

circle' in my career and back in the community that I love and am so passionate about. My decision to join LDI was greatly influenced by the support and kindness exemplified by the Board of Directors through the selection process," Lopez-Villarreal said.

She added, "As professionals, being in an organization where you feel valued as a team member is tremendous. I'm excited to partner with Livermore community stakeholders to continue to move Livermore Downtown Inc. into the future. A future where LDI and all of our partners continue to thrive and a future where we continue to nurture the joy that Downtown sparks in all of our community."

In LDI's statement, board president Mike Allen expressed his support of Lopez-Villarreal in this new role.

"We believe Ruby will be a great

fit for this position for many professional skill reasons. Another great advantage is that Ruby grew up in a family where her parents owned and operated two different businesses. This provides her great insight and valuable knowledge as she connects with and supports our business owners. Her bilingual skills will be a great asset in increased communication amongst our valuable work force," Allen said, adding that Lopez-Villarreal was "highly recommended" for the position by several board members who had worked with her in the past.

"Our goal is to provide the support necessary for Ruby to build on the many successes Rachael has achieved and help our beautiful Downtown become more vibrant than ever!" Allen said.

Snedecor's official last day is set for Feb. 28 after which Lopez-Villarreal will take the reins. ■

## SHOOTING

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occurred," according to lieutenant.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Silacci. Additional details about the standoff and shooting have not yet been revealed.

Pleasanton PD and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office are conducting separate investigations of the fatal encounter, Silacci said. The DA's Office investigates all use-of-force fatalities involving police in the county.

This marked the first fatal police shooting in Pleasanton since May

2017, when an officer shot and killed Shannon Edward Estill after the Pleasanton man charged out of his garage toward the officer with an apparent weapon later deemed to be a black, pistol-sized BB gun.

Estill had holed up in his house while officers responded to a domestic incident, authorities said.

The DA's Office cleared Pleasanton PD Officer Keith Batt of criminal wrongdoing, deeming it justifiable self-defense.

The most recent in-custody death involving Pleasanton police, in which local resident Jacob Bauer died at a hospital hours after becoming unresponsive during a

confrontational arrest in which he was physically restrained by officers in August 2018, also resulted in the DA's Office clearing city police of criminal wrongdoing. A lawsuit brought by Bauer's parents against the city was settled before trial for \$5.9 million and no admission of fault or liability by police. ■

# Report sheds light on enrollment decline at PUSD

Officials say K-1 enrollment are 'depressed' compared to previous years

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District has lost approximately 700 students over the past five years, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels, according to an annual enrollment presentation delivered at a recent Board of Trustees meeting.

According to the report given on Feb. 10, enrollment at PUSD fluctuated over a five-year period spanning 2017 to 2022, but has dropped off significantly over the past two years. Peak enrollment during that same period was 14,958, with an increase of 112 students during the 2018-19 school year, then dropping off every year since.

A demographer's enrollment figures from January 2021 projected an additional approximately 400 students — a total of 14,403 students — for districtwide enrollment in fall 2021. The district originally anticipated receiving 5,975 students for elementary instruction this year, but there are currently 5,677 students enrolled

in elementary at PUSD (about 300 fewer than was expected).

When the pandemic hit during the 2019-20 school year, 102 students unenrolled from PUSD, and since then has lost nearly 800 more students. Last year 414 more students left the district, followed by another 376 students during the current school year.

Elementary enrollment peaked with 6,252 students enrolled in grades 1 to 5 in the 2018-19 school year. There are 5,677 elementary students currently enrolled for the 2021-22 school year at PUSD.

Middle school enrollment has declined steadily since 2016, when 3,715 students were enrolled in middle school. When schools reopened for in-person learning last year, 3,412 students were enrolled in middle school at PUSD — a slight decrease from 3,541 students that were enrolled the year before. Enrollment is currently at 3,385 middle school students.

High school enrollment peaked during the 2019-20 school year with 5,133 students enrolled, and

has declined by about 100 students since then to a current enrollment of 5,004 students.

Transitional kindergarten (TK) enrollment has stayed level over the past five years, with 171 students currently enrolled. At its peak during the 2019-20 school year, TK had 184 students enrolled.

Trustee Steve Maher asked about projections for TK enrollment, and assistant superintendent of student support services Ed Diolazo said, "Usually we can get a little bit of an estimate as to who's coming in but this year it's really been difficult, that's my honest answer, in terms of what the TK numbers will look like."

"We hope and anticipate that there will be more TK and K students that come in but ... it's hard to project when the numbers were so depressed this year for TK and K because those kids are what we use to project the next year," Diolazo said. "Our kinders and our first grade are a little bit depressed in terms of what we're projecting because if the kids come back to what we're used to from a couple years ago, then

those numbers will increase and so forth."

Current racial and ethnic data also shows exactly half of the district's students are Asian, while white students make up 30% of the population, followed by Hispanic students (10%), students identifying as two or more races (6%), Filipinos (2%), and African American students (1%). Another 1% of students declined to state their racial or ethnic makeup.

Trustee Joan Laursen said the district seemed "under-enrolled in our dual immersion program, and that's quite a change since we used to have a long, long waiting list for that program."

"I'm wondering if this has something to do with the changing of our ethnicity," Laursen said. "When you look back 10 years, we had a higher proportion of white students who maybe wanted to be participating in our Spanish dual immersion program versus today we have a higher percentage of Asian students who may or may not be interested in that program as much." ■

Laursen also requested "some additional information about the status of our Spanish dual immersion program as we move forward, and what are the plans for that," as well as plans for a Mandarin dual immersion program.

Trustee Kelly Mokashi noted that in the district's choice areas for enrollment "there's a higher percentage of students choosing Amador versus Foothill" high school. Though PUSD does not collect information about why students choose what school they attend, student board member Saachi Bhayani offered some insight.

"The Fairlands neighborhood, a lot of those kids choose to go to Foothill because they're going to Hart, so then most of Hart goes to Foothill, so everyone they know is going to Foothill," Bhayani said. "But a lot of people do keep the same friend groups from elementary school in the Fairlands friend group, which are all in the same choice area, so they all go to Amador because Amador is significantly closer." ■

## Well project coming to Amador Valley Park

Groundwater monitoring well being installed as part of city's PFAS response

By JEREMY WALSH

Crews will begin installing a monitoring well at Amador Valley Community Park next month as part of the city's efforts on water supply planning and groundwater basin assessment.

Expected to last most of March, construction on the groundwater

monitoring well at approximately \$180,000 is a "vital step in the city's PFAS Treatment and Wells Rehabilitation Project," according to Kathleen Yurchak, director of operations and water utilities for the city.

"The monitoring well will allow for the collection of groundwater data to help the city determine

the viability of this location as a source of potential water supply to continue to deliver safe and reliable drinking water," Yurchak told the Weekly.

With city-operated wells accounting for about 20% of Pleasanton's potable water source, the City Council has made it a priority to

advance work toward treating and rehabilitating city wells, especially in the context of contamination from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) — chemicals once used prevalently for surface coating as an oil and water repellent as well as in firefighting foams.

The new monitoring well is

being installed at Amador Valley Community Park between the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center and Gingerbread Preschool. There will be heavy equipment for drilling onsite, but residents will continue to have access to the park and its facilities, other than the worksite itself, according to city officials. ■

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said that "each site must include an accessory dwelling unit, in addition to paying the full in lieu of affordable housing fee currently estimated in excess of a million dollars."

"Although this project represents a minuscule percentage of Pleasanton's housing stock, this infill project within two miles of downtown adjacent to the already developed Callippe (Preserve) Golf Course does add to the housing inventory in a manner consistent with adopted plans for this area," Spotorno said.

In December, the project was unanimously approved as proposed by the Planning Commission, which also "emphasized that the section of the proposed Happy Valley Loop Trail along Alisal Street should be constructed as part of the subdivision improvements prior to construction on any residential homes," according to a staff report.

Other on- and off-site improvements will also be paid for by the

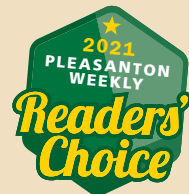
applicant, and include sidewalks, curbs, gutters, trails, stormwater retention areas, and water and sewage facilities.

Community development director Ellen Clark said "the project is adding a small increment of traffic and traffic safety improvements," and that trail upgrades should help keep bicyclists and pedestrians "separated and distanced from traffic that exists today" on Happy Valley Road, where some residents have expressed concerns about speeding motorists.

Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly that the 44 total units will apply to the city's sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), and said the project "will fit well in that part of the community."

As someone who started her political career with a focus on preserving hillsides and open space, Brown said "the land that's being used and protected against development, that hillside will be important for the area." ■

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# Remembering Carlo Vecchiarelli

Former community college dean, trustee also owned shop downtown for years

By JEREMY WALSH

Longtime Pleasanton resident Carlo E. Vecchiarelli Jr., who held leadership roles within the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District for decades including 15 years as an elected trustee representing the Tri-Valley, died earlier this month after battling cancer. He was 79.



