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# AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

## How Livermore Lab helped avert a nuclear war

Much has been written about the similarities between Russia's current war in Ukraine and past aggressive behavior.

"We've been through this before folks and there are lessons to be learned," physicist and Livermore resident Tom Ramos said, comparing the invasion of Ukraine today to the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

Not many people know about Livermore laboratory's role in preventing the Berlin Crisis from escalating into a nuclear war, but Ramos wrote the book on the subject ... literally.

Ramos' book, "From Berkeley to Berlin," details the history of the nuclear weapons program at what is now known as the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and how a group of physicists in Livermore helped avert a nuclear war.

Ramos will share the knowledge he garnered from years of research and interviews with weapons designers, as well as an unfathomable amount of time combing the lab's archives, during a program entitled "How the Livermore Lab Helped Avert a Nuclear War" next Tuesday. The program is part of the Livermore Public Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild Then & Now: Livermore Stories, a free local history lecture series.

He will discuss the creation of the Berkeley and Livermore Radiation Laboratories and how the Livermore lab created a national defense strategy to deter the Soviets. President John F. Kennedy adopted this strategy in time to face Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev during the Berlin Crisis, in which the Soviet leader threatened to use nuclear weapons against the United States.

A brief and very elementary refresher on Cold War history might be beneficial here. At the end of World War II, Germany was divided into Soviet, American, British and French zones of occupation. Berlin technically fell in the Soviet zone but was also split, with the Soviets taking the eastern part of the city.

Eventually, East Germans began escaping communism by simply moving to zones occupied by America, Britain or France — particularly West Berlin.

Khrushchev quickly became tired of this and wanted division of the city to end and for it to be completely

under Soviet control. To this end, in June 1961, Khrushchev issued an ultimatum demanding the withdrawal of all armed forces from Berlin, including the U.S. in West Berlin, and threatened the use of nuclear weapons against America.

"The nation needed to face up to communism," Ramos said. "We had a real honest to God threat and we needed to face up and challenge it."

Demands that the West withdraw from Berlin had been made during President Dwight D. Eisenhower's term in office. Within six months of taking office, Kennedy was tested.

"(Khrushchev) thought 'now I can get your ass out of Berlin,'" Ramos said of the U.S., adding Khrushchev gave Kennedy six months to get out of Berlin, "because the Red Army is coming in."

"We had a Russian thug, Nikita Khrushchev, and Kennedy faced him down," Ramos said, without weapons being fired or bloodshed.

What gave Kennedy and his administration confidence and where-withal to stand up to a thug was a defense strategy and weapon created by a team known as the "Rad Lab physicists."

Work on the Polaris nuclear war-head started in 1957 at what is now known as Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"In the 1950s, Livermore became an epicenter of intellectuals and they came up with a strategic defense that Kennedy used," Ramos said.

"These guys were camping out here in the Tri-Valley," Ramos said of America's most talented nuclear physicists who came to work at the Livermore lab. "These are not bush league people. They were coming up with a strategy to get us through the Cold War."

"Khrushchev tried to intimidate Kennedy," Ramos said of the Soviets. "They underestimated him."

Ramos will explain how Kennedy used the threat of the Polaris nuclear weapon and defense strategy to make Khrushchev stand down and tell many stories of that time — like disclosing who the real "Dr. Strangelove" is and how an atomic bomb was driven to Novato in the back of a "woody" station wagon — at 7 p.m. Tuesday (April 19) via Zoom.

No registration is required. The live program can be accessed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83778286286>. ■

### About the Cover

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, seen here at Alviso Adobe Community Park, delivered her second State of the City address last month. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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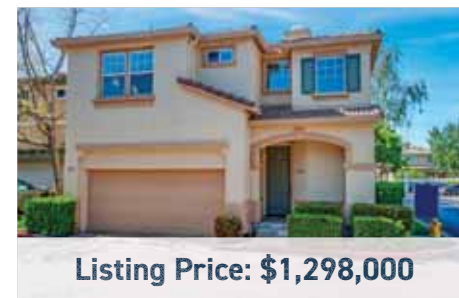


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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

**What is something you don't want to postpone doing because you fear you may miss out on the chance to do it while you're still young and healthy enough to enjoy it?**



**Connie Quintanal**  
*Retired project manager*

Renovating my house. There are so many things about it that bother me, and which I feel need improvement, updating and modification. I'm eager to do all of that sooner rather than later so that I can really enjoy my living space for as many years as possible, instead of being aggravated that things aren't the way I want them to be.



**Zach Rodriguez**  
*Server/student*

Initially I would have said travel. But I recently had an epiphany and realization that it would be much more important in the long run to complete my education and to work toward that goal with a renewed sense of drive and appreciation that I lacked when I was younger.



**Kris Lee**  
*Paralegal*

I would really like to see and explore as much of the world as possible while I'm still able to do that comfortably. We have the technology today that enables people to travel in ways that were not possible many years ago. I really want to take advantage of that.



**Justin Lianides, with Nicholas**  
*Civil engineer*

I want to rent a 4x4 and drive the full Carretera Austral in Chile. I've already driven about 100 miles or so of it so far, and there are thousands of spectacular miles left that I'm eager to see and enjoy during my prime.



**Craig Navickas, with Lucy**  
*Financial software*

I'm eager to take my little daughter hiking to the top of the Pleasanton Ridge. I want her to see where she was born before our family moves back to Nebraska, where we're from.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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

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## DIGEST

### Shooting in Livermore

One person was injured and another arrested a short time later following a shooting incident overnight in Livermore, city police confirmed on Wednesday morning.

The situation unfolded just after midnight, when police received reports of several vehicles driving recklessly at Chestnut and North M streets, according to Livermore police spokesperson Azenith Smith. "When officers were approaching the area, they heard gunshots," Smith said.

Police located one person who had been shot as the suspect vehicle drove off. They were taken to an area hospital and treated for injuries that were considered non-life-threatening, Smith said.

Officers found and pursued the suspect vehicle for a short distance to the area of Murrieta Boulevard and Alameda Drive and arrested the driver, Smith said.

Residents on social media overnight reported seeing the initial vehicles involved in an apparent sideshow, but police declined to comment on that.

### Kids' Easter events

Several Tri-Valley events will help youngsters get into the Easter holiday spirit.

Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the fourth annual Bunny Hop Scavenger Hunt will run from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday (April 16), with kids starting out at the Museum on Main and then exploring the Main Street corridor.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is presenting Muffins with Bunny with two sessions on Saturday morning at the Robert Livermore Community Center. "Hop on over and join us for a day of spring-time fun. Muffins, snacks, games, and crafts; you can even take a picture with the Bunny, so don't forget to bring your camera," officials said.

And in Dublin, the city's Spring Eggstravaganza includes egg hunts and photos with Peter Rabbit and Flopsy at Heritage Park and Museums on Saturday.

### Smothers Brothers

After selling out a scheduled performance at the Bankhead Theater on June 13, The Smothers Brothers have announced a second Livermore show has been added for the following day.

Known for their folk sound and comedic edge, the famed pair rose to stardom with their hit series in the 1960s, "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour."

The Smothers Brothers perform their second show in Livermore on June 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets went on sale starting this week and are expected to go fast. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■

## We Are Pleasanton helping Foothill bring stadium into ADA compliance

Funding facility improvements remains major issue in high school athletics

By DENNIS MILLER

Foothill High School had quite the football season, winning the East Bay Athletic League Valley Division, then advancing to, and hosting, the 2021 North Coast Section Division II finals.

The Falcons fell 21-14 to Campolindo High School in the title game, but the real pain from the game came in the next week.

Fans from Campolindo complained to NCS about the lack of accessibility at the Foothill stadium, a problem the school has faced for some time now.

NCS took notice and slapped Foothill with a ban from hosting

any NCS events at the facility until the stadium is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

It doesn't just affect the football team, but other sports like soccer, lacrosse, track-and-field and potentially band competitions.

The first victim was the NCS Tri-Valley Track and Field Championships that was scheduled for May 14 at Foothill. The meet now is set for Freedom High School in Oakley.

This is not a time where schools are able to throw money around to get major projects accomplished. There has been a lot of head-scratching around Foothill and the Pleasanton Unified School District,

searching for an answer.

Denying the student athletes or band members the chance to partake and compete at their home site in the postseason is something that needs to be fixed, and fixed quickly, in supporters' eyes.

But the lingering question is — where will they money for the repairs come from?

Enter We are Pleasanton.

As the group likes to say — "We Are Pleasanton, and we are back."

The group of Pleasanton business and community members is the brainchild of Todd Utikal, the owner of SideTrack Bar + Grill in downtown Pleasanton.

The group was founded with the mission to "Improve our schools through business and community," and has done just that.

The first project came in 2021 when We Are Pleasanton raised \$225,000 toward a much-needed shade structure at Amador Valley High.

The project was completed within one year, thanks in large part to the role the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation played in working with We Are Pleasanton.

The grassroots group is again partnering with PPIE, as well as the

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FILE PHOTO

This was the scene on the carnival midway early one June evening in 2019, the last time that the Alameda County Fair was held in the summertime. The annual event is set to return to that familiar timeframe in 2022.

## Ready for 'Road to Summer'

More events confirmed for 2022 Alameda County Fair

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Fair is returning to its familiar summertime slot this year after pandemic disruptions, and officials at the fairgrounds are working to get the community geared up by announcing some of the special events now confirmed for the 2022 fair.

With a theme of "Road to

Summer," the fair will run in Pleasanton for 19 days during June 17 to July 10 and feature many of the familiar activities such as carnival rides, vendor booths, horse racing, exhibits, food and drink, cultural festivals and entertainment attractions including nightly concerts.

New this year, the fair will host a fun run fundraising on opening weekend; "Sun's Out, Fun's Out"

will benefit Tri-Valley nonprofit Sunflower Hill, which provides residential, vocational and educational opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

"We are thrilled to bring the Fair back this summer and to be able to help our local non-profits at the same time," Alameda County

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## Dublin shifts to district elections

Latest city to make move in response to demand letter

By JEANITA LYMAN

Dublin officials recently announced the start of their public outreach efforts in the shift to district-based elections, following a vote in favor of the move by the City Council in February, which was prompted by a letter challenging the city's previous at-large election process.

