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# AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

## A chance of rain

Unexpected rainy days happen. We recently experienced an unexpected June rain.

Let's hope the city of Pleasanton doesn't experience an unexpected financial rainy day anytime soon. At next Tuesday's City Council meeting, the council majority — Mayor Karla Brown, Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin and Councilmember Julie Testa — are prepared to dip deep into rainy day reserves to reopen the Century House to the public.

The rainy day fund, money to be used during a time when the city's revenue decreases so normal operations can continue, is part of the general reserve fund balance. It was started in 2020 with money that would have gone to capital improvement projects because the council predicted (correctly) that revenue would decrease because of the "unknown" of the pandemic.

The pandemic is not over and the economy is not healthy.

Looking at the highest inflation in four decades, gasoline close to \$7 a gallon and another surge of COVID, most Americans are battenning down the hatches. They are limiting expenses because costs are going up but the paycheck remains the same (if they're lucky).

Cities should also batten down the hatches for the same reasons.

Current 12-month projections indicate a net \$1.7 million increase in city revenue, and this amount was transferred to the capital improvement program (CIP) fund recently. Projections inherently involve uncertainty.

In May, Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics, said he puts the odds of a U.S. recession in the next 12 months at "one in three" and "even odds over the next few years."

At a budget workshop May 31, the council discussed how to allocate the \$1.7 million to their priority capital improvement projects, which includes Century House repairs.

Century House has been closed to the public for eight years. Residents aren't able to use the facility and the property continues to deteriorate. The \$1.7 million recommended by staff for the project, which would not touch the reserves, would only slow deterioration of the 150-year-old building, not allow it to open.

Brown proposed moving \$2 million from the general fund reserve to fully fund the project so it can be reopened.

The general fund reserve is projected to be 0.7% over the recommended maximum of 30% of the general fund operating expenditures. Arkin asked about moving 1%, or roughly \$1.2 million, from the reserve to reduce the fund to under the maximum.

"Being a fiscally prudent city, we would not recommend (taking 1% from the reserves) because it's so close to the 30% and we haven't experienced the actual year yet," said Mahim Shah, the city's interim finance director. "It's so close to the 30%, we would not be recommending something like that."

Brown said 30% seems "really excessive."

"We are staring down at a recession, there is no doubt about that," Shah said. "At this point I do not feel (30%) is excessive."

Since the rainy day fund is going to be at zero in a few years, when all the funds are transferred back to the CIP fund over a three-year period, it should not be included in the reserve total. Without this money, the projected general fund reserve balance is 24.3% of operating costs, below the recommended target of 25%.

Going against the recommendation of the city staff and dismissing concerns of councilmembers Jack Balch and Kathy Narum, the council majority voted to move \$2 million out of the rainy day fund and put it — and \$1 million redirected from another project — to fully fund the \$4.7 million necessary to reopen Century House.

This is the same council majority that earlier this year voted in a lesser district election map that the Weekly's editorial board speculated was to keep Balch from running against Testa this November.

With the bleak economic forecast, it is not fiscally responsible to take \$2 million out of the rainy day fund for a non-necessity.

A vote Tuesday night will make the \$2 million transfer official. If you agree this is not the right time, contact the council majority.

When Narum tried to explain the risk of taking money from reserves, Brown said she is "confident this economy is going to be pretty good for Pleasanton."

She's optimistic. Everyone else is grabbing umbrellas and heading to the hatches. ■

*Editor's note: A more extensive recap of the meeting is online at PleasantonWeekly.com.*

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## If you were considering a career change, what field would you want to go into?



**Manuel Santos**  
*Emergency medical technician*

Oh wow, I would never consider changing careers. I love what I do. I've always wanted to be a first responder and a hands-on helper. And now I am. I wouldn't change a thing.



**Rob Shane**  
*Director of sales*

I would go into filmmaking. Since the time I was a young child, I've been fascinated by movies and the filmmaking process. If I were in a position to consider changing careers, I would probably do some type of behind-the-scenes work in film, like lighting or sound. Maybe both.



**Stella Joseph**  
*Engineer*

I would go into a field involving children, especially abused and/or underprivileged children. I think I would find that type of work incredibly gratifying and rewarding. And I think also that working in such a field would make the best use of my abilities.



**Margaret Thompson**  
*Retired executive director*

Well, I've actually already done that! I worked for many years as a businesswoman and then decided to switch gears and become an author. I've now written several books. I'm pleased that they've all been published and well-received.



**Jason Cain**  
*Electrician*

I would go into finance and be very involved in the stock market as a trader in New York City. I love doing the research and following and predicting trends. In a down market, there would be so many opportunities to make money for myself and others.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Downtown parks

The city of Pleasanton has launched a community survey online on updates to the master plan and preliminary park designs for Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks in downtown.

Improvements to the two parks have been a priority for the city dating back to last decade, but the project met with environmental review challenges under regional, state and federal regulations.

"We now have a preliminary design that expands the park, adds more parking, adds more view areas for concerts and movies, and meets the requirements of the regulatory agencies! And we think the design meets or exceeds the goals and objectives that residents outlined in 2014," city officials said on the project webpage.

They are collecting resident feedback on the design options through the survey (online until July 6), as well as at public outreach events including tonight's Concert in the Park and a community meeting set for 6-7:30 p.m. next Wednesday (June 22). Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### Library computers

The Pleasanton Public Library on Monday will begin the month-long process of upgrading its computer systems to improve service levels and result in enhanced account features for library users, according to city officials.

"The upgrade is anticipated to be completed by July 20, during which time some services will be limited while the work is completed," officials said.

"During the upgrade period, the Library will maintain normal hours of operation, visitors can sign up for a new library card, and items can continue to be checked out. The library asks that users return checked out items either before June 20 or after July 20," they added.

To learn more details, visit [pleasantonlibrary.zendesk.com](http://pleasantonlibrary.zendesk.com).

### 'Shrek' onstage

Christian Youth Theater Tri-Valley is presenting "Shrek the Musical" this weekend onstage at Livermore High School.

"Nearly 60 students will perform the theatrical adaptation of the DreamWorks Animation movie, telling the story of an accidental hero named Shrek and his life-changing journey," organizers said.

"Shrek the Musical," which opened last night, features shows today and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., as well as a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. The production is partnering with Guide Dogs for the Blind to generate donations for the nonprofit.

For tickets or more information, visit [cyytrivalley.org](http://cyytrivalley.org). ■

## Sanchez claims victory in sheriff's race as lead increases to beat Ahern outright

ACSO jail commander, Livermore resident vows to 'make our county proud'

By CIERRA BAILEY

Alameda County Sheriff's Cmdr. Yesenia Sanchez has declared victory as she continues to grow her lead in the race for county sheriff, with the latest tally Tuesday indicating she's received 52.69% of the overall vote count.

If the trend holds as the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office finishes tabulating final ballots in the days ahead, Sanchez will win outright in the primary election in a surprise upset defeat of her boss, incumbent Sheriff-Coroner Greg Ahern who currently has 31.49%.

Immediately following Election Night, the initial tallies suggested that the two candidates would be poised for a runoff election in November. However, by Friday evening, Sanchez had narrowly crept above the 50% threshold needed to win the seat and avoid a runoff altogether.

Livermore resident Sanchez is already prepared to claim victory,



Yesenia Sanchez

looking ahead to serving as Alameda County's next sheriff and becoming the first Latina and first woman to hold the position.

"The voters of Alameda County have spoken: they yearn for a sheriff who will bring reform, transparency and accountability to the office. I hear these calls loud and clear. As the next sheriff of Alameda County, I know that I've been entrusted with an enormous duty, and I will make our county proud," Sanchez told the Weekly in a statement.

If Sanchez is officially declared the winner, she would take office

in January, following the completion of Ahern's current term. In a statement Friday, Sanchez thanked Ahern for his service and said she will "work with him on an orderly transition."

At the time of writing, 15-year incumbent Ahern did not respond to requests for comment after Sanchez's percentage eclipsed 50%.

With the current totals, Sanchez has earned 133,628 votes, Ahern has 79,853 and the third candidate in the primary — Alameda resident and San Francisco Police

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FILE PHOTO/SAMANTHA LAUREY

A look down at the carnival midway during the 2019 Alameda County Fair, which was the last time the Pleasanton showcase event was held during its traditional summer slot due to changes amid the pandemic.

## Fair opening week is here

Concerts, beer festival, drone light show, hot dog eating contest qualifier on tap

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Fair returns for its first summer appearance in Pleasanton since 2019 beginning tonight at the fairgrounds.

Running for 19 days between now and July 10, the 2022 fair — with a theme of "Road to Summer" — will be highlighted by many of the favorite activities that draw people from all of the Bay Area to the fairgrounds year in and year out: carnival rides, vendor booths, horse racing, exhibits, entertainment shows, and of course, the food and drink.

Opening week at the fair,

which goes from tonight through Sunday and then Wednesday and Thursday (the fair is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, except for Independence Day), will also feature a series of special events and promotions.

For opening day today, through 3 p.m., admission inside the gates will be free; the same goes for all dads on Sunday until 3 p.m. for Father's Day.

R&B star Ginuwine will kick off the Big O Tires Concert Series inside the Lucky Amphitheater tonight from 8-9:15 p.m. The other acts for opening week are Neon Trees on Saturday,

L.A. vation-The World's Greatest Tribute to U2 on Sunday, 38 Special on Wednesday and Stealin' Chicago (Chicago tribute) on Thursday.

The first Saturday of the fair will be filled with special features, starting with the Sun's Out Fun's Out Run benefiting local nonprofit Sunflower Hill. The event begins at 9 a.m. and is open for runners of all abilities.

Then from 2-5 p.m. that day, the fair will present its popular Brew Fest tasting event with more than 15 breweries scheduled to

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## LVJUSD's Bowers announces retirement

Superintendent set to step away after 12 years at helm

By CIERRA BAILEY

Kelly Bowers, superintendent of schools for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, confirmed last Friday that she is retiring at the end of the month after serving 12 years in the role.

"I have been fortunate to have had such a long and meaningful career in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and prior to that, the New Haven Unified School District," Bowers, Ed.D., said in a statement from LVJUSD.

She added, "Throughout my 34+ years in public education, I have had the privilege of working with incredibly dedicated, talented, and passionate colleagues and will surely miss the daily interaction and relationships with students, families, staff, Board Trustees, and community members."

The conclusion of the 2021-22 academic year marks the end of Bowers' time with LVJUSD as she said she is "graduating" with the class of 2022. District officials



Kelly Bowers

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# Pleasanton council discusses importance of police having military-like equipment in case of emergency

PPD to return with more equipment usage data before final vote

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council gave initial support last week to an ordinance that would continue allowing the Pleasanton Police Department to use military or specialized equipment.

Council members passed the first reading on June 7 with the agreement that city staff and Pleasanton police come back at next week's meeting with more information and statistics on how often police use such equipment.

"We're approving something that I don't know how often we use all these things and for what purposes, and I know that information

isn't readily available tonight but I would like to see that," Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin said.

Pleasanton police sought to pass the ordinance that adopts a military equipment use policy and even though City Council unanimously approved the first reading, the department leaders must now come back with information on the usage of the equipment and statistics.

The ordinance is part of Assembly Bill 481, which was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last September. The bill requires police departments in California to keep a running list of what is defined as

military equipment for oversight by local governing bodies, which now have the authority to approve or reject the use of such equipment by local law enforcement.

Military equipment, as defined by AB 481, does not necessarily indicate equipment used by the military. Items deemed by the bill to be "military equipment" include robotic vehicles, armored rescue vehicles, tear gas, less-than-lethal weapons such as beanbag shotguns, 40-millimeter projectiles and noise/flash diversionary devices — all of which Pleasanton police currently use or possess.