Carlo Vecchiarelli

A former science instructor at

Chabot College who would go on to become dean of admissions and records at the Hayward campus for nearly 30 years, Vecchiarelli was also known in his hometown for owning the old Dolls and Ducks collectibles shop in downtown Pleasanton for years with his wife Geri.

"The passing of Mr. Vecchiarelli represents an enormous loss to our community. He was beloved for his unwavering commitment to the district, and his legacy will have a lasting impact on our students and staff," said Trustee Tim Sbranti, current president of the CLPCCD

Board of Trustees who succeeded Vecchiarelli in the Trustee Area 5 seat after his retirement in 2019.

A San Leandro native who graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, Vecchiarelli began his career at Chabot as a faculty member in the science department in 1968, according to his family obituary. He was elevated to admissions dean seven years later, a position he held until retiring in 2003.

But his leadership with the college district didn't end there. Vecchiarelli ran for and won election as the Chabot-Las Positas board

trustee representing parts of the Tri-Valley in 2004. He would hold the position for nearly four terms, including three turns as board president, before resigning in January 2019 at the age of 76.

All told, Vecchiarelli worked or served with the college district for more than five decades.

In addition to the running the retail shop on Main Street for 15 years, which capitalized on his passion for duck stamps and other collectibles, Vecchiarelli was known in the community for his years as a baseball and softball umpire for youth games. He was

also an inductee into the Chabot Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of meritorious services to student-athletes.

Family confirmed Vecchiarelli died on Feb. 12 "after a short but strong battle with cancer."

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Geri Keele-Vecchiarelli, children Carlo "Chuck" Vecchiarelli III and Veronica "Rocky" Vecchiarelli-Valleau, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and funeral mass for Vecchiarelli has been scheduled for March 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to either The Friends of Chabot College or The Las Positas College Foundation in his honor. ■

## MUIRWOOD

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facility. Bernal was also eyed for the latter, but staff determined that further legal analysis into whether this would be consistent with the park's master plan posed an obstacle.

A handful of public commenters at the November meeting raised concerns, including about parking in the area, the potential safety hazard of flying cricket balls, and the loss of green space for picnics and pick-up games. However, the commission voted unanimously to approve

Muirwood as the near-term site for cricket, and Staples Ranch for the long-term, offering suggestions for how community feedback that evening might be incorporated into the final plan.

Cynthia Shon, who lives two blocks from Muirwood, said that she first became aware of the potential for a cricket field there in a notice from the city about public feedback sessions on the potential plan earlier this month.

She said she was immediately concerned that the recommendation hadn't taken into account what

people typically use the park for beyond sports, particularly when she saw a picture of just how much space the field would take up.

"They showed us this map of what it was supposed to look like, and we realized this field was going to take up a huge section of Muirwood Park that is the only section of flat grass area," Shon said.

Shon said that upon seeing the breadth of the potential cricket pitch, she was certain that this wouldn't be what park-goers wanted, and made the effort to spread the word to neighboring residents.

"My main concern is that it really is inappropriate for this type of park, and I know the neighbors don't want it. So after hearing about it, I was concerned that the neighbors wouldn't hear about it and wouldn't have a say so, so it would just go through," Shon said.

After outreach efforts that included distributing 400 flyers, Shon said that quite a few residents took notice, and joined her in voicing concerns over the project during the city's community input sessions.

She tried to emphasize that pushback from herself and others in the community wasn't driven by any general opposition to having cricket in Pleasanton, or reluctance to see the city change, but specific concerns about the choice of Muirwood.

Vikrant Dissai, another resident of the neighborhood surrounding Muirwood, and a longtime cricket player, said that the lack of fencing proposed for the field, where tournaments using a hard ball rather than a soft ball would be slated to play, was particularly concerning.

"Playing with a hard ball on a shared field is kind of never heard of," Dissai said. "There is nowhere hardball cricket is played when people are in the vicinity walking or doing something else."

Dissai said that he was among those who had been excited about the city's prioritization and commitment to building a cricket field, but that a field at Muirwood Park would be more trouble than the sacrifice of the field and



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City officials collect input about the Muirwood Park amenities at the Pleasanton Farmers' Market.

surrounding area would be worth.

Murphy, said that while community input was a central and valuable part of the proposal and planning process for new projects, the overwhelmingly negative feedback from community members surrounding Muirwood had come as a surprise.

In contrast, the commission's vote to recommend that two tennis courts at Muirwood be replaced with pickleball courts has not garnered the same kind of community pushback. Like cricket, pickleball was identified as a sport that the city should seek to establish dedicated facilities for, based on community need and demand, according to its most recent CIP work plan.

Unlike plans for a cricket field, no funds were allotted for the construction of new pickleball facilities, leading staff to seek already established tennis courts that could be converted to pickleball courts as part of the city's annual court resurfacing project.

After researching several potential sites, staff recommended Muirwood as the location for new pickleball courts at the same Nov. 18 meeting, citing advocacy from a resident in the neighborhood, and Muirwood's four total tennis courts, which would leave at least two remaining for tennis, amongst the reasons for the recommendation.

Also unlike the cricket pitch recommendation, the idea of pickleball facilities at Muirwood included the

suggestion of higher fences, with a lack of fencing being both a central feature and concern behind the cricket field suggestion.

According to Murphy, the lack of fencing planned for the near-term cricket field at Muirwood was meant to be a feature rather than a bug, and to have less impact on the park than a fenced facility would. As residents such as Dissai have pointed out, however, cricket balls can be just as dangerous as tennis balls or pickleballs.

Murphy said that typically at this point in the process, the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation, along with community feedback, would be sent to the City Council, for consideration at a meeting in the late spring or early summer.

While she said that might still be the path staff elect to take, the scope and breadth of community concerns on the item meant that more research was necessary before confirming next steps.

Murphy noted that while removing Muirwood Park as a site to be considered for a near-term cricket pitch before bringing recommendations to the council could be an option, this would mean councilmembers wouldn't have the opportunity to weigh in. However, she added that regardless of what the next steps were, community feedback would be incorporated into any decisions going forward. ■

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HIGHLIGHTS

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

On March 3, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and approved AB 361 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 meetings will be streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton> and <https://www.tri-valleytv.org>.

- Adopt a resolution accepting the midyear FY 2021/22 operating budget and amending the FY 2021/22 operating budget accordingly
- **PUBLIC HEARING** – Appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of design review application (P20-1053) to construct a new 1,069-square-foot two-story residential unit behind an existing commercial building located at 218 Ray Street

**Human Services Commission Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 6 p.m.

- Review and Allocate Housing and Human Services Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2022/23 and Recommend City Council Approval
- Review and Comment on the 2021 Library and Recreation Department Annual Report

**Library Commission Meeting**  
Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7 p.m.

- Select Two Library Commissioners for the Library Card Design Contest and Library Card Sign-up Month subcommittee
- Review the Library and Recreation Department Annual Report

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# No end in sight: California drought on course to break another record

Despite big early snowfall, January and February on track to be driest ever

By RACHEL BECKER / CALMATTERS

The first two months of 2022 are shaping up to be the driest January and February in California history, prompting state officials to warn of dire water conditions ahead.

"There's no precipitation forecast through the remainder of February. And there's very little precipitation in the long-range forecast for March," Erik Ekdhahl, a deputy director with the State Water Resources Control Board, said at a board meeting on Feb. 15. "All this is pointing to, again, some pretty dire conditions statewide for drought."

After record-setting storms in October and then December, the past six weeks — usually among the wettest months in California — have seen precipitation totals plateau at roughly half the yearly average in the state's major watersheds.

The dry spell follows the driest year in California since 1924, as aridity continues to dominate the West.

The prolonged drought, which began in early 2020, leaves many

water suppliers leaning more on their stored water supplies or shifting to other sources, such as groundwater.

Jennifer Pierre, general manager of the State Water Contractors, an association of water agencies in Southern and Northern California and the San Joaquin Valley that receive supplies from the State Water Project, called the storms late last year "a blip" that meant little to California's water supplies.

The agencies are getting 15% of their requested supplies from the state aqueduct, which carries water from Northern California rivers south. Initially, the allocations were set at zero, which meant deliveries would only cover enough for public health and safety.

For residents of the Silicon Valley, the conditions could mean tightening restrictions and increasing rebates to reduce water use. In San Jose, customers who exceed limits — based on a 15% cut in amounts of water they used in 2019 — already have to pay extra fees.

The drought has collided with earthquake retrofits that required almost completely draining the area's largest reservoir, knocking out more than half of the storage capacity serving 2 million people in and around San Jose.

In June, Valley Water's board mandated a 15 percent cut to water use from 2019 levels, to be implemented by the local water agencies it supplies. Board chair Gary Kremen said he wouldn't be surprised to see an update to the restrictions and rebate programs come up for another vote.

"You use the word dire," Kremen said. "But for us, it's kind of worse than dire."

The storms early in the rainy season mean California's water supplies are in better shape now than last year, said state climatologist Michael Anderson. Nearly the entire state is in moderate drought, with about two-thirds in severe drought. But if precipitation totals hold, he expects this year to round out the driest three years on record — even drier than the three-year span between

2013 and 2015 during the last record-breaking drought.