"Currently, Dublin elects four City Councilmembers and the Mayor at-large," city officials said in an announcement on Monday. "Under district-based elections, the City will be divided into separate districts of equal population. Dublin voters will vote for one Councilmember who resides in their district to represent their district as a whole. The office of Mayor will continue to be elected at-large by all City voters."

The move means that city officials are tasked with approving district maps that would go into effect in the next regular election cycle, with the goal of finding ways to draw district boundaries that make populations as equal in number as possible, while also working to accommodate physical boundaries such as highways and bodies of water.

In addition, the process of drawing district lines is intended to be guided

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# 'Institutional abuse.' 'Tumultuous 15 months.' Public records reveal new details of investigation into CCCCD's ex-chancellor

Report supports allegations of bid tailoring, quid pro quo against Reece during year-plus tenure

By JEANITA LYMAN

Prior to announcing a resignation agreement with the district's chancellor two months ago, trustees and cabinet members at the Contra Costa Community College District received the findings of an investigation report that supported several concerns officials and employees had been raising with Bryan Reece's actions during his short tenure at the helm.

The investigation into allegations against Reece, conducted by the office of Scott Kivel, was summarized in a report by the district's legal counsel Jeff Sloan, and made public last week.

"On behalf of the District and the Governing Board, we deeply regret the disruption Dr. Reece's actions have caused and hope this report is the final chapter of what we know was a tumultuous 15 months," now-Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdi-zadeh said in an email to district employees on April 4, announcing the availability of investigation findings.



Bryan Reece

"I will continue to work with the Governing Board to look at additional ways to prevent this type of institutional abuse in the future and want to commend the numerous employees who voiced their deep concerns which precipitated this investigation," she added.

Investigators found evidence to back up allegations of improper conduct from Reece in his role in facilitating a situation in which the same companies assisting with a request for quote (RFQ) process were given an unfair advantage in bidding for the \$10 million contract that would ultimately be on the line in the request for proposals (RFP) process, leading to the award of the unusually high contract to VisionPoint — a deal that was later rescinded by the Governing Board.

The report also concluded there was evidence to support allegations of a "quid pro quo" situation between the chancellor and the district's former legal counsel, which itself served to sustain accusations that Reece had sought to interfere in the district's investigations, including one into his own actions during the RFQ/RFP process.

Attempts to contact Reece, who

resigned on Feb. 16 and received the remainder of his contract term's salary of more than \$133,000 as well as health benefits, were unsuccessful last week.

At prior public meetings, Reece had denied allegations of wrongdoing during his time as chancellor.

Preliminary findings of the report were made available to district trustees ahead of their initial vote to place Reece on paid administrative leave on Sept. 14 and ahead of their vote for him to return to his duties amidst the ongoing investigation, at their Sept. 30 meeting.

A final version with a requested addendum was submitted on Feb. 19, according to the official timeline.

## Bid-rigging allegations

Controversy surrounding the now-former chancellor's actions began several months into his time in his position.

Reece began at CCCCD in November 2020 following a search by the district that was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the last-minute exit of other contenders for the chancellor position.

Despite having been fired from Norco College in Riverside County for undisclosed reasons in 2019, Reece rose to be a finalist for the CCCCD as well as in the chancellor search by the neighboring Chabot-Las Positas Community College District earlier in 2020.

One of Reece's first tasks at Contra Costa was to help aid the district's declining enrollment with a marketing and communications plan aimed at contending with these specific challenges.

While the Kivel report emphasizes that the enrollment challenges facing the district were — and continue to be — significant, the investigation supported allegations that ultimately Reece's actions in the RFQ/RFP process, leading to the board's vote to rescind the contract, as well as other actions, only served to create more crises for the district in terms of its reputation.

The price-tag for the VisionPoint contract was deemed unusually high at \$10 million, the highest ever awarded for a non-construction project in the college district.

Of further concern to investigators, as well as multiple district officials throughout the process, was that the maximum amount of funding budgeted for the enrollment marketing campaign was awarded upfront, rather than through a typical process in which companies would submit proposals including estimates of costs for their services, which would factor into the Governing Board's decision in who to award the contract to.

In their report, investigators acknowledge that the scope of the



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Contra Costa Community College District headquarters in Martinez, where much of the drama during Bryan Reece's chancellor tenure played out.

enrollment recovery campaign was both ambitious and challenging.

They also note that it had been Reece's first time working on an RFQ/RFP process. However, they conclude that none of those factors excuse ignoring district protocols and numerous concerns from officials, or failing to seek substantial legal advice on the process.

'It was so disproportionate, his reaction ... He was throwing "F" bombs, he was so angry.'

Monica Batanero, Attorney, as quoted in investigation

The Kivel investigation concludes that in addition to overriding district protocols and concerns from officials, Reece engaged in inappropriate exchanges with contractors who would go on to bid for the \$10 million contract.

They point to emails between Reece and VisionPoint in which he sends chapters of his book and asks for feedback, as well as an exchange in which he jokes about going to work for VisionPoint -- the company with whom the district would award the contract, before ultimately rescinding it a short time later.

The public was first informed about irregularities in the RFQ and RFP process when an anonymous email was circulated in April 2021 alleging bid-rigging on Reece's part and suggesting a prior relationship between Reece and VisionPoint.

The email pointed to a contract with VisionPoint that Norco College entered into, shortly after Reece's termination as president there, and suggested that a relationship between Reece and VisionPoint might be at play in the fraught RFQ/RFP process.

While a footnote in the

investigation report notes that Reece's time at Norco was beyond the scope of this investigation, investigators found what they considered to be evidence of inappropriate and overly friendly behavior in exchanges with VisionPoint CEO Diane Kuehn.

Although Reece apparently told investigators that he was not familiar with VisionPoint, remarks to district officials and messages attached as an exhibit in the investigation report see Reece voicing his confidence in the enrollment recovery process by saying that he would work with companies he's familiar with to draft the RFQ, including VisionPoint.

In a rebuttal within the investigation report, Reece said that it was possible he'd met Kuehn while applying for a job on the East Coast and seeking information about enrollment and marketing in that area. However, he argued that meeting new people and making connections is part of both his character and role as an educational administrator.

"This world needs kind, generous, friendly people, and I will not stop trying to be one of those people," Reece said in his rebuttal. "We are lost when this behavior is characterized in pejorative terms and accepted as a charge in an official investigation."

"In his investigative interview, the Chancellor denied having previously worked with the three firms he admittedly invited to participate in drafting the RFQ," a summary of the investigation report said. "However, this claim appears to be contradicted by an April 29, 2021, email in which the Chancellor wrote that he encouraged three firms he worked with in the past to write the RFQ."

The report notes that it is difficult to accurately evaluate Reece's claim that he thought he may have met Kuehn at some point, given that Kuehn declined to be interviewed for the investigation, making it "unclear in what form, and to what degree, the Chancellor had a prior relationship with VisionPoint,"

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# New stoplight installed at Bernal-Nevada intersection

Traffic signal now active near Irby Ranch

By SHIRI MARWAHA

Drivers in Pleasanton have noticed a new traffic signal operating in the city, a long-planned safety measure at the Bernal Avenue and Nevada Street intersection near downtown.

City officials informed commuters about the new stoplight via tweet last week and asked them to be cautious of the roadway changes while driving along the area. The necessity for the installation was initiated by the new roadway constructed for the Irby Ranch neighborhood with 87 houses plus the Sunflower Hill residential community.

"We outlined in our General Plan, what our future circulation is going to look like and then include roadway modifications, new roadways, and also new traffic signals," city traffic engineer Mike Tassano told the Weekly.

"So when the roadway was constructed as part of the Irby Ranch project, we started the signal construction," Tassano said. "They were already putting in a number of improvements, so we didn't require Irby Ranch to put the signal in, we said we would do that on our own."

"We needed a traffic signal just to allow that movement to and from there safely," he added.

The housing project would add to the bulk of the traffic in the area and was a reason for the new signal at the intersection, according to Tassano.

"If you choose Vineyard or go to Stanley, the most direct route will

be Nevada," he said. "And so we knew that as soon as we built the roadway, we would get them to increase in those left turn vehicles trying to get on to Nevada Street."

According to Tassano, the cost to construct and install a traffic signal cost around \$750,000, with additional concrete work.

"This additional concrete work included reconstruction of the corners, pushing them out into the intersection to slow down the turning movements of vehicles and reduce the pedestrian crossing distances," he said. "We also modified the median on Bernal to fit a second left turn lane to better accommodate the vehicle volume."

Tassano said the project was funded by the city traffic impact fee fund, which is collected from new development projects used to pay for necessary circulation network improvements.

The process of installing, constructing and getting the stoplight functioning was riddled with challenges and the pandemic added to the delay.

"Because of the pandemic it took longer for PG&E to assign access points to begin the work," Tassano said. "We waited for a while for them to provide us the location, because we have to put it in the plants to run conduit, run your power line all the way over to this pole, and get power from there."

The global semiconductor shortage during the pandemic caused difficulties not just in the industries such as auto and computer, but it disrupted the supply of traffic

signal heads that use the microchips too.

"Due to the pandemic and the microchip processor (shortage)," he said, adding that other products likely "take priority over things like our traffic signal controllers, which is also a computer and our cameras, so everything needs those same chips."

According to Tassano, the cameras in the signal heads detect the oncoming traffic, and are crucial to the optimal working of traffic signals.

Besides microchips, the delays exacerbated when the signal heads were stolen from the storage. As a solution to the stolen parts the department had to make do with replacing them with similar components.

"That's why this traffic signal has yellow borders, around the traffic signal heads, that's not normal installation for us," Tassano said. "(They) are usually Caltrans only signals that have the yellow border."

The new traffic signal is receiving mixed reaction from people frequenting the area. While some complain about the excessive number of stoplight others are excited with this new addition, according to Tassano.

