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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Fair in full swing



CHUCK DECKERT

Nothing says the Alameda County Fair is back in the summer like the annual Ladies Day at the Races, organized by Kay Huff — and the Take Us Along photo they sent us, like most years pre-pandemic, showing the women enjoying the first day of horse racing from the stands with the Weekly in hand last Friday.

It's great to see the fair and its traditional season reunited. It was a fun alternative to have the event held in the fall last year to overcome COVID-19 impacts, but the fair and summer are so synonymous in Pleasanton. This just feels right.

Or maybe that's the summer heat that I feel. Warm weather is certainly a characteristic of the fair, which is why evenings and nights at the fairgrounds are so enjoyable. And fortunately, the forecasts thus far show days mostly in the high-80s and 90s than tough triple-digit temperatures.

The fair has 13 more days left in its 2022 run after today. We're planning to head out some day soon to give our 6-month-old son his first county fair experience — while he probably won't remember much of it, my wife and I will cherish the memories and the likely hundreds of pictures.

This would be as good of a week as any to attend.

Today is Senior Day, with free admission to anyone 62 years old or older until 5 p.m. And looking ahead to Wednesday, it's the annual Feed the Need Food Drive in which you get free entry and \$1 rides until 5 p.m. by donating four or more nonperishable food items to benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank. And every day is Military Appreciation Day, with a free ticket with military ID.

Those special promotions often entice many people to come out. Oh, and Thursdays until 5 p.m. are \$2 Fair Food Bites Days.

I'm partial to funnel cakes, corn dogs, Hawaiian bowls, curly fries and deep-fried Oreos (in that order) at the fair, myself. A cold beer as well — plus plenty of water.

I also enjoy checking out the carnival midway, livestock areas, horse racing and competition displays, particularly the collectibles exhibit. As somebody who still has a good number of his childhood sports card collection and will pick up a souvenir shot glass every vacation to this day, these award-winning collectible displays always blow me away.

There's a strong concert lineup over the week ahead, starting tonight with country star Clay Walker. Mustache Harbor (who cover '70s and '80s hits) take the stage Saturday and Purple Reign - The Prince Tribute Show is Sunday.

But don't sleep on the concerts early next week either. Ezra Ray Hart — featuring Mark McGrath of Sugar Ray, Kevin Griffin of Better Than Ezra and Emerson Hart of Tonic — will perform together on Wednesday, and hitmaker Sheila E. will play on Thursday.

Movies at the Fair, held each evening at 6 p.m., has a good schedule as well, led by one of my favorite movies ever on Saturday, "Shrek." There's also "Trolls World Tour" tonight, "Clifford The Big Red Dog" on Sunday, "Luca" on Wednesday and "Sonic the Hedgehog" on Thursday.

A big draw this Sunday will be the Bollywood at the Fair festival.

The nightly drone show will be a sight to see too. Although, with a baby in tow, I'm not sure we'll make it to 9:30 p.m. when we go.

Be sure to check out the fair website at [annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com) to find out what's on tap the day(s) you plan to go. And look for continued coverage in the Weekly over the next two weeks. You might even see a fair Take Us Along with me and little Francis. ■

### About the Cover

Owner Alexis Gass (right) and employee Jane Liron at Clover Creek, winner of two Readers' Choice awards this year: Best Place to Buy a Gift and Best Home Furnishings. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young.

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## What is your superpower?



**Kimberly Khalil**

*HR recruitment coordinator*

I would have to say that my superpower is the ability to make genuine connections with others and to help them find and bring out the best qualities in themselves, whatever they may be.



**Zameen Dindyal**

*Legal assistant*

My superpower is being a Super Mom of four children, who is able to juggle her home, kids and work simultaneously. Those three balls are just always right up there in the air in front of me. Even though my kids are all grown up now (the youngest is 22), I still have to watch over them to make sure they're safe and to follow up with them about their work and school.



**George Bolsara**

*Clerk*

Well, I'm able to feel seismic activity and sensations in the ground, very strongly, through my feet. In fact, I accurately predicted the most recent significant earthquake that occurred in the Bay Area. I told all of my friends and neighbors it was on the horizon. They were shocked when I turned out to be right.



**David Placke**

*Lawyer*

I have the ability to stay focused on a book, and to read it from start to finish, cover to cover, regardless of whoever or whatever is going on around me. Even as a kid, I would read entire books while sitting in a noisy, crowded high school cafeteria.



**Kuange Wang**

*College student/intern*

I'm able to provide at least three interesting, although sometimes obscure, facts that occurred in any year in recorded history. Give me a year, pretty much any year, and I will tell you some interesting information about it. I find the past so fascinating that I have a need to know as much about it as possible.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Running for office

The Pleasanton City Clerk's Office is hosting a pre-nomination orientation next Wednesday (June 29) at 6 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library for prospective candidates considering a bid for city elected office in the November general election.

Free to attend with no registration required, "the orientation will include information on district-based elections, city government structure, FPPC filings, campaign statements and disclosure obligations, and provide resources to help you get started," city officials said.

The city of Pleasanton will have the mayor's seat on the ballot, as well as City Council District 1 and District 3 in the first election since converting from at-large to district-based council elections. To learn more, visit [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### Vax for young kids

Children under age 5 became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine last weekend, after federal regulators gave their approval for the age group.

The FDA announced that it would amend its emergency use authorization for the vaccines developed by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech, making both of them available to children as young as 6 months old. Then over the weekend, officials with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention endorsed the recommendation to authorize the shots for the country's youngest children.

The Pfizer vaccine will be administered to children under age 5 in three doses over roughly three months while the Moderna vaccine will have the same two-dose schedule for all children. Visit the county public health website or contact your health care provider for more details.

—BCN Foundation

### Livermore fireworks

The city of Livermore and Livermore Downtown Inc. are gearing up to bring back the in-person Independence Day fireworks show. After transitioning to a virtual show in 2020 and canceling the event in 2021, the family-friendly downtown tradition is set to return this Fourth of July.

Organizers said in a statement that the fireworks show — themed "United We Shine" — will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. and will last about 20 minutes. Fireworks will be launched from the Downtown Parking Garage located at 216 Maple St. and the show will be choreographed to music which can be heard while on location downtown at 104.9 FM.

For more information, go to [livermoredowntown.com](http://livermoredowntown.com). ■

## Voters elect three incumbents, one newcomer to Zone 7 Board of Directors

Gambs, Palmer, Sanwong re-elected; ex-DSRSD director Benson joining water board

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Current directors Denis Gambs, Sarah Palmer and Olivia Sanwong won re-election and challenger Dawn Benson took the fourth position available in the June 7 primary for the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors.

Three incumbents and two newcomers were vying for election to the Tri-Valley board during an important time with drought season in full swing. The four seats up for grabs represented a majority of the seven-member board.

Palmer will be serving a fifth term while fellow incumbents Gambs and Sanwong are going into their second term. Benson, who will be coming on for his first time, previously sat as an elected member of the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors.

Gambs led the way with 26.95% of the vote, followed by Palmer at 22.56%, Sanwong at 22.48% and Benson at 21.78%, with some small percentage of votes left to tabulate as of press time this week.

Todd Shinohara, a pharmacist from Dublin who did not seem to

run an active campaign, was the fifth candidate but because of a low vote count of 6.23%, he told the Weekly that he was conceding the race days after the election saying that he believed "the voters have chosen the direction they want to take."

Zone 7 is the wholesale water retailer for the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Cal Water's Livermore division, and DSRSD serving Dublin and San Ramon's Dougherty Valley. The agency's board makes decisions regarding the four communities' water costs, as Zone 7 prices largely

determine the rates local water service providers charge customers in their jurisdiction.

The agency is also tasked with providing flood protection in the Livermore and Amador valleys.

Benson will effectively replace current Director Michelle Smith McDonald of Dublin who opted not to run for election. Smith McDonald has been on the board since being appointed in May 2019.

"I'm happy to share how happy I am to join the Zone 7 board,"

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CITY OF LIVERMORE

All five Livermore City Council members along with other city and Livermore Lab officials were in attendance at the Livermorium Plaza ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 15.

## Grand opening of Livermorium Plaza brings art and science to downtown

'Residents can come here and be inspired'

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The city of Livermore has completed another component of its ongoing downtown revitalization plan with the official opening of Livermorium Plaza last week, nearly one year after work began on the project.

The plaza is a new outdoor space that commemorates the creation of the element Livermorium, which was named for the city and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Located at 116 S. Livermore Ave., the space occupies what was formerly known as Mills Square Park. City officials said in a statement that the address was selected to coincide with the atomic number of livermorium, which is 116.

The city held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 15 to celebrate the plaza's completion and opening. Community members and local officials gathered to hear remarks and be among the first people to utilize the new facility, which went into construction last July.

Speakers at the ceremony included Mayor Bob Woerner, Quest Science Center CEO Monya Lane, former mayor John Marchand, LLNL Director Kimberly S. Budil and Jill M. Hruby, Department of Energy under secretary for nuclear security and administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

"This is a combination of art and science, and a place people

can hang out. We always feel that we need to invest in the community that we work and live in," said Hruby, who spent decades in Livermore and raised her children in the community. "The plaza, which highlights the intersection of art and science, could not have been completed without the strong partnerships with the community, the Lab and everyone involved with the project."

Budil also spoke to the connection between science and community. "This brings science to the heart of our city. Residents can come here and be inspired," she said.

The plaza, which was completed

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## CLPCCD Trustee Maduli dies

Had decorated military tenure before long administrative career at community colleges

BY JEREMY WALSH

Edralin "Ed" Maduli, who represented the Tri-Valley on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees for the past six years, died on June 12, the district confirmed last week.

A cause of death was not immediately revealed.

A retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Maduli followed a decorated military career with a long tenure in community college administration in Northern and Southern California, including as vice president of business services at Las Positas College in Livermore.

He was elected to the CLPCCD board as the representative for Trustee Area 7, incorporating Livermore and parts of eastern Dublin and southeastern San Ramon, in 2016 and earned a second full term in 2020 after running unchallenged. He served twice as president of the board.