"The challenge is, this is year three of the drought rather than year two," Anderson said. "And in terms of a three-year period, we're likely going to set a new record for a three-year window of drought."

The snowpack, too, hasn't increased. A critical water supply, the Sierra Nevada snowpack was measured at 72% of normal for Feb. 15, but only 55% of the seasonal average measured on April 1. And in parts of the state, the snow is already melting.

"You're in this window where you're still expecting to be building (snow)pack, but it's already starting to melt," Anderson said. "The challenge will be how much snowpack makes it to spring, and how much shows up in the reservoirs."

Anderson is keeping an eye on the months ahead, and hopes that March will bring more rain and snow than anticipated. A big question will be how much runoff from snow melt in the Sierra Nevada will reach California's reservoirs, which

saw substantially less runoff than expected last year.

"The good news is there's room in the reservoirs to capture what does make it to the streams and come down," he said. "The challenge is that if we're dry this early, the demands for water start earlier."

Most of the state's reservoirs are sitting below historic averages despite the December deluge, with some notable exceptions, such as Folsom Reservoir — "the breadwinner of the storms," Michael Macon, who works with the water board's Division of Water Rights, said last week.

Lake Shasta is about half a million acre-feet — enough to supply 1.5 million households for one year — short of where it stood last year. Oroville has climbed above last year's levels, but the amount of water flowing out is starting to match water flowing in following a dry January, Macon said.

Looking ahead, Anderson says it's a matter of waiting and watching whether spring brings more rain and snow, and how quickly summer heats up.

"The challenge then becomes, well, what does summer look like? Does it heat up really fast? Do we end up with a lot of heat waves?" he said. "Or do we get a little bit of a break with some cooler weather?" ■

## Embattled Chancellor Reece resigns from CCCCD

Separation agreement pays remainder of year's salary

By JEANITA LYMAN

After being placed on paid administrative leave two weeks ago for the second time in his tenure, the embattled chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District has made his exit, following just over a year on the job.



Bryan Reece

The district's five trustees voted unanimously on Feb. 16 to accept a resignation agreement with Bryan Reece, which will see him paid out the remainder of the salary dictated by his contract, more than \$133,000, with other benefits such as health insurance set to continue for the remaining seven months of his term.

An additional term of the agreement is that Reece and the district refrain from seeking damages against one another.

"The Governing Board and Dr. Reece have mutually decided to part ways," Governing Board President Judy E. Walters said in a statement after the meeting. "We thank Dr. Reece for his service to the District, and wish him well as he relocates to Southern California to spend more time with his family."

Reece, who started with the district in November 2020, had been on paid administrative leave for undisclosed personnel reasons since a special governing board meeting on

Feb. 2, in another unanimous vote by the board.

Previously, he was put on paid administrative leave on Sept. 14, then reinstated, following more than an hour of public comments on the matter, on Oct. 1. Both decisions were made in 3-2 votes by the board, with district officials citing an investigation into undisclosed personnel matters.

In addition to accepting Reece's resignation, the board also formally voted to appoint executive vice chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh as interim chancellor, and to amend her contract accordingly on Feb. 16.

"With more than 30 years of experience at the District, mostly in executive leadership roles, the Governing Board is confident Mojdeh provides the steady and stable leadership needed to help advance the District's mission and vision," said an announcement from the district on Feb. 17.

Mehdizadeh's contract as interim chancellor sees her paid a salary of \$357,714 annually, with two weeks of retroactive pay for her time as acting chancellor during Reece's prior leave last September.

Her appointment as interim chancellor formally commenced as of Feb. 16, and the contract runs through June 30, 2024, unless replaced by a permanent chancellor. If replaced, she would return to her executive vice chancellor position through 2025, according to the

updated contract.

Under the terms of Reece's most recently amended contract, approved by the board last October, he received a 2% pay increase from his first year on the job, putting his salary at \$321,300 annually. The 2% pay raise was slightly less than the terms of his contract stipulated

for meeting or exceeding minimum requirements of the job, according to his performance evaluation.

While district officials continue to decline to provide further information on why Reece was put on leave, and ultimately resigned, his tenure in the district began under rocky circumstances, in which he

was selected for the position after the only other finalist withdrew from consideration and the district's search for a permanent chancellor was interfered with by the pandemic.

The chancellor position was previously filled, on an interim basis, by executive vice chancellor Eugene Huff, who filed a complaint against the district, and later joined two other former district administrators, Dio Shipp and Jonah Nicholas, alleging public records act violations and discrimination. ■

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Citing dangers, officials urge high school seniors not to play 'Assassin'

School and police officials in the Tri-Valley say it's that time of year again for some high school seniors, and they've put out their annual call to just say no.

"Assassin" contests, which often crop up at this time in the spring semester, see participating students assigned "targets" of whom they must "assassinate" using toy weapons, often Nerf-type guns that fire foam darts — but the endeavor is far from a harmless game, presenting unintended consequences that can be very dangerous, according to public safety officials.

"This activity is of significant concern because students have, in the past, engaged in risky behaviors for the sake of the game. Quite often, the thrill of the game can override a teen's common sense," said officials from Dublin, who were the first in the area to issue their annual advisory against "Assassin".

The popular but unsanctioned contest generally sees students pay to participate, and over the course of multiple rounds and weeks of play,

the winner of the financial pot is the last person standing.

The manner of play, which often takes place throughout the community in public, can be far from safe though — especially for how the encounters are seen in the eyes of bystanders, according to the joint advisory from Dublin Police Services, Dublin Unified School District and Dublin High School administration.

Some strategies for students in "Assassin" include disguising the toy weapons to make them look more realistic, reaching for concealed weapons in public places, lying in wait around the neighborhood or hiding on another's property, wearing dark or camouflaged clothing, jumping out of moving vehicles to attack or flee from competitors and even conducting "drive-by" operations on a target in public, officials said.

"When viewed through a non-participant's eyes, the behaviors look and have all the elements of an actual threatening or violent event unfolding. They often prompt multiple calls to police who respond to what they believe to be a violent incident in progress," officials said.

"Not only does this consume significant time and resources of emergency personnel, it also jeopardizes the safety of our community when actual threats cannot be responded

to in a timely manner. Furthermore, in the eyes of a startled homeowner protecting his or her family or property, a violent response to a player is quite possible," they added, while also warning:

"Parents and students need to be aware that this activity can look like a realistic violent crime. If a police officer or another person is injured during the response to that incident, the people involved, including the parents of the minor taking part, could be held liable."

Officials in Dublin — like their counterparts in Pleasanton, Livermore and the San Ramon Valley often do each year — reminded too that students could face additional disciplinary action if any weapons, even toy guns, is brought onto campus or administrators discover any other evidence that the game is being played at school.

"The safety of our students is always our top priority," Dublin officials said. "We encourage you to speak with your child regarding the game and ask them to refrain from participating. We hope this information will help families stay informed."

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

• A Modesto man was arrested in Salida earlier this month in connection with a series of commercial burglaries in Livermore and the central valley, according to a statement from Livermore police.

The man, identified as 31-year-old Steven Russell Carson, has since been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office with several counts, including two felony counts of burglary, two felony counts of vandalism and one felony count for driving or taking a vehicle without consent.

The two Livermore burglaries occurred on the morning of Feb. 5.

Around 7 a.m., officers responded to a report of a commercial burglary at Legacy Ink on the 1600 block of North Vasco Road. After gaining access into the property by smashing the front glass door with a hammer, Carson took T-shirts and body piercing jewelry from the establishment, police said.

A burglary occurred at Popeye's Chicken in the 2300 block of Las Positas Road at around 9:30 a.m. the same day. The owner said the suspect shut the power off, according to the Livermore Police Department.

Through their investigation, officers determined both burglaries were carried out by the same person. Video surveillance also showed the suspect's car was a white convertible Ford Mustang. With help from LPD's real time crime analyst, investigators determined the car had been stolen from Avis Rental Car at the Modesto Airport.

In addition to the burglaries in Livermore, further investigation revealed Carson was involved in two commercial burglaries in Merced, one in Tracy and five burglaries in Modesto, according to police.

—Cierra Bailey

• California Attorney General Rob Bonta recently demanded additional information from a COVID testing company facing a federal investigation amid waves of customer complaints and concerns, and unanswered questions into their business practices and motives.

The Illinois-based company Centers for Covid Control (CCC) launched and operated numerous pop-up testing sites, including one in San Ramon at 9110 Alcosta Blvd., amid the early omicron surge and increased demand for testing as a result.

The company was ordered to close last month, amid a federal investigation and FBI raid of the company's headquarters outside Chicago on

Jan. 22. However, local sites were allowed to resume operations independently by severing ties with the main company.

While this led to most sites to shutter or pause operations, with the San Ramon location being listed as "temporarily closed" for several weeks, the site appeared to be open, according to its web listings last week. Contact information and a link to the CCC website were no longer listed.

On Feb. 10, Bonta sent a letter to the company requesting additional information that could substantiate claims that have been thrown into question by consumer complaints. Specifically, the company is facing numerous reports of failing to provide test results in the timeframe advertised, concerns about accuracy of test results, and handling of test samples.