"That's just one of those unfortunate things is that the traffic signals are a safety tool that we use to provide access," he said. "I have heard from those (Irby Ranch) residents, and they're pretty excited to have more direct access to their development." ■

# Can't fly anymore: Swalwell bill targets abusive airline passengers

Reaction to rise in violence, harassment in pandemic-era air travel

By JEANITA LYMAN

Local congressman Eric Swalwell is one of two lawmakers who have introduced a bill that aims to tame the trend of aggressive and disruptive behavior from airline passengers amid pandemic anxieties and travel restrictions.

Swalwell, alongside U.S. Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) took to the U.S. Capitol to discuss the impetus for the "Protection from Abusive Passengers Act" at a press conference on April 6, which was also televised on C-SPAN.

"As a father of three kids in diapers who flies back and forth from California to Washington, I've seen how unsettling it is for families to witness these in-flight incidents," Swalwell (D-Livermore) said. "Having your kids exposed

and vulnerable to violence that's going around, and I've seen mothers huddling over their kids as these incidents take place."

"They threaten the safety of passengers, they threaten the economy of America," he continued.

The legislation is aimed at both reducing incidents of violence and harassment during air travel, and holding perpetrators accountable by potentially placing them on a commercial "no-fly" list to be managed by the Transportation Security Administration.

The two legislators argue that such a measure is necessary to combat a dramatic uptick in harassment, violence and generally unruly behavior from air passengers. They point to numbers from the Federal Aviation Administration

that see the number of reports of such incidents rise to 5,981 unruly passenger incidents in 2021, more than three times the prior record.

Criteria for "abusive passengers" in the bill include receiving a civil penalty for "assaulting, threatening, or intimidating a crewmember"; "tampering with, interfering, compromising, modifying, or attempting to circumvent any security system, measure, or procedure related to civil aviation security," and conviction for federal offenses "involving assaults, threats or intimidation against a crewmember on an aircraft flight."

Banned passengers would not be allowed board any commercial flight unless they are removed from

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## HIGHLIGHTS

**City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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 meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- **Public Hearing** - Renew the Tri-Valley Tourism Marketing District and levy an assessment on lodging businesses; introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 5.36 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code; adopt a resolution declaring results of majority protest proceedings and renewing the Tri-Valley Tourism Management District Plan; and approve an agreement with Visit Tri-Valley to administer the District
- **Public Hearing** - Receive any protests and adopt a resolution to approve the 2022 Weed Abatement Program and authorizing the abatement of weeds, rubbish, dirt or refuse upon or in front of certain described properties within the City of Pleasanton
- **Public Hearing** - Consider and provide direction to staff on the City of Pleasanton's participation in the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) Workforce Housing Program
- **Public Hearing** - Adopt a resolution approving the standard Parklet Design Package for the Downtown Parklet Program

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# Weekly moderating election forum

Candidates for Contra Costa sheriff, DA to address voters in May

By JEANITA LYMAN

Candidates in this June's elections for Contra Costa County district attorney and sheriff-coroner are set to share more information about their positions and take questions in a public event next month.

The two incumbents will be joined by their respective challengers on May 3 at the "Contra Costa County Public Safety Candidates' Forum," which is being held in-person and livestreamed, with Pleasanton Weekly staff moderating.

Sheriff David Livingston is being challenged for the first time since his successful campaign in 2010 — after running unopposed in 2014 and 2018 — by a lone opponent, Richmond Police Officers Association President Benjamin Therriault,

Therriault is an Air Force veteran

who served in Iraq before beginning his career with the Richmond Police Department in 2009.

Livingston previously worked as police chief in Pleasant Hill and Concord before his time as sheriff, during a long law enforcement career that also included time with the Fremont Police Department.

Incumbent DA Diana Becton, who was appointed in 2017 and then elected to a full term the next year, is being challenged by Mary Knox, a 37-year prosecutor in the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office who is also a Walnut Creek native. Becton came into her position not long into retirement after 22 years as a Contra Costa County Superior Court judge.

The forum will be moderated by publisher Gina Channell Wilcox and editor Jeremy Walsh of Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division.

The event is sponsored by the San Ramon, Danville Area, Brentwood, Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Concord chambers of commerce. The East Bay Division publishes the award-winning DanvilleSanRamon.com, Pleasanton Weekly and LivermoreVine.com.

Candidates will address questions submitted by the public and share their views with voters starting at 6 p.m. on May 3 at Diablo Valley College's Pleasant Hill Campus, as well as being livestreamed on Facebook.

Registration is not necessary. The forum will be held in the Diablo Room, which is on the top floor of the "HSF" building on the DVC, 321 Golf Club Road. A campus map shows Parking Lot 8 as the closest to the HSF building.

The public is invited to submit questions for consideration to [gchannell@danvillesanramon.com](mailto:gchannell@danvillesanramon.com). ■

## PASSENGERS

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the "no-fly" list. However, being removed from the list proposed by the bill would not prevent someone from potentially being on another TSA-managed list that could prevent them from flying.

While the prospect of landing on a "no-fly" list is intended to be a harsh penalty that provides deterrence, the bill also seeks to provide a fair warning to passengers and to offer routes for appealing a decision.

"It puts in place and addresses many due process concerns, of notice, right to appeal, but it also says

if you're convicted, it may be your last flight," Swalwell said. "So it's a consequence and a penalty for anyone who would commit violence."

"This is also a deterrent, because no one would ever want to take their last flight over something as ridiculous as throwing a punch at a flight attendant or a fellow traveler," he continued. "Enough is enough. There will be consequences in the future."

If enacted, the TSA would develop a publicly available website listing details of the bill, and the new policies and procedures that would ensue from it, within 180 days of the bill's passage. ■

## FAIR

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Fairgrounds CEO Jerome Hoban said in a statement. "The Fun Run is going to be an exciting kick off to our opening weekend, and we hope the entire community will come out to show their support."

Participants can choose either a 5K or 1-mile run. Entry fees will cover a custom event t-shirt, post-race refreshments and admission to the fair on race day, June 18.

The fun run is among the special attractions on tap with the fair returning to a summer schedule this year — the annual showcase was canceled in 2020 and rescheduled as a shorter fall fair in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated health restrictions.

"Traditional favorites such as the petting zoo, carnival rides, pig races, and the world's best Fair food will all be back, bigger and better than ever," fair officials said. Special events such as the Brew Fest (June 18) and Wine Fest (July 2) will be back too, with advanced tickets on sale already.

Fair officials have also announced a few of the acts scheduled for the nightly Big O Tires Concert Series, including R&B singer Ginuwine on opening night, classic rockers Blue Öyster Cult on July 7 and alternative pop band Neon Trees on June 18. The full lineup is expected out by the end of this month.

Opening day of the fair is June 17 and it continues through July 10 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays, except Independence Day). Early bird ticket discounts are available online through April 30, as are a season pass for \$45 for admission only or \$90 with parking also for all 19 days. Visit [AlamedaCountyFair.com](http://AlamedaCountyFair.com) to learn more. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Spring break in Mexico:** Walnut Grove fourth-grader Andrew Norman enjoys the Weekly poolside on his family's spring break trip to Cancun, Mexico. Joining him on the vacation were parents Jessica and Max and older brother Jonah, a seventh-grader at Harvest Park.

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

## FOOTHILL

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Three Valleys Community Foundation, a newly formed local nonprofit.

3VCF works with donors and nonprofits to achieve their impact goals through inclusive leadership, thoughtful funding, informed giving, and collaborative action. They serve the entire Tri-Valley region, including the communities of Alamo, Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Sunol.

"PPIE was honored to facilitate the We Are Pleasanton campaign to build a shade structure at Amador Valley High School in 2021 and Three Valleys is proud to serve the school community with this campaign at Foothill," said Steve McCoy-Thompson, PPIE executive director and co-founder of 3VCF.

The second project was going to be the neglected athletic fields at Pleasanton Middle School, but after the Foothill issues were brought to light and the price of the middle school project continued to climb, a decision was made to change direction.

"The PMS bids were in the multimillions," Utikal said. "Foothill needs the help and it's a project we

feel we can get done."

The cost of the Foothill improvements is \$950,000, with We Are Pleasanton shooting to raise the first \$250,000. When they reach that goal, the remainder of the funding will come from the school district.

There is already \$25,000 in the fund, of which \$10,000 has come from the Foothill sites fund. Service Champions, SideTrack, Tom and Ali Hall, and Joe and Janet Cristiano have already contributed.

The plan goes much deeper than just the improvements to the stadium.

The repairs and improvements will benefit the entire student body and multiple sports, including the annual Band Review, improving accessibility for students and their families. Following are the bullet points for the Foothill project:

- Retrofit the football stadium to improve accessibility.
- Adding a ramp from upper stadium level to field level.
- Repairing and lighting pathways from the parking lot to the stadium.
- Leveling elevations at stadium entrance.
- Building outdoor basketball courts.

• Adding accessible parking and paths to baseball field.

• New sound system at stadium.

Foothill principal Sebastian Bull said he is feeling blessed for the efforts from the group. He is looking forward to all the additions, including the outdoor basketball courts.

"Our PE has no outdoor basketball courts," Bull said. "When I got here, I wondered why that was the case."

Many would consider Utikal's timeline for the project unrealistic, but that is his style — see it, get it.

"We want to have our money raised by June 3," Utikal said. "And the goal is to have it done by Aug. 11."

The June 3 date is that the target as the group wants to be able to announce the success at the Foothill graduation ceremony.

"To break ground June 5 may seem aggressive, but it's almost all grading and cementing that needs to be done," Bull said. ■

*Editor's note: This story originally appeared in the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook, a free e-newsletter that covers Tri-Valley high school sports. Subscribe to the newsletter at [PleasantonWeekly.com/express/sports](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/express/sports).*

## ELECTIONS

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by respect and accommodation for "communities of interest," which can be particularly challenging for officials to identify without robust input from residents on the ground, according to city officials.

"The City encourages the public to provide input to ensure "communities of interest" are taken into account during the district drawing process," Dublin officials said in the statement this week. "A 'community of interest' is a neighborhood or community that would benefit from being in the same district because of shared interests, views, or characteristics."