Some of the main reasons for concerns among council members were surrounding protest and anti-riot gear such as tear gas. Councilmember Julie Testa said during the meeting that she had community members tell her they were concerned about police authorizing the use of such equipment.

Councilmember Kathy Narum similarly asked if tear gas has ever been used in Pleasanton, but Police Chief David Swing told the council that their tear gas has only been used by other cities but not in Pleasanton.

Along with that came the police department's main point to

the council, which was that it's important to have this equipment not just in case of emergency in Pleasanton but for mutual aid in other neighboring cities.

"So it's not just about Pleasanton. It's also our ability to request and for other agencies in our county to respond to help support us if that were to be necessary," Swing told the council.

On the topic of protest gear, he also mentioned that the final approved list includes acquiring new 40-millimeter non-lethal projectiles. Swing said that while the

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# Price, Wiley going head-to-head in runoff for district attorney

Pair advance out of four-candidate primary to succeed O'Malley as top prosecutor

BY CIERRA BAILEY

In a crowded contest for Alameda County district attorney, civil rights attorney Pamela Price led the primary election as the frontrunner with 42.81% of votes and current chief assistant district attorney Terry Wiley came in second with 27.36% following the latest tally update this Tuesday.

The top two contenders are now set to square off in a runoff election in November as neither candidate received the majority threshold required to win outright. The race was wide open this year with incumbent District Attorney Nancy O'Malley opting not to seek reelection in favor of retirement.

"I am thankful and inspired,"



Pamela Price



Terry Wiley

front and center in this race, and it was a magnet for people and organizations that want real justice to be a reality in Alameda County. We are on our way to making it happen."

Wiley, who has worked for the county's DA Office since 1990 and has served in several prosecuting units, said he looks forward to continuing to promote his campaign vision of safety and justice.

"We believe that public safety has to be a priority of the next district attorney but public safety does not have to be at the expense of criminal justice reform and you can have criminal justice reform and it does not have to be at the expense of public safety. You can have both, and that's what our candidacy

represents," Wiley told the Weekly in an interview, adding that he is happy that his message resonated with voters in many parts of the county.

The other two candidates are deputy district attorney Jimmie Wilson, who came in third with 19.74%, and Seth Steward, a former San Francisco prosecutor who now works as chief-of-staff for Oakland City Councilman Dan Kalb. Steward ended at 10.09%.

At the time of writing, Wilson and Steward did not respond to requests for comment.

If elected district attorney this fall, Price seeks to implement her "10-Point Platform" which includes work to restore public trust in the

criminal justice system, reduce gun violence, implement fair justice measures, stop over-criminalizing youth, end the death penalty, protect immigrant communities, hold police accountable for misconduct, establish prosecutorial accountability, effective re-entry strategies, and invest in public health and social services.

"I am ready to fix the DA's office — from building a transparent and public database of our casework, to creating a public integrity unit to address misconduct of law enforcement, to implementing broader methods of diversion courts and creating proven and cost-saving

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# Zone 7's Patterson Pass plant shifts to ozonation water treatment process

Replaces chlorine as main disinfectant, enhancing quality of outgoing water

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Residents in the Tri-Valley region will start to see and taste a difference in their tap water thanks to upgrades made to the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant in Livermore.

The Zone 7 Water Agency held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated plant, which cost \$110 million for planning, design and construction.

Improvements to the plant included installation of ozone treatment facilities, aging equipment and increased treated water storage capacity with the addition of a new, five-million-gallon tank. The plant will now be able to double the amount of treated water the plant can produce, from 12 million gallons of water a day to 24 million gallons a day,

according to a Zone 7 news release.

After decades of planning, the project was completed in spring 2022, after the Zone 7 Board of Directors approved the construction in 2019.

"By investing in best-in-class technology, Zone 7 demonstrates our commitment to high-quality water," Board President Angela Ramirez Holmes said in a statement after the June 9 event. "Ozonation is a proven, successful treatment method that will improve our water, making it cleaner, safer and better tasting — straight from the tap."

The ozonation project is the latest investment to make the treatment process more efficient and improve water quality to better serve the community, according to Zone 7. How the new process will work is ozone

will be injected into water and immediately start oxidizing and eliminating contaminants.

According to Zone 7, the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant, which has been serving the agency since 1962, has been treating imported surface water from the adjacent South Bay Aqueduct using dual-media filtration and chlorine treatment techniques.

But this has not been as effective in recent years at addressing high levels of organic matter and more frequent algae blooms that can cause taste and odor problems. Algae blooms are rapid increases or accumulations in the population of algae in freshwater or marine water systems that can produce dangerous toxins.

"The blooms are normal but are becoming more frequent," according



ZONE 7

From left: Zone 7 directors Olivia Sanwong, Angela Ramirez Holmes, Sandy Figuero and Laurene Green cut the ribbon during the grand-opening ceremony on June 9.

to Zone 7. "After reviewing various treatment technologies, Zone 7 selected ozone to replace chlorine as the main disinfectant, resulting in higher quality water provided to customers by reducing chlorine-related byproducts and killing even more pathogens than chlorine."

Zone 7 supplies water to all of

eastern Alameda County and sells wholesale treated water to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District and the California Water Service Company. The public agency is also responsible for flood control in the Livermore and Amador valleys. ■

# Cook-Kallio wins Alameda County Board of Education seat

More than double the votes of next competitor in three-candidate race

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Former Pleasanton City Council member and retired teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio has earned the Tri-Valley's Alameda County Board of Education for Trustee Area 7 position, well ahead of both competitors with 53.23% of the vote to date.

Cook-Kallio was among three candidates in the June 7 primary seeking to replace longtime incumbent Yvonne Cerrato who did not run for re-election this year.

DiemHa "Kate" Dao, a Pleasanton resident and founder of Acton Academy East Bay, sits in second place with 26.18% and Eric Dillie, former principal of the now-defunct Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory school, is at 20.59%.

"It is very satisfying to see those numbers and realize that my good name, my reputation and the people that were out there on my behalf, speaking for me, helped me to get to those numbers," Cook-Kallio told the Weekly.

A retired public school teacher at Fremont Unified for 40 years, she said that Alameda County is her home turf and because of her strong roots here, combined with her education background, she is in position to be effective in doing the job from day one.



Cheryl Cook-Kallio

She added that she has done a lot of work with education legislation on a federal and state level, specifically in civic education, so when she saw the Trustee Area 7 position, she saw an empty seat with plenty of opportunities.

"I think that the county board member for this district has an opportunity to really speak on behalf of not only District 7, but also Alameda County," Cook-Kallio said. "And I think that's very important to understand how you advocate for good education policy."

Cook-Kallio served on the Pleasanton City Council from 2006 to 2014 before reaching the city's temporary term limit. She later ran for State Assembly as a Democratic challenger but lost to

Republican incumbent Catharine Baker in 2016.

Runner-up Dao did not respond to a request for comment and has not posted any statements regarding the results. Dillie, who finished third, did take to Twitter to share his feelings on the results.

"Thank you to everyone who supported me, it was an amazing experience to run," Dillie tweeted on June 8. "We didn't win this race, but I learned a lot through the process and I'm grateful for the experience."

Cook-Kallio said she plans to focus on education funding along with working with county and the state legislators to maintain good education policy.

"I have a connection with

legislators, both federal and state," she said. "I understand education policy, I understand the government, I understand budgets and I understand oversight. I think I can make a difference with my education background, and, you know, the stuff that I've done nationally in terms of education for legislation on both the federal and the state level."

Unlike countywide elections, which can advance to a runoff if no candidate receives over 50%, the Trustee Area 7 seat was to be determined based on whoever earns the highest percentage of votes cast — although Cook-Kallio seems positioned to earn more than 50% in the end with nearly all eligible ballot tabulated as of Wednesday morning. ■

# Castro extends lead in county superintendent election; Monroe concedes

52.89% to 47.11% in favor of challenger ousting two-term incumbent

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Alyse Castro has taken a commanding lead for Alameda County superintendent of schools, positioned more than 13,000 votes ahead of two-term incumbent L.K. Monroe.

Monroe has led the county office since 2014 while Castro is an Alameda County resident who is currently the executive director of court, county and continuation high schools in the San Francisco Unified School District.

With county election officials still processing final ballots from the June 7 primary, Castro sits at 122,851 votes overall (52.89%)

to Monroe's 109,407 votes (47.11%) as of Tuesday evening, continuing the reversal after Election Night when the incumbent held a slim advantage in the tally.

"All I really want to say is that the trend continues to look very positive and we're excited," Castro told the Weekly regarding the recent results. "It was particularly nerve racking in the beginning, but in my case the trend has been



Alyse Castro

very, very consistently positive, except for Election Night."

Castro, who used strong backing from education unions to mount her challenge, was referencing when Monroe stood with 51.71% of votes and Castro at 48.29% at the end of Election Night. But the script flipped in Castro's favor beginning with the results update last Friday.

Castro said she is still waiting a little longer before reaching any conclusions and that she was mainly honored in being able to participate in this race and shedding light in rethinking how the justice system and social services

work in education.

"I'm thrilled that that seems to have resonated with a lot of voters who might otherwise have missed these kinds of obscure down ballot races," Castro said.

Monroe told the Weekly that even though she is disappointed in the results, her focus moving forward is continuing to support the students and schools of Alameda County.

"It has been an honor to serve for the past eight years as the Superintendent of Schools and to lead the work of the Alameda County Office of Education," Monroe said in a concession

statement. "While my tenure as Superintendent of Schools in Alameda County will be coming to a close, I remain committed as ever to being a source of service and support. I wish my successor the best."

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office is still processing pending vote-by-mail ballots, which if postmarked by June 7 can arrive up to seven days after the election date and still be counted, as well as some number of provisional and conditional ballots. Election officials have 30 days to certify their final results. ■

## COUNCIL

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goal is to never use, he still thinks it is important to have for the safety of the city and the region.

"The recommendation for example for the additional 40 mm platforms is another example of us trying to be more effective in using the least amount of force required to safely take someone into custody," Swing said.

Another main talking point was about the department's armored truck, the ballistic armored tactical transport vehicle. The purpose of the truck is to drive into dangerous areas and rescue people and officers, according to the city staff report.

The discussion, however, was not about taking away the truck but more on how it is being used for promotional purposes at events with children being allowed inside the vehicle.

Arkin said she was not comfortable with children being exposed to armored police vehicles. Testa

shared that sentiment saying there should be more discussion on the department continuing this practice.

"Having it as an attraction in our neighborhoods and with our families, I think that's uncomfortable to a lot of people," Testa said.

But Narum said that there are a lot of kids who do want to see the armored truck and asked Swing to come back with more plans and information on handling the issue at next week's meeting, scheduled for Tuesday (June 21).

The overall notion in the council was unanimous on supporting their obligation to keep Pleasanton safe and that it is essential to keep the department's military or specialized equipment to plan for the worst case.

"If we don't have them, what do we do when we have a catastrophic situation with an active shooter on an elementary school site?" Mayor Karla Brown said. "If you don't have any way to go in and get people out of a building, what do we do?" ■

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**Museum with the mayor:** Pleasanton resident Trevor Logette read about Mayor Karla Brown's State of the City address in the Weekly while awaiting entrance to the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao during a spring trip to Europe.

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## Congregation Beth Emek working on facility upgrades

Synagogue uses funds for solar, HVAC units, outdoor remodel

By JENSEN GIESICK

After approaching its \$1.25 million fundraising goal, Congregation Beth Emek has begun work on capital improvements on the synagogue property on Nevada Court in Pleasanton.