Bonta is requesting that the company provide information substantiating claims about turnaround time for test results, including claims of rapid test results being available within 15 minutes in person or three hours via email, and PCR test results being available within no more than 48 hours.

"Today's letter to Center for Covid Control serves as a warning to all other COVID-19 testing sites operating in the state of California. If you are operating a testing site that is making false claims, failing to provide promised test results, or stealing people's information, we will hold you accountable," Bonta said in a statement. "My office is responsible for keeping individuals safe from false or misleading business practices, and we are committed to doing just that."

Bonta added that he encouraged anyone who suspected being scammed by a testing site to report it to his office via [oag.ca.gov/report](mailto:oag.ca.gov/report). ■

—Jeanita Lyman

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available

### Feb. 18

#### Theft from auto

■ 8:04 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Weapons violation

■ 10:03 p.m. on the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue

### Feb. 17

#### DUI

■ 2:00 a.m. on the 4100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

■ 6:23 a.m., 5400 block of San Juan Way; auto theft

■ 4:46 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 5:04 p.m., 7300 block of Elmwood Circle; auto theft

#### Alcohol violation

■ 11:16 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

### Feb. 16

#### Auto theft

■ 6:13 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

■ 7:24 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

#### Shoplifting

■ 7:26 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 8:55 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Assault/battery

■ 2:14 p.m. on the 2200 block of Delucchi Drive

#### Burglary

■ 8:46 a.m. on the 4300 block of Mirador Drive

### Feb. 15

#### Vandalism

■ 2:17 a.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Theft

■ 11:59 a.m. on the 1600 block of Lexington Lane

■ 1:24 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:22 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

#### Robbery

■ 1:26 p.m. on the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive

■ 2:38 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Graffiti offense

■ 3:20 p.m. on the 3400 block of National Park Road

#### Drug violation

■ 3:26 p.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

■ 5:37 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Burglary

■ 7:36 p.m. on the 4800 block of Arlene Place

### Feb. 14

#### Theft from auto

■ 4:16 p.m. on the 4600 block of First Street

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund raises \$80,000

The numbers are in! The Pleasanton Weekly's annual Holiday Fund raised more than \$74,000 in the 2021-22 campaign, thanks to the strong support of more than 310 donors who contributed to the cause.

A unique match by our new fiscal sponsor, Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF), elevated the grand total to an even \$80,000.

The \$80,000 will be distributed equally among the campaign's eight 2021-22 nonprofit beneficiaries: Axis Community Health, City Serve of the Tri-Valley, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE), Sunflower Hill, Tri-Valley REACH and Valley Humane Society.

This year's campaign was managed by Three Valleys because we saw the benefit of partnering with a local community foundation — a new and much-needed organization in our backyard. With 3VCF being headquartered in Pleasanton and serving the Tri-Valley, its leaders see the needs of our neighbors through a local lens and have already established relationships with donors and nonprofits.

It is a privilege to be the first organization in the region to open a fund with 3VCF, which incorporated in

June 2021 and officially launched in November 2021.

"It has been an honor to partner with the Pleasanton Weekly on their 2021 Holiday Fund," said John Sensiba, chairman of the Board of Directors for 3VCF. "The generosity and tremendous philanthropic spirit of the donors to this campaign is inspiring. We are proud to have managed the administration of this campaign, by absorbing all fees and providing a match. We send our sincere thanks to donors who contributed to support these very worthy nonprofits."

The uses of the money raised by the Holiday Fund are diverse, but all are impactful.

For example, Axis Community Health, which provides medical, dental and behavioral health services for low-income and uninsured families throughout the Tri-Valley, said funds received this year will be used to purchase blood pressure cuffs for in-home use for vulnerable seniors who have hypertension.

"When the COVID-19 health crisis began in March of 2020, Axis quickly moved to providing medical visits by telephone and by video. While telehealth visits have allowed for ongoing care, it is challenging to manage patients with hypertension

over many months via only telehealth," Valerie Jonas, chief development officer at Axis, explained.

The blood pressure cuffs will enable patients to check their blood pressure regularly and data is entered into the patients' medical charts, "allowing our medical team to identify quickly any patient who is not doing well with their current hypertension treatment plan," Jonas said.

Open Heart Kitchen's planned use for the \$10,000 is also affected by the pandemic.

"Since COVID-19, OHK has seen a significant increase in the demand for emergency food, and has shifted operations to provide food in to-go containers for pick up only," OHK's development director Denise Bridges said. "One in five residents in Alameda County is experiencing or is at risk of food insecurity — the lack of access to nutritious food."

Valley Humane Society will be using its \$10,000 to help offset the operational expense associated with opening a surgery center this year and for its Animeals program to help "meet the needs of community members who can't afford to feed their animals," Melanie Sadek, VHS's executive director, told us.

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday

Fund was launched 20 years ago to "help alleviate the needs that exist, despite our community's prosperity." Today we still strive to meet the unfunded and under-funded needs of Tri-Valley agencies through the annual campaign.

"This is exactly the type of partnership our foundation wants to support," noted Nelson Fialho, Three Valleys' interim CEO. "Community foundations connect generous donors with the needs of the community. We could not have asked for a more wonderful opportunity to serve as our inaugural field-of-interest fund."

We appreciate that 3VCF did not charge to manage the Holiday Fund and absorbed associated fees so 100% of funds donated are returned to the community.

Moreover, words cannot express how grateful we are to 3VCF for the generous match that bumped the total amount to \$80,000. On behalf of our staff, the nonprofits and our community, thank you!

We would also like to thank readers for supporting our community and neighbors with your donations.

Look for information about the 2022-23 Holiday Fund campaign in November. ■

## LETTERS

### Thank you to our community

To the many organizations who enrich the lives of our residents all year long, a big thank you.

To the Tri-Valley Assistance League for always decorating our lobby and Christmas tree.

To Lois Cox who is the master bow maker for providing monthly treats and gifts to our residents.

Royal Ambulance for our Christmas wreaths for our front doors. USPS, UPS, Fed Ex and Amazon for our prompt deliveries.

To our transportation people Wheels Dial a Ride and Angelica for taking our residents to and from their appointments.

To the Naughty Knitters for making our residents lap blankets all year long.

St. Augustine's Church for bringing comfort and prayers to our hospice residents.

Graham Hitch for their donations of flowers to our facility for our residents.

To our dedicated staff who worked through our darkest times only to do it again these last two months with a much better success for our residents.

To our Dietary Department, Housekeeping Department,

Maintenance Department, Activities Department and clerical staff for all your hard work year-round.

A special thank you to our families for your patience and understanding when visiting your loved ones.

To our new Administrator Ed Johnson who shouldered the responsibility through our darkest times and kept us strong. Ed deeply cares for our residents, families and staff. Long may you stay.

It takes a village to make our residents' lives meaningful. Thank you to our Pleasanton community for all you do.

—Linda DeGennaro,  
Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab

### Voter ID requirements ensure election integrity

The letter in last week's Pleasanton Weekly, "Voter ID requirements support voter suppression", supports cheating in the elections to ensure the leftist progressives remain in power. They know that they cannot stay in power on the success of their policies that are failing our country.

The letter said that 35 states have laws that require voters show their ID and 15 states do not. The 15 states are the progressive left-controlled states that want to ensure voter fraud rather than voter integrity, and

California is one of those states.

The letter also falsely claimed that elderly and the poor won't have an ID, but the DMV makes it very easy to obtain an ID card for those that do not drive.

Due to the acquisitions of voter fraud in the last election, it is imperative that we ensure that our elections have integrity not progressive left fraud.

—David Ott

### Senate must confirm Federal Reserve nominees

Over the past two years, all of our communities have been hit hard by the COVID-19 and economic crisis. We need experienced and qualified leadership at all forms of government that cares about people like me and my family while helping inflation get under control.

President Biden has nominated five such people to fill critical vacancies on the Federal Reserve Board — the most important economic institution in the country. We need these leaders to help keep the economy stable while addressing racial disparities in unemployment, and any risks to our financial system from climate change.

I believe that these nominees care about the needs of workers, community banks and local communities

and are fully capable of fighting the impacts of inflation. The Senate needs to move quickly and confirm this historic slate of nominees.

—Irene Hilgers



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## 'Some Have Greatness'

**SPARC offers youth an outlet for creativity, expression through theater**

BY GRACE MATSON

Livermore-based Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company (SPARC) provides kids in the Tri-Valley an opportunity to explore and perform live theater through its youth-centered programming, like the "Some Have Greatness" after school program.

SPARC, formerly known as Livermore Shakespeare Festival, started the "Some Have Greatness" program about five years ago as a theater summer camp, according to SPARC's education director Lindsey Schmeltzer.

"Students would attend a two-week camp that focused on whatever Shakespeare play SPARC Theater — then known as Livermore Shakespeare Festival — produced that summer," Schmeltzer said, adding that the program was created to provide students a place to explore their creativity while working in a collaborative environment with other students their age.

Though the program has grown over the years, students are not required to audition

or have any acting experience to participate in the program. This is intended to give anyone interested in expressing themselves through theater a chance to participate, according to Schmeltzer.