Communities of interest can include existing neighborhoods, as well as communities who share various demographic characteristics that can lead to common needs for social and health services. The council member elected to each district must be a resident of that district, and

The City Council will begin seeking community input on the drawing of district boundaries in a public hearing at their next regular meeting on April 19.

The initial hearing, as well as the second one on April 28, will be aimed at seeking input on how the districts should be composed prior to the drawing of draft maps, with two more public hearings set to be held after the release of the maps.

The change to district-based elections was prompted by a letter from the Malibu-based office of law firm Shenkman and Hughes, which alleges the city's practice of at-large elections as being a violation of the 2001 California Voters Rights Act

(CVRA). The letter was sent on behalf of Southwest Voter Registration Project and the members who live in Dublin.

"(V)oting within the City is racially polarized, resulting in minority vote dilution, and, therefore, the City's at-large elections violate the California Voting Rights Act of 2001," the attorneys alleged in the letter dated Dec. 29, which the city received on Jan. 4.

"The CVRA disfavors the use of so-called 'at-large' voting — an election method that permits voters of an entire jurisdiction to elect candidates to each open seat," they added.

The letter proceeds to point to the history of at-large election methods as being the target of voting rights advocacy, on the grounds that it results in "vote dilution" which puts minority voters at a disadvantage in affecting the outcomes of elections.

Attorneys proceeded to point to the city's high proportion of residents of Indian descent according to the latest census data, and the lack of Indian American representation in the city's governance as "revealing" of an overall system that dilutes the votes of the city's residents of Indian descent.

"In the City's most recent elections the fate of Indian candidates, when they do emerge, has been unsuccessful," attorneys said in the letter. "In the City's 2020 election for both Mayor and City Council, all Indian candidates lost their bids."

The attorneys point to Arun Goel's loss in his 2020 bid for mayor, as well as Sri Muppidi's and Samir Qureshi's losses in their runs for the City Council the same election, as well as Goel's and Bobby Khullar's losses in runs for the council in 2018, as evidence of "racial

polarization" according to the CVRA.

"Given the racially polarized elections in Dublin's elections, we urge the City to voluntarily change its at-large system electing its City Council," the letter concludes. "Otherwise, on behalf of residents within this jurisdiction, we will be forced to seek judicial relief."

Cities hit with such demand letters have tended to convert voluntarily rather than fight the issue, deeming subsequent litigation as unwinnable given past court rulings in California.

The council took up the matter at their Feb. 15 meeting, and voted unanimously to adopt a resolution shifting from at-large to district-based elections.

The CVRA was recently amended to allow jurisdictions the option of shifting to district-based elections by initiating discussions within a 45-day period of receiving a legal threat alleging CVRA violations, allowing them to avoid the costly legal fees that would come from attorneys following through on litigation.

Under the timeframe proposed under the resolution approved by the council, final maps would be tentatively due for council approval by late August, following a substantial public outreach process.

Following the pre-map hearing on April 19 and workshop on April 28, the city will hold an additional workshop on May 4, followed by four more public hearings on May 17, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16.

They have also created a dedicated portion of the city's website for information on the shift to district-based elections and the ensuing process of drawing and finalizing district boundaries. ■

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## INVESTIGATION

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according to the investigation report.

Nonetheless, investigators conclude that Reece problematically failed to reveal having any prior relationship with VisionPoint.

## Quid pro quo?

The investigation report also supports allegations from attorney Monica Batanero of a “quid pro quo” offer and subsequent retaliation by Reece. An exhibit in the report includes a text message exchange between Batanero and Reece, upon Reece’s discovery of the scope of the legal challenges he might be facing in the wake of the troubled RFQ/RFP process.

“The Investigator found that the Chancellor proposed that if Batanero used her influence with the Board to prevent authorization of an investigation of the Chancellor’s actions relative to the ERP, he would see to it that she could serve as the District’s General Counsel,” the report said.

In the exchange, Reece asks Batanero if she’d be interested in an official appointment as the district’s legal counsel, with Batanero saying she would be, according to the report.

In an interview with investigators, Batanero raised concerns about this being meant as a quid pro quo offer, when Reece asked her to dissuade the Governing Board from launching the investigation into bid tailoring allegations. When Batanero refused to do so, Reece subsequently withdrew the offer of the general counsel position.

“He was angry and he was complaining about the culture of investigations and how he’s a target and he’s gonna change that culture,” Batanero told investigators. “And, that you know, I basically have the Board’s ear. I’m gonna be in closed session.”

Batanero said she told Reece that if the Governing Board was advised by the district’s internal auditor that they should launch an investigation, she couldn’t imagine the board being persuaded to vote against that move. At this point, she said Reece was

more precise about what he wanted from her.

“And that’s when he was like, but you’re gonna be there,” Batanero said. “You’re gonna be in closed session with them. Like basically, you can convince them.”

Despite Batanero’s protests and ultimate rejection of Reece’s request on legal grounds, she said he maintained an insistence that she was capable of stopping the investigation, which he said would be sufficient to damage his reputation. She noted that this upset Reece, despite her assurances that an investigation would be good for his reputation if it helped to clear his name amid swirling rumors in the district.

“... (I)t was so disproportionate, his reaction,” Batanero said. “He was so angry, and he was throwing ‘F’ bombs, he was so angry.”

Kivel’s office concluded that it would be reasonable to infer that discussions of Batanero’s continued work with the district, and potential role as general counsel, were terminated as a result of her

“perceived role in the Board’s authorization of the Kivel investigation.”

In his rebuttal, Reece argued that Batanero’s services were genuinely no longer needed, and said that he was concerned about her lack of availability for his questions and communications amid her move that summer, noting that she “seemed disengaged,” and citing “significant concerns” about her role in maintaining what he saw as a culture of problematic investigations in the district.

“Ms. Batanero and Dr. Reece held numerous phone conversations about the District’s investigation process and culture,” the rebuttal to the investigation report from Reece and his legal team said. “She knew of the Board’s goal and the Chancellor’s board approved goal to change the internal investigation processes in a more humane and less litigious direction.

“The Chancellor and Ms. Batanero talked for several hours over multiple phone calls on this matter. She refused to offer any suggestions on how the district could move in the direction articulated by the Board, and instead insisted that the District continue to follow the same questionable process.”

With the investigation findings, as well as interactions with Reece during the investigation process, Kivel’s office concluded its report with concerns about Reece’s overall character. Even though they don’t pinpoint deliberately malicious behavior, they raise numerous concerns about inconsistencies with Reece’s lack of transparency in the investigation process.

“At various points throughout his report, the Investigator noted concerns about the Chancellor’s credibility, noting at one point: ‘(T)he Chancellor’s veracity, and thus credibility, falls short of what should be expected of the District’s leader, when viewed in light of the contrary statements consistently proffered by numerous other interviewees,’” the report said.

Reece did not respond to a request for comment from DanvilleSanRamon.com. He maintained in the rebuttal to the investigation report and elsewhere that one of his primary responsibilities coming into the chancellor’s office in 2020 was to contend with the district’s “toxic culture of investigations” in addition to declining enrollment.

When Reece was initially put on leave by the board in September, numerous public commenters at the subsequent meeting in which he was reinstated, pointed to frustrations with ongoing turnover and instability in the district’s cabinet, and concerns about a pattern of placing high-level district administrators on leave amid undisclosed investigations.



**Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**

These included Eugene Huff and Dio Shipp, who filed two joint suits with Jonah Nicholas alleging retaliation, discrimination and public records act violations.

In the former suit, the district was required to release information that legal counsel had argued wasn’t within the scope of the California Public Records Act, with the judge ruling otherwise for much of the information mentioned in the suit. In the latter suit, the district recently reached a settlement that paid out more than \$1.5 million to Huff and Shipp combined.

In both filings, Gregory McCoy, legal counsel for Huff, Shipp and Nicholas, argued that Reece played a significant role in the withholding of information in the CPRA suit, suggesting that this was meant as a coverup for his own actions.

With Reece also out, Mehdizadeh is left leading a depleted cabinet after herself being elevated from her executive vice chancellor position to interim chancellor.

Her interim contract was finalized in February, which sees her continuing in the position until 2024 unless a permanent chancellor is appointed before then. ■

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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Shooting investigation closes freeway lanes in Livermore

The eastbound side of Interstate 580 was closed for nearly three hours during the afternoon commute one day last week as the California Highway Patrol investigated a shooting — the second such incident reported publicly on the freeway in Livermore in the past month and a half.

CHP officers responded to a report of shots fired on eastbound I-580 near First Street in Livermore just after 1:45 p.m. April 7. The ensuing investigation by detectives shut down the side of the freeway from 2:10 p.m. until approximately 5 p.m., snarling the crowded commute into and through the Tri-Valley.

One person was transported to a local hospital with injuries that were considered to be not life threatening, according to the CHP. No additional details about the active investigation were revealed as of this week.

The CHP asked anyone with information about the incident to contact the CHP-Golden Gate Division's investigative tip line at 707-917-4491.

The April 7 incident marked the second shooting reported on I-580

in Livermore since late-February.

A Hayward man was arrested on Feb. 27 after the CHP alleged he shot somebody while driving on westbound I-580 near North Livermore Avenue — less than a half-hour after he allegedly shot another person on westbound I-205 near the I-5 interchange in the San Joaquin Valley that same morning.

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

- The murder of a 14-year-old girl in her Castro Valley home in 1994 that rocked the Bay Area has gone unsolved for the last 28 years, and a reward fund for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her killer is now being increased, it was revealed last week.

The reward is being increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000, said John Lin, whose daughter, Jenny, was found stabbed to death in her home in Castro Valley between the hours of 5:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on May 27, 1994. Jenny was an eighth-grade student at the time of her killing. There was no apparent reason for her murder nor a motive, and the killer remains at large.

Lin said his daughter was a well-liked, straight-A student. The \$100,000 reward was established shortly after her murder.

To continue their commitment to solving the case, Jenny's family and friends have increased the reward amount to \$200,000.