"We will be forever grateful to Trustee Maduli for his dedication, expertise, and deep commitment to serving our communities," CLPCCD



Ed Maduli

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## Ortega, Kumagai set for November runoff in Assembly District 20 race

Fellow Dem Esteen ahead of GOP's Grcar in updated results, but can't overcome Kumagai for second

By JEANITA LYMAN

In the four-candidate race for a newly redrawn State Assembly district representing part of the Tri-Valley, voters chose longtime labor leader Liz Ortega as the top candidate and Dublin City Council member Shawn Kumagai in second place to advance to a runoff election this fall.

The most recent vote count for the Assembly District 20 primary, which did not see the incumbent on the ballot, shows Democrats in the first three positions with Ortega 32.2% at the vote, Kumagai at 23.9% and registered nurse and political newcomer Jennifer Esteen at 22.2%, according to the California Secretary of State's Office. Retired scientist Joseph Grcar, the race's lone Republican candidate, was at 21.7%.

There were approximately 104 ballots left to be counted in Alameda County as of press time this week.

"This victory is a victory for every



Liz Ortega



Shawn Kumagai

one of you — and countless other working families — who expect and demand that the status quo be challenged to provide us with the help and support we need," Ortega said on Twitter on June 8, one day after the primary election.

"I will continue to be relentless in addressing the many challenges Californians face: an end to homelessness and environmental racism, more affordable housing, and accountable, community-empowered public safety approaches," she continued.

Although election results are still uncertified, Ortega's comfortable

lead as of Election Night meant confidence that her name would be on the ballot for a runoff election this November. The top two candidates in statewide primaries automatically advance to the general election, regardless of their percentages.

Kumagai initially came in at 25.0% of the vote in the preliminary Election Night count, with his campaign claiming second place the following day.

"While there are more votes to be counted, I am encouraged by yesterday's results," Kumagai said in a June 8 statement. "As we look forward to the general election, I want to extend my deepest thanks to every one of our supporters who worked so hard to make this result possible."

"This is only the beginning of our mission to take on the affordability crisis, help keep neighborhoods safe, and ensure that East

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## Livermore upholds policy on flying flags at Civic Center

Council authorizes LGBT Pride flag display for remainder of June

By CIERRA BAILEY

As LGBT Pride Month winds down, the rainbow flag can be seen flying at the Livermore Civic Center over the next several days.

At its June 13 regular meeting, the Livermore City Council upheld its existing policy around flying commemorative flags, which allows them to be displayed as a form of government speech.

The policy states that the mayor or a councilmember may request the display of a commemorative flag and then the council will consider the request at a formal public meeting.

At the May 23 regular council meeting, Councilmember Bob Carling requested to put a discussion to revisit the policy on a future agenda and to pause flying commemorative flags at the Civic Center until the discussion took place.

The Pride flag was not displayed at the Civic Center campus until after June 13.

A recent Supreme Court case originating in Boston served as a catalyst to the Livermore discussion, involving conservative activist Harold Shurtleff who was prohibited by the city of Boston from flying a Christian flag on a flagpole outside of city hall, despite the fact that the flagpole had been used to fly other groups' flags.

"The flagpole in question was

located adjacent to a plaza that is a public forum, and the flagpole and a crank were made available to groups using the plaza to also raise and lower flags of their choosing for the duration of their event in the plaza," Livermore city attorney Jason Alcalá wrote in a memorandum explaining the difference between Livermore's policy and Boston's.

The Supreme Court opinion concluded that the city of Boston did not make the raising and flying of flags by private groups a form of governmental expression, and that its policy and practice had created a public forum that prohibited Boston from refusing to allow the private group to fly a flag based upon viewpoint.

Alcalá said during the meeting that because Livermore's policy already reserves the flying of commemorative flags strictly for government speech and does not allow private groups to raise their own flags, it is aligned with the Supreme Court's opinion.

"I was the one who brought this up and largely because we had received several emails from folks asking us about flying some other flags and I think they were confused — I was confused — about the decision of the Supreme Court and so my intention in asking for the discussion

tonight was to get some clarity," Carling said.

He added that upon hearing from city staff and Alcalá about the differences between the policies in Boston and Livermore he is "happy with our flag policy the way it stands."

After agreeing to uphold its current policy, the council voted unanimously to authorize flying the LGBT Pride flag for the remainder of June. A handful of public speakers shared their views on flying the Pride flag, the majority of which expressed their support for doing so.

The decision also carries a personal connection for two councilmembers, including Brittini Kiick who is an organizer with Livermore Pride and Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno whose late wife, Kimberly Cupps was born and raised in Livermore.

Referring to statistics from The Trevor Project and the Human Rights Campaign, Kiick said, "68% of LGBTQ youth report that they hear negative messages about their identity from their elected officials. Many say they hear nothing from their elected officials. I really want the children and youth and adults and elderly LGBTQ members in Livermore to be part of the tiny 16% of individuals that say they hear positive messages about their identity from their elected officials." ■



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# Stothers named principal of Vintage Hills Elementary

Hopes to establish strong sense of community

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton school board appointed Donlon Elementary School vice principal Carole Stothers as the next principal of Vintage Hills Elementary School earlier this month.

Stothers, who has been at Donlon for the past three years, said she has worked in education since she got her teaching credential in 1990.

"I feel privileged, really, to be able to take over leadership there and help it continue with its reputation," Stothers told the Weekly after her hiring on June 9. "I want to learn about everybody and get

to meet the community of staff, students and parents."

Stothers served as a reading specialist and as an instructional coach for intervention over the last two decades. This will be her first time serving as a school principal.

"At Donlon, Ms. Stothers was beloved by her colleagues and school community as an educational leader



Carole Stothers

and her ability to foster strong relationships, trust and collaboration with staff and families," said Patrick Gannon, director of communications for the Pleasanton Unified School District. "She is known for her student-first approach, stemming from a deep understanding of elementary education where she has served her entire career."

Stothers is taking over for former principal Michael O'Brien who served as principal at Vintage Hills for the previous three years. He is leaving to pursue a new job leading the Champions University program and serving as vice president of

education and management training for Service Champions, a residential heating and air conditioning company.

Because of the fact that she came on around the same time COVID first hit, Stothers said a big part of her experience at Donlon was mainly spent on informing the parents and the community throughout the years about the status of reopening and other COVID-related issues.

However, she said she was proud of how Donlon and the rest of the district handled the extra work that came with the pandemic.

"We learned that we have the

ability to ... respond to what's needed and did an incredible job in that," Stothers said.

She said she hopes to get to a point in the pandemic where things can start to go back to normal so parents and students can feel a bit more relaxed and comfortable going to school.

And one in which she can bring back some of the joy that might have been lost in the last couple of years with events that bring the community to campus.

"Maybe a little bit of our norms back would be really awesome," Stothers said. ■

## MADULI

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Board President Tim Sbranti, of Dublin, said in a statement on June 15. "It has been a privilege for me and for my fellow board members to work alongside Trustee Maduli. He will be greatly missed."

District Chancellor Ronald Gerhard added, "I have had the honor of knowing and working with Trustee Maduli in various capacities for over a decade. I am very saddened by his passing and will forever be

appreciative of his impact to our district and colleges. The CLPCCD family offers our thoughts and support to the Maduli family at this time."

Maduli is survived by his wife Cyril, two children and four grandchildren. Details on memorial services are pending.

"He was a strong mainstay figure in our educational community, and a voice for all who were fortunate to have known and worked with him," Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent Kelly Bowers told the Weekly.

"We are grateful for his time with the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, I know he will be greatly missed. I, along with the entire LVJUSD, offer our sympathies to his family and all those that worked with and cared for him," she added.

Maduli served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 20 years, receiving a range of military awards before retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

His career in community colleges included working as vice chancellor of administrative services for the West Valley Mission Community

College District, assistant superintendent/vice president of administrative services and later interim superintendent/president for the San Luis Obispo County Community College District and vice president of business services for Las Positas College.

A graduate of the military's Armed Forces Staff College and the Air Command and Staff College, Maduli earned his associate's degree from Hartnell College, bachelor's degree from Cal Poly, master's degree from the University of Oklahoma and another master's from

Golden Gate University.

At the time of his death, Maduli was working toward completing a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Southern California.

Maduli is the third CLPCCD trustee to die in office during the past three years. Castro Valley representative Donald "Dobie" Gelles died of congestive heart failure in May 2019, and Trustee Marshall Mitzman died from COVID-19 while in a recovery care center in Hayward early in the pandemic in April 2020. ■



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TRI-VALLEY WATER AGENCIES



## Local agencies react after state bans watering of non-residential, non-functional turf

Smart lawns, low-water landscaping proposed as drought continues

BY CAROL XU

Tri-Valley water agencies recommend non-residential property owners convert to smarter lawns and low-water landscaping, following the California State Water Resources Control Board's new emergency water conservation regulation issued on June 10 to curtail extraneous use of potable water.

The statewide regulation prohibits watering of non-functional turf on industrial, commercial and institutional properties. The board defined "non-functional turf" as mowed grass that is considered purely decorative, and is not used for recreational purposes or civic and community events.

"With increased aridification as our new reality, there is an urgency to all of us understanding and acting to ensure that water conservation is a California way of life. These regulations are part of our shared responsibility to address non-essential outdoor water use as our communities experience record-breaking drought and plan for dry conditions into next year," said Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the state water board.

The new regulation allows for

watering to still occur on turf with a functional purpose or if it is being irrigated with recycled water.

The state board also asked non-residential property owners to work with landscaping professionals to turn off irrigation stations dedicated to decorative turf but continue irrigation of any trees.

"We are nearly halfway through the third year of this unprecedented drought and unfortunately, we are seeing water usage increase, rather than decrease. If we are going to successfully weather this drought, we need all hands-on deck -- residents and businesses alike must do all they can to conserve water," Zone 7 Water Agency General Manager Valerie Pryor said in a statement.

The local advisory this week came with a reminder that Zone 7 declared an official drought emergency and Stage 2 water shortage emergency last September, and mandated 15% water conservation from all Tri-Valley water service providers. The joint statement was issued by Zone 7, the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Cal Water's Livermore Division and Dublin San Ramon Services District.

In light of the state water board's

new policy, Tri-Valley water agencies also suggest business property owners consider pursuing landscape options that expend less water, in anticipation of more frequent and severe droughts due to climate change, according to Anthony Smith, city of Livermore interim water resources manager.