"The students have really blossomed in this creative environment. They were given a space to explore and build a solid ensemble while working together to put on a play," Schmeltzer said of the program's impact on participants.

During the height of the pandemic, the summer camp was moved online, and Schmeltzer said it was clear that the students were missing the social connections that theater classes offer.

"One of the most common concerns we heard from our students was that after a year or more of online learning they were worried they had forgotten how to make friends but had more confidence in their social skills after participating in the program," she said.

While the classes have since returned to in-person, the safety protocols and



COURTESY SPARC

"Some Have Greatness" program participants rehearse "A Midsummer Musical" in 2021.

guidelines that SPARC follows continue to pose some challenges for the students and audiences.

"All students and audience members answer a COVID questionnaire and have a temperature check before they enter the studio space and everyone wears masks throughout the class or performances," Schmeltzer said. "Having all the student actors wear masks during the performance has proven a challenge because it makes them harder to hear and the audience is less able to read their

facial expressions," she added.

Despite the difficulties created by wearing masks, Schmeltzer said there is a positive outcome from the experience. "The silver lining has been that this gives students the opportunity to work on public speaking skills such as projection and diction, and encourages them to be very specific with their character's body language to ensure they are telling a clear story," she said.

Because of the pandemic, SPARC has also had to limit the number of family and

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friends each student is allowed to invite to the live performances at the end of each session. However, Schmeltzer said they record each performance and provide the link for students to share with more loved ones.

SPARC is currently hosting "Some Have Greatness" classes for elementary students in third through fifth grade and for middle schoolers in sixth through eighth grade.

The productions for the spring cohorts are "The Emperor's New Clothes" for the younger group and a condensed version of the classic comedy "As You Like It" for

the older students.

Rehearsals for the shows are currently underway and performances are set to take place in May for students' family and friends.

Some of SPARC's other youth programs include the "So Wise So Young Online" Shakespeare literacy program for children in second through fourth grade, "Livermore Shakes Educates" in-school educational programs led by professional teaching artists and internship and apprenticeship opportunities.

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## Learning from their 'Imagination'

### PAL artists presenting about works as part of their ongoing museum exhibit

By JEREMY WALSH

Some of the Tri-Valley's most expressive artists are offering residents a glimpse inside their creative worlds through a presentation series with the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton.

Held in conjunction with their "Imagination Expressed 2022" exhibition on display now at the museum, select Pleasanton Art League members are demonstrating their artworks and talking about their techniques and artistic approaches as part of a special program that began this month and continues through March.

"We've got artists who work in several different media ... It's a great opportunity to see how artists work and find out more about what they do," Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan said in a statement.

PAL members scheduled to make appearances in March include Rebecca Davies (oils), Jennifer Huber (acrylics), Meghana Mitragotri (watercolors) and Eugenia Zobel (overglaze porcelain painting). The artists already presented at the museum this month and are coming back for a second round of appearances in March.

The event schedule features:

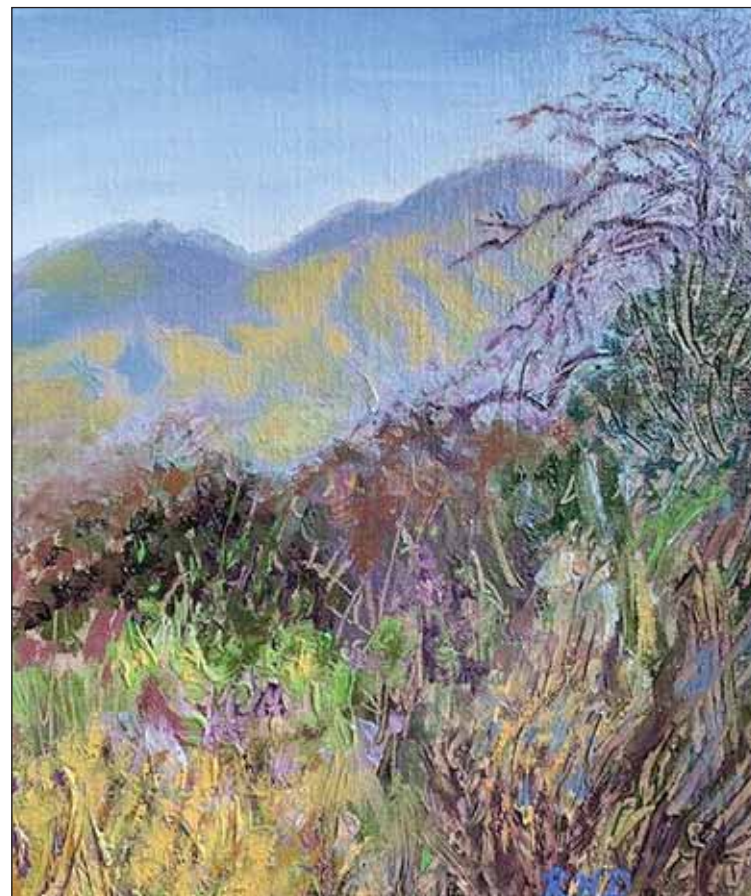
- Davies next Thursday (March 3) from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Zobel next Saturday (March 5) from noon to 4 p.m.
- Davies again on March 10 from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Mitragotri on March 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.
- Huber on March 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year's installment of PAL's annual "Imagination Expressed" exhibition displays a range of artwork from



members who work in painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, jewelry and other media. Many of the works in the exhibit are also available for purchase through the league.

"Imagination Expressed 2022", which opened in mid-January, runs through March 26 at the Museum on Main at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. To learn more, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call 925-462-2766. ■



COURTESY OF PAL

The upcoming artist demonstrations through the Museum on Main will include Pleasanton Art League members Jennifer Huber (whose "Naval Assault" is at left) and Rebecca Davies ("View from Rossmoor" at right).

### Artists' talk with Bill Parsons



BILL PARSONS

The Alamo Danville Artists' Society is welcoming oil painter Bill Parsons as the guest speaker for its March 8 general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamo Women's Club at 1401 Danville Blvd. Raised in western Pennsylvania until his family moved to California when he was in high school, Parsons initially pursued the seminary but "fine art had made a stronger calling on him". He studied under renowned art teacher David Hardy, "who taught the drawing and painting methods of the Baroque artists, even teaching how to prime linen canvas with rabbit skin glue and how to use the black oils, which are really amber colored, ... (and) accurate color rendering, a focus which already interested Bill with his love of color," club officials said. Parsons has used those skills and his own style to create paintings that have been displayed and sold in some of the finest Carmel and wine country galleries.

### Tri-Valley Innovation Fair set in Pleasanton

The nonprofit Quest Science Center is ready to host the fourth annual Tri-Valley Innovation Fair next month at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The event, which faced multiple delays last year due to concerns over COVID-19 variants, is set to return to a live, daylong science and technology showcase on March 19. More than 50 exhibitors will be on-hand with displays, experiments and interactive activities "designed to spark excitement about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in kids of all ages," Quest officials said.

"We are thrilled to return to an in-person event this year. The Alameda County Fairgrounds provides a substantial space to introduce families to the cutting-edge engineering, science and technology innovations that are being developed right here in the Tri-Valley," Caleb Cheung, chief learning officer for the Livermore-based nonprofit, said in a statement.

"Our goal is to provide a fun environment for kids to engage with

robotics experts, engineers, scientists, creators and even an astronaut, to inspire and support the next generation of scientists," Cheung added.

The Innovation Fair, which used to be held at the Bankhead Theater, is moving to the more expansive Pleasanton fairgrounds for what is billed as a "full of science fun for the entire family". Admission is free and open to all. Food will be available on-site for purchase.

Highlights of the hands-on activities include flying a drone fitted with a multispectral camera through an obstacle course; discovering the science behind insect colors, plant scents and honey chemistry; designing animated characters and moving toys by building mechanical linkages; and conducting physics experiments with their own phone, Quest officials said.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19. It will follow Alameda County health guidelines for vaccinations and mask-wearing, officials said. To learn more, visit [quest-science.org](http://quest-science.org). ■

—Jeremy Walsh

# Group honors Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award winners

Las Positas College president delivers keynote address

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative recognized local leaders for their contributions to the Tri-Valley and beyond during the 22nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Fellowship Breakfast held soon after the national holiday that honors the American civil rights icon.

The 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award winners were Brenda Montgomery-Telfor, head of the Foster and Kinship Program for the Pleasanton Unified School District; James Paxson, general manager of Hacienda; and Vanessa Sinclair, executive director of Extended Day Child Care.

The theme for this year's event was inspiration from the King quote, "All life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Delivering the keynote address at the Jan. 24 breakfast event, held virtually due to the pandemic, was Dyrell Foster, Ed.D., president of Las Positas College in Livermore.

Foster, who was hired at LPC in 2019, has more than 20 years

of experience in the California community college system.

"He is a student-centered leader, with a proven track record of advancing educational access, equity, student retention and success," Community of Character Collaborative officials said. "He is collaborative in his approach to implementing institutional practices, behaviors, and policies that provide a positive climate on campus and effectively addresses the diverse needs of students."