Anyone who may remember seeing anyone or anything suspicious around Pineville Circle, Greenville Drive or Villareal Drive in Castro Valley on May 27, 1994, or has information about the murder suspect, is asked to contact the Alameda County Sheriff's Department at 510-667-3636, or a toll-free hotline for the Jenny Lin Foundation at 855-4-JENNY-LIN.

—Bay City News Service

- A home and business satellite TV provider in California agreed to a \$5.5 million settlement over allegations it illegally disposed of and mismanaged hazardous waste, state and Alameda County prosecutors announced last week.

DISH Network California Service Corporation will pay \$3.32 million in penalties, \$835,500 in legal costs, \$845,000 for supplemental environmental projects and \$500,000 for enhanced compliance measures to ensure the hazardous waste it handles is properly managed, the prosecutors said.

The settlement was agreed to with California Attorney General Rob Bonta's Office and Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley's

Office. It also requires DISH to come into compliance with state law by making changes to its operations and practices, according to Bonta's and O'Malley's offices.

"For years, DISH carelessly disposed of and sent hazardous waste to local landfills, ignoring the consequences for our communities and our environment," Bonta said in a statement. "From there, hazardous chemical elements from electronic devices, batteries, aerosols, and more could seep into soil and contaminate our environment."

The allegations of wrongdoing go back to 2005 when DISH allegedly started disposing of the waste illegally and sending it to landfills that are not set up to handle it, prosecutors said.

Audits of California DISH facilities showed that DISH violated Hazardous Waste Control and Unfair Competition laws by repeatedly disposing of hazardous materials in trash bins bound for landfills over multiple years, according to audits, prosecutors said.

In addition to the \$5.5 million settlement, DISH must have an independent auditor make sure DISH is environmentally compliant at its 25 California facilities.

DISH must regularly inspect its trash dumpsters and roll-off containers to be sure none contain hazardous waste, and the company must train its employees regarding California hazardous waste laws.

"We became aware of this in 2012 and immediately conducted an internal review, implemented additional protocols and worked with the state of California to ensure we were in compliance with regulations," a statement from DISH said.

"We have been compliant since the end of 2012. While these issues have been addressed for years, we are pleased to have reached a settlement with the state, particularly one that recognizes our many waste training and management actions that go above-and-beyond the state legal requirements," the statement said. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### April 10

#### Warrant arrest

■ 10:33 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Busch Road

### April 9

#### Theft

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

#### Warrant arrest

■ 7:22 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### April 8

#### Trespassing/prowling

■ 12:55 a.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 8:32 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### April 7

#### Theft

■ 9:48 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 2:26 p.m. on the 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Vandalism

■ 12:37 p.m. on the 3200 block of Balmoral Court

■ 4:36 p.m. on the 6700 block of Koll Center Parkway

■ 10:18 p.m. on the 1100 block of Concord Street

#### Graffiti offense

■ 2:08 p.m. at Case and Bernal avenues

#### DUI

■ 11:31 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

### April 6

#### Warrant arrest

■ 10:22 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 1:16 p.m. on Rosewood Drive

#### Fraud

■ 10:29 a.m. on the 1400 block of Freeman Lane

■ 5:38 p.m. on the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

#### Robbery

■ 10:45 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Domestic battery

■ 1:26 p.m. on Willow Road

#### Fire

■ 3:22 p.m. on the 500 block of Hamilton Way

### April 5

#### Burglary

■ 8:11 a.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

#### Theft

■ 8:52 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 12:39 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

■ 5:15 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:24 p.m. on the 3100 block of Paseo Granada

#### Domestic battery

■ 8:52 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 8:55 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Fraud

■ 11:00 a.m. on the 3600 block of South Platt Court

■ 2:32 p.m. on the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

■ 11:12 a.m. at Bernal Avenue and Palomino Drive

#### Assault/battery

■ 1:33 p.m. on the 500 block of Rose Avenue

### April 4

#### Theft

■ 8:05 a.m., 3800 block of Old Santa Rita Road; auto theft

■ 9:34 a.m. on the 5800 block of Corte Margarita

■ 10:24 a.m. on the 3300 block of Smoketree Commons Drive

■ 10:37 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

■ 12:47 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

■ 12:52 p.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft from auto

■ 3:13 p.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; bicycle theft

■ 3:51 p.m., 3800 block of Old Santa Rita Road; auto theft

#### Fraud

■ 10:16 a.m. on the 3200 block of Touriga Drive

#### Graffiti

■ 1:26 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Vandalism

■ 4:17 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

### April 3

#### DUI

■ 12:59 a.m. at Rosewood and Owens drives

■ 2:08 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

#### Missing person

■ 4:32 a.m. on Hopyard Road

#### Theft

■ 11:10 a.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 12:09 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; auto theft

■ 7:05 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

### April 2

#### Criminal threats

■ 11:36 a.m. on the 100 block of Mission Drive

#### Warrant arrest

■ 11:36 a.m. at Sunol Boulevard and Mission Drive

#### DUI

■ 10:27 p.m. at Laurel Creek Drive and Foothill Road

## Edmond Stephen Alves

January 5, 1931 – February 2, 2022

Edmond Stephen Alves died on February 2, 2022, at the age of 91. Ed, as he was called by family and friends, was born in Providence, Rhode Island to immigrant parents in 1931. His family moved to Pleasanton, California when Ed was a young boy. Upon Ed's graduation from Amador Valley High School in 1948, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps in July 1948 at the age of 17. Ed was a proud Marine and served his country during the Korean War. He graduated from San Jose State University (under the G.I. bill) with a major in Business Administration. In 1954, he married Dorlene F. Garcia. They were married for 57 years before Dorlene's death in 2012. Ed & Dorlene (Doe) raised their family in Pleasanton. All of their children would go on to graduate from Amador Valley High School like both parents before pursuing college.



Ed was active in the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) as well as the Knights of Columbus. He maintained life-long friendships with his high school classmates. Ed was an extrovert. He loved to talk with people. Since first becoming a grandparent in 1993, Ed loved spending time with his grandchildren and would drive or hop on a plane (to Texas or Southern California) for a quick or extended visit.

Ed is survived by his two daughters and daughter-in-law: Janell Alves-Anderson (Richard) of Mountain View, California; Jennifer Alves-Dowden (Steven), and their 4 children, Katherine, Jacqueline, Madeline, and Samuel of Fort Worth, Texas; Jeff's widow, Blanca, and their 2 children, Isabel and Anthony of Simi Valley, California. Ed was preceded in death by his wife; his two sons, Jeff & Joshua; siblings Emily & Manuel, and parents, Joseph and Mary.

On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, a private graveside service at St. Augustine's Cemetery will be held for immediate family only.

Edmond Stephen Alves

PAID OBITUARY



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Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown delivered her State of the City address via video on March 29. (Photo in background by Chuck Deckert).



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## MAYOR BROWN SPOTLIGHTS CITY PROJECTS, BUSINESS CLIMATE, COMMUNITY SERVICES IN ANNUAL SPEECH

**'TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING PLEASANTON A PREMIER CITY TO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE A FAMILY.'**

By SHIRI MARWAHA

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown commended the communal bonding and resilience of the residents of Pleasanton in the pandemic while highlighting a range of community accomplishments during her 2022 State of the City address last month.

"The entire Pleasanton community came together in response to COVID. That sentiment remains as true today as it was then," Brown

said in her speech.

The theme of "together" was prevalent throughout the mayor's speech, and she reiterated that it takes everyone to work together all in every way possible to create an award-winning "community of people who care about creating opportunities so that each of our businesses and our nearly 80,000 residents have what they need to proudly call Pleasanton their home."

### PLEASANTON BUSINESSES

The State of the City presentation, which was in-person for the first time during Brown's tenure as mayor, occurred as part of a luncheon event organized by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pleasanton at The Club on March 29. The speech itself was prerecorded, as the mayor would be unavailable for family reasons.

Brown said a "Business Needs City Survey" was conducted to understand the functioning of local businesses at this stage of the pandemic.

"An incredible 92% of businesses with 50 employees or less, which is a great majority of our commercial community, rated Pleasanton as an excellent or good place to do business," Brown said.

According to the survey, Pleasanton is projected as a business-friendly city that enjoys support from both the government and the community. Furthermore, it is seen as a safe community and an ideal location for businesses with scenic and open spaces — 41% of the respondents to the survey believe they will have more

revenue in the next two years.

"I'm proud that, coming out of a pandemic, our businesses have confidence that in working together we're making Pleasanton a great place for business," the mayor said.

She expressed gratitude to all the multinational companies for investing in Pleasanton, thus creating jobs and revenue for the community.

"Pleasanton is home to progressive technology, manufacturing and professional service businesses thanks to our infrastructure, our highly educated workforce, our schools and our outstanding quality of life," Brown said.

The constant response of the community with vital support during the pandemic, providing a vaccination site at fairgrounds, collaborating with the school district and the senior center, yielded the city with high vaccination rates against COVID-19, according to Brown.

The mayor noted that the Pleasanton senior lunch program, run by Open Heart Kitchen, served an incredible 42,000 meals to seniors while also operating the regional food distribution site that supported thousands of Tri-Valley residents with food insecurity.

She applauded the city's business support fund for providing nearly \$1.5 million in city loans and matching Alameda County grants and fully funded the total "Housing PLUS Human Services and Community Grant" requests.

She also acknowledged the local nonprofits for providing in-person

support to residents.

"Together, we have gotten through the thick of the crisis shoulder-to-shoulder, and I'm pleased to say we're finally moving toward the endemic stage of this worldwide virus. After two long years, I see a much brighter future ahead," Brown said.

### WORK PLAN PROJECTS

Next, the mayor highlighted the progress on the priorities documented in the City Council's work plan — projects that reflect the interests of the changing and diverse demographic of the community.

"It is our responsibility to ensure every resident is heard, and every resident knows they are an integral part of our community," Brown said.

The all-abilities playground proposed for Ken Mercer Sports Park and its innovative and creatively designed play structure will offer a play experience for a wide variety of abilities and skill levels. The structure will accommodate children, adults and seniors in a universally designed, sensory-rich environment, she said.