The campaign, which began quietly last fall, has been highlighted publicly by Beth Emek leaders in recent weeks as they've nearly reached their initial fundraising goal.

"We are serving the Jewish community in the Tri-Valley area — we provide full service things like the worship services, Shabbat services, religious school and Hebrew school for Jewish children," campaign co-chair Karen Holtz said.

Beth Emek, a Jewish congregation in the Tri-Valley that began in 1956, is more than 80% of the way toward raising capital in the amount of \$1.25 million to improve its facilities.

"We've already surpassed the million-dollar mark; we're trying to raise another couple \$100,000 because the more we raise, the more we can put into the improvements that we're trying to make on the facility," Holtz said.

The congregation's goal is to improve the grounds for members. Officials are particularly excited about the outdoor work, improving a patio for outdoor services, meetings and social events.



BETH EMEK

Rabbi Larry Milder, campaign chair Lisa Kama and Beth Emek president Maxwell Norman consider plans for outdoor improvements in the synagogue's courtyard.

"The hopes are to upgrade the grounds of our synagogue property, to make them more useful to leverage them more for our different congregational populations, more space for kids, more space for teens, easier setup and takedown for outdoor services and other religious events," Board President Maxwell Norman said.

Another project is the installation of solar panels on the roof, which will save costs on electricity bills.

"We're replacing all of the original heating and air conditioning

units. That's not a very exciting project, but it does matter when it's 100 degrees outside and people are sweating inside," Holtz said.

The congregation is trying to be more energy-efficient as well as save costs in all possible ways, she said.

"It just makes it clear that dynamic Beth Emek is a strong presence in the community, that the congregation is thriving, that we're planning into the future, and that we expect to be here for a long time," Holtz added. ■

## Authority to seek more than \$180M in unpaid bridge tolls, late fees

Those with outstanding fees can expect to receive notices in the mail

The Bay Area Toll Authority will try to collect more than \$180 million in unpaid bridge tolls, which breaks down to about \$50 million in unpaid tolls and \$130 million in late fees, after its Oversight Committee voted last week to crack down on more than 400,000 drivers.

The plan is approved and people with outstanding fees to their name are expected to receive notices in the mail soon.

Low-income communities are worried about the fees. State Assemblymember Phil Ting, D-San Francisco, said in a statement June 9 that Bay Area drivers should not be penalized because BATA chose to remove their operators from the tolls at Bay Area bridges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Bay Area Toll Authority should have identified these

drivers sooner to provide earlier notice and create payment plan options ... the switch to using technology to pay tolls has disproportionately impacted drivers who don't have debit or credit cards. Now many drivers who rely on their vehicles for work or to bring their kids to school may face not being able to renew their DMV registrations," Ting said.

Ting said he is glad to see that BATA plans to use elements from his Assembly Bill 2594, which allows low-income communities to set up payment plans. But he urges BATA to adopt other reforms in the bill to ensure Bay Area drivers can be treated "fairly and equitably."

After toll collectors were removed from the bridges, drivers could pay either electronically with a FasTrak toll tag, a one-time

online payment process, or receive a notice by mail if they don't have a transponder. However, the system didn't account for notices that were lost in the mail or sent to the wrong address, according to Ting's office.

Ting also calls on express lane and toll roads agencies to offer a cash payment option, cap fines and late fees, establish payment plans for both fines and penalties, and set a minimum time period to pay fines before car registration is suspended for nonpayment.

He said the DMV must notify people to change the address on their vehicle registration for their driver's license. Consequently, car rental agencies would be required to provide customers with information about toll agencies' charges and payment options, Ting said. ■

—Dania Kalaji, BCN Foundation

### THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



#### HIGHLIGHTS

##### City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 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** – Adopt resolutions approving the 2022/23 annual assessments for Landscape Maintenance Districts 1984-1 (Ponderosa-Del Prado), 1993-1 (Windsor), 1993-2 (Bonde Ranch), 1994-1 (Oak Tree Farm) And 1995-1 (Moller Ranch)
- **Public Hearing** – Adopt a resolution updating the Master Fee Schedule and Fee Policy for Recreation programs, services and classes
- **Public Hearing** – Approve the Traffic Mitigation Measures Improvement Plans for the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, review the final cost estimate for the Traffic Mitigation Measures, approve amendment one to the Transportation Improvement and Cost Allocation Agreement, and approve six purchase agreements to acquire the public right-of-way necessary to construct the traffic mitigation measures

##### Geologic Hazard Abatement District Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:50 p.m.

- **Public Hearing** – Adopt resolutions approving the annual assessments for the Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHAD) for Laurel Creek Estates, Moller Ranch, Lemoine Ranch Estates, and Oak Tree Farm

##### Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available after June 16, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: [cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning\\_agenda.asp](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp)

- **Housing Element 6th Cycle**  
Review and provide comments on the 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Draft Housing Element
- **P22-0335, Wassim Naguib, 218 Ray Street**  
Application for a Conditional Use Permit approval to use one parking space on the adjacent property at 148, 164, & 200 Ray Street.

##### Housing Commission

Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

- Review and provide comments on the 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Draft Housing Element

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# Ochoa appointed to cabinet position at Contra Costa college district

Ex-PUSD official hired as executive vice chancellor of admin services

By JEANITA LYMAN

Officials at the Contra Costa Community College District have announced Micaela Ochoa as the district's new executive vice chancellor of administrative services, following the resignation of predecessor Eugene Huff as part of a settlement agreement earlier this year.

Ochoa most recently worked at the San Mateo County Community College District, as vice president of administrative services and student services at the College of San Mateo, and has prior career ties in the Tri-Valley at the Pleasanton Unified School District.

"Dr. Ochoa's extensive background in finance and human resources provides her with the right background we were seeking to step right in and immediately make an impact as our executive vice chancellor of administrative



Micaela Ochoa

services," Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh said in a statement. "In addition to her many years of educational administration experience, she believes our students must be at the forefront of our decision-making, and we look forward to her leadership."

The district's Governing Board approved Ochoa's employment agreement at its most recent meeting on June 8. She will begin in the new role on July 6, and her initial contract term continues through June 30, 2024. Her base salary is set at \$262,000 annually.

"I am honored to join one of the top community college districts in the state," Ochoa said in a statement. "Achieving greater student success is a team effort, and I look forward to helping our colleges equitably serve our students and our communities."

CCCCD announced Ochoa as a finalist last month, alongside Allan Garde, who works as assistant superintendent of business services at the Hayward Unified School District.

They then hosted forums with

the two finalists, as the culmination of a nationwide search that kicked off in March to fill the position that was being vacated by Huff — who had been on administrative leave previously — as part of a settlement agreement that also saw the district pay out \$570,000 to Huff in exchange for waiving claims against the district and agreeing to drop a joint civil rights lawsuit he'd filed alongside Dio Shipp and Jonah Nicholas, two other former high-level administrators in the district.

Ochoa earned her bachelor's and doctoral degrees at University of California at Berkeley, and a master's degree at Carnegie Mellon. In addition to a background in educational administration, she has experience teaching at Notre Dame de Namur.

Before starting at the College of San Mateo in July 2019, Ochoa worked for four years at Pleasanton Unified, primarily as deputy superintendent of business services but also including a stint as interim superintendent during PUSD's leadership transition in 2017. ■

## BOWERS

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said that succession planning is underway and the Board of Education aims to appoint her replacement ahead of the 2022-23 school year.

Bowers is the longest-serving continuously seated superintendent of schools of a unified district in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and the surrounding region. Appointed to the role in May 2010, Bowers has served LVJUSD for 23 years in a variety of roles, including assistant superintendent of educational services, director of curriculum and special projects, elementary and middle school principal, grant writer and teacher.

Throughout Bowers' tenure with LVJUSD, she oversaw the implementation of numerous educational programs, including a TK-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme emphasizing international mindedness and global citizenry; an English/Spanish K-8 dual immersion program; TK-12 Project Lead the Way STEM education program; high school Green Engineering Academy; biotech engineering; visual and performing arts, and agricultural science.

In addition to academic programs, Bowers also identified and integrated programs that prioritized social and emotional learning and mental health like

the "Choose Love" curriculum founded by Scarlett Lewis whose 6-year-old son, Jesse, was killed in his first grade classroom during the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. The program was created "to provide schools, families and communities with the tools to promote self-empowerment, resilience, connection, and optimism," according to the district website.

Bowers has also overseen the successful passage of two parcel taxes, bringing more than \$56 million in local revenue to expand district wide STEM education including most recently Measure A, which passed in May following a special mail-only election.

Under Bowers' leadership, LVJUSD has been recognized five times as a Bay Area Top Workplace -- the only public school district to receive that distinction, according to district officials.

"It really cannot be overstated how valuable competent, consistent leadership is to an organization. It creates a safe and trusted environment for those who work within it and promotes confidence in the shared vision and mission for those it serves. Dr. Bowers has provided our District with all of those elements and more," Board of Education President Craig Bueno said in a statement.

"Her work ethic, drive for excellence, and commitment to students and staff has continued

to elevate Livermore schools throughout her tenure. She leaves a solid foundation for ongoing growth to be built upon," Bueno added.

As a Livermore resident, Bowers said serving as superintendent was not only her job but also an act of service to her community.

"I value the community of Livermore as more than just my workplace. Livermore is my home, and I've always believed in contributing and supporting my community in any way I can. The success of our schools is intertwined with the health, safety, and prosperity of our community," Bowers said, adding:

"Aiding in the efforts against vaping and the banning of e-cigarette sales and coordinating COVID-19 vaccination clinics with partner agencies were efforts to not only help protect our students, but our broader community."

Following retirement, Bowers' future plans include mentoring others who are working toward advanced careers in education. She is currently a superintendent in residence for the Leaders for Equity & Democracy Education Doctoral Program at UC Berkeley — her alma mater — and she plans to pursue other opportunities that marry her passion for high-impact public and community service with her extensive leadership experience, district officials said. ■

## SHERIFF

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Department Officer JoAnn Walker — sits at 15.83% with 40,140 votes.

Sanchez is an Alameda County native, born in Hayward and currently residing in Livermore.

She's worked for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for 24 years and climbed the ladder to become the highest ranking woman in the agency. In her role as division commander, she currently oversees and manages Santa Rita Jail.

Sanchez's vision for the role of sheriff includes prioritizing rehabilitation of and job training for the jail population, racial justice in law enforcement, community engagement and accountability.

Earlier this year at a candidates forum hosted by Livermore Indivisible, Sanchez spoke to these issues in relation to Santa Rita Jail, noting that the facility needs to have better communication with families and with the public following the death

of someone in custody.

"Right now, there's no communication with families who lose someone while they're in custody and that is simply not humane. There has to be some information that's shared with the family. We should not leave them in the dark," Sanchez said during the forum.

According to Sanchez's campaign website, she is "committed to leading the Alameda County Sheriff's Office with the utmost integrity, serving the community equitably and inclusively, and making sure the Agency ensures safety in the community by investing in it."

Ahern has held his spot at the helm of the sheriff's office since 2007. An Alameda County native, Ahern was hired as a deputy sheriff for the ACSO in 1980. Over the years, he rose through the ranks to become assistant deputy sheriff in 2006 and the following year he became the 22nd sheriff of Alameda County.

This election marks the first time he has faced opposition since taking the reins. ■

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# BART approves two-year budget with planned service, fare increases

## 3.4% price hike would take effect systemwide

BART's governing board unanimously approved its budget for the coming fiscal year on last week as well as a preliminary budget for the following 2023-24 fiscal year.