"The Tri-Valley's water agencies are encouraging their non-residential property owners to consider replacing their non-functional turf with low-water landscaping during this fall's planting season. Not only will it improve your property's appearance during our current drought, but it will permanently lower your water use," Smith explained.

In support of installing new low-water landscaping, Zone 7 agencies are offering rebates to property owners as partial reimbursement for installation costs.

For the latest information on water conservation, local water use restrictions, and the current drought, visit [www.zone7water.com/drought](http://www.zone7water.com/drought). Residents and businesses are advised to visit their local water supplier website for specific restriction information. ■

## DISTRICT 20

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Bay families have access to more affordable housing, quality and affordable health care, child care, and education," he added.

However, Esteen, who sat in last place in the initial results after June 7 with 20.8% of the vote behind Grcar's 23.1%, had gained additional momentum as votes continued to be counted, placing her ahead of Grcar and just 1.7% behind Kumagai in the most recent tally.

"We built a movement for real and this isn't the end of anything," Esteen said on Twitter on June 8. "It's step one."

Esteen also noted that she and her campaign would be "watching and counting" as updated numbers come in, and called on her supporters to "conserve your energy" in the meantime.

While Esteen had not yet issued an official statement conceding the race as of Tuesday, with only 104 estimated ballots left to be counted, and Kumagai ahead of Esteen by 1,282 votes, Kumagai said his campaign was currently gearing up for the November runoff election.

Kumagai is currently near the end of his first term on the Dublin City Council, which he was elected to in 2018 as the city's first openly LGBTQ member. He has worked as a district representative for Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan since 2019.

Kumagai announced his run for Assembly shortly after the decennial census and redistricting process resulted in new boundaries for Assembly District 20, which now includes small portions of western Dublin and Pleasanton. He was the only Tri-Valley candidate to emerge.

The district's current representative, Assemblymember Bill Quirk,

announced last December that he would not run for re-election, which led to a wide-open race with four candidates clamoring for the freshly redrawn district seat.

Ortega, who is endorsed by Quirk and lives in San Leandro, announced her campaign in December, weeks before Kumagai did. Despite being a political newcomer, a platform that leveraged her past and current work on labor fairness and equity ultimately appealed to the district's voters, giving her a lead against the three other opponents that made her position on the November ballot clear on Election Night. Her priorities include job creation, housing, neighborhood safety, and addressing homelessness.

Other priorities Ortega's campaign highlights include environmental justice and support for public schools. Ortega's husband, Jason Toro, is a former San Leandro Unified School District trustee. In addition to an extensive background as a labor rights and union leader, she currently serves on the county's Vaccine Equity Task Force, and is a former member of the county's Workforce Investment Board.

Kumagai's campaign highlighted his recent political experience on the Dublin City Council, and background as a current reservist and veteran of the U.S. Navy. His platform consists of priorities that he's been vocal about as a council member, including the needs for affordable housing and strong public education for the district's growing population, as well as transportation, jobs, safety and support for small businesses.

With Quirk's final two-year term set to be up at the end of the year, either Ortega or Kumagai are poised to take his place in January, depending on the results of November's general election. ■

## LIVERMORIUM

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by Robert A. Bothman Construction, features a 5-foot diameter granite water ball fountain that represents the nucleus of the Livermorium atom.

In the ground surrounding the water ball, there are 116 "electrons" represented by a combination of engraved markers, reflective markers, lights and tree wells. The water ball is engraved with 10 facts about Livermorium provided by LLNL and 12 engraved granite markers encircling the fountain display with additional facts. The stainless-steel bands encircling the fountain represent the seven shells or orbitals of the atom.

City officials said the water ball was quarried in Zimbabwe and manufactured in Germany.

The site of Livermorium Plaza was previously occupied by the Livermore Hotel in the 1800s and a gas station in the 1900s before becoming Mills Square Park in 1974.

"This park was a gathering place for many years for the Livermore community and I'm happy to see that it will once again serve that purpose, but much improved," Woerner said.

The city's poet laureate Cynthia J. Patton shared an original poem called "A Brilliant Light" during the ribbon-cutting event and music was provided by Matt Finders and the jazz band Element 116, which is made up of local middle and high school students.

Initially the city had planned for Livermorium Plaza to open on May 30 in time for Livermorium Day, which was established in 2013 by Marchand to recognize the official naming of the element that occurred on May 30, 2012.

City officials told Livermore Vine that they were unable to meet the intended date because they were not provided power at the space until May 31 and they couldn't complete all the testing and commissioning of the water ball feature without power. ■

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# First phase of Valley Link enters federal grant program

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

The Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority announced earlier this month that the Federal Transit Administration has approved entry of the Valley Link rail project Phase 1 into project development of the Capital Investment Grants program.

“Acceptance of Valley Link into the CIG program marks a key milestone in advancing this transformational project forward,” said Veronica Vargas, chair of the transit authority board of directors in a statement. “This is the first, but critical step, in positioning Valley Link to compete for federal funding during a time when once-in-a generation transit

funding is available on the federal level.”

The 26-mile first phase of the project between the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station in Alameda County and the Mountain House station in San Joaquin County, would connect tens of thousands of Northern San Joaquin Valley workers to the Tri-Valley, according to transit authority officials. The phase, including the Isabel and South Front Road stations in Livermore, is targeted for construction in 2025.

“I am so pleased that the Tri-Valley cities’ Valley Link project was approved by the Federal Transit Administration. This will start the process for designing and operating

a critical link between BART and the Altamont Corridor Express,” U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) said in a statement.

“Approval of this project could translate to 30,000 fewer cars on the road each day. By reducing congestion and improving air quality, this would be the biggest climate rescue project ever in the Tri-Valley,” he added.

Swalwell said that connecting BART to ACE has been among his “top priorities” since entering Congress. Last year, he helped secure from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee \$20 million for Valley Link in its transportation spending bill.

The FTA approval of Valley Link into the CIG pipeline follows the March 23 unanimous adoption of Valley Link as part of the regional project priorities for the CIG program by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county Bay Area.

The full Valley Link rail project proposes to add a new 42-mile, seven station rail connection between the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station and the North Lathrop ACE Station in San Joaquin County with all day service on BART frequencies during peak periods. The rail system is projected to provide an estimated

33,000 daily rides in 2040.

While project advancements continue, Valley Link is also currently in litigation.

Last month, the Alameda County Taxpayers’ Association and the Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund filed a lawsuit to stop the project’s development, citing a number of concerns including allegations that the Alameda County Transportation Commission illegally shifted \$400 million in 2014 Measure BB sales tax funds to Valley Link from the canceled BART to Livermore extension project and that the MTC is illegally funding Valley Link with bridge tolls that are supposed to pay for seismic retrofits. ■

## ZONE 7

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Benson told the Weekly. “We have lots of work to do with the drought, water supply, conservation, quality and storage, and the EIR for the Delta Conveyance, which is expected out this summer.”

Incumbent Gumbs shared similar gratitude to his re-election team and supporters who voted for him and said he is excited to take on the challenge of making the Tri-Valley’s water supply drought resistant.

“Zone 7 is now participating in the Sites Reservoir and Los Vaqueros Expansion Projects, which would provide much needed storage that is particularly important due to the loss of Sierra snowpack storage and extreme storms caused by climate change,” Gumbs said. “Development of the Chain of Lakes for near term use with a pipeline connection to the Del Valle Water Treatment



**Dennis Gumbs**



**Sarah Palmer**



**Olivia Sanwong**



**Dawn Benson**

but was disappointed in the low voter turnout and lack of civic engagement.

“We face so many important issues right now,” Sanwong told the Weekly. “The best action an individual can take is to vote in every election and make an effort to understand each item on the ballot. So many people do not have the ability to vote in a free and fair election. We do.”

“I recognize that many of us are feeling crisis fatigue,” Sanwong said. “However, if we don’t make an effort to meet our conservation goals this summer, and if this megadrought continues, 2023 could be one of our most challenging summers water-wise.”

Director Palmer said she feels good about this incoming team of board directors but that there are many challenges ahead that will require dedication and knowledge on the part of the Zone 7 board.

Plant will also provide storage and groundwater recharge.”

Returning incumbent Sanwong said she was grateful for the voters who helped her in her re-election

“We are not just ‘in a drought.’ We are in a dry climate with periods of rain,” Palmer said. “We face issues of water quality and reliability that will require both study and

practicality. The Zone 7 staff and board will work to manage these realities in ways that best serve our Tri-Valley for people, agriculture and habitats.” ■

## John Raymond Hudson

August 28, 1935 – June 3, 2022

John Hudson passed away suddenly on Friday, June 3rd in Pleasanton, California. John was born in Dallas, Texas, raised in Oklahoma, and spent the last 38 years in the Bay Area where his helping hands will be missed by his family, friends and neighbors.

John went to Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, earned a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University, and an M.B.A. from St. Mary’s College of California. He spent his early career building infrastructure power systems both in the U.S. and overseas, with projects in Thailand, Peru, Pakistan and Vietnam. He then became a sales engineer and ran teams for Westinghouse, General Electric, and United Technologies in New York City, Saudi Arabia and Iran. In 1984, he settled in Northern California as CEO of Luminoptics.

John moved his young family from Connecticut into the old water tower off College Ave in Livermore, California in 1984, where he happily spent the next 15 years becoming an entrepreneur, starting a local business, and being active in the Rotary Club of Livermore.

In Act 2 of his long and interesting life, John dedicated himself to supporting his wife Nancy as she focused on her career. They settled in Pleasanton 9 years ago. John was always working on a project for himself or his friends; first in line to lend a hand or a tool on a new construction project. John’s adventurous spirit led to a love of travel, and he had visited all 50 states and over 100 countries.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy Hudson, his daughter Liz Kerton, his son Joseph Hudson, and their families. John will be remembered for his dedication to family, enthusiasm for adventure, and a smile that could brighten the room. Memento mori, memento vivere.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to the Alameda County Community Food Bank.



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## Stephanie Christine Bell

March 18, 1992 – March 27, 2022

The world lost one of its brightest stars this year. We mourn the loss of our sweet sister, daughter and friend, Stephanie Christine Bell. The youngest of three sisters, Stephanie was born in Fremont, California. Her parents Karla Brown (current Mayor of Pleasanton) and Timothy Belcher and her two older sisters, Pam and Alicia were overjoyed when Stephanie's arrival completed their family.