They added that at LPC, Foster has been "committed to providing strong leadership with a high degree of integrity, passion, and commitment to fully serving our students in a growing and supportive community. Dr. Foster is passionate about cultivating effective partnerships and promoting innovative approaches to enhancing student success outcomes for the students at Las Positas College."

One of the three Legacy Award



Dyrell Foster



Brenda Montgomery-Telfor



James Paxson



Vanessa Sinclair

recipients, Montgomery-Telfor began working as a youth development specialist, advocating for the Foster and Kinship Program students and families in PUSD in November 2014, officials said.

In what started as a grassroots position, Montgomery-Telfor has seen her role evolve and expand as she's helped create a number of programs that assist an average of 120-plus local students and families each year, including a college and career preparation and readiness program that helps middle and high school students prepare for studies or work after high school graduation.

"Brenda has a huge passion and affinity for helping the underserved to whom she can relate, due to having been born with a birth defect. Despite her challenges with bullying

all throughout childhood and into high school, she has been able to overcome numerous obstacles and is now claiming her life's purpose which is to advocate and help

those that are often overlooked as well as those that just need a positive boost," officials said.

A well-known business and community leader in Pleasanton, Paxson has worked for Hacienda for 35 years including as general manager since 1995.

"He currently manages all programs operated on behalf of investors and owners of property within Hacienda including development and planning, infrastructure management, security, transportation, environmental monitoring, amenities and community relations," officials said.

Paxson also serves on the boards for local and regional community organizations including Axis Community Health, Three Valleys Community Foundation and East Bay

Leadership Council. His past experience includes service with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, the city of Pleasanton's Economic Vitality Committee, Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center and Alameda County Workforce Investment Board.

A childcare leader in the Tri-Valley, Sinclair works as executive director for the nonprofit program that "focuses on nurturing and stimulating children's social, physical, and educational growth, all while offering high standards in safety and childcare," officials said.

She has worked for Extended Day Child Care for the past 10 years, including as its leader since January 2020 overseeing childcare operations at the nine Pleasanton and Dublin elementary school campuses served by the nonprofit — 1,080 students and their families.

"Vanessa also acts as EDCC's Curriculum Specialist, a role she is truly passionate about," officials said. "She has assisted in implementing STEAM education into EDCC's core curriculum as well as offering students choices, and encouraging youth voice." ■

## 'The Real Irish Comedy Fest'

Emerald Isle humor coming to Pleasanton



FIREHOUSE ARTS

"The Real Irish Comedy Fest" is bringing some of Ireland's freshest comedic voices to Pleasanton next month.

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton is getting into the St. Patrick's Day spirit a few days early this year, as three of Ireland's freshest comedic voices are set to take to the stage at the Firehouse Arts Center on March 12.

"The audience will enjoy a blast of blarney and Irish humor just in time for the big day at 'The Real Irish Comedy Fest', a showcase of top Irish comedians in a one-night-only performance," Firehouse officials said.

The current lineup, which the Firehouse acknowledges could be subject to change, features Irish comedians Sean Finnerty, Martin Angolo and Dave Nihill.

A Longford, Ireland native who is now a regular in the New York City comedy scene, Finnerty has performed on "Up Next" on Comedy Central, "Stand Up NBC" and "Fireball Run" on Amazon Prime where he co-hosted its ninth season. He was also the first Irish-born standup to present his act on "The Tonight Show

Starring Jimmy Fallon".

Angolo, who hails from Dublin (Ireland), has developed a strong reputation as a popular and award-winning comedian at clubs and festivals across his homeland and the United Kingdom, as well as hosting his own podcast "The Substantial Meal" and contributing regularly on the Try YouTube channel. He has also opened for comedians Eric Andre, Marc Maron, Aziz Ansari and David O'Doherty on their tours.

Another Dublin native, Nihill gained recognition in the Bay Area as the first Irish-born winner of the San Francisco International Comedy Competition's 43rd annual event in 2018. Now calling California home, Nihill is also a bestselling author for his book, "Do You Talk Funny?"

"The Real Irish Comedy Fest" is scheduled for March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. For tickets and more information, visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org). ■

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Falcons lose heartbreaker in penalties in NCS girls' soccer playoffs

Amador also out in tight quarterfinal; opposing coach ejection stalls game

The Foothill High girls' soccer team carried its late-season momentum that got them into the North Coast Sections playoffs over into their opening match victory before losing in the next round in a heartbreaker.

As the No. 13 seed, Foothill was sent on the road to Mill Valley for a match with No. 4 seed Tamalpais on Feb. 16, and the Falcons pulled off the 2-1 upset.

Tamalpais got the best of play in the first half, but thanks to outstanding play from Sadie Brown in the goal, Foothill was able to keep close, trailing 1-0 at the break.

Senior defender Niki Kincaid cleared two balls off the goal line, with both plays keeping the Falcons from going down by two goals.

In the second half, the Falcons drew even early.

Samantha Lim got the ball to Sophia Minnite, who in turn got it to Kiana Tahmassebi and the junior put

it away to square it at 1-1.

With the momentum clearly shifted to Foothill, it seemed like when, not if, the Falcons would get the game-winner.

As the final minutes ticked off the clock, Minnite hit a 30-yard through-ball to Emma Harbourne, who beat the sliding Tamalpais goalie and put it home to send the Falcons to the quarterfinals.

In a matchup of teams that pulled upsets in the first round, the Falcons went to San Ramon to face No. 12 seed California in the quarters.

The first half ended 0-0 thanks to some nice saves from Brown and yet another clear off the goal line from Kincaid.

The second half saw Foothill control the flow of the game, but the Falcons had apparent goals from Ava Ricker and Tahmassebi called back for offsides.

That left the final score 0-0, and

the two teams were pushed to settle the game in kicks from the penalty spot after two over time periods resulted in no goals being scored.

Makenna Meyers, Kaitlyn Lemus and Brown all made their kicks, but Cal made four of their attempts and walked off with the win.

Foothill closed out the season with four wins and three ties in regulation play over the last seven matches, allowing only two goals in the process.

#### Amador girls' soccer

The Dons — the No. 3 seed — opened NCS play with a big 8-0 win over No. 14 San Leandro.

The balanced Amador attack saw 14 different players register at least one shot on goal, led by six shots from Maddie Benson, and four each from Angel Akanyirige and Natalie O'Sullivan.

Freshman forward Maylen Montoya scored twice, as did junior



LACEY MEYERS

The Foothill girls' soccer team stands opposite Cal High for the national anthem before their NCS postseason showdown. The Grizzlies would win the match in penalty kicks.

midfielder Parker Brown. The keeper team had five saves.

The win sent Amador into the quarters where they faced East Bay Athletic League rival and No. 6 seed San Ramon Valley.

The two teams went back and forth, but neither could find the net in the first half and at the break it was 0-0.

The Wolves got on the board early in the second half, with the Dons drawing even late in the game when O'Sullivan put home a free kick from 25 yards out.

About that time, the San Ramon Valley fans were hurling comments at an Amador freshman. When the player asked the Wolves coach to control the fans, the coach responded with profanity and was ejected from the game, which had to be stopped until the coach left the stadium.

The game stayed tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation, forcing the teams into overtime.

Early on a San Ramon Valley player made a move into the penalty area where an Amador player made what appeared to be a fair challenge for the

ball. The referee saw otherwise and called a foul on the Amador defender, awarding the Wolves a penalty kick.

The kick was converted, and the Wolves had a 2-1 win and a spot in the semifinals.

#### Amador vs. Foothill on the hardwood

The Dons and the Falcons met for the third time this year — Amador won both previous meetings — but the third time was the charm for Foothill as they came away with a 55-33 win in the first round of the NCS playoffs.

Foothill led 21-17 at the break, but blew the game open, outscoring the Dons 34-16 over the last two quarters. Damascus Shields had 16 to lead Foothill. Isaiah Minor had 14 and Jake Clevenger 12 to round out the top Foothill scorers.

Jesse Huang had nine and Colton Cash 8 for Amador. ■

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### Momentum builds for new A's ballpark, but hard work remains

Oakland council votes 6-2 to certify final environmental impact report

Momentum is building to construct a new baseball stadium at Oakland's Charles P. Howard Terminal with the certification of a key environmental document last week. But, hard work is ahead.

The Oakland City Council voted 6-2 to certify the final environmental impact report and pave the way for a binding financial agreement between the city and the Oakland Athletics. That may happen this summer.

Once that does happen, then ground can be broken.

Councilmembers Noel Gallo and Carroll Fife opposed the certification in the Feb. 17 vote. The project is in Fife's district, District 3.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, who will be leaving office when her term ends, spoke confidently to reporters Friday morning.

"This project is happening and it is going to happen in a spectacular way," she said.

But Oakland A's President Dave Kaval said Friday afternoon that the city and the Oakland A's still have a "huge hill to climb."

The two still must negotiate the



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A rendering of the Oakland A's proposed new ballpark at Jack London Square.

financial details of the project, which may be the hardest part.

Kaval said negotiations over money are the hardest.

Other issues are looming, too, such as what will be in the community benefits package and how to keep pedestrians and motorists safe along the nearby railroad tracks.