The balanced budget includes the use of \$313.6 million in federal COVID-19 emergency funding in the 2022-23 fiscal year as the transit agency continues to recover from its ridership plummeting due to the pandemic.

BART officials elected to switch to a rolling two-year budget approval process this year in an effort to improve the agency's long-term financial planning.

As part of the budget, BART will increase fares by 3.4% systemwide, an increase that was initially planned to go into effect Jan. 1, 2022, in an effort to keep up with inflation. BART officials noted that the 3.4% increase remains below current inflation levels.

According to BART officials, the average fare cost will increase 15 cents to \$3.78. BART riders pay an average of 28 cents per mile traveled throughout the transit system, according to BART assistant general manager for performance and budget Pamela Herhold.

The increase is expected to generate roughly \$15 million over the coming two fiscal years.

The FY 2023 budget also includes plans to change BART's

Saturday service schedule by running service on all five lines until the system's closure at midnight.

Currently, BART operates all five of its lines daily until 9 p.m. and then limits service to lines between Millbrae and Antioch, Daly City and Dublin-Pleasanton and Richmond and North San Jose.

Members of BART's Board of Directors have pushed for more frequent weekend service in the

budget approved on June 9 as ridership has recovered faster on weekends than it has during the standard work week.

"Using transit should be easy," BART Board President Rebecca Saltzman said in a statement. "The service plan enabled by this budget makes taking BART more convenient and less complicated."

The FY 2023 budget will take effect July 1, 2022. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

## PROSECUTOR

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innovations like neighborhood courts. When these changes have been implemented elsewhere, they have led to greater public safety — because public safety begins with public trust," Price said in a statement.

Wiley, who also serves as the director of the DA office's new Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is focused on tackling crime while making sure justice is carried out fairly.

"People are tired of crime. They want to see more accountability in our criminal justice system. I think people are tired of the car

burglaries, the thefts and in the case of Oakland, people are very, very tired of all the guns and the violence. But at the same time, I think that even in the most conservative corners of the county, people acknowledge that there has to be a greater sense of fairness in our criminal justice system," Wiley said, adding:

"There are still too many disparities throughout the system and we're determined to address those disparities so that anyone who comes through our criminal justice system is going to be treated fairly and they're going to walk away feeling that they received justice."

The competition between Price and Wiley is already contentious

as both candidates shared what they believe to be each others' shortcomings.

"We know that Mr. Wiley is a carpetbagger who has lived in Solano County for 30 years, and his campaigning clearly showed that he doesn't know or understand the residents of Alameda County. He has not ever lived here to know what we are dealing with — he has been living in a Solano suburbia bubble," Price said.

While Wiley has worked in the DA's office for more than three decades, Price said that his tenure reflects support for the "status quo."

"After 32 years of supporting and profiting from the status quo, all of a sudden, he claims that he is the

person to make changes," she said.

Wiley, however, said his long-term experience is one of the key qualities that makes him a fit for the role of DA.

"What I represent — should I be blessed to be the next district attorney of Alameda County — is that I bring balance, I bring independence and I bring experience. You're asking the next district attorney to take over a \$100 million government agency with 425 employees. The largest organization (Price) has ever run is a four-lawyer law firm," Wiley said.

Whoever wins between Wiley and Price come November will mark a historical moment as Alameda County will see its first Black district attorney. ■

## Jose Gil (Joe) Bautista

October 15, 1928 – December 11, 2021

On December 11, 2021, Jose Gil (Joe) Bautista died peacefully at home in Pleasanton, CA of natural causes. He was 93 years old.

He was a first generation Spaniard born at Hayward Hospital October 15, 1928. He was an only child who learned how to read and write English then taught his immigrant parents. While Joe didn't finish high school, he did attend Stanford at the age of 15 and graduated from San Jose State in the first engineering class with honors.

His early career was with the City of San Leandro. Soon after he met Helen Louise Conway while cruising on the San Leandro strip. They married in 1953 and had three children: Steven, Joy, and Jimmy. After leaving the City of San Leandro he started his own small construction company, Bautista Construction, building mainly in San Leandro and the East Bay. His success allowed him to retire at a somewhat early age. He and Helen traveled all over the world, until her death in 1987.

Joe found love again with Sharry Green, his 2nd wife, and continued to travel extensively, mainly on cruises. (His lifelong travels led him to set foot on every continent, except one.) They enjoyed golfing at Castlewood Country Club. Unfortunately, Sharry passed away after almost 25 years of marriage.

Joe loved the Raiders, taught 4-H and coached baseball while his children were growing up. He enjoyed spending time with his family, piecing together jigsaw puzzles and solving sudoku. He always had a joke or a story to tell: being the life of the party. He lived life to the fullest. He is survived by his three children: Steven, Joy Littman (Tony), Jim Bautista (Lori) 4 grandchildren: Justin Bautista & Samantha Rand (Ben), Helena Littman, Nathan Dinger (Carrie) & Kyle Bautista; and 1 great-grandchild (Harper Rand).

A long delayed service will be held at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. Friday June 24th, 9-11am. A Celebration of Life will follow at Casa Orozco in Dublin.



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## FAIR

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be on hand. At 3:30 p.m., the fairgrounds will host the lone West Coast regional qualifier for the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest — with the top three male and female finishers earning invitations to the national finals on the Fourth of July on Coney Island.

In addition to Father's Day, Sunday will also celebrate the LGBTQ+ community with its Out at the Fair festival for Pride Month.

Later in the week, the annual pet food drive will take place on Wednesday, with attendees able to gain free admission and \$1 rides until 5 p.m. by bringing new and unopened pet food items to benefit Valley Humane Society. Senior Day, with free admission until 5 p.m. for people 62 years old and older, is set for next Friday.

The fairgrounds is also welcoming the John Madden Memorial Bus, which will be onsite honoring the late Pleasanton resident and professional football icon.

Every night, the fair will host a special drone light show at the Stella Artois Grandstand. And Movies at the Fair will feature a different family movie each night on the concert lawn at 6 p.m.

For tickets, full schedules and other information, visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com). ■



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With the return of the Alameda County Fair at the Pleasanton fairgrounds this weekend comes family favorites such as carnival rides and games.



# POLICE BULLETIN

## Time-served sentence for Steinle shooter won't end his legal odyssey

Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate, a Mexican national who fired the shot that killed Pleasanton native Kate Steinle on Pier 14 in 2015, was sentenced to time served last, but that will not end his long journey through the American legal system.

Citing Garcia-Zarate's history of mental illness and the harsh conditions of his confinement, U.S. District Court Judge Vince Chhabria on June 6 found that seven years in state and federal incarceration was enough punishment for the two federal weapons offenses to which Garcia-Zarate pleaded guilty in March.

Chhabria's sentence, however, does not resolve charges that Garcia-Zarate must face in federal court in Western Texas for violating the terms of his supervised release after conviction for illegal re-entry to the United States after deportation.

Attorneys for Garcia-Zarate had hoped that some of the time served in San Francisco might be available to apply against time to be served in that proceeding, but that appears to be in jeopardy in light of Chhabria's ruling.

In any event, when the West Texas time is served, Garcia-Zarate will be deported back to Mexico.

Garcia-Zarate's case has had plenty of twists and turns already.

As widely reported, in 2015 Garcia-Zarate found a stolen semi-automatic weapon wrapped in a bundle of rags by the chair where he was sitting on Pier 14.

Steinle, an Amador Valley High School alum who was living in San Francisco, was on the pier with her father and a family friend that fateful day when they walked past Garcia-Zarate. By the time she was 90 feet down the pier, a shot was fired from the weapon he was holding, striking her in the back and killing her.

There were sharply divergent views of how the shooting happened. According to Garcia-Zarate's counsel, the gun discharged accidentally and Steinle's death was a tragic accident.

Prosecutors did not agree and they charged Garcia-Zarate with first- and second-degree murder, manslaughter, assault with a semi-automatic weapon and a lesser weapons offense.

Garcia-Zarate had been deported five times before the killing, and his case attracted national attention after Donald Trump used it to support his 2016 presidential campaign positions around immigration and the border wall.

Garcia-Zarate was first tried in a state court proceeding initiated by San Francisco's district attorney.

On Nov. 30, 2017, Garcia-Zarate was acquitted on the homicide, manslaughter and assault charges, but convicted on the lesser offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

He was then indicted by a federal grand jury in December 2017 on

federal weapons charges.

On appeal from the state law conviction, the state court of appeals reversed the conviction altogether.

The federal proceedings on the weapons charges were not affected by the state court ruling and they went forward upon Garcia-Zarate's release from state court custody.

However, in 2020, on the eve of trial in federal court, Chhabria ordered that Garcia-Zarate be evaluated to determine whether he was "suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally incompetent to the extent that he is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him or to assist properly in his defense."

On Oct. 19, 2020, following an evaluation by court-appointed psychiatrists, the judge determined Garcia-Zarate was not competent to stand trial.

The judge said that the doctors believed there was a possibility that Garcia-Zarate could improve if he was treated with antipsychotic medication. He then ordered that Garcia-Zarate receive that treatment.

In June 2021, the Bureau of Prisons informed the judge that "it had restored the defendant to competency." However, on re-arraignment in August 2021, the judge ordered a new competency evaluation because of new concerns about whether Garcia-Zarate was competent and also whether or not he was taking his medication.

On Feb. 16 of this year, the judge reported that after being restored to competency at the Bureau of Prisons

facility, Garcia-Zarate had been transferred to Santa Rita Jail to be held pending trial. However, Garcia-Zarate was not given his medication at that facility and was subsequently determined by the doctors to no longer be competent.

Garcia-Zarate was then moved to Marin County Jail where he received his meds and was again restored to competency.

In March, Chhabria held a hearing to consider Garcia-Zarate's stated desire to change his plea. At the hearing, Garcia-Zarate pleaded guilty to the two weapons counts, leading to the sentencing last week.

The federal sentencing guidelines suggested a sentence of 41-51 months, far less than the seven years that Garcia-Zarate had already spent in state and federal confinement. However, the probation report recommended 120 months, a so-called "upward departure" from the guidelines.

Chhabria sentenced Garcia-Zarate to a term of time served followed by a three-year period of supervised release.

Proceedings in federal court in West Texas and eventual deportation are expected to follow.

—Joe Dworetzky, BCN Foundation

### In other news

- A woman from San Leandro pleaded guilty last Friday in federal court to two counts of distributing fentanyl that resulted in the death

of an inmate in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, the U.S. Department of Justice announced.

Kameron Patricia Reid, 38, was incarcerated in May 2021 and admitted to distributing fentanyl to other inmates; she had hidden the narcotic inside a body cavity, authorities said.

On May 16, 2021, she gave two inmates fentanyl and watched them snort it. Shortly thereafter, they both appeared intoxicated and Victim 1 lapsed into unconsciousness and became motionless near her bunk, the DOJ said.

In order to avoid getting in trouble, Reid admitted that she did not notify anyone in the jail that Victim 1 appeared to have overdosed. Instead, she flushed any remaining fentanyl she had down the toilet, she said in her plea agreement.

Eventually another inmate called for assistance for Victim 1 after several hours. Paramedics arrived but she was pronounced dead.

Investigators said that Reid lied to them about her involvement in the woman's death. In her plea agreement, she admitted that the fentanyl that she gave Victim 1 had killed her.

Reid pleaded guilty to two counts of distributing fentanyl and faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a life term of supervised release and a fine of \$1 million.