A bright young woman throughout her 30-year life, Stephanie was known for her competitive streak and mischievous sense of humor. Her family settled in Pleasanton, where she thrived in her AP classes at Foothill High School and played volleyball as a member of the varsity team. Stephanie graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2014 from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

Immediately after graduation, Stephanie began to build a successful career at PG&E, in San Ramon, eventually earning a position as a Design and Project Engineer for high pressure gas lines. She enjoyed working and was known as smart, inquisitive, and fun-loving team member. Despite her health struggles, she enjoyed organizing snowboarding trips, chili cook-offs, and decorating her co-worker's offices on their birthdays. She often entertained others with a good joke or pun. At lunchtime she would share fun and clever games, and it was no surprise to anyone that she usually won.

Life's simplest pleasures brought the greatest joy to Stephanie. Even after her diagnosis, she continued to challenge herself and became an accomplished snowboarder and developed a passion for the mountains and the great outdoors. She loved cooking and baking and became a master cake artist, decorating beautiful cakes for family and friends. A voracious reader her entire life, she started at an early age reading "Harry Potter" together with her sister Alicia. Despite an 11-year age gap between Stephanie and her eldest sister Pamela, they were very close and shared the love of cooking and family. The love and devotion Stephanie received from her family throughout her life, she would later shower onto all seven of her beloved nieces and nephews, taking great pleasure in loving them, playing with them, and making them laugh.

To know Stephanie was to be inspired by her. Throughout her long four-and-a-half-year battle with breast cancer, she had an incredible sense of bravery and remained positive until her battle ended 30 years after it started, with her mother and two sisters by her side. Even on her most difficult days, it was deeply important to her to continue to spread kindness and make other people's day brighter. Her beautiful smile never wavered. Stephanie will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and peers, and they hope that you continue to remember her and be inspired by her bravery and her absolute love of life.

Finally, the members of Stephanie's family Karla Brown, Alicia O'Donnell and Pamela Neher would like to express their heartfelt, and deep appreciation for the care and love she was given by her various healthcare workers throughout her journey.

The stories that Stephanie's family continues to hear on how often she inspired or touched other people's lives brings great comfort to them. If you have a story about how Stephanie inspired or touched your life, please share it with her mother, Karla at [Karla@karlabrown.com](mailto:Karla@karlabrown.com). Thank you.

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### Officer Gallinatti joins Pleasanton PD

Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing (right) hands badge to Officer Rob Gallinatti, the newest member of the Pleasanton Police Department. Gallinatti joined the department earlier this month after nine years working for Oakland police, including time as a field training officer, community resource officer and promotion to sergeant. "I was drawn to Pleasanton because of its small-town charm and diversity," Gallinatti said in a statement. "As part of the department, I'm excited to engage with community members and provide quality service."

## Catherine Anne Templeman

October 29, 1953 – June 16, 2022

Catherine Anne Templeman (Allen) peacefully passed away on June 16, 2022 after a brief illness.

Cathy was born on October 29, 1953 in Oakland, CA to parents John and Mary. She spent her early years in Oakland and moved to San Leandro where she graduated from Pacific High School in 1971. It was there where she fell in love with Rick and they got married on June 9, 1973.

The beginning of their marriage was spent in Union City where they welcomed their son Ryan. They then moved to Pleasanton where they had their daughter Lindsey. Cathy resided in Pleasanton for 38 years up until her death.

Cathy devoted her time and attention to her family. When it came to Ryan and Lindsey, she never missed a sporting event, school field trip, or special moment in their lives.

Her greatest fans called her "Grammy." She loved every moment spent with her grandchildren Brayden, Zoe, Addison, and Emerson and never missed an opportunity to spoil them.

Cathy worked as both a municipal and superior court clerk in Hayward and Pleasanton. In her retirement she enjoyed playing slot machines at the casino, trips to Capitola with Rick, seeing Broadway musicals, and lunch dates with her friends. She also enjoyed her daily cup of Cafe Vienna.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Mary, stepfather Mickey Cusumano, sister Mary Lou Derieg, uncles Charles and Martin Perlendo, and aunt Lahoma Perlendo.

She is survived by her husband Rick of 49 years, son Ryan Templeman and his wife Toni-Ann, daughter Lindsey Rearick and her husband Nathan, and grandchildren Brayden, Zoe, Addison, and Emerson. She was a loving sister to Judy Clavin and a wonderful aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to a service on Friday, June 24th at 10:30 A.M. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. Per Alameda County COVID-19 guidelines, masks will be required indoors.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Scleroderma Research Foundation (<https://srfcure.org/>).



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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available

### June 16

#### Theft

- 6:32 a.m. on the 1600 block of Calle Santiago
- 9:19 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 12:49 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 1:23 p.m., 2700 block of Camino Segura; catalytic converter theft
- 7:24 p.m., 7600 block of Glenbrook Court; theft from auto

#### Warrant arrest

- 12:42 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 1:37 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 4:14 p.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road
- 10:01 p.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

#### Drug violation

- 2:11 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive
- 2:56 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Weapons violation

- 10:34 p.m. on the 500 block of Tawny Drive

### June 15

#### Theft

- 6:13 a.m., 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; theft from auto
- 10:58 a.m. on the 2400 block of Via De Los Milagros
- 5:11 p.m., 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

#### Graffiti offense

- 11:12 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

### June 14

#### Theft

- 7:13 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft
- 5:53 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

#### Fraud

- 9:45 a.m. on the 000 block of Twelve Oaks Drive

#### DUI

- 7:22 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road

### June 13

#### Warrant arrest

- 12:09 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 1:26 a.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

#### Theft

- 7:49 a.m., 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard; catalytic converter theft
- 8:24 a.m. on the 6600 block of Owens Drive

#### Burglary

- 9:33 a.m. on the 5100 block of Franklin Drive

#### Graffiti offense

- 11:26 a.m. on the 4100 block of First Street

#### Domestic battery

- 11:07 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

#### DUI

- 11:09 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

### June 12

#### Drug violation

- 3:12 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Gibraltar Drive

#### Theft

- 7:13 a.m., 4700 block of Holland Drive; theft from auto
- 5:21 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:31 p.m. on the 400 block of Vineyard Place
- 6:07 p.m., 4400 block of Valley Avenue; bicycle theft

#### Burglary

- 3:07 p.m. on the 3900 block of Cavestri Circle

## Pacific Chamber Orchestra announces 2022-23 concerts

### 'A Musical Season of Inspiration' kicks off in September

BY CAROL XU

The Pacific Chamber Orchestra is gearing up for its 2022-23 concert season, "A Musical Season of Inspiration," with four concert sets and an annual set of reading workshops.

Coming into its 34th season, PCO continues its legacy of inspiring performances, versatile repertoire and enriching educational programs to bring the top artistry of music to local audiences.

The new season's programming features works by more than 13 composers from nine countries, with a diverse range of traditional favorites and contemporary pieces, according to music director and conductor Lawrence Kohl.

"We are thrilled to continue our momentum into our 34th season. This season marks our commitment to strengthening our community



presence, reconnecting with PCO patrons, and inviting new music lovers into our local venues — Lamorinda or Tri-Valley — for a series of joyful performances," Kohl said in a statement this month.

The orchestra will open the season in September with two performances of "Courageous," incorporating traditional folk music and dances from Ukraine, and neighboring countries of Poland, Czech Republic and Slovenia, to honor the courage of the Ukrainian people amid the war with Russia.

Next, the orchestra will bring back a second session of "Dream American," an annual series of reading workshops performing new



works by emerging composers. The program in October aims to "reflect the cultural heritages and diversity of our American tapestry," according to Kohl.

The workshops' specific venues and times have yet to be announced.

The following performance, "Glorious" on Nov. 26 and 27, will anticipate the holiday season with Handel's "Messiah." Kohl will be joined by the Pacific Orchestra Chorus, led by chorus master Dwight Stone and featuring soloists Laura Farmer, Renee Rapier and Kirk Eichelberger.

The third concert set, "Passionate" on March 25 and 26, welcomes the coming of spring with tributary performances of works from classical music giants, including Corelli's "Suite for Strings,"

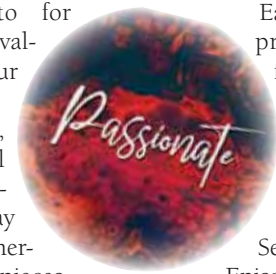


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The Pacific Chamber Orchestra has released its 2022-23 concert schedule, which begins with "Courageous" on Sept. 17 and 18.

Telemann's "Concerto for Oboe d'amore" and Vivaldi's "Concerto for Four Violins."

The finale concert, "Refreshing," will round off the performance season on May 20 and 21, with numerous spring-themed pieces by English composers, such as Hadyn's "London Symphony," Sir Edward Elgar's "May Song" and "Love's Greeting," and Gordon Jacob's "Little Symphony."



Each individual concert program will be performed twice, once in Orinda and once in Livermore.

The opening "Courageous" concerts are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Orinda and 3 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. For tickets and more information, visit [www.pacificchamber-orchestra.org](http://www.pacificchamber-orchestra.org). ■



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## Unveiling Readers' Choice recipients and Hall of Fame honorees for 2022

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The Pleasanton Weekly's readers have spoken, the ballots have been counted and now we're ready to reveal the winners of the 2022 Readers' Choice contest — another must-see special section spotlighting the best of the best that Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley have to offer.

The popular annual competition garnered 16,399 votes from more than 1,400 confirmed voters across the Tri-Valley during balloting conducted in the spring as readers shared their support for their favorite local businesses, professionals and places in various categories for Food & Drink, Just for Fun, At Home, Health & Beauty and Services.

"We're proud to be able to provide this opportunity to

showcase so many of the destinations that make Pleasanton a standout community in the eyes of residents and visitors alike. That's what makes our Readers' Choice so great every year," said Gina Channell Wilcox, publisher and president of Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division.

"We know that everyone in Pleasanton and all of the communities that we cover are working very hard to persevere and thrive at this stage of the pandemic, especially our local businesses," Wilcox added. "This year's contest shows our readers have taken notice, and continue to give their support regularly to the shops, restaurants and expert consultants who drive the Tri-Valley's success."