City councilmembers want 15% of the housing at the project site, commonly known as Howard Terminal, to be affordable and 20% more offsite. That's just one piece

of the community benefits package, but a key one.

Schaaf called it a "do or die" issue for the City Council.

The A's have a proposal before the city on community benefits including affordable housing and Kaval could not go into details. He said the city and the A's need to negotiate before making the outcome public.

Railroad tracks are near the project site and Union Pacific owns all of them in front of Howard Terminal, a company spokeswoman said.

"Union Pacific has serious safety concerns with the proposed Waterfront Ballpark District Project, and its location next to two busy rail yards and a busy passenger rail station," Union Pacific spokeswoman Robynn Tysver said.

"Union Pacific believes developing the Howard Terminal site without removing rail, vehicle and pedestrian conflicts will exacerbate roadway congestion and create significant safety risks for the public and our employees," Tysver said.

The project as it stands includes one bridge over the railroad tracks for vehicles and one for pedestrian and bicyclists.

Kaval acknowledged Union Pacific has concerns.

Including passenger rail, close to 100 train movements occur each day by Howard Terminal, said Adrian Guerrero, general director for policy and partnership at Union Pacific.

Each train stops in front of Howard Terminal for 10 to 25 minutes, Union Pacific officials said.

The collective concerns of Union Pacific, passenger rail partners, the

California Public Utilities Commission and other area stakeholders "remain unaddressed in the deficient Final Environmental Impact Report," Tysver said.

"We hope the City upholds its commitments for continued discussions on these critical safety issues, and that they are formally incorporated into a needed agreement before this project moves forward," she said.

Gallo maintained during the meeting that the Coliseum is the best place for the A's. Fife asked the A's to talk with the people who live and have lived in areas such as West Oakland, which will be impacted by the project, because many people have concerns.

Kaval said a lot of community engagement has gone into the project.

Fife also wondered whether the city is beholden to the A's timeline as work toward a new ballpark is moving quickly.

Schaaf said trying to find a new home for the A's started before she became mayor seven years ago.

"This has been a very long timeline," Schaaf said.

Kaval said the A's have been working to find a new home for five years and still don't have one. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

## Music

**INTERNATIONAL GUITAR NIGHT** The 22nd edition of International Guitar Night visits the Bankhead with a brand new lineup. 8 p.m., March 4. Tickets \$28-\$58. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**THE EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE** The Zmed brothers skillfully cover the Everly Brothers with a bit of their own trademark style mixed in. 8 p.m., March 5. Tickets \$28-\$38. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA PRESENTS VERDI'S OTELLO** The Tri-Valley's own professional opera company, the Livermore Valley Opera, will present Verdi's operatic masterpiece Otello at the Bankhead Theatre, March 5-6 and 12-13. For more information visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**LIVE MUSIC AT ALMOST FAMOUS WINE LOUNGE** Lydia Pense & Cold Blood is a stellar group of top-notch musicians led by Lydia Pense, the iconic powerhouse singer famed for her Fillmore West performances. Feb. 26. Doors open at 6 p.m. Visit [almostfamouswine.com](http://almostfamouswine.com).

## Exhibits

**ART & LITERATURE TOGETHER** Livermore Arts presents a collaboration with Cynthia Patton, Livermore Poet Laureate, to bring a pairing of art and literature to the Bankhead Theatre. Free and open to the public, Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., now through March 27.

**PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE** Museum on Main and the Pleasanton Art League showcase the Valley's artistic talents with "Imagination Expressed 2022", featuring paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, jewelry and other works by members of the Pleasanton Art League. Through March 26. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**WATERCOLOR NATIONAL EXHIBIT** The Harrington Art Gallery in Pleasanton is displaying the California Watercolor Association's National Exhibition featuring works by 85 premier painters. The exhibit runs through March 12. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

## Expos

**FLY FISHING SHOW AT THE FAIRGROUNDS** Celebrity fly fishers, tiers and authors, along with seminars and classes. Feb. 25-27. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**SCRAPBOOK EXPO AT THE FAIRGROUNDS** Stamp & Scrapbook Expo caters to paper crafters of all types and experience levels where enthusiasts can find new products and designs from vendors. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., March 4-5. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

## Veterans

**MILITARY VETERANS VA MOBILE MEDICAL TEAM** Meet the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Team to review health care benefits, register to VA

services and receive care or a referral from medical staff. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 28. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

## Support

**NAMI TRI-VALLEY SUPPORT GROUPS** The NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group will be held via zoom, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Feb. 28. Visit [nami-trivalley.org](http://nami-trivalley.org).

**POP-UP CARE TENT AT PLEASANTON LIBRARY** Weekly CityServe Pop-Up Tents meet with those in need to coordinate care and connect to local resources. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., March 1. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

## Outdoors

**ARCTIC BIRDS** Join Ranger Dan and learn about arctic birds that live and survive in very cold conditions. 2 p.m., Feb. 27. RSVP to: [dthomas@larpd.org](mailto:dthomas@larpd.org). Sycamore Grove Park, 5035 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

**REGISTER FOR LIVERMORE HALF MARATHON** Register for the 8th annual Livermore Valley Half Marathon by Feb. 27. Starting and ending in Downtown Livermore with award-winning local breweries, gold medal wineries and top local favorites on the main music stage. Event March 7. Visit: [LivermoreValleyHalf.com](http://LivermoreValleyHalf.com)

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT TRAILS CHALLENGE** Participate in this free, self-guided hiking and bicycling program to explore the East

Bay regional parks and to keep fit outdoors. Visit [ebparks.org/trails-challenge](http://ebparks.org/trails-challenge).

## Students

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** The Friends of The California State Fair Scholarship Program is open to all current high school seniors and college students. Scholarships available include the areas of Agriculture, Art, Business, Education and more. Deadline March 1. Visit [calexpostatefair.com/participate/friends-of-the-ca-state-fair/scholarship](http://calexpostatefair.com/participate/friends-of-the-ca-state-fair/scholarship).

**TEEN JOB & CAREER FAIR** This free event provides a wide range of topics for potential teen employees. Meet with employers, explore career options, identify personal strengths, attend practice interview sessions, learn resume writing, and much more. For more information, visit [SRTeen.org](http://SRTeen.org) or call 925-973-3326. 12-3 p.m., March 5. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

**ARTS COMPETITION FOR PLEASANTON YOUTHS** The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council is offering Youth Excellence in Arts (YEA!) Awards with cash prizes to students attending Pleasanton High Schools. Music performance, visual arts, and writing are the categories for this year. Deadline for submission is March 12. For more information visit [pleasantonarts.org](http://pleasantonarts.org).

**MASTER CLASS IN ACTING AND PLAYWRITING** Applications are being

accepted for all high school students for the spring Student Days at Tao House. Student Days is a high schooler's chance to study and learn under the guidance of professionals in the arts. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., March 12 & 13. Free and in-person. Visit [eugeneoneill.org/event](http://eugeneoneill.org/event).

**ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** Students who graduate from a Pleasanton High School and are in financial need can apply for a Rotary Club of Pleasanton Scholarship to further their education. Apply through the

high school or visit [pleasantonrotary.org](http://pleasantonrotary.org). Deadline March 31.

**TRI-VALLEY WRITERS' HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST** Tri-Valley Writers presents "My Story, My Vision", the group's writing contest for local-area students. The contest is open to students grades 9-12 in the Tri-Valley (Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville). Cash awards for winners and a one-year membership in Tri-Valley Writers. Submissions Feb. 13-April 3. Visit [trivalleywriters.org/high-school/high-school-writing-contest-2022](http://trivalleywriters.org/high-school/high-school-writing-contest-2022).

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10x Genomics in Pleasanton, CA seeks multiple positions: Sr Mgr Site Reliability Engineering (SMSR22); Sr Mgr SDET (SMSDET22); Sr Software Eng in Test-Automation (SSETA22). Qualified applicants must send resume to 10x Genomics, Attn: J. Jensen, 6230 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588 quoting job #.

### Principal Environments Engineer

Principal Environments Engineer. Workday, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Design, dev. & utilize enterprise lvl database systems with complex interdependencies & key focus on high-availability, clustering, security, performance, & scalability requirements. To apply, please mail resume to ATTN: Jessica Thurston, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Please refer to Job #20637.995.

### Multi Positions (SCMB22, SSCPD22, SRAPD22)

10x Genomics in Pleasanton, CA seeks multiple positions for: Scientist-Molecular Biology (SCMB22, multiple openings); Sr Scientist-Process Development (SSCPD22); Sr Research Associate-Process Development (SRAPD22). Qualified applicants must send resume to 10x Genomics, Attn: J. Jensen, 6230 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588 quoting job #.