She is scheduled to be sentenced in federal court in Oakland on Oct. 28. ■

—Katy St. Clair, BCN Foundation

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 10

#### Shoplifting

■ 11:19 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Domestic battery

■ 12:39 p.m. on Owens Drive

#### Drug violation

■ 8:13 p.m. on the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Criminal threats

■ 10:25 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

### June 9

#### Assault/battery

■ 12:40 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

#### Theft

■ 12:24 p.m. on the 5100 block of Case Avenue

#### Vandalism

■ 3:27 p.m. on the 4400 block of Clovewood Lane

### June 8

#### Theft

■ 7:13 a.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 10:32 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

■ 1:49 p.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

■ 3:11 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Fraud

■ 12:03 p.m. on the 3000 block of Main Street

#### Rape

■ 1:15 p.m. on Rose Avenue

#### Fire

■ 8:59 p.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Fraud

■ 10:24 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### June 7

#### Warrant arrest

■ 1:56 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

■ 2:32 p.m. on the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

#### Theft

■ 6:57 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 3:08 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:03 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

#### Graffiti

■ 9:40 a.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue

■ 11:56 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Fraud

■ 11:43 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 10:23 p.m. on Pimlico Drive

### June 6

#### Graffiti

■ 10:25 a.m. on the 4500 block of First Street

#### Theft

■ 12:50 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 8:04 p.m., 2600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto



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## Carol Mae Zedlitz

March 17, 1936 – June 6, 2022

Carol Mae Zedlitz was called home by our Heavenly Father on Monday after a valiant battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Carol was born in Toledo, Ohio and graduated from Devilbiss High School, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from the Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Carol was wed to Robert (Bob) Zedlitz on August 24, 1962 in Reno, Nevada while on a trip to California and started their married lives together for the next 60 years.

Prior to raising her two children, Carol taught first grade. She was a devoted wife and caring mother. She built life-long friendships through her love of golf at Castlewood Country Club, her bridge club, and dedication to her faith and church groups.

Carol is preceded in death by her sister Martha Philipps, father Francis N. Cuthbert, and mother Clyde A. Cuthbert of Lambertville, MI. Carol is survived by her loving husband Bob, and devoted children Bob Zedlitz (Mattie) of Stockton, CA and Jean Zedlitz of Livermore, CA. Her nephew Hal Philipps (Laurie), and their three children Reilly, Kelsey, and Denyl Philipps of Arlington, IL, and her niece Amy Kallberg, daughter Emma, MN.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Carol's life on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 11:00 am to be held at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.



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# A horse owner's journey

*Pleasanton's Schmitt reflects on tenure in racing, looks ahead with hope to fair meets this summer*

By Dennis Miller

**M**ention horse racing people at the Alameda County Fair over the last 20 years and a few names come straight to the front of the list.

There's Allen Aldrich, a Pleasanton-raised horse owner and Alameda County Fair board member. Add Jeff Bonde, a Pleasanton-raised trainer that owned the fair winner's circle for years. Finally, the one that flies the most under the radar, but can stand toe-to-toe with anyone that would make the list — another longtime Pleasanton resident, George Schmitt.

Schmitt, now 78 years old, and his wife Clare (76) have been as prominent and influential race horse owners locally as anyone in the last 20 years.

It was 21 years ago Schmitt was introduced to the sport.

"I got involved because I was drunk," said Schmitt, never one to pull a punch or not speak his feel-

ings. "We had a place at Incline Village, and we had a benefit for St. Mary's, when one of the guys asked if I had any good bourbon. Phil Leberz (a horse owner/breeder) was one of them and I asked him what he did for fun, and he mentioned horse racing. I asked him if he needed a partner and he said, yes."

After initially not jumping on a \$400,000 purchase proposal for a horse, Schmitt got into the game a couple of weeks later with a \$40,000 purchase on a pair of horses that included filly Sierra Babe.

And the legacy was born.

"I went to Bay Meadows to see (Sierra Babe) run her first race, and she won going wire-to-wire," Schmitt said. "When she won that race, I was hooked."

Schmitt, who was involved in the telecom industry for over 40 years and in 2021 was inducted into the Wireless Hall of Fame, has gone on to either outright own or have a stake of ownership in over

300 horses. Some have seen high levels of success, while others were just ones he adored regardless of their success.

According to Equibase, a horse racing statistical company, the Schmitts have started 755 horses, winning 95 times, finishing second 99 times and running third 90 times. Their horses have earned \$2,181,265 in purse money.

Here are the top five favorite horses for Schmitt, and it is an impressive list:

- **Cambina:** A smallish horse that was brought over from Ireland, this was one tough runner that at one point won four stakes over six starts, including the Grade I American Oaks at Hollywood Park in 2011. Ran in the 2011 Breeders Cup Filly and Mare Turf, finishing ninth.

- **Frumious:** One of the most beautiful horses Schmitt has owned, Frumious won the Palos Verde Stakes at Santa Anita in

2012, as well as five other races in 16 career starts.

- **Sierra Sunset:** Arguably the best horse Schmitt has had a piece of, as he was one of three owners. In 2008 he won the Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn Park and was headed towards a berth in the Kentucky Derby until suffering a hairline fracture. Recovered from the injury over a year later, he came back in 2009 to win the Alamedan Handicap in Pleasanton in his next-to-last race.

- **Sierra Sweetie:** Could have turned out to be the best horse Schmitt had after the filly came out and went 3-for-5 as a 2-year-old and was named the California-bred-2-year-old filly of the year. Won her first start of her 3-year-old campaign, but then suffered a disease that ended her racing career. Won \$316,400 in her short career.

- **Izzy Rules:** A favorite of the Pleasanton racing fans; Izzy won

the Juan Gonzalez Memorial in Pleasanton in 2009. The favorite was Washington Bridge, a horse that the owner bet \$100,000 on his horse to show in the final moments before the race. When Washington Bridge ran fourth, Izzy paid \$5.60 to win, but \$24.80 to show. So many fans stormed into the winner's circle for the photo that it had to be moved on to the main track. Also, won the Grade II Las Flores Stakes at Santa Anita in 2012.

While he has seen success at multiple tracks, in the end, it's all about Pleasanton and the Alameda County Fair.

"Going to Pleasanton is like a breath of fresh air," Schmitt said.

There have certainly been some amazing days for the Schmitt stable over the years at Pleasanton but then there was last year.

"Clare and I were 0-19 last year in Pleasanton," he said, with a laugh. "We couldn't win one race."



SCHMITT FAMILY

George Schmitt and wife Clare at the Del Mar racetrack, one of the tracks where the Schmitts have run their horses.



SCHMITT FAMILY

George Schmitt, his family and friends celebrating in the winner's circle yet another winner.



GEORGE SCHMITT

Some of the trophies and awards the Schmitts have won with their horses the last 20 years.



## Horse racing and the fair: Back together again

The couple are planning on this year being much different.

Schmitt has 27 horses stabled in the Pleasanton barns right now and is feeling much better about his chances.

"This year we are expecting to win five to 10 races," Schmitt said.

With the Pleasanton stables opened for the fair season, that means Schmitt will be a regular in the early-morning workouts. Back when Pleasanton was a year-round training facility, Schmitt was a fixture on the track apron, always watching his horses.

"I love going down there and watching the horses in the morning," Schmitt said.

He always has been quick to have a conversation with anyone that walked up and asked about his horses. And he always offers advice for potential owners.

"I would encourage anyone that is an owner to not be afraid of their horses," Schmitt said. "Run your hands over your horses — get to know them. You can tell when something is wrong."

Schmitt has always been a huge horse advocate and one of the most dedicated owners when it comes to taking exceptional care of his horses.

He previously owned the fabled Ponderosa Ranch in Tahoe where he cared for his horses, whether they were still racing or had been retired.

A couple of years back he sold the property and, in the deal, came a 44-acre ranch in Gardnerville, Nev., where he keeps his horses when they are not racing or after they have retired.

"It's as nice as any facility in Kentucky," Schmitt said proudly.

As good of people as the Schmitts are when it comes to taking care of horses, it makes it that much tougher to digest when the ugly side of the sport rears its head.

Schmitt cringes when talking about the state of despair horse racing has gone through, dealing with trainer violations for doping horses or running them when they are not sound.

"The last few years have been really hard," Schmitt said about the direction horse racing has been going. "I know some trainers that are getting away with cheating and have not been caught yet."

While Schmitt has seen struggles with racing the last few years, he thinks the sport may be finally heading in the right direction. The banning of certain medications, along with the development of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), are big steps in the right direction.

HISA was signed into federal law in 2020 and takes effect beginning July 1. HISA is responsible for drafting and enforcing uniform safety and integrity rules in

thoroughbred racing in the U.S. Overseen by the Federal Trade Commission, HISA was created to implement, for the first time, a national, uniform set of rules applicable to every thoroughbred racing participant and racetrack facility.

"Getting rid of anabolic steroids was one of the best things that has ever happened to horse racing," Schmitt said. "As much as I hate to see the government get in the middle of things, this is going to help."

Schmitt has a pair of trainers tending to his stable in Marcia Stortz and Quentin Miller. Stortz appreciates all Schmitt brings to the table.

"He definitely makes sure all his horses are taken care of," said Stortz, who has been training since 2015. "I think it's great that he knows all his horses. He knows what he is breeding his horses for — speed to win on the front end."

Stortz also pointed out that Schmitt has recently taken on the breaking of his 2-year-olds at the ranch in Gardnerville, something unique to individual owners.

"He has helped bring us some 2-year-olds and that is good for his business," Stortz explained.

Stortz is fully understanding of the pressure trainers face to win, as horse racing training is largely a "what have you done for me lately" business.

And when it comes to running in Schmitt's hometown?

"I feel pressure all the time to win," Stortz said. "But I feel happier when we win at Pleasanton. I think it's particularly special for George to win at Pleasanton — it's better than anywhere else."

Schmitt didn't hesitate to agree.

"We want to get a lot of people out there for those photos," Schmitt said. ■

It's been a couple of years, but the horse racing meet is back in full force in conjunction with the Alameda County Fair.

The fair is set to run from today to July 10, with horse racing taking place Fridays through Sundays of each week, with racing also taking place on Monday, July 4.

The fair is closed Monday and Tuesday of each week, once again except Independence Day. There are 13 days of racing this year, with the post time set for 1:45 p.m. each day.

The free Daily Handicapping Seminars are set for noon each day at the stage located right outside the grandstand. Local handicapper Dennis Miller and race caller Craig Braddick are set to co-host the seminars again.

There are three stakes races this year. The She's A Tiger is set for June 25, the Oak Tree Sprint on July 2 and the Everett Nevin will run on July 9.

There will be a Brew Fest this Saturday (June 18) and a Wine Fest on July 2. Both events will run from 2-5 p.m. in the Grandstand area.

This year it will be a Digital Grandstand where customers will be using credit cards or mobile devices to pay for food and beverages. Pre-order your tickets and parking passes online.

Seating options include Trackside Terrace Patio Dining, Sky Lounge at the Track, Season Box Seat Holder. Access to the Grandstand area is free with a general admission ticket to the fair.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com).



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A horse charges toward the finish line at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton.



GEORGE SCHMITT

The state-of-the-art horse barn at the Schmitts' ranch in Gardnerville, Nev.



## Counting who's here, with ease and accuracy

### Attendance tracking technology earns Foothill alum team Dreammakers and Risktakers Award

By TIM HUNT

During their junior year at Foothill High School, Logan Dickey and his classmates were frustrated in their engineering class.

Their regular teacher was out on paternity leave and they had a new substitute every day. That meant the simple act of taking attendance was taking up to 20 minutes of a 50-minute class. They wanted to learn engineering, not waste time as the sub scanned each student identification card.

That sent them in search of a solution — what's more, the attendance rolls were not accurate; Dickey was marked absent five times, prompting calls to his mother.