Further she spoke about the potential expansion of the skate park at the Sports Park with new features suited to different levels of skaters and all-wheel users.

"Funding is critical for both amenities before we can begin construction, but I am truly looking forward to watching everyone enjoy these new features," Brown added.

Lastly in this section of the speech, she said the city is looking for sites across town to accommodate the



FILE PHOTO

Karla Brown is in her second year as mayor of Pleasanton.

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growing demand for a cricket pitch and pickleball court from residents.

### HOUSING

Brown said the council is working on how to best assist families with housing difficulties, especially as housing prices continue to rise in Pleasanton.

"Together we are engaging our landowners, builders and the public, with meetings and discussions on how best to address the range of housing needs across all income levels, spread throughout Pleasanton," she said.

The city is also working to account for its mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of nearly 6,000 new housing units under the upcoming update of the Housing Element, which is revised every eight years. The council is required to identify adequate sites through the General Plan and zoning process, and the planning for the same is in progress and projected to be ready for adoption by early 2023.

"We know our community is best served with a mix of different housing options, distributed throughout Pleasanton. Our goal is to find opportunities for workforce housing, senior housing, housing for individuals and housing for young families," Brown said.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Brown said the city is enhancing services to assist the needs of the community, with a focus on safety and alternative mental health options when responding to certain services. Brown noted that the council approved a pilot program starting this

year to require a licensed clinician to accompany a police officer responding to calls involving individuals experiencing mental health crises.

Furthermore, she said, the city is working with the Pleasanton Unified School District to apply similar strategies to the school resource officers (SROs) who serve the community at the Pleasanton schools.

Pleasanton joined Dublin and Livermore as funding partners with Axis Community Health to support the creation of a mental health urgent care service. The service will provide rapid access to mental health care, it will address or minimize the escalation of symptoms, thus avoiding the need for acute care, according to the mayor.

The new program managed by Axis, Brown said, has been operating for a year with a goal of filling a mental health gap within the community and "working to ensure that our first responders provide the highest quality of care."

She implored other Tri-Valley mayors to advocate for Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare that has been serving the community for 60 years to be recognized as a Level 2 trauma center.

Continuing on the issue of public safety, Brown acknowledged the significant progress in the construction of the new fire station on Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard.

"This is on the council's priority because the old fire department needed to be renovated to meet the needs of the present day," Brown said.

### PRESERVING CHARACTER AND CHARM

"Together we're preserving our city's character and charm so that residents and visitors can share in our rich history and generous hospitality," Brown said.

Talking about retaining a few concepts that emerged during the pandemic, Brown said, the Weekend on Main Street program is returning downtown beginning the first full weekend of each month from May through December.

Another pandemic feature of the



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Pleasanton Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin (left) and City Councilmember Kathy Narum pose together before the speech begins.

pop-up dining in parking lots is being reshaped into a new parklet program that will bring back the additional outdoor dining under a set of design and safety standards that keeps the downtown clean, according to Brown.

She extended the city's support in recognizing local businesses and cheered for the new dining establishments that opened during the pandemic like Zachary's Chicago Pizza, Elia, Middle Eight and Locanda Amalfi.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The city's environmental policy in the updated Climate Action Plan (dubbed as CAP 2.0) aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with a goal of 70% reduction below the 1990 levels by 2030, and achieve carbon neutrality per capita by 2045, according to Brown. The CAP 2.0 is estimated to save \$585,000 annually.

The community is transitioning to the use of local and renewable energy. This means more than 300 million kilowatt-hours of electricity consumed annually will be generated by California-based wind and solar projects, electrifying over 20,000 homes and businesses, according to Brown.

The city is also working to implement California's Senate Bill 1383, which requires residents and businesses to keep compostable and

recyclable materials out of California's landfills.

Pleasanton is working with Zone 7 Water Agency to ensure the clean and adequate supply of water by taking short- and long-term strategies, according to Brown.

She noted that in 2019, the use of water from the city's Well 8 was stopped when concerning amounts of PFAS chemicals were detected. The council is looking at \$43 million for treatment and the rehabilitation of wells to resolve such issues.

Additionally, to encourage eco-friendly modes of transportation the city has added a network of bicycle lanes to provide a safe path of travel with dedicated bicycle parking on St. Mary and West Angela streets and look to add more additional parking in the downtown area, according to the mayor.

### CITY FINANCES

"Maintaining fiscal stability will always be a core value for Pleasanton, and because of that I can confidently tell you that our city is financially solid," Brown said.

She expressed satisfaction in adopting Section 115 Trust Fund, which aims to ensure adequate fund availability for pension contributions, without having to reduce city services during difficult economic times.

The last fiscal year saw a revenue

surplus of \$7.5 million due to a combination of higher-than-expected revenues and reduced expenditures. Property taxes and special assessments generated \$78 million, which accounted for 54% of the city's revenues and sales taxes yielded \$22 million accounting for 14% of the revenues, according to Brown.

The surplus was allocated to the COVID fund reserve, the repair and replacement, and capital improvement program reserve funds.

According to the midyear budget for the current fiscal the sales tax and business license receipts resulted in a \$5 million surplus and was allocated to the capital improvement program reserve fund.

### COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

According to Brown, as per the city's most recent community satisfaction survey that was conducted six months ago in the middle of COVID's restrictions, 94% of the respondents rated Pleasanton as an excellent or good place to live in, a rating as high as any place in the Bay Area.

Niche.com that conducted the survey showed that out of the top 25 family-friendly neighborhoods in Alameda County, 96% of the respondents indicated they feel safe in Pleasanton. 89% of the respondents rated Pleasanton as an excellent or good place to raise children. The survey ranked the mental health crisis response team as the most important city program, followed by the all-abilities playground.

Brown concluded her address by thanking everyone involved in the working of the city including residents.

"Residents of Pleasanton and (I) both agree, we live and do work in an excellent city," Brown said. "I am honored to serve as your mayor, because together we are making Pleasanton a premier city to live, work and raise a family." ■



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The State of the City event, organized by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, drew dozens of community and business leaders (left) and a range of city officials and staff, including a delegation from the Pleasanton Police Department (right).

## A poetic journey through Dublin

Inaugural Poetry Walk features 28 works posted across city all month long

By MELISSA MCKENZIE

**P**iggybacking off a Rutland, Vt., event featuring poets from around the world, Dublin celebrates Poetry Month with its inaugural Poetry Walk now through April 30.

The program, curated by Dublin poet laureate and "Viewless Wings" podcast host James Morehead, features 28 poems covering personal journeys, love, loss, the beauty of nature and even a handful acknowledging the places and scenery that make Dublin special.

Morehead said he read through 154 submissions from poets in Canada, Ireland and across the United States to determine which poems would reside along the 26-stop route across Dublin.

"I looked at Tri-Valley, and especially Dublin, poets first," Morehead said, "then expanded the set to include the 'best of' submissions from outside of the Tri-Valley ... It was a very difficult decision to make. A few of the poems that didn't quite work for the Poetry Walk will appear on the 'Viewless Wings' poetry podcast in a future episode."

Among the selected pieces is Morehead's poem, "At the Crossroads," which he wrote about Dublin in honor of the city's 40th anniversary. "At the Crossroads" is one of two poems viewable at Dublin's Civic Center and hangs near "Dublin Pride," penned by Dublin High School freshman Sanvi Pasala.

"I wrote the poem 'Dublin Pride' after my English teacher told me about how Dublin was accepting submissions for the 40th anniversary of Dublin," Pasala said.

"I love writing poetry because there aren't any rules to follow and you can be really creative while writing," Pasala added. "I enjoyed writing a poem about Dublin because I was able to show all the great aspects of Dublin coming from my point of view. It was a delight to combine two big aspects of my life,

City of Dublin Poetry Walk 2022	
1	Mountain Mike's Pizza and Loard's Ice Cream
2	Banseok Jeong Korean BBQ
3	KeyPoint Credit Union
4	Erik's DeliCafé
5	Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl
6	DeLuca Dental
7	Bangkok 101 Thai Cuisine
8	Hunter Joseph Salon
9	Destination Baby and Kids
10	The Frame Co
11	Rahma Mediterranean Grill
12	Athens Burger
13	Dublin Library
14	Dublin Civic Center
15	Art Process
16	California Spirit Elite
17	Thirsty Bay Tap 'N Pour
18	Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa
19	Patxi's Pizza
20	Barnes & Noble
21	Jamba Juice
22	Koi Palace Seafood & Dim Sum Restaurant
23	Element Spa
24	Bagel Street Cafe
25	The Wave
26	Amazing Basil & A Cup Of

which are writing and my home, Dublin, into one poem that describes this beautiful city and its people."

While pieces by Morehead and Pasala are part of a group of stops that includes poems at nearby Raham Mediterranean Grill, Athens Burger, the Dublin Library and Art Process,

one of Morehead's favorite works, Jennifer deBie's "Dublin," is displayed almost three miles away at Bagel Street Cafe off Dublin Boulevard.

"I particularly love Jennifer deBie's 'Dublin' poem, which she wrote specifically for Dublin's Poetry Walk," Morehead said. "Jennifer

**'Be entertained; be moved; be inspired by Dublin's first Poetry Walk.'**

**James Morehead,**  
Dublin poet laureate

is a writer based in Ireland who crafted her poem around Dublins in Ireland, Texas and California."

Dublin businesses, from Mountain Mike's Pizza and Loard's Ice Cream off San Ramon Road to Amazing Basil and a Cup Of off Fallon Road, volunteered to participate in the multi-mile Poetry Walk, and although trekking across Dublin to view every poem is encouraged, Morehead said it would be a "marathon-length walk" to visit each of the sites in one day.

There are, however, clusters of poetry viewable downtown and a map of all

locations available on Morehead's Viewless Wings website.

"Local businesses and organizations 'raised their hands' to participate, and were all very excited to receive their Poetry Walk poster, which I hand-delivered," Morehead said. "It was so satisfying visiting each of the local businesses and organizations, who are all looking for ways to attract customers back after a challenging two years."