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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 27-30 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, and Jan. 18-21 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 8034 Arroyo Drive #2** L. & C. Flores to J. & K. Records for \$534,000
- 80 Castlewood Drive** Cook Trust to Wondka Living Trust for \$2,050,000
- 4117 Cortina Court** Sreedhar Trust to F. & Z. Shi for \$1,128,000
- 4326 Denker Drive** S. Subramanian to V. & A. Agrawal for \$1,655,000
- 3431 Gulfstream Street** Sun Trust to J. & V. Vedam for \$1,773,000
- 3617 Kamp Drive** Wainwright Trust to B. & T. Duong for \$1,315,000
- 2310 Meadowlark Drive** Gollnick Family Trust to S. & S. Nawaz for \$1,850,000
- 7427 Palm Court** K. Yurchak to S. & P. Shah for \$1,825,000
- 988 Riesling Drive** Paramount Redevelopers Inc to C. & T. La for \$1,837,000
- 637 Saint Mary Street** Hamilton Living Trust to J. & W. Reilly for \$1,500,000
- 6942 Valley Trails Drive** Ponderosa Homes to S. & A. Jain for \$1,818,000
- 6958 Valley Trails Drive** Ponderosa Homes to I. & V. Pandu for \$2,210,000

### Livermore

- 644 Adelle Street** Robertson Family Trust to P. & B. Sar for \$805,000
- 467 Adelle Street** Fink Living Trust to Daoudi Investments LLC for \$651,000

- 358 Albatross Avenue** Gunn Living Trust to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Gr for \$776,000
- 1156 Bannock Street** R. Coffin to Y. & A. Liang for \$930,000
- 164 Heligan Lane #4** C. & Z. Zampetti to Lau Family Trust for \$738,000
- 1182 Hibiscus Way** K. & K. Wheeler to J. & T. Li for \$800,000
- 3384 Madeira Way** K. & S. Matkins to D. & A. Choudhury for \$936,000
- 1001 Murrieta Boulevard #56** S. Swanson to Swanson Family Trust for \$244,000
- 1297 Spring Valley Common** Johnson Trust to T. & P. Herberth for \$550,000
- 6316 Tiffany Common** H. & H. Kung to M. & S. Monlux for \$1,210,000
- 3984 Yale Way** Kyb Homes LLC to S. & C. Dara for \$861,500

### Dublin

- 4560 Alexander Valley Way** M. & B. Ward to V. & A. Shah for \$2,300,000
- 7157 Calistoga Lane** Archana Trust to Taing Family Trust for \$1,230,000
- 7920 Creekside Drive** L. Mangal to G. & G. Sokhi for \$2,680,000
- 3245 Dublin Boulevard #120** Inocencio Trust to M. Comfort for \$610,000
- 5529 Esprit Way** R. & P. Gupta to E. & J. Lin for \$985,000

Source: California REsource

Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com).

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Dec. 27-30)

**Total sales reported:** 12  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$534,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,210,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,795,000

### Livermore (Dec. 27-30)

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$244,000  
**Highest sale reported:** 1,210,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$800,000

### Dublin (Dec. 27-30)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$400,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$2,680,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,107,500

### Sunol (Dec. 27-30)

**Total sales reported:** 1  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$1,450,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,450,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,450,000

### San Ramon (Jan. 18-21)

**Total sales reported:** 7  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$626,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,855,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,725,000

Source: California REsource

## Association awards best in East Bay real estate for 2021

### Realtor of the Year, Distinguished Service Award among honors

By JEREMY WALSH

Real estate professionals from the Tri-Valley and across the East Bay were recently honored for their contributions to their industry over the past year.

The Bay East Association of Realtors' annual awards program recognized top members who "demonstrated ethical standards and professionalism, active community involvement, and a high level of service to the real estate profession."

The 2021 awards included Realtor of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Platinum Affiliate of the Year and the John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award, among others.

With headquarters on Koll Center Parkway in Pleasanton and a satellite office in Alameda, Bay East is a trade association serving more than 6,000 residential and commercial real estate professionals in the region.

Here are the 2021 award recipients, along with descriptions provided by the association:

#### Realtor of the Year

Tracey Esling, with WorldView Real Estate in Livermore, received the Realtor of the Year award for demonstrating the highest level of integrity and commitment to Bay East and the real estate profession.

Esling has earned several professional designations from the National Association of Realtors and has served on the Bay East Board of Directors and is serving as chair of the Bay East Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Action committee. She also serves on the California Association of Realtors Board of Directors.

#### Rookie of the Year

Jessica Manrique, with Momentum Realty in Castro Valley, took home the Rookie of the Year award. Manrique is an active member of the Central County Marketing Group serving as the social media manager and also co-vice chair working with local community members.

#### Platinum Affiliate of the Year

Earning the Platinum Affiliate of the Year distinction was Tony Alvino, with Winning Strategies Management in Pleasanton.

An active member of the Central County Marketing Group, Alvino also serves on the Board of Directors for the Bay East Association of Realtors Foundation, where he helped grow the awareness of Members Helping Members program and raised funds for scholarships for students in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

#### Outstanding Leader

Dorothy Jackson, with Property Care Inc. in Fremont received the Outstanding Leader award, which is given to a past president of the association who continues to pursue the vision of excellence in the name of Bay East.

Jackson has held a variety of leadership positions in organized real estate at the local, state and national levels. She is a strong advocate for home ownership at the national, state and local levels.

#### John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award

Winning the prestigious John A. Deadrich Distinguished Service Award was Leslie Faught, with Compass in Pleasanton, for her contributions to Bay East during 2020.

Named in honor of Bay East's first president, the award is traditionally given to a single Bay East member who exemplifies the self-sacrifice, vision and accomplishments of the greatest leaders who have shaped the real estate profession.

Faught served as the chair of the Bay East Local Government Relations and Political Activities committees for two consecutive years guiding advocacy efforts to support homeownership.

#### Good Neighbor of the Year

Masoud Dehdari, with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties in Castro Valley, received the Good Neighbor of the Year award, which recognizes a Bay East member making a positive contribution to their communities.

Dehdari has worked with Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) and La Familia along with running an Adopt an Angel charity program. ■



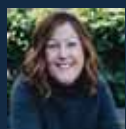
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**Pending: Pleasanton**



1846 Tanglewood Way, Pleasanton

The seller is thrilled with the offers for their home, a 4 BD | 2 BA | 2,146 Sq.Ft. | The Holiday model. Located in the Pleasanton Valley neighborhood, the buyers are so happy to soon becoming the new owners of this home.

**Listed at \$1,625,000 RECEIVING 27 OFFERS.**

**Coming Soon: San Lorenzo**



16150 Via Media, San Lorenzo

This charming home built in 1944 offers 4 BD and 1 BA with 1,216 SqFt. of living space on a spacious 5,000 lot. The 4th bedroom could be a bonus room or home office. New carpet throughout along with new interior paint. Make this home as you desire with your our upgrades and remodeling.

**Listed at \$800,000**



Located in a court this 4 BD 2.5 BA offers so much for a home buyer. Owned solar. 1,789 SqFt. of living space. New flooring throughout, new paint both exterior and interior. Close to area shopping, schools, parks and ease of commute.  
**Pricing upon request**

**Sold  
Representing the Buyers**

682 Alameda, Livermore

This Livermore home welcomes my buyers, thrilled to call this house their own. This highly updated home with a modern design offers 4 BD and 3 BA with custom features throughout.



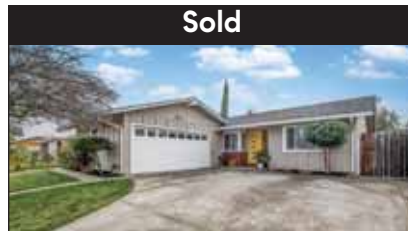
**Sold**

750 Alexander Way, Livermore  
3 BD | 2 BA | open beam ceiling family room | 1,344 SqFt. | side yard access.  
**Listed at \$1,070,000 | Sold at \$1,205,000**



**Sold**

284 Mavis Dr., Pleasanton  
3 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,249 SqFt.  
**Listed at \$1,090,000  
Sold at \$1,112,000**



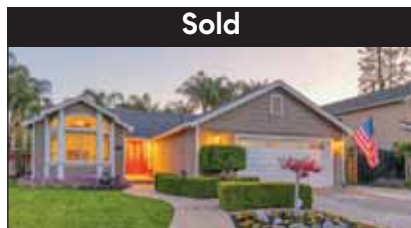
**Sold**

1598 Bluebell Dr., Livermore  
2 BD | 2 BA | 1,280 SqFt.  
**Listed at \$895,000  
Sold at \$962,000**



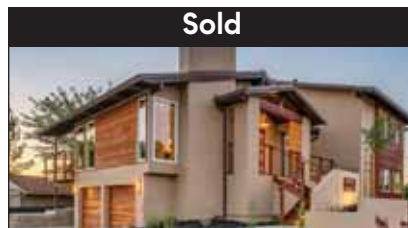
**Sold**

4550 Gatetree Cir., Pleasanton  
4 BD | 2 BA | 1,808 SqFt. of living space  
**Listed at \$1,515,000  
Sold at \$1,815,000**



**Sold**

4686 Sutter Gate Ave., Pleasanton  
3 BD | 2 BA plus an office | 1,963 SqFt.  
**Listed at \$1,585,000  
Sold at \$1,685,000**



**Sold**

4241 Bevilacqua Ct., Pleasanton  
4 BD | 3 BA | 2,253 SqFt. of living space  
**Listed at \$1,890,000  
Sold at \$1,940,000**

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