Setting out to solve the problem, their team developed a “rudimentary way” to take attendance more quickly and accurately. Dickey and teammates Vishal Mutharaja, Premkumar Giridhar, Kishore Hariharan, Tarun Prakash and Jacob Bolano had skills in mechanical engineering, computer science and social science.

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and creativity to  
create this product.’**

**Sebastian Bull,**  
Foothill High School principal

Berkeley. The question he and his partners will strive to resolve: what's next for Nize.

Taking attendance accurately is critical for school districts because state funding is based on average daily attendance. Each school's attendance is uploaded daily to both the school district's servers and to the state's.

Dickey and his team have made a good business case already for their system. They figure a school would save about \$144,000 with their system. He cited the example of the Falcon Flex, a 40-minute period every Wednesday where students can pursue whatever they want wherever they want on campus after signing up. Taking attendance was a nightmare, both for the individual teachers who may not know the students in their classroom that day and for the teacher who received all the data and then had to upload it.

Foothill principal Sebastian Bull wrote in an email, “Logan and Tarun and their team were remarkable! They came to us initially with an idea that they had created in their engineering class, taught by Gary Johnson. Their idea was in response to a need to figure out how to track the movement of students during the school day during our ‘Access’ period when students move to see different teachers to get extra help during the school day.”

The principal recalled the efforts the students took to bring their project to fruition, even through the onset of the pandemic.

“They were challenged by Mr. Johnson to come up with a solution so they developed their initial system and then after meeting with us about it they added more to it. Their product was called ‘Presence’ and allowed for students to use their ID card that was embedded with an RFID chip to check into class.

They created an amazing interface that allowed the system to check in students, send them passes, send out emergency notifications via their app, and track overall attendance,” Bull said, continuing:

“It filled a huge need for what we were doing at school since nothing we had or had seen could manage all of these functions. They were resilient in coming up with their product and pitching it to our school district technology department until they met all of the needed requirements to conduct a pilot after securing a confidentiality agreement.

“They were all set to pilot it in the spring of 2020 but then the pandemic hit so they weren't able to pilot. They started their own business in order to be able to secure a data privacy agreement which is required anytime a school product or service is utilizing student information. They were incredible in their persistence and creativity to create this product, that unfortunately we were never able to pilot.”

After a series of meetings, the school district was cooperating. Officials were concerned about allowing the students access to the data that contained confidential information.

They worked through those hurdles by setting up their own business and then COVID-19 hit with the lockdown just as they were ready to pilot the system.

That allowed them plenty of time to work on it, but the pilot never happened as the lockdown stretched on and on, and school was remote for the rest of the school year.

Their system originally was designed for in-person learning so after the shutdown hit, they developed another version that integrates with Zoom, Google Classroom and similar programs. Dickey decided to pursue a business major after the team realized there could be commercial applications of their system beyond solving the Foothill problem.

Along the way, they'd interviewed teachers and administrators to better understand the situation. One key addition to the program was a system to control admission to events such as school dances. Currently, it's painstaking because not only must the identity be verified, but the administrator also must be sure they've purchased a ticket.

Their system relies on the tiny RFID chips embedded in the student identification cards. They thought



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Current Cal student Logan Dickey, part of the Foothill alum team honored by Innovation Tri-Valley last month.



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Nize card readers will be mounted near classroom doors.

Now, nearly three years later and recipients of a Dreammakers and Risktakers Award from Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group last month, they have a sophisticated system and the question is whether to pursue it as a business.

The team graduated from Foothill and have scattered to universities across the country. Dickey just finished up his second year as a computer science and business major at the University of California at

about using bar codes, but found that the chips were accurate and much faster than using a scanner like the ones found in checkout counters in stores.

The question for the team comes down to where this fits into each person's priorities.

They're two years into their college careers and proving the pilot project works and then moving to the manufacturing and marketing stages will take a focused effort by at least one person, if not more.

They've made the Nize device for the classroom application. The device would be installed in every classroom and students simply tap their cards as they enter. A more sophisticated program could utilize smart phones in the same way like Apple Pay.

The company name and logo were developed by CJ Tio, another Foothill student. It's taken from “recognize” the student. The attendance system, Presence, gets its name from students answering “present.”

Dickey figures it will take about six months of full-time effort to get the pilot running and demonstrate

to customers how well it works. They worked on the project consistently during their junior and senior years and really accelerated during the extended pandemic lockdown.

His college experience at Cal has been different — as you would expect. He spent three semesters remotely and he noted that most of the undergrads are still feeling their way around because they have not been on campus.

One upside to the remote approach is that all the classes are recorded so it's easy to go back and review them to say nothing about catching up if you happen to miss one. He said that he'd had one early class after in-person learning returned that started with about 400 people in the lecture hall. Later in the semester, that number had dropped to about 20.

This summer he's doing a remote internship with Amazon and is looking forward to a trip to Seattle to meet with other interns and employees.

His other summer project is collaborating with his teammates to decide on what to do with their business. ■



# Juneteenth events aim to educate, raise awareness

Organizers, speakers want to teach community about Black history through fun and laughter

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

For many people, Juneteenth is a day to celebrate an important milestone in Black history and Black liberation. It commemorates the official end of slavery in the United States and serves as an opportunity to educate people about racial justice.

Although Juneteenth has been celebrated annually on June 19 by many Americans across the country since 1865, it was only first declared an official federal holiday last year by President Joe Biden.

This weekend, Livermore Valley Arts and community group Tri-Valley for Black Lives are teaming up to host two Juneteenth celebrations at the Bankhead Theater.

“We just haven’t had many events honoring Black history (or) really any history aside from whiteness,” said Isaiah Campbell, who is part of the core planning team for Tri-Valley for Black Lives.

According to its mission statement, the organization aims to foster a safe and anti-racist community for Black, indigenous and people of color with priority for Black lives. As part of the Juneteenth weekend of festivities, the group is partnering with Livermore Valley Arts to bring motivational speakers, vendors and performers to the Bankhead Plaza on Sunday (June 19) for a family-friendly, outdoor festival.

On Saturday (June 18), local radio personality and comedian Faith Alpher will be performing “Juneteenth: Steps of Faith,” inside the Bankhead Theater.

Developed by Alpher, the production “explores the uplifting life stories of four consequential women of color — Zora Neale Hurston, Dorothy Counts-Scoggins, Josephine Baker and Claudette Colvin — their approach to life, their timeless messages, and the outsize impact they had, and still have, on our cultural landscape today,” organizers said in a statement.

“It is very important for people to not only learn the stories of women who have helped move social justice forward in our country but also for students to reflect on what they want their legacy to be,” Livermore High School principal Helen Gladden said in a statement about the event.

But for Alpher, the show is about more than just teaching the history of these four women; it’s about showing people that Black history is a part of American history and that opening yourself up to learning about it is a way to grow and to better coexist with others.

“When you start talking, having conversations with people who are different from you, that is when you truly grow,” she said.

Alpher said it wasn’t always easy



Isaiah Campbell (left) with his father and grandfather sharing herbal tea samples during the 2021 Juneteenth festival hosted by Tri-Valley for Black Lives.

for her to speak up to others and try to educate people about her history.

Originally from Teaneck, N.J., Alpher grew up in a diverse neighborhood and said she never really had to think about the fact that she was Black.

“You make me aware of it by locking your doors on Saturday morning when walking my dog and it’s like seven o’clock in the morning,” she said.

It wasn’t until the murder of George Floyd in 2020 and the death of her sister who was heavily involved with organizations like the NAACP that she decided to use her skills as a writer and as a comedian to bring more awareness and educate people about Black history.

“So many people talk so much about what they want to do. I don’t want to be one of those people,” Alpher said. “I’m like, OK, I like comedy, I like speaking, I like acting. Why not bring all of those things together and teach this and not just teach it normally but teach it like I know how?”

Campbell, a Livermore resident since 2005, echoed similar sentiments. He said that he has seen the Tri-Valley grow and change over time but noticed that as a Black person, he hasn’t really seen an effort to create a space for Black people and voices in the Tri-Valley.

“I feel a lot of things in the Tri-Valley are very much not catered or meant for us necessarily,” he said.

He added that he considers the region to be a predominantly white space and because of that, most events and festivities are organized through those lenses. According to a 2015-19 American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, Black and African American residents make up 10.3% of the Tri-Valley’s population.

Campbell said it’s important that

different groups feel represented and feel like they have a space where they have a voice.

He also hopes that these upcoming events will inspire other activists to create spaces for other underserved communities so everybody in the Tri-Valley can feel like they belong.

“A takeaway that I would kind of hope for people to have is kind of a desire to engage in that community more in the kind of communal process of just bettering the Tri-Valley,” Campbell said.

Both Campbell and Alpher noted that the only way to foster a more welcoming community is if the public makes an effort to be curious and to attend cultural events like the Juneteenth celebration, even if they feel like they might be out of place.

Alpher said it’s especially important because even though Juneteenth only comes once a year, she is still a Black woman every other day of the year and people need to make more of an effort to accept her culture not



Faith Alpher (center) poses with her daughter Whitley and Livermore school board Trustee Kristie Wang at last year’s event.

just one day, but every day.

“There will be people who kind of see it as maybe that one off event kind of almost like the black square posts on Instagram,” Campbell said. “We can’t view social justice and community activism, almost like a checklist of some things that kind of just need to do one or two actions or some set number of tasks and then it’s done from there.”

Alpher added to that point saying that people need to take advantage now and start learning to embrace other cultures before it’s too late.

Both said that with these healthy conversations about Black liberation revolving around Juneteenth, the

fight for racial justice can continue and grow.

“The unknown can always be scary. But I think the only way to overcome that fear is to make it known and to go learn for yourself to see, to experience,” Campbell said. “I think a lot of the time you find that there are a lot more similarities and things are a lot less different than you might expect.”

The “Juneteenth: Steps of Faith” production is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday and registration is required. The registration link is available at [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). The outdoor festival is planned for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Both events are free. ■

## Darlene Love and more rounding out June at Bankhead



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

## Gearing up for return of horse racing at the fair

Plus, check out new exhibit at Museum on Main

Horse racing at the Alameda County Fair has been as normal as the fair itself every summer.

But thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, the two have not operated at the same time since the summer of 2019, leaving a huge void in Pleasanton summertime activities.

That ends this week, as starting today (June 17) things will be back to normal.

Racing is back with the fair, ready to roll with a full slate of concerts and events to go with 13 days of horse racing.

The fair runs through July 10 and is closed Mondays and Tuesdays, with the exception being Monday, July 4. Horse racing goes every Friday to Sunday through July 10. There is also a full day of races on the Fourth of July. Post time is 1:45 p.m. each day.

I have been involved in racing at the fair as a fan, bettor and employee for over 50 years now. The company my mom worked for had box seats, and at least a couple times each meet my buddies and I would get our hands on the seats and take over the box seat area.

After college, I started with the Tri-Valley Herald and covered the races for the paper for almost 30 years, until stepping away from the sinking

ship that is the daily newspaper.

I started right away as the horse racing publicist for the Alameda County Fair and am still involved today as one the co-hosts of the free Daily Handicapping Seminar that goes off at noon each day of the races on the stage outside the grandstand.

We go through all the races for the day, let you know who we think is going to win the race and why we feel that way.

I am also excited for the races as for the first time in a long time, I think horse racing is making a turn in the right direction.

There are still warring factions that plague the sport, but there is movement to make the sport safer and with at least a set of uniform rules regarding the horses and how they are treated.

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) was signed into federal law in 2020 and goes into effect July 1. HISA will have uniformity toward integrity and safety of the horse and falling under the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), there will be one governing body.