As an added incentive to visit the participating businesses and view the poems, Morehead is selecting five individuals to receive signed copies of his books, "canvas" (2021) and "portraits of red and gray" (2022).

To enter, take a selfie with Poetry Walk posters, upload the photo to social media and tag the image with #DublinPoetryWalk. Additionally, Morehead said, individuals are invited to tag him directly, @dublin on Twitter or @viewlesswings on Instagram.

"I'm so excited to see the event come together with so many contributing poets and participating organizations," Morehead said. "A high bar has been set for next year ... I've seen parents standing with their children reading a poetry poster and then talking about the poem, which is wonderful. Be entertained; be moved; be inspired by Dublin's first Poetry Walk for National Poetry Month." ■



Dublin poet laureate James Morehead with his poem, "At the Crossroads," which he wrote about Dublin in honor of the city's 40th anniversary.

# Closing out April at Bankhead

Standards, comedy and chamber music all on deck

By **MELISSA MCKENZIE**

April is halfway through, there's plenty to do at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore later this month. Three shows featuring standards, comedy and chamber music will close out the final days of April, and set the stage for May.

**Funny Women of a Certain Age:** Carole Montgomery, Leighann Lord, Monique Marvez and Julia Scotti are "women of a certain age" and have seen it all.

They've raised children on-and-off the road, had bouncers watch their babies while performing and

been told women aren't funny.

In a raw, no-holds-barred show, Montgomery, Lord, Marvez and Scotti will bring the side-splitting comedy captured in the 2019 Funny Women of a Certain Age Showtime special straight to the Tri-Valley, on the Bankhead stage at 7:30 p.m. April 28.

**A Toast to the Rat Pack:** Relive the glory days of the Rat Pack where the trio was the hit of the town. The Rat Pack sang, laughed and joked their way through the Las Vegas strip delighting audiences along the way.

Featuring Sebastian Anzaldo as Frank Sinatra, Andy DiMino as Dean Martin, Lambus Dean as Sammy Davis Jr. and accompaniment by The Rat Pack Orchestra, A Toast to the Rat Pack showcases the trademark hits and camaraderie that endeared audiences and made Sammy, Dean and Frank legendary. The show is in Livermore on April 29 at 8 p.m.

**Seraph Brass:** Drawing from a



LIVERMORE ARTS

Leighann Lord is among the performers in the Funny Women of a Certain Age comedy show on April 28.



LIVERMORE ARTS

Andy DiMino as Dean Martin, Lambus Dean as Sammy Davis, Jr. and Sebastian Anzaldo as Frank Sinatra perform in A Toast to the Rat Pack.

roster of America's top female brass players, Seraph Brass is a dynamic ensemble that has toured throughout the United States, China and Europe. They are the winners of the 2018-2019 American Prize in Chamber Music and their debut

album won a Silver Medal Global Music Award.

The concert, at 7:30 p.m. April 30, is presented by Del Valle Fine Arts.

For tickets or more information on each show, visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org) or call 925-373-6800. ■

## Capturing scenic beauty

Bauer-Kahan honors winners of Nature Photography Contest

By **JEREMY WALSH**

State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan recently hosted a contest for professional, artistic and amateur photographers alike who bring into focus the beauty in her District 16 through their lens.

Top finishers were announced last month in the categories of Water, Parks, Wildlife and Youth. Judging included representatives of East Bay Parks, Save Mount Diablo, Dublin Arts Collective, Lamorinda Arts, and several local parent-teacher associations and public arts commissions, including the cities of Pleasanton and San Ramon.

"The results are in for the AD 16 Nature Photography Contest! We had well over 100 entries from all over the district who shared their beautiful work photographing the East Bay and reflections on the importance of nature," Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) said on Twitter.

Awards went to:

**Water Photography.** First place, Patrick Feng of Livermore; second place, Rekha Joshi of Pleasanton; third place, Tabitha Moss of Walnut Creek; Naturalist Award, Kai Li of Dublin.

**Parks Photography.** First place, Vanessa Thomas of Dublin; second place, Sachin Deshpande of Dublin; third place, Richard Valenti of Danville; Naturalist Awards, Marcia Powers of Pleasanton and Michael Dawson and Lafayette.

**Wildlife Photography.** First place, Wallace DeYoung of Alamo;



Livermore resident Patrick Feng won the Water category for this photo.



San Ramon student Sarp Gursel earned first place in Youth for this image.

second place, Shelley Danner of Livermore; third place, Terry South of Walnut Creek; Naturalist Award, Stephanie Becker of Moraga.

**Youth Photography.** First place, Sarp Gursel of San Ramon; second place, Sam Cao of Orinda; third place, Kaelyn Abeyta of Moraga. ■

## Learn about literary law

Writers club hosting attorney Way

Learn "Lessons in Lit Law" with local attorney Kelley Way at the April Tri-Valley Writers meeting this Saturday at 2 p.m.

According to TVW publicity chair Elaine Drew, Way will describe five areas of law writers are likely to encounter — copyright, trademark, right of privacy and publicity, defamation and contracts — and explain how authors can not only protect their rights but avoid infringing on the rights of other writers.

Attendees can expect to learn the basics of copyright law and how writers can protect themselves and their work; the basics of trademark law; the basics of right of privacy and publicity and how to prevent lawsuits in those areas; the basics of defamation and how to prevent a defamation lawsuit; and the basics of contracts and what writers should be aware of when they are presented with one.

"Kelley was chosen because TVW wanted an attorney who specializes in literary law who could cover a wide range of topics specific to writers," Drew said. "This is especially important now, when intellectual property is potentially vulnerable."

Born and raised in Walnut Creek, Way graduated from University of California, Davis with a bachelor's degree in English and obtained her law degree from Davis' School of Law. Way is a member of the California Bar, American Bar Association, Contra Costa Bar Association and Christian Legal Society.

She practices copyright, trademark and estate planning law at The Law Office of Kelley A Way. In addition to her work as an attorney, Way is an aspiring writer of young adult fantasy novels.

Reservations, \$14 for TVW club members and \$18 for non-members, for the April 16 meeting remain open. Student club members (14-22) can reserve tickets for \$6, while non-member students can attend for \$8. Tickets are available at [trivalleywriters.org](http://trivalleywriters.org).

Ticket holders have the option to attend via Zoom or in person at the Four Points by Sheraton at 5115 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. ■

—Melissa McKenzie



**Kelley Way**



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill assistant Millard named head coach of Monte Vista

‘It gives me a chance to coach football, but also the kids as they grow’

Foothill High alum and assistant coach Johnny Millard always aspired to run a high school football program; he just didn't know when he would get a chance.

Well, the day has arrived, as Millard officially became the next head coach of the Monte Vista High football program late last month.

Millard replaces former UC Berkeley and NFL player C.J. Anderson, who coached the Mustangs to a 7-3 (2-2) record in his one season in Danville before heading to Rice University as an assistant coach.

“I couldn't be more fired up,” Millard said. “It's tough leaving Foothill. I cannot stress enough how much respect I have for Foothill and all the school has done for me, but Monte Vista is a great fit.”

Millard, a graduate of Foothill (2009) and Cal Poly (2013), where he starred for both football teams, is part of the iconic Foothill legacy.

“Johnny and his dad are royalty around Foothill, like the Maddens,” Foothill head coach Greg Haubner said. “Both Johnny and his father have been a gift to Foothill.”

Haubner was referring to Johnny's father Keith Millard, a 1980 Foothill graduate who went on to star at Washington State where he was the PAC-10's Defensive Line-man of the Year in the 1983-84 season.

Keith went on to a nine-year NFL career after being taken with the 13th pick of the first round in the 1984 NFL Draft. In 1989, he was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

Keith is staying with the Foothill staff with his senior son Kade still in the program.

With the appointment of taking over the Monte Vista program, Johnny Millard is realizing a life-long dream.

“I knew I always wanted to be a football coach,” Millard said. “I started coaching my brother's PJFL team eight years ago, and that was a humbling experience.”

Millard has had options in his coaching path, working in college and perhaps eventually in the professional ranks, but he is right where he wants to be.

“For me, coaching high school is



LISSA OLSON

New Monte Vista head football coach Johnny Millard (left) spent last season as an assistant at his alma mater Foothill, where he coached standouts such as Kenny Olson (right).

the sweet spot,” said Johnny. “This is such an important part of a kid's life — it gives me a chance to coach football, but also the kids as they grow.”

High school athletics are the most formative years of an athlete's maturation. They start as a 13- to 14-year old and leave as an 18-year-old young adult.

“If we have a player that wants to go on and play college, we will do everything we can to help them achieve those goals,” Millard explained. “But high school athletics are so much more than that. The fulfillment part of life — there's a perfect blend of it in high school.”

Millard is busy putting together his staff in hopes of hitting the ground running in the ultra-competitive East Bay Athletic League.

Monte Vista is, at least for the next season, in the Mountain Division with De La Salle, Clayton Valley, San Ramon Valley, California and Amador Valley.

It's a brutal grind for your debut season.

“That's what any EBAL school faces,” Millard said of the daunting

task. “I'm just working on putting the right people together to build on it. There are some that are already in the program and some to bring in that are my own guys.”

One thing that will make Millard's first season easier is that the Falcons and the Mustangs will not face each other.

“It's going to be fun,” Millard said, about when the two teams finally do meet for the first time with him at the helm. “It's not going to happen this year, which might be a good thing for Thanksgiving with my dad and brother.”

#### Foothill baseball

The 15-1 Falcons took the title of the Service Champions Classic, going 3-0 last week.

The wins were 2-0 over Ber-ean Christian, 10-3 over Northgate and 6-2 over Redwood in the title game.

Jack Basseer was the MVP of the tournament. For the season, Basseer has six home runs. Brendan Comerford was named to the All-Tournament Team, hitting .420.

On the season Foothill is getting big efforts from its pitchers. Tyler Gebb is 7-0 and has a 1.25 ERA. Jackson Flora is 4-1 with a 1.30 ERA.

#### Foothill lacrosse

The Falcons won one and lost one the week of March 28.