Wilcox noted that several past Readers' Choice categories that have been on hiatus in the pandemic era might return to next year's contest if the COVID situation improves or remains the same in 2023: Best Happy Hour, Best Place for Live Music, Best Place to People Watch and Best Public Event.

Just like other years, the 2022 winners represent businesses and professional service providers of many sizes and locations across the city — and a few beyond. Some are longstanding with generational ties to Pleasanton, others have been burgeoning for years and still others are just in their infancy.

This year's group of Readers' Choice Hall of Fame honorees are Cosmo's Barber Shop (Best Barbershop), Bob's Giant Burgers (Best Burger), Lokanta (Best Mediterranean Restaurant) and Savior Plumbing (Best Plumber).

The quartet are being recognized for their previous record of five consecutive victories in the same category. As new Hall of Famers, they were ineligible to compete in their categories in 2022.

Five businesses made it five wins in a row this year and will be part of the 2023-24 Hall of Fame elite: De La Torre's Trattoria (Best Italian Restaurant), Gene's Fine Foods (Best Specialty Food Store), Gina Piper of Elation Real Estate (Best Realtor), New Thai Bistro (Best Thai Food) and Wenté Vineyards (Best Local Winery).

Other highlights from this year's results include the fact



The natural beauty is among the reasons Pleasanton Ridge won Best Kept Secret Treasure of Pleasanton.



A downtown staple, Meadowlark Dairy was voted Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt.

that several members of the 2020-21 Hall of Fame returned to the regular competition and were back on top, including Nonni's Bistro for Best Sunday Brunch and Schlicher Orthodontics for Best Orthodontist.

Another recent Hall of Famer, Hello Nails on Hopyard Road won again this year but recently rebranded to Belle La Vie "The Nail Place."

We had four businesses win multiple honors in our contest — SideTrack Bar + Grill for Best American Food Restaurant and Best Burger of 2022, Clover Creek for Best Place to Buy a Gift and Best Home Furnishings, Nonni's Bistro for Best Sunday Brunch and Best Vegetarian Cuisine and Bob's Giant Burgers for Best French Fries to go along with its Hall of Fame award for Best Burger.

Elation Real Estate also earned Best Real Estate Brokerage in addition to the firm's co-founder Piper winning Best Realtor.

Now we invite you to look through all of our 2022 Readers' Choice recipients. See which of your favorites were honored, and which new places you want to visit this summer because they won. Enjoy! ■



# 2022 Hall of Fame



Cosmo Panetta (right) has seen his Cosmo's Barber Shop join the Readers' Choice Hall of Fame.

### Cosmo's Barber Shop BEST BARBERSHOP

A longtime favorite in Pleasanton, Cosmo's Barber Shop specializes in affordable haircuts for men, women and children. Their stylists are experts on hair color, highlights and hot shaves. Cosmo's continues to show their presence by setting a high standard of excellence that resonates with customers.

### Lokanta Grill & Bar BEST MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT

Lokanta Grill & Bar on Main Street in Pleasanton serves our readers' favorite Mediterranean meals for lunch and dinner, as well as weekend brunch plus the most flavorful handcrafted cocktails. And our readers have taken notice, voting Lokanta the city's best for five years in a row.

### Bob's Giant Burgers BEST BURGER

Craving a burger? Bob's Giant Burgers has got you covered. The popular eatery on the edge of downtown has over 14 different burgers, seven different types of shakes and multiple sandwiches to choose from. No matter what you're craving, they have got your taste buds covered.

### Savior Plumbing BEST PLUMBER

Savior Plumbing provides professional residential and commercial plumbing services throughout the Tri-Valley. All staff at this Hall of Fame business are experienced in service, repair, maintenance and installation distributing the highest quality of assistance.

## Food & Drink

### SideTrack Bar + Grill BEST AMERICAN FOOD RESTAURANT

Founded by longtime Pleasanton resident Todd Utikal and the late Skip Hinsley, SideTrack Bar + Grill continues its winning streak in this category. Prized for its sear-iously good food, SideTrack elevates the casual dining concept in downtown and serves as a preferred destination for family outings, happy hours or comfort hangouts.

### Primrose Bakery BEST BAKERY/DESSERT

Specializing in wedding cakes

and fresh morning pastries, Primrose Bakery is a well-loved staple in Pleasanton known for their topper desserts and warm customer service. Owned by Jessica Eiland, a classically trained European chef, Primrose bakes each of their cakes to be "traditional yet modern and exciting."

### L&L Hawaiian Barbecue BEST BBQ

Craving the taste of Hawaii? At L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, Pleasanton residents can enjoy authentic Hawaiian comfort food suited for any celebration. Most popular among their wide selection of barbecue dishes are the BBQ chicken, BBQ beef bowl and BBQ cheeseburger.

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## Readers' Choice 2022



The team at Bob's Giant Burgers are celebrating two awards: Best French Fries of 2022 and Best Burger Hall of Fame.

### SideTrack Bar + Grill BEST BURGER

A winner for the second time this year, downtown's SideTrack bagged this year's Best Burger award for its handcrafted, artisan burgers. All made with certified American Wagyu beef and served upon Le Boulanger fresh-baked egg buns, SideTrack's juicy burgers have set local residents a-raving.

### Bob's Giant Burgers BEST FRENCH FRIES

While burgers remain its flagship meal, Bob's Giant Burgers is also wildly popular for its golden fries, winning Best French Fries for the second year in a row. Crisp on the outside and soft on the inside, Bob's fries come in generous serving portions perfect to enjoy with friends and family.

### Andy & Yu's BEST CHINESE RESTAURANT

Established in 2018, Andy & Yu's has become renowned for their fine cuisine and handcrafted cocktails, and were chosen by our readers as the Best Chinese Restaurant for the fourth consecutive year. Set in the bustling heart of downtown Pleasanton, Andy & Yu's authentic and varied offerings make for a delectable eating experience.

### Meadowlark Dairy BEST ICE CREAM/ FROZEN YOGURT

Founded in the early 1900s, Meadowlark Dairy has long been our readers' pick for Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt and has returned to the regular contest after its appearance in the Hall of Fame. Known for iconic ice cream swirls and fast service, Meadowlark's sweet legacy remains a pride of Pleasanton.

### The Press Artisan Cafe BEST DELI/SANDWICH

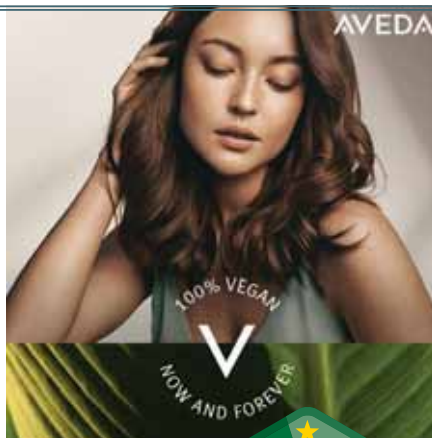
Long touted as Pleasanton's go-to casual joint, The Press takes home the Best Deli/Sandwich award for the fourth time in a row. Passionate in serving food to "nourish your body and mind," The Press is a quaint cafe that attracts fans with its fun and inventive menu of handcrafted paninis, toastinis, soups and baked goods.

### India Garden BEST INDIAN RESTAURANT

The steady winner of Best Indian Restaurant since 2018, India Garden combines traditional North Indian cuisine with an eclectic mix of sweet, spicy and tangy flavors. Their specialties include tandoori chicken leg, goat curry, malai methi paneer and gobi manchurian.

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## Readers' Choice 2022



Kay Wilhite and Helen Peck enjoy a meal outdoors at Lokanta, the downtown restaurant honored in the Hall of Fame for Best Mediterranean.

### De La Torre's Trattoria BEST ITALIAN RESTAURANT

The neighborhood's Italian dining favorite, De La Torre's Trattoria secures its fifth straight win for Best Italian Restaurant. Offering a hall-mark special menu with quintessential Italian dishes and quality ingredients, De La Torre's prides itself on being "your home away from home."

brings their passion for family, food, and culture to the table.

### Gay 90's Pizza & Pasta BEST PIZZA

Taking the title for Best Pizza, Gay 90's Pizza and Pasta makes all their delectable pizzas from scratch. Started in 1959, Gay 90's is a local favorite, famous for their sourdough pizzas. Tempt your taste buds with their wide array specialty pizza choices and toppings.

(fifth year running), Gene's Fine Foods has been supporting the Pleasanton community with fresh, organic produce since its founding in 1952. The local favorite supermarket, Gene's is "where quality and price come together" for the ultimate grocery shopping experience.

### Nonni's Bistro BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH

Opened in 2010 by chef Jon Magnusson, Nonni's Bistro brings a smorgasbord of European flavors to the table, which our readers declared the Best Sunday Brunch in Pleasanton. Each weekend, customers can look forward to enjoying their food alongside live-music performances that fill the bistro with joie de vivre.

### Sozo Sushi BEST SUSHI/JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Consistently recognized as Best Sushi/Japanese Restaurant since the category was introduced, Sozo Sushi on Hopyard Road sets the standard for Japanese cuisine with their fresh ingredients, tasty rolls and authentic Japanese indoor decor.

### Oasis Grill BEST MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT

An ideal dining destination for Mediterranean cuisine with a modern flair, Oasis Grill claims Best Mediterranean Restaurant for not only its sizzling kabobs and exotic cocktails, but also its welcoming decor and warm ambience that have kept our readers coming back for more.

### Strizzi's BEST SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

When it comes to fresh fish entrees and fine Italian pasta, Strizzi's continues to delight our readers the most, taking home Best Seafood Restaurant yet again. Operating on a philosophy of freshness, Strizzi's infuses everyday food with Italian aromas of fresh garlic, barbecued meats and roasted herb chicken.

### Casa Orozco BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT

First opened in 1984 by the Orozco family, Casa Orozco wins our readers' hearts again as Best Mexican Restaurant for their rich menu of Mexican dishes, salsas, and sauces. A beloved local eatery, Casa Orozco

### Gene's Fine Foods BEST SPECIALTY FOOD STORE

Landing another Readers' Choice award for Best Specialty Food Store

### New Thai Bistro BEST THAI RESTAURANT

Dedicated to cooking Thai comfort street food with a modern presentation, New Thai Bistro holds onto their title of Best Thai Restaurant for the fifth year in a row. Among their variety of specials and favorites, New Thai's pad thai noodles proves the most popular among our readers.