Most of the trainers really have the best interests of their horses in mind, but all it takes is a few who want to win and do so with the safety of the horses being of no matter.

HISA will take a big step toward catching these dirtbags. Cleaning up the sport will go a long way toward growing the horse population back in California.

The other big positive of the fair being back with the horse races at the same time is the family element that gains exposure to the races.

The California Fair meets are the definitive grassroots movement to bring new fans to the sport. I see it every year — families hanging out around the track, watching the horses in the paddock and then cheering when the horses are charging toward the finish line.

It's a family activity that takes place outside and doesn't involve sitting inside and playing video games.

There are plenty of adults who go to the races only when the fair meet takes place. For four weekends each year, they revere the chance to see live horse racing in a clean and safe environment. They bring their kids and future racing fans are born. It happened to me when I was growing, as well as to many of my friends.

Hope to see you at the races over the next four weekends.

### Museum on Main

"The Home Stretch: Horse Racing at the Fair" is a new exhibit at the Museum on Main, located right under the Pleasanton Arch in downtown.

The exhibit features video and pictures that tell the story of horse racing over the years in Pleasanton. I was honored to be asked to be a part of the exhibit and was interviewed on tape last summer.

The exhibit will open this week and run through July 30. ■

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Horse racing returns to the Alameda County Fair this weekend.



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## Entertainment

**ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR** The Alameda County Fair returns this summer for 19 days of fair favorite fun with new events, new rides and new fair food experiences along with a full line-up of concerts and live horse racing. June 17-July 10. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**BIG BAD VODOO DADDY AT THE BANKHEAD** Blending a vibrant and high-energy fusion of the classic American sounds of jazz, swing, and dixieland, with the energy and spirit of contemporary culture, this sizzling, high-energy group is known as much for their music as they are for living the swing-era lifestyle. 8 p.m., June 17. Tickets \$20-\$98. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** The Pleasanton Dntown Association's popular Concerts in the Park series will take place every Friday night through August 26th, featuring an eclectic mix of music from classic rock, blues and big band to today's hits. The free concerts run from 7-8:30 p.m. Lions Wayside Park.

**DUBLIN CONCERT SERIES** Join the Dublin community this summer at Emerald Glen Park on Thursday evenings, held at the Dublin Farmers' Market. The Dublin Lions Club will host beer and wine tastings, and dinner can be purchased from many hot food vendors at the market. 6-8 p.m.

**SHREK THE MUSICAL** Christian Youth Theater Tri-Valley presents Shrek The Musical at Livermore High School. Nearly 60 students will perform the theatrical adaptation of the DreamWorks Animation movie, telling the story of an accidental hero named Shrek and his life-changing journey. June 16-19. Tickets \$16-\$18. Visit [cytrivalley.org/shows/Shrek-The-Musical/17](http://cytrivalley.org/shows/Shrek-The-Musical/17).

**JUNETEENTH: STEPS OF FAITH** Developed by motivational speaker, radio personality and comedian Faith Alpher, this unique curriculum is ideal for today's heightened awareness of racial justice. Faith's program combines history with humor in an accessible and engaging way. 2 p.m., June 18 at the Bankhead Theater. Free. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON THE BANKHEAD PLAZA** This free event features performances and entertainment from Drummer Tacuma King, singer/songwriter Alise Bradford, Oakland Originalz, Feline Finesse Dance Crew and storytelling with the Livermore Library. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 19.

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD** The 39 Steps is a fast-paced whodunit that takes Alfred Hitchcock's movie by the same name and mixes in some theatrical magic to create a nonstop laugh riot. June 23-July 10. Visit [sparctheater.org](http://sparctheater.org). Darcie Kent Vineyards, 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore.

**LARYN MARIE AT THE BANKHEAD COURTYARD** Catch rising star, Laryn Marie, a 19-year-old award-winning singer-songwriter from Pleasanton.

Her thoughtful lyrics and evocative melodies combine folk, indie-rock and bedroom pop. 5:30 p.m., June 24. Tickets \$20. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**DARLENE LOVE AT THE BANKHEAD** Rolling Stone Magazine has proclaimed Darlene Love to be one of the greatest singers of all time and she continues to captivate audiences worldwide with her warm, gracious stage presence and superb performances. 8 p.m., June 25. Tickets \$20-\$80. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**THE MUSIC OF CAROLE KING** Starbright Entertainment presents The Music of Carole King a loving tribute to the woman who wrote the soundtrack of a generation, the most successful female singer/songwriter of the 20th century. 4 p.m., June 26. Tickets \$43-\$63. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). Bankhead Theater.

**EMERALD GLEN FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES** The city of Dublin's free outdoor movie series begins at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring low back chairs and/or blankets. Food and snack vendors begin at 6:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed. June 17, "Raya and the Last Dragon". 4201 Central Pkwy.

**PLEASANTON MOVIES IN THE PARK** Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs to enjoy film favorites every Thursday, through August 4. All movies are free and begin at dusk. June 30 "A Goofy Movie". Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave.

## Exhibits

**THE ARTISTS AMONG US: NATIVE PEOPLE TODAY** A new, powerful exhibit by artists from the Bay Area and beyond, representing different tribes and all visually representing their life experiences as Native artists. This exhibit aims to bring art that represents Native culture in all of its contemporary forms. Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., Now through July 31. Bankhead Theater.

## Fundraiser

**FUNDRAISER BBQ AT THE BARN** Goodness Village, a tiny home community provides affordable housing options for those experiencing chronic homelessness. This fundraiser includes appetizers, wine, bbq dinner and dessert. 5-8 p.m., June 18. Visit [gylivermore.org/events](http://gylivermore.org/events).

**SUN'S OUT FUN'S OUT FUN RUN** The Sun's Out Fun's Out Fun Run, benefiting Sunflower Hill, is a 5K or 1-Mile run or walk around the historic horse racing track and through the Fair with fun stops along the way. Open to athletes of all abilities. 9 a.m., June 18. Visit [sunflowerhill.org](http://sunflowerhill.org).

**A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR UKRAINE** Join for an afternoon of beautiful music performed by international concert pianist, Tamriko Siplashvili and the Inspire Music Academy faculty. All proceeds go to International Red Cross Ukraine

## PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

### Hi, I'm Blue!

I may have a few years under my belt, though I am young at heart. I have a calm old soul, but still love to chase a ball, play fetch with toys, and go on walks. Like many dogs my age, my hearing and eyesight is a bit impaired, but my nose works great. I've been with my friends at the shelter for over seven months and am dreaming of hearing someone tell me, "You're my boy, Blue!" Contact [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

Humanitarian Relief. 5 p.m., June 19. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit [inspiremusicacademy.com](http://inspiremusicacademy.com)

## Farmers' Market

**PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET** The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. W. Angela St. Visit [pcfma.org/pleasanton](http://pcfma.org/pleasanton).

**LIVERMORE THURSDAY NIGHT FARMERS' MARKET** The popular Livermore Thursday night Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m., Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St.

**LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET** Gather with community for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St & L St. Between J & L St.

**DUBLIN FARMERS' MARKET** The Dublin Farmers' Market is every Thursday through September. 4-8 p.m., Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Pkwy.

## Talks

**WRITERS TO LEARN PARTS OF A GREAT STORY** Author Jim Grayson presents "Great Stories-How the Pieces Fit Together" at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting. Available on Zoom as well as in person. Reserve and pay online by June 17 at [trivalleywriters.org](http://trivalleywriters.org).

**SCAT-VENGER HUNT** Join this Ranger-led program at Sycamore Grove Park and learn about different types of scat and take a hunt to find some. 2 p.m., June 19. RSVP to [dsousa@larpd.org](mailto:dsousa@larpd.org) or call 925-960-2400.

**TED TALKS AT THE SENIOR CENTER** Join at the Pleasanton Senior Center Classroom for Ted Talk screenings and stimulating conversation. Free. 10:30-11:30 a.m., June 21.

**PLEASANTON TOASTMASTERS** Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of

clubs. This club meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday via zoom. Visit [pleasanton.toastmastersclubs.org](http://pleasanton.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Seniors

**ROCK PAINTING SOCIAL** Relax, create and embrace your inner imagination. Paint, rocks and brush provided. \$2.50R/\$3.00NR. 1-2:30 p.m., June 21. Call 925-931-5635. Pleasanton Senior Center.

**PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP** This virtual program through the Pleasanton Senior Center includes discussions, lectures, demonstrations and a question/answer period. 10 a.m., June 23. To sign up email [pleaseniorgmail.com](mailto:pleaseniorgmail.com).

**FREE SMARTPHONE TRAINING FOR SENIORS** Learn how to make an iPhone louder and easier to hear, send or receive messages, connect Bluetooth devices and more. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., June 24. Make a reservation at the Pleasanton Senior Center front desk or call 925-931-5365.

**PLEASANTON SOLE MATES** Walking is one of the easiest and most cost effective forms of exercise for adults. Participants must be able to walk 2.5 miles and keep a moderate pace with the group. 8:45-10 a.m., Wednesdays. Pleasanton Senior Center.

**TECH TUTORING** One hour one-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Bring a device to the session. 9-10 a.m., Wednesdays. \$2.50R/\$3.00NR. Call 925-931-5365.

**HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING (HICAP) AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM** This service provides free remote Medicare counseling. To schedule a phone counseling appointment with HICAP call 510-836-0393.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals for residents 60+. For more information call 925-931-5385.

**PLEASANTON RIDES FOR SENIORS** Keeping seniors on the move, Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door, shared ride transportation service for Pleasanton seniors. For reservation and information call 925-398-1045.



## Gorgeous Georgian Manor Estate in Little Valley Community



### 3333 Little Valley Road, Sunol

This Custom Home features 12.58 acres of open space and spectacular 360 degree views of the Tri-Valley, Pleasanton Ridge, Mount Diablo, Callippe Preserve Golf Course and Fremont Hills. There is also a Custom Built ADU Residence on the Property. The Primary home is approximately 6,060 sq. ft. and features 6 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms and Upgrades throughout. Open Acreage allows for Livestock, Vineyards and Privacy. A Must See!

**Offered at \$5,395,000**

Link to Virtual Tour: <https://virtualtourcafe.com/mls/6472862>



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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 18-22 for Pleasanton, Livermore.