The week started with a tough, 7-6 loss to Clayton Valley. The goals came from Wyatt Lam (2), Darrin Lau (2), Darraugh Kennedy and Ro Bharanidharan. The defense was led by Bennett Zander, Josh Taylor and Nathan Kinsey. Midfielders Trevor Barros and Jack May also played well.

The week ended on a high note as Foothill beat Dublin 6-2.

The Falcons got goals from Kennedy, AJ Becker (2), Lau (2) and junior Jake Morgan. Mikey Paulson was great in the goal, with midfielders Jake Clevenger and Sean Flanagan playing well, as did Zander, Taylor and Kinsey on defense. ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.*

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Stratford provides the perfect summer camp experience for your child, complete with all the fun, enriching activities they love, and the important safety measures you expect. With more options to explore, including Day Camps, Academic Camps, Specialty Camps, and Sports Camps, you can customize a one-of-a-kind experience that makes your child shine!

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Improve your student's writing skills this summer at Emerson Montessori School of Pleasanton and Palo Alto. Courses this year are Expository Writing, Creative Writing, and Presentation Skills. Visit our website for more information.

Visit [pleasantonweekly.com/camp\\_connection/](http://pleasantonweekly.com/camp_connection/)

## Entertainment

### HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC

#### COLLABORATIVE-ORIGINALITY

The students in the Firehouse Arts Center's High School Music Collaborative feature their style of original music in this concert guaranteed to leave you wanting more. 7:30 p.m., April 16. Tickets \$10. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

#### AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH

**ROBERT FROST** An intimate portrayal of a man who achieved unparalleled success as a poet despite episodes of great personal tragedy. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 19. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

#### LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY

**PRESENTS VIBRANT VOICES** Soprano Heidi Moss Erickson and narrator Faith Alpher join the symphony in a program celebrating freedom, renewal and hope. 8 p.m., April 23. Tickets \$12-\$37. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). Bankhead Theater.

## Exhibits

#### HARRINGTON GALLERY: HOLOCAUST

**MEMORIAL EXHIBIT** The Harrington gallery in partnership with the East Bay Holocaust Education Center presents an audio/visual exhibit depicting the tragedy of the European Jewish people from 1939-1945. Eyewitness testimonies and

paintings will inform as you travel through the exhibit. Through May 28. Visit [firehousearts.org/gallery](http://firehousearts.org/gallery).

#### VISIONS OF SPRING AT THE BANKHEAD

This free exhibit from the Diablo/Alameda branch of the National League of American Pen Women runs Thursdays to Sundays, 1-5 p.m., through May 29.

#### BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN

**TOUR** The 18th annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour and Green Home features four days of inspiration online and in person. April 16-17 and April 30-May 1. Suggested donation \$15. Visit [bringingbackthenatives.net](http://bringingbackthenatives.net).

## Talks

#### TRI-VALLEY WRITERS TO LEARN

**ABOUT THE LAW** Attorney Kelley Way will tell writers what they need to know about copyright, contracts and other legal issues at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting. Reserve and pay online at [trivalleywriters.org](http://trivalleywriters.org) by today. Meeting 2 p.m., April 16.

#### THEN & NOW: LIVERMORE STORIES

Tom Ramos presents "How the Livermore Lab Helped Avert a Nuclear War" in this zoom presentation. 7 p.m., April 19. No registration is required. Visit [livermorelibrary.net](http://livermorelibrary.net).

#### BUTTERFLY BIOLOGY AT SYCAMORE

**GROVE PARK** Join this Ranger led

program on a trip through the awe-inspiring cycle of the butterfly. Includes a short hike. 2 p.m., April 17. RSVP to [dsousa@larpd.org](mailto:dsousa@larpd.org).

#### PLEASANTON TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. 7:30 p.m., each Tuesday via zoom. Visit [pleasanton.toastmastersclubs.org](http://pleasanton.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Easter

#### BUNNY HOP SCAVENGER HUNT

Kids of all ages will be able to explore downtown Pleasanton during the fourth annual Bunny Hop Egg Hunt. Event starts at Museum on Main. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., April 16. For more information, visit [pleasantondowntown.net](http://pleasantondowntown.net).

#### MUFFINS WITH BUNNY

Hop on over and join a day of springtime fun. Muffins, snacks, games, crafts and pictures with the Bunny. Bring a camera. \$10 per person, children 2 years and under free. April 16. Register at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

#### SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The City of Dublin's 2022 Spring Eggstravaganza includes egg hunts, photos with Peter Rabbit and Flopsy, games and much more. Residents \$15, Non-residents \$18. April 16, Heritage Park and Museums. For more information visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

## Seniors

#### TUESDAY TALK WITH FRIENDS

Join the meeting with a computer, tablet, smartphone or telephone. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., April 19. Brought in partnership with Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 925-931-5365.

#### SENIOR LUNCHESES SERVED CURBSIDE

Lunches are served curbside at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Mondays to Fridays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Call Open Heart Kitchen at 925-500-8241.

#### PLEASANTON RIDES

Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door, shared ride transportation for Pleasanton Seniors. For reservations and information call 925-398-1045.

#### VIRTUAL SMARTPHONE TRAINING

Attend a free online training and learn how to send text messages, make text larger, connect Bluetooth devices and more. Call 510-207-8609 or email [clin@ddpt.org](mailto:clin@ddpt.org).

#### LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

For free remote legal services call 510-839-0393 or visit [lashicap.org/programs/hicap](http://lashicap.org/programs/hicap).

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## Community Calendar

Find local clubs, events, fundraisers, support groups and more at [PleasantonWeekly.com/calendar](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/calendar)

## PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

### Take a break with Bananny

Bananny is an energetic, fun-loving friend, and also possibly the perfect work from home companion. Her foster described how much she likes to curl up under her desk during the day, keeping her company. When it's time for a break, this 8-year-old American pit bull mix is ready to go outside for some fun time! If you are looking for a friend to share lots of adventures and fun times, Bananny might be the one for you. This distinguished lady can't wait to meet you in person in Dublin, where her adoption fee is waived. Visit [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

Advocacy Program provides free remote Medicare counseling. Call 510-839-0393.

## Support

#### HOT MEALS & GROCERIES FREE OF CHARGE

Prepared by Open Heart Kitchen, 1-3 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. 911 Loyola Way, Livermore.

#### FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES

Mondays to Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

#### POP-UP CARE TENT AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY

Weekly CityServe Pop-Up Tents meet with those in need to coordinate care and connect to local resources. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

## 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., April 25. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

## Family

#### PPIE RUN FOR EDUCATION

The 10th annual Pleasanton Run for Education is a family-friendly running and walking event that raises money for the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation to support Pleasanton schools. April 24. Visit [ppierun.com](http://ppierun.com). Alameda County Fairgrounds.

#### HIKE FOR HOPE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The 2022 Hike for Hope is May 14 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. This annual memorial hike raises funds to support Hope Hospice. Register early to receive a t-shirt at [TheHikeForHope.com](http://TheHikeForHope.com) or call 925-829-8770.

#### 2022 DIESEL TRAIN RIDES

See Niles Canyon in all of its green winter splendor, departing from the Sunol Depot. Tickets \$15-

\$25. 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., April 16-17. Visit [ncry.org](http://ncry.org).

#### LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

The Pleasanton Public Library is promoting a new Library Card Design Contest and is open to Pleasanton residents of all ages. The contest runs until May 15. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Government

#### PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., April 19. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

#### LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

The Livermore City Council special meeting is 5 p.m., April 18. For more information, visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

#### LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Livermore Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m., April 19. Visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

#### LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The regular board meeting will be conducted via Zoom Webinar and members of the public are encouraged to observe and participate remotely. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., April 19. Visit [livermoreschools.org](http://livermoreschools.org).

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### DUBLIN

**1821 Porcellano Way \$2,698,000**  
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**550 Montori Court \$2,695,000**  
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Keller Williams Tri-Valley 925-413-6544

**1441 White Stable Drive \$2,995,000**  
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## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Furry-God-Mother  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 587006  
The following person doing business as: Furry-God-Mother, 4300 Black Avenue, #1252, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Dawn Atwood, 4300 Black Avenue, #1252, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Dawn Atwood, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 25, 2011. Signature of Registrant: Dawn Atwood, Owner/Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 4, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022.)

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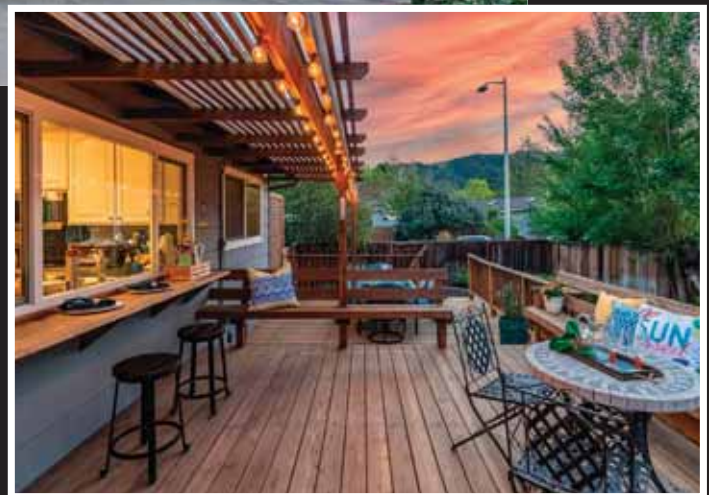
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NEW LISTING

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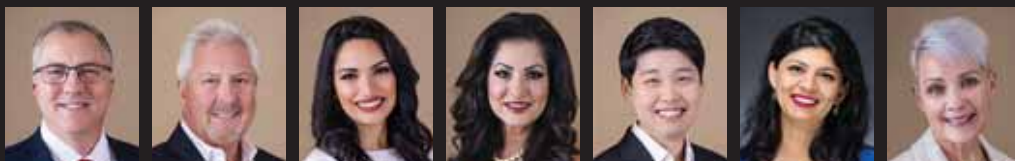
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