### Nonni's Bistro BEST VEGETARIAN CUISINE

Notching its second win of the year, Nonni's Bistro follows a philosophy that every customer is welcomed as "part of the family," so



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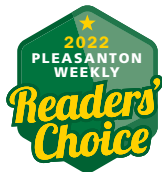


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Dogs of all shapes and sizes enjoy a visit to Cubby's Dog Park, voted aptly as the Best Place to Take Your Dog.

it's no wonder they have captured customers' hearts as Best Vegetarian Cuisine. Nonni's boasts a wide assortment of vegetarian meals that our readers hailed as both tasty and nutritious.

### Wente Vineyards BEST LOCAL WINERY

Serving the community since 1883, Wente Vineyards once again claims the title of Best Local Winery. Lauded by our readers for its high-quality wines, popular venue spaces, scenic golf course and sustainable farming practices, Wente Vineyards carries on a family legacy of exquisite taste in the Livermore Valley.

### Porky's Pizza Palace BEST SPORTS BAR

A classic joint with a mini bar and arcade, Porky's Pizza Palace is again crowned Best Sports Bar. Offering a selection of pizza, fried chicken, salad, garlic bread and spaghetti, Porky's is the go-to community spot to enjoy a beer or cocktail and cheer on your favorite sports teams.

### Just for Fun

#### Jazz N Taps Dance Studio BEST DANCE SCHOOL

Founded over 25 years ago, Jazz N Taps Dance Studio remains a mainstay among Pleasanton's young dancers. Offering lessons in tap, ballet and acrobatics among others, Jazz N Taps is committed to spreading a passion for dance that can be passed down from generation to generation.

#### Clover Creek Gifts and Home Accents BEST PLACE TO BUY A GIFT

Popular among Pleasanton residents for their charming home decor presents, Clover Creek wins Best Place to Buy a Gift once more. Whether it's finding something for a family member, best friend, or special someone, Clover Creek has a unique gift to fit any occasion.

### At Home

#### S&G Carpet BEST CARPET/FLOORING

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#### Pleasanton Ridge BEST KEPT SECRET TREASURE OF PLEASANTON

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#### Cubby's Dog Park BEST PLACE TO TAKE YOUR DOG

Taking home the win for Best Place to Take Your Dog, Cubby's Dog Park off Bernal Avenue is beloved by dogs and their owners alike for its spacious, clean facilities and additional perks provided, such as waste bins, drinking stations and agility courses.

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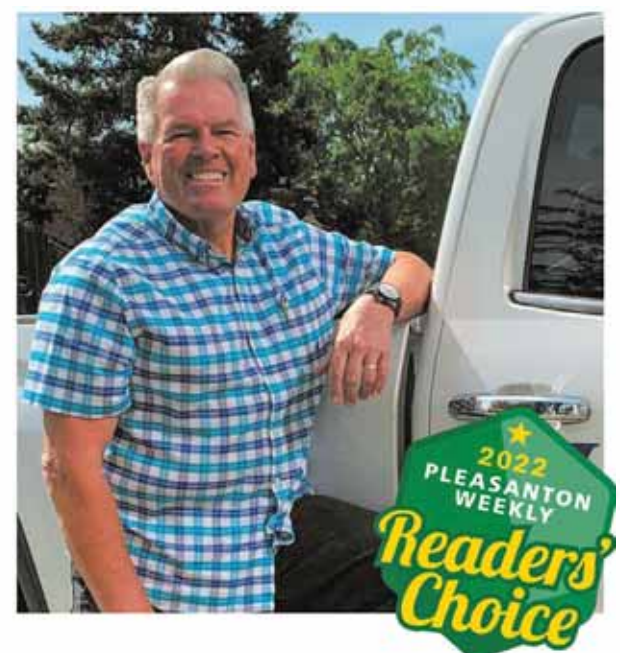


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construction, Adams Pool Solutions bags Best Pool Construction once again for their comprehensive construction solutions and services to provide readers with the best backyard aquatic playground possible.

**Bailey's Pool Service**  
BEST POOL MAINTENANCE

This year's Best Pool Maintenance goes to Bailey's Pool Service for their expert experience in pool care and commitment to getting residential pools back in working order. Our readers know they will never feel like fish out of water with Bailey's.

**Western Garden Nursery**  
BEST NURSERY/GARDEN CENTER

Prior Hall of Fame inductee Western Garden Nursery takes another win as Best Nursery/Garden Center. Loved for their quality plants, Western Garden offers efficient services in tree and shrub planting, insect and disease diagnosis, and pruning.

**Brian Keller Concrete Construction**  
BEST RESIDENTIAL CONCRETE CONTRACTORS

Established in 1985, Brian Keller Concrete Construction claims their second consecutive win in this category, due to their unmatched attention to detail and reliable concrete service in all phases of landscaping.

**Clover Creek Gifts and Home Accents**  
BEST HOME FURNISHINGS

Situated on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, Clover Creek offers customers a variety of home decor to choose from. Earning their second title this year, Clover Creek features hand-selected jewelry, candles, pillows, wall decor and fashion accessories to decorate your home.

**Patriot Pest Management**  
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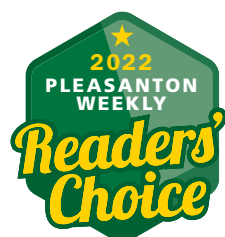
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### Dr. David Wong BEST CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE

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### Beach House Waxing BEST DAY SPA

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### Pleasanton Dentist Jerry Sanchez BEST DENTAL OFFICE

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### Holiday Cleaners of America BEST DRY CLEANER

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### Bay Club BEST FITNESS CENTER/GYM

Bay Club Pleasanton features the highest quality of fitness equipment and resort style amenities. Our readers look to this center located prominently on Johnson Drive to help fulfill their fitness needs.

### Image Salon & Day Spa BEST HAIR SALON FOR WOMEN

Delivering the complete hair treatment experience, Image Salon & Day Spa on Hopyard Road has created a relaxing environment for clientele to enjoy, making them again our readers' choice for Best Hair Salon For Women.

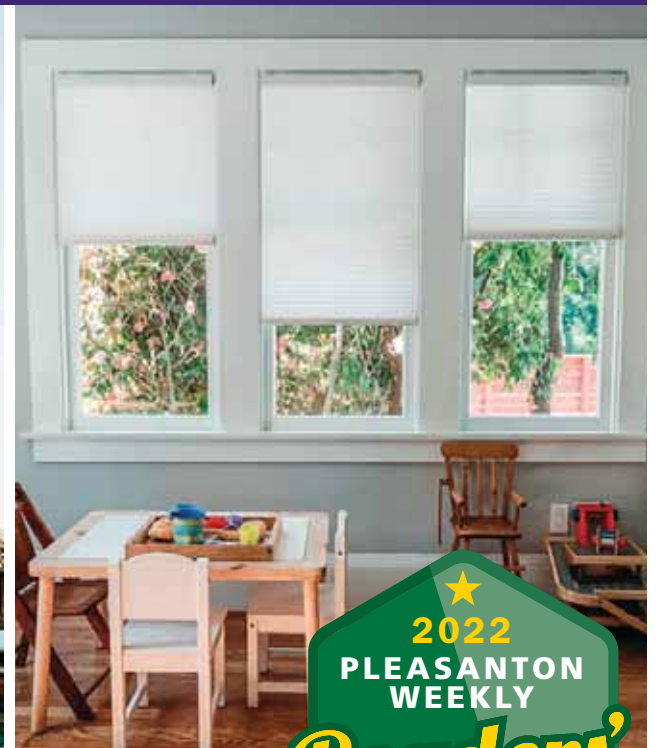
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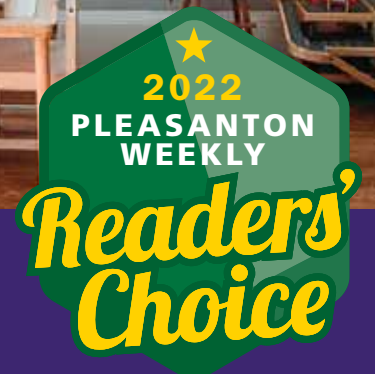


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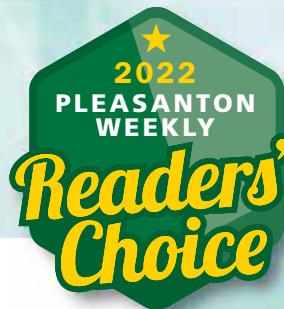
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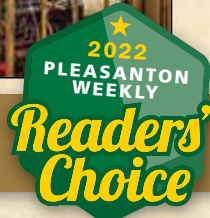
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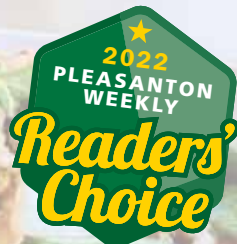
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**Healthy Necessity Massage**  
BEST OF MASSAGE

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**MD Laser Spa**  
BEST MEDICAL SPA

MD Laser Spa provides expert facial and skin care services to each customer. Led by Dr. Robert Gray, the spa in downtown Pleasanton provides a combination of services in medical spa and plastic surgery.

**Hello Nails**  
BEST NAIL CARE

Formerly Hello Nails, the newly rebranded to Belle La Vie "The Nail Place" on Hopyard Road offers guests a large selection of affordable options for their nail care needs. With such a friendly and knowledgeable staff, the nail care shop is the new town favorite.