### Pleasanton

- 5436 Black Avenue** Broz Trust to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$760,000
- 3148 Camdon Court** J. & M. Kellam to K. & A. Saraswati for \$1,875,000
- 4 Eaglet Court** Kost Family Trust to M. & C. Kapadia for \$4,625,000
- 4583 Gatetree Circle** N. Sachs to N. & S. Katabathuni for \$2,025,000
- 5141 Independence Drive** Winston Living Trust to J. & M. Peng for \$2,920,000
- 7355 Lemonwood Way** Cui Trust to G. & P. Krishnamoorthy for \$1,770,000
- 1536 Maple Leaf Drive** S. Hanley to Bbys lli LLC for \$2,850,000
- 2207 Martin Avenue** Borchers Family Trust to Choudhary Trust for \$4,950,000
- 8055 Mountain View Drive #C D.** Balasubramanian to D. Pizano for \$730,000
- 4456 Newman Place** B. Narayanasamy to O. & J. Halim for \$1,355,000
- 4091 Nice Court** S. & A. Gandhi to Y. Long for \$850,000
- 7828 Olive Court** Chou Living Trust to S. & T. Gowda for \$2,425,000
- 1089 Piemonte Drive** Friedrich Family Trust to S. & R. Jain for \$4,200,000
- 6276 Robin Court** Diana Living Trust to G. & S. Katkar for \$1,650,000
- 2416 Sanderling Drive** Senden Family Trust to K. & S. Bathina for \$2,275,000
- 6835 Siesta Court** Baldwin Trust to D. & K. Paulraj for \$1,610,000
- 5467 Sonoma Drive** D. Pittl to R. & S. Garg for \$1,620,000.
- 5357 Sonoma Drive** B. Zhu to R. & V. Subramanian for \$1,680,000

### Livermore

- 2833 Alnwick Avenue #6** J. Zheng to S. & D. Gupta for \$940,000
- 4191 Bristlecone Way** E. Holzwarth to A. & J. Delima for \$900,000
- 2033 Calibria Court** Taylor Family Trust to J. & H. Lee for \$2,500,000
- 2824 College Avenue** S. Swanson to Y. & S. Vanderlip for \$910,000
- 246 Covellite Lane** J. & M. Schmitt to D. & N. Sharma for \$1,425,000
- 34 Diamond Drive** L. & D. Pasut to N. & A. Pakula for \$1,700,000
- 2450 Farnsworth Drive** J. & M. Bonde to S. & S. Chandrashekar for \$1,400,000
- 134 Ganesha Common** T. Birla to J. Morrow for \$917,500
- 1158 Geneva Street** D. Schmid to H. & H. Singh for \$1,500,000
- 435 Hagemann Drive** F. Wilson to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$1,050,000

Source: California REsource

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

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### PLEASANTON

**7827 Foothill Knolls Drive** Call for price  
 Sat/Sun 12:00-3:00 4BD/3BA  
 Elation Real Estate 925-200-0202

Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).  
 Agents: Submit open homes at [PleasantonWeekly.com/real\\_estate](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate)

## NEW LISTING



### Ventana Hills Neighborhood

### Pleasanton

## 1164 Hopkins Way

4 bedrooms | 2.5 full baths | 2,550+/-SF | 11,500 SF lot

In the coveted Ventana Hills neighborhood, relaxed elegance in this single-story home with a rich mix of textures, including arched windows, angled walls, skylight in living room and soaring vaulted ceilings. Impressive entry with gorgeous tile and accent detail. The U-shaped updated gourmet kitchen and breakfast bar end in a wall of windows for picture-perfect meals. Stainless appliances, granite counters and white cabinets compliment the home. A deluxe primary suite offers garden access and a large sitting area. Updated primary bath offers dual vanities, large soaking jet tub and large walk in shower with frameless glass. Most rooms have new flooring of carpet or luxury vinyl tile. Two secondary bedrooms and office/bedroom offer flexibility to enhance any need. The large lot offers a patio, deck, large grassy area for a possible pool site and free-standing hot tub/spa. All of this in your private lot, with fruit trees, next to open space. Close to downtown Pleasanton, shopping and freeway.

Call for Pricing

### Pleasanton

## 981 Hopkins Way



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## PENDING | MULTIPLE OFFERS IN 5 DAYS



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# VENEMA HOMES

EXPERIENCE  EXCELLENCE

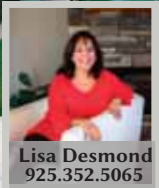
## HAPPY FATHERS DAY

### New Home, New Memories...

“When my father didn’t have my hand, he had my back”



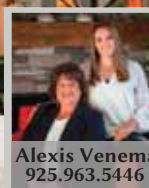
**FOR SALE**  
**1012 Shotwell Court, Pleasanton**  
 6 Bedrooms | 6.5 Bathrooms | 7,129 Square Feet  
 Listed at \$6,500,000



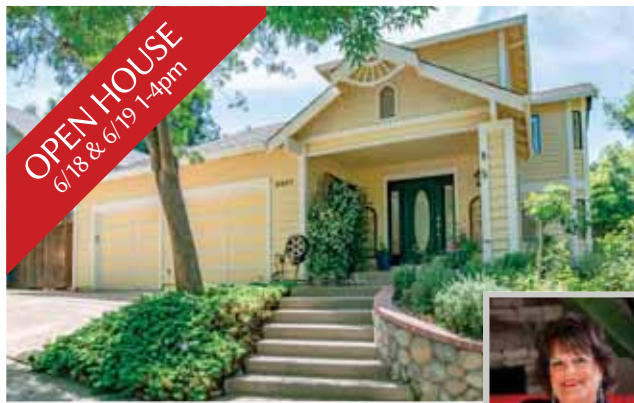
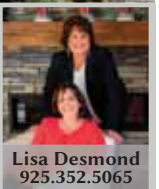
**FOR SALE**  
**12400 Morgan Territory Road, Livermore**  
 5 Bedrooms | 5.5 Bathrooms | 5,992 Square Feet  
 Listed at \$5,499,995



**OPEN HOUSE**  
 6/18 & 6/19 1-4pm  
**3422 Torlano Place, Ruby Hill**  
 5 Bedrooms | 3.5 Bathrooms | 4,450 Square Feet  
 Listed at \$3,799,899



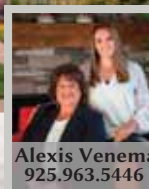
**OPEN HOUSE**  
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**3665 Huff Court, Pleasanton**  
 4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,437 Square Feet  
 Listed at \$1,995,000



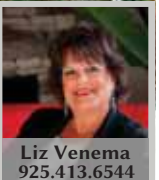
**OPEN HOUSE**  
 6/18 & 6/19 1-4pm  
**3607 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton**  
 4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,562 Square Feet  
 Listed at \$1,895,000



**OPEN HOUSE**  
 6/18 & 6/19 1-4pm  
**4515 Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton**  
 4 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 2,172 Square Feet  
 Listed at \$2,079,000



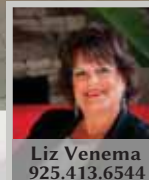
**OPEN HOUSE**  
 6/18 & 6/19 1-4pm  
**5980 Corte Cerritos, Pleasanton**  
 3 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 1,745 Square Feet



**PENDING**  
 \$111k Over List Price!  
**690 Marsala Court, Pleasanton**  
 4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,251 Square Feet  
 Listed at \$2,289,000



**PENDING**  
 Listed at \$2,195,000  
**1144 Mataro Court, Pleasanton**  
 3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 2,066 Square Feet



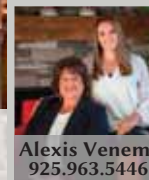
**PENDING**  
 Representing Buyers  
**4648 Fall Court, Pleasanton**  
 5 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | 2,966 Square Feet



**COMING SOON**  
 Listed at \$985,000  
**1313 San Lucas, Pittsburg**  
 7 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms, 3,663 Square Feet



**JUST SOLD!**  
 \$250k Over List Price!  
**1693 E Gate Way, Pleasanton**  
 Record Breaking Purchase Price in Walnut Hills With Multiple Offers Over List Price. Sold for \$2,200,000.







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Sold - \$350K Over



1189 Livorna Road, Alamo  
6 Bed 8 Bath 7,024 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$5,100,000  
Represented Buyer

Sold - \$630K+ Over



8063 Regency Drive, Pleasanton  
4 Bed 3 Bath 3,291 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$3,320,000  
Represented Buyer

Sold - \$600K Over



2656 Corte Vida, Pleasanton  
4 Bed 2.5 Bath 2,651 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$2,900,000  
Represented Buyer

Sold - \$301K Over



562 Trebbiano Place, Ruby Hill  
4 Bed 3 Bath 2,680 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$2,600,000

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8134 Canyon Creek Circle, Pleasanton  
4 Bed 2.5 Bath 2,279 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$1,950,000

Represented Buyer & Seller



3969 Twain Harte Road, Dublin  
3 Bed 3.5 Bath 2,002 sq. ft.  
Sold at \$1,300,000

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**COUNTRY FAIR I**



**2594 CORTE FACIL, PLEASANTON**

4 BEDS | 2 BATHS  
2,500 SQ. FT. OF LIVING SPACE

**OFFERED AT \$2,195,000**

**SOUTH LIVERMORE NEIGHBORHOOD**



**NEW PRICE!**

**1141 RIESLING CIRCLE, LIVERMORE**

3 BEDS | OFFICE SPACE | 2.5 BATHS  
2,617 SQ. FT. OF LIVING SPACE

**OFFERED AT \$1,749,000**

**RUBY HILL**



**SOLD**

**1849 SPUMANTE PLACE,  
PLEASANTON**

5 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS  
5,623 SQ. FT. OF LIVING SPACE

**SOLD FOR \$4,195,000**

**BIRDLAND**



**SOLD**

**2550 SANDERLING DRIVE,  
PLEASANTON**

3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS  
1,920 SQ. FT. OF LIVING SPACE

**SOLD FOR \$2,100,000  
REPRESENTED BUYERS**

**COUNTRY FAIR II**



**SOLD**

**6191 VIA DE LOS CERROS,  
PLEASANTON**

5 BEDS | 3 BATHS  
2,311 SQ. FT. OF LIVING SPACE

**SOLD FOR \$2,250,000  
REPRESENTED BUYERS**

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NEW  
OPEN  
SAT/SUN,  
1-4PM

2756 Hartley Gate Court, Pleasanton  
3bd/2ba, 1,445+/- sq.ft, 8,463+/- sq.ft lot  
CALL FOR DETAILS



NEW  
OPEN  
SAT,  
1-4PM

772 Saint John Circle, Pleasanton  
4bd/2.5ba, 2,159+/- sq.ft, 4,512+/- sq.ft lot  
LISTED AT \$1,839,000



NEW

4755 Sutter Gate Avenue, Pleasanton  
3bd/2ba, 1,455+/- sq.ft, 7,668+/- sq.ft lot  
LISTED AT \$1,449,000



NEW  
PRICE

2735 Huff Drive, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 2,913+/- sq.ft, 5,263+/- sq.ft lot  
LISTED AT \$2,299,000



COMING  
SOON

2333 Woodthrush Way, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 3,142+/- sq.ft, 11,989+/- sq.ft lot  
CALL FOR DETAILS



COMING  
SOON

11550 Silvergate Drive, Dublin  
4bd/4ba, 2,380+/- sq.ft, 8,668+/- sq.ft  
CALL FOR DETAILS



SOLD

1344 Orloff Drive, Pleasanton  
3bd/2ba, 1,473+/- sq.ft, 8,366+/- sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,575,000



SOLD

789 Bonita Avenue, Pleasanton  
4bd/2ba, 2,194+/- sq.ft, 7,242+/- sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,780,000



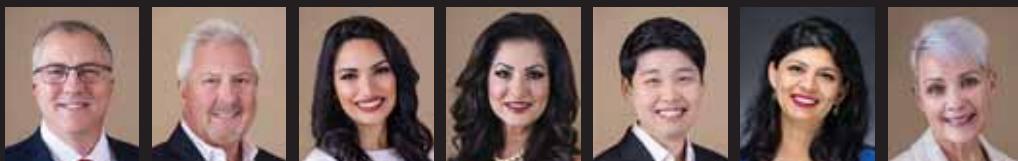
SOLD

2231 Tanager Drive, Pleasanton  
4bd/2ba, 1,690+/- sq.ft, 9,871+/- sq.ft lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,800,000



'Selling our home with Tim and his team was effortless. His guidance, service and handling of any issues was always handled immediately. His experience and understanding of the real estate market, helped us get the best price possible for our house in just days. His team took care of everything from lining up inspections, deep cleaning, pictures/videos, even working with contractors and landscapers to ensure our home was in impeccable condition before it went on the market. Handing the showings and presenting the offers and guiding us through this entire process was like out of a playbook. You would be in good hands with Tim and his team of highly professional agents who helped us and have our highest regards.'

– S. Mehta, Pleasanton



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