**Valley Eyecare Center**  
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**Schlicher Orthodontics**  
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**Joya Yoga**  
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Alexandria's Flowers again won Best Florist. (File photo)



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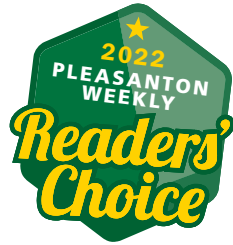
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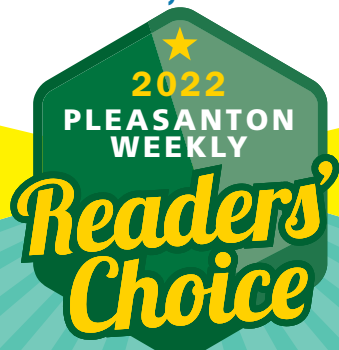
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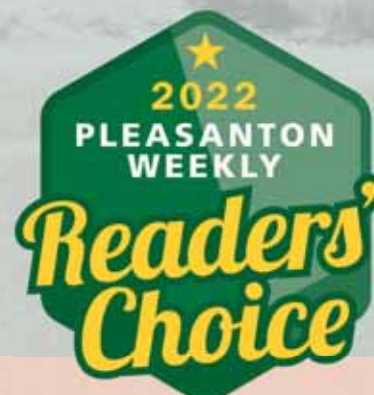
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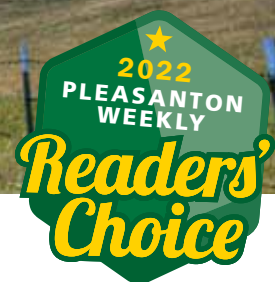
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**Paws of Pleasanton**

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

# Looking back over Tri-Valley TV's High School Athletes of the Year

### Dublin boys' basketball headman Costello wins Coach of the Year

One of the best parts of all my years in the daily newspaper business was honoring the student-athletes at our year-end banquet.

It was a night when the East Bay Athletic League athletes all came together under one roof with their families in an event that was every bit for the parents as it was for the students.

At the end of the evening the highlight was the announcing of our male and female athletes of the year for the fall, winter and spring seasons.

As the daily newspapers moved further away from local coverage and to more regional coverage, those banquets faded away into oblivion.

It wasn't until 11 years ago that local access station Tri-Valley Community Television stepped in to fill the void.

This year TV30 celebrated its 11th annual Outstanding High School Athletic Awards program. Thirty-five awards were presented to high school students from Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton to honor them for their accomplishments. Viewers can watch the televised program broadcasting on Comcast Channel 30 or AT&T U-Verse via Channel 99. It is also available streaming and Video on Demand at tv30.org.

One of the highlighted awards

each year is the Coach of the Year, which this year was presented to Dublin High boys' basketball coach Tom Costello.

Costello began coaching at the school in 2006, and since then, his teams have won 20 or more games seven times and earned numerous league titles.

Earlier this year, Costello won his 300th game at Dublin.

The 35 student-athletes honored include All-EBAL selections, MVPs and NCS champions representing 16 different North Coast Section sports.

The event is produced by Tri-Valley Community Television, the TV30 Foundation, their donors, and the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton.

"The Annual Athletic Awards is probably our most complex undertaking to produce. However, the deep appreciation by the students and their families makes it so very worthwhile," said Dr. Marshall Kamena, president of the Tri-Valley Community Television Foundation. "We were so pleased to be able to continue this uplifting tradition in spite of the challenges this past year," added Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director at TV30.

Weekly throughout the 2021-22 school season an outstanding high school athlete was selected and

highlighted on TV30's weekly sports program, "Tri-Valley Sports Final."

Those student-athletes were recognized during this award program. "Tri-Valley Sports Final" hosts Ian Bartholomew and Tim Sbranti presented the awards to the honorees.

The 2021-22 Athletes of the Week included:

Nick Walsh (Foothill football), T.J. Costello (Dublin football), Grayce Olson (Foothill volleyball), Jayden Petrus (Dublin football), Nayeli Ti'a (Granada volleyball), Kenny Olson (Foothill football), Tony Schillaci (Foothill football), Camille Ernst (Amador Valley volleyball), Jaclyn LaHa (Amador Valley golf), Keira Howard (Amador Valley golf), Jana Barron (Granada cross-country), Daniel Trampe (Dublin cross-country) and Lauren Reilly (Amador Valley water polo).

Montana Parkinson-Lubold (Amador Valley tennis), Courtney Anderson Jr. (Dublin basketball), Gianna Ghio (Amador Valley basketball), Kevin Gad (Granada basketball), Donovan Cooks (Dublin basketball), Jackson Morgan (Granada wrestling), Andrew McKeever (Granada basketball), Henry Baalman (Dublin wrestling), Timothy Cowan (Livermore wrestling) and Tallon Chambers (Livermore wrestling).

Makayla Winchell (Granada softball), Taylor Rodriguez (Livermore softball), Avery Francis (Foothill softball), Jack Basseer (Foothill baseball), Tyler Gebb (Foothill baseball), Joshua Morano (Granada baseball), Evan Bilter (Foothill baseball), Torre Anderson (Foothill track and field), Abigail Herscu (Granada swimming), Nate Clinton (Amador Valley volleyball), Kieran Campbell (Granada volleyball) and Brandon Burns (Dublin track and field).

#### Looking for good stories

We know that sports in the area are year-round and we want to know what our athletes are up to during the summer. If you know of a good story involving our local athletes, shoot me a line at acesmag@aol.com! ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly.*



Dublin High School boys' basketball coach Tom Costello (center) receives TV30 Coach of the Year award from "Tri-Valley Sports Final" co-hosts Ian Bartholomew and Tim Sbranti.



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee Meeting**

Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

- Revised start time for BPTC meetings
- Review Trails Master Plan Update

#### **Pre-Nomination Orientation for Prospective Candidates**

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave

The City Clerk's Office will be hosting a pre-nomination orientation session for prospective candidates interested in running for office in the City of Pleasanton in the November 8, 2022 general municipal election. The orientation will cover topics such as city government structure, the role of elected officials, an overview of the nomination process, FPPC filings, campaign statements and disclosure obligations, and resources to help you get started. This session is free, and no registration is required.

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**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 lineup of concerts and live horse racing. Now through July 10; closed Mondays and Tuesday (except for Fourth of July). Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

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

**LAURYN MARIE AT THE BANKHEAD COURTYARD** Catch rising star, Lauryn 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).

**LIVERMORE ISLAND VIBES NIGHT MARKET** Live music, indoor and outdoor shopping, baked goods, crafts, clothing and decor. 5-8 p.m., June 24. Good Morning Maxwell, 1850 2nd St.

**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 [spartheater.org](http://spartheater.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 this 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.

**FUN IN THE SUN PACIFIC PEARL** Pacific Pearl, an outdoor lifestyle shopping center in Pleasanton, invites the community to this family-friendly event featuring a variety of children's activities including painting pots, planting succulents, arm painting and a balloon maker. 2-4 p.m., June 26. Visit [shoppacificpearl.com](http://shoppacificpearl.com).

**AN INTRODUCTION TO OPERA FOR CHILDREN** The Livermore Public Library and Livermore Valley Opera are hosting an introduction to opera for children at the Springtown Library where children will learn about the art of opera in an interactive program featuring music from Mozart's *The Impresario*. This program is recommended for school

aged children. 1 p.m., June 28. 1188 South Livermore Ave.

**XTREME HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL** Dancers ages 3 to professionals perform in a variety of dance routines including ballet, pointe, contemporary, lyrical, tap, jazz, hip hop and tumbling. 6 p.m., June 30. Bankhead Theater. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR AT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** Enjoy the fireworks show on July 1. View from anywhere on the Fairgrounds with the best viewing over the Stella Artois Grandstand. The show will begin after the concert performance and is included with fair admission. 9:30 p.m., July 1.

## 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.

## Talks

**FRANCINE RIVERS AT TOWNE CENTER BOOKS** International best-selling author Francine Rivers will be at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton. A former graduate of Amador High School she'll share her remembrances of Pleasanton in the forthcoming book, "Cruising Down Memory Lane: Stories of Pleasanton in the 1950s". This free event is 11 a.m., June 24. 555 Main St.

**SYCAMORE GROVE NIGHT HIKE** See Sycamore Grove Park in a way that not many many visitors have before, at night. On this guided tour discover what happens after the gates close. 8:30 p.m., June 25. RSVP to [seddings@larpd.org](mailto:seddings@larpd.org) or call 925-960-2400.

**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).

## Outdoor Movies

**EMERALD GLEN FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES** The City of Dublin's free outdoor movie series begins at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.). 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 24. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix](http://dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix).

**PLEASANTON MOVIES IN THE PARK** Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chair to enjoy film favorites every Thursday through August 4. All movies are free and

## PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

### Thomas the tabby

Thomas is a very sweet boy waiting for his forever family to meet him at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin (4595 Gleason Drive). He's a domestic medium-hair, gray tabby who is about 6 years old. He weighs 12 pounds and is already neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Thomas tested positive for FIV and will need an indoor home. FIV positive cats can live normal and healthy lives for many years, with regular vet exams recommended. Learn more about how to adopt Thomas at [tvar.org](http://tvar.org).

begin at dusk. June 30 "A Goofy Movie." Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave.

## 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 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.

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

## Support

**VA PALO ALTO MEDICAL TEAM** The VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Team will help review health care benefits, receive care or referral from medical staff. Drop in, no appointment needed. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 27. Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP** Tri-Valley Haven will hold an in-person support group for survivors of domestic violence. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 27. Email [olga@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:olga@trivalleyhaven.org) or call Sharon at 925-449-5847 ext. 2607. 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

**FREE HOT MEALS** Prepared by Open Heart Kitchen. Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m. 4444 East Ave, Livermore. Dine-in or take-out. Visit [openheartkitchen.org](http://openheartkitchen.org).

**FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES** Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

**POP-UP CARE TENT AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY** Weekly

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

## Seniors

**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.

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**LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL** The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 27. For more information visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

**LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** The Regular Board Meeting will be conducted via Zoom Webinar and members of the public are encouraged to observe and participate remotely. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 28. Visit [livermoreschools.org](http://livermoreschools.org).

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### Pleasanton

- 4398 Addison Way** Silva Trust to N. & R. Parepalli for \$1,700,000
- 7816 Foothill Knolls Drive** Scully Family Trust to Y. & J. Deng for \$3,120,000
- 4563 Gatetree Circle** J. & J. Risher to H. & F. Ngan for \$2,400,000
- 1516 Greenwood Road** R. & B. Kellmann to A. & S. Nataraj for \$2,001,000
- 6398 Hansen Drive** Y. & K. Papulski to L. & Q. Zhang for \$1,810,000
- 500 Happy Valley Road** Morris Trust to V. & A. Jalikop for \$3,050,000
- 392 Oak Lane** Recko Living Trust to T. & T. Carlton for \$3,250,000
- 5647 San Carlos Way** M. & B. Manrique to Alameida Family Trust for \$875,000
- 4431 Seminole Way** S. & B. Patel to Y. Lu for \$830,000
- 7321 Stonedale Drive** D. Herndon to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$900,000
- 1340 Vailwood Court** K. & M. Hansen to Q. & S. Chen for \$2,015,000
- 7205 Valley View Court** Tekwani Living Trust to L. & H. Lee for \$1,350,000
- 2463 Via De Los Milagros** Pleasanton 2463 Vdlm LLC to Mehta Living Trust for \$2,500,000
- 3129 Zuni Way** Prescott Trust to P. & J. Joshi for \$845,000

### Livermore

- 32 Alden Lane** B. & J. Kerns to S. & A. Jhaji for \$2,050,000
- 702 Alexander Street** J. Knudson to G. & A. Kapoor for \$1,340,000
- 1881 Altamont Circle** Lemmon Family Trust to P. & D. Padmanaban for \$1,735,000
- 530 Andrea Circle** T. Painter to M. & T. Stiegler for \$1,150,000
- 1344 Anza Way** J. Nunes to P. & V. Stefani for \$1,400,000
- 1010 Baltusrol Road** W. Loney to V. & A. Zachs for \$1,100,000
- 6155 Bella Oaks Court** D. & J. Kozak to A. & V. Viswanathan for \$2,825,000
- 6168 Bella Oaks Court** T. & K. Smith to Olsen Living Trust for \$2,500,000
- 2031 Bluebell Drive** M. & S. Pimentel to N. Shah for \$1,150,000
- 2205 Bluffs Court** Herrera Trust to M. & J. Yingling for \$2,150,000
- 2330 Broadmoor Street** C. Veach to P. & H. Advani for \$1,177,000
- 374 Burgess Street** Green Family Trust to Beil Trust for \$1,210,000
- 2907 Calico Common** R. Ho to F. Medrano for \$1,338,500
- 1390 Calle De Las Granvas** Naouri Trust to M. & R. Vaishnav for \$1,210,000
- 680 Cedar Drive** I. Woolson to Golden Choice Homes LLC for \$850,000
- 1151 Central Avenue** Gentile Living Trust to R. & B. Tetali for \$2,700,000
- 46 Diamond Drive** C. & S. Friend to A. & S. Zverev for \$1,375,000
- 539 Dover Way** Jones Family Trust to C. & E. Lejano for \$1,450,000
- 248 El Caminito** D. Dilsaver to M. & L. Mahapatra for \$1,425,000
- 325 Garden Common** P. Chang to J. & R. Wang for \$750,000
- 548 Heligan Lane #4** Rhodes Family Trust to B. & H. Koticha for \$1,175,000
- 1283 Hibiscus Way** Webb Trust to A. & M. Nalkande for \$1,100,000
- 1087 Innsbruck Street** Plone Trust to K. & S. Dunphy for \$1,525,000
- 1221 Lexington Way** J. & J. Balch to M. Wilhite for \$1,050,000
- 2634 Marina Avenue** L. Hughey to J. & M. Schmitt for \$2,820,000.00

- 1802 Meadow Glen Drive** S. & H. Dhillon to M. Mercado for \$1,650,000
- 2023 Murdell Lane** Pahler Family Trust to Arun Living Trust for \$2,550,000
- 1810 Peary Way** K. Spero to R. Kadali for \$785,000
- 5771 Rainflower Drive** Mmd Investment Inc to A. & N. Lucero for \$950,000
- 1399 Rebecca Drive** Mancieri Trust to Houghton-Thompson Family Trust for \$1,290,000
- 572 Rincon Avenue** A. Marshall to Martinez Trust for \$920,000
- 627 Selby Lane #3** C. Jackson to A. & K. Mojica for \$1,100,000
- 674 Selby Lane #3** Rhodes Family Trust to C. & L. Cuellar for \$1,300,000
- 5629 Shorehaven Circle** Kent Trust to K. & A. Garcia for \$1,075,000
- 3820 Stanford Way** S. Meecham to J. & J. Lash for \$855,000
- 368 Thrasher Avenue** L. & B. Williams to B. & W. Matthews for \$1,794,000
- 5855 Tortuga Common** S. & P. Mohapatra to S. & K. Pamuru for \$1,410,000
- 1857 Vetta Drive** V. & M. Ochoa to N. & H. Malak for \$2,400,000
- 602 Vivian Drive** Cox Family Trust to S. & H. Velani for \$1,450,000
- 2954 Worthing Common** K. Kline to D. & P. Mehndiratta for \$960,000

### Dublin

- 7692 Arbor Creek Circle** L. Guo to R. Wu for \$910,000
- 3665 Aviano Way** Li Living Trust to C. & B. Taylor for \$1,501,000
- 3737 Aviano Way #94** Kujundzic Living Trust to N. & S. Sathuluri for \$1,450,000
- 11323 Bloomington Way** Wehrenberg Family Trust to Chhiber Family Trust for \$2,050,000
- 4437 Brannigan Street** S. Puttabuddi to H. & C. Lee for \$975,000
- 11330 Champagne Place** M. & T. Schmidt to R. & V. Sangwan for \$2,490,000
- 5879 Columbus Street** S. Kommidi to N. & B. Jin for \$1,728,000
- 7112 Cross Creek Circle #C** J. & P. Patel to L. Gupta for \$710,000
- 5865 Dublin Boulevard** K. Malviya to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,105,000
- 6756 Hickory Lane** Hammett Living Trust to H. & M. Patel for \$1,250,000
- 3132 Maguire Way** S. Malladi to V. & A. Jain for \$1,347,000
- 6732 South Mariposa Lane** Costello Family Trust to T. & J. Cui for \$1,150,000
- 8851 Oliver Place** W. Ebrahimi to H. & E. Sharifov for \$1,065,000
- 7836 Oxbow Lane** Soliman Trust to Nayak Trust for \$1,535,000
- 1821 Porcellano Way** Chen Trust to Sameer Trust for \$3,110,000
- 4693 Rimini Court** V. Zaslaysky to Y. & L. Zheng for \$1,375,000
- 3747 Rimini Lane** N. Agarwal to S. & V. Pothineni for \$1,285,000
- 5986 Rosewood Road** A. Rao to Shiu Family Trust for \$2,340,000
- 4631 Sandyford Court** R. Durga to S. & V. Perumal for \$1,300,000
- 7556 Silvertree Lane #20** M. & G. Baran to Y. & K. Hakhamaneshi for \$1,035,000
- 11755 Solana Drive** Kitchuck Living Trust to D. & A. Dang for \$1,335,000
- 7025 Stagecoach Road #A** A. & M. Youmans to S. Bhula for \$565,000
- 7733 Starward Drive** M. & R. Cornish to Vs Family Trust for \$1,752,000
- 4466 Tarcento Lane** S. & V. Chava to M. & S. Arora for \$1,925,000
- 7294 Thames Court** Christiansen Trust to R. & V. Tata for \$1,535,000
- 8696 Valencia Street** A. Roth to K. & A. Sherkhane for \$1,475,000
- 8766 Wicklow Lane** A. Pathak to A. & A. Aloni for \$1,431,000

### San Ramon

- 233 Aspenwood Court** Doherty Trust to Yajurvedi Family Trust for \$2,600,000
- 2485 Basswood Drive** M. & H. Nassiry to S. & N. Herlekar for \$2,150,000
- 2161 Bent Creek Drive** H. Huang to S. & C. Karlekar for \$1,650,000
- 3042 Blackberry Avenue** V. Chernoy to Cattich Living Trust for \$1,500,000
- 404 Bridle Court** Hughes Trust to Iyer Living Trust for \$3,521,000
- 5091 Champion Drive** T. & R. Flannery to Homelight Real Estate li LLC for \$2,000,000
- 216 Copper Ridge Road** R. Webster to E. & E. Salvioni for \$750,000
- 3709 Crow Canyon Road #115** R. Mak-Mccully to V. Ayer for \$855,000
- 9573 Davona Drive** L. Hagen to J. & V. Chan for \$1,600,000

- 417 Fernando Court** Herting Family Trust to L. & S. Keenan for \$1,800,000
- 335 La Paz Court** Scorallo Trust to S. & S. Kanungo for \$1,235,000
- 526 Levant Court** M. & R. Joy to M. & K. Marimuthu for \$2,196,000
- 158 Madelia Place** M. Cooper to J. & B. Olson for \$1,200,000
- 2768 Marsh Drive** Verga Living Trust to N. & R. Gudiputi for \$2,170,000

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.

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (April 25-29)

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$830,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,250,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,905,500

### Livermore (April 25-29)

**Total sales reported:** 40  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$750,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,825,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,319,250

### Dublin (April 25-29)

**Total sales reported:** 27  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$565,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,110,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,375,000

### San Ramon (May 16-20)

**Total sales reported:** 24  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$500,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,521,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,725,000

Source: California REsource

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**SOLD | \$4,040,000**  
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**SOLD | \$4,150,000**  
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 4 Bed 2.5 Bath 2,651 sq. ft.  
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562 Trebbiano Place, Ruby Hill  
 4 Bed 3 Bath 2,680 sq. ft.  
 Sold at \$2,600,000

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 4 Bed 2.5 Bath 2,279 sq. ft.  
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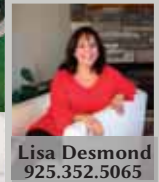
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Listed at \$6,500,000

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**FOR SALE**  
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**12400 Morgan Territory Road, Livermore**  
5 Bedrooms | 5.5 Bathrooms | 5,992 Square Feet

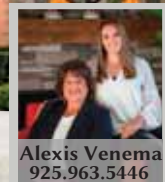


Sabrina Tirado  
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Listed at \$3,649,000

**3422 Torlano Place, Ruby Hill**  
5 Bedrooms | 3.5 Bathrooms | 4,450 Square Feet

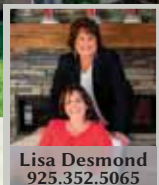


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**FOR SALE**  
Listed at \$1,995,000

**3665 Huff Court, Pleasanton**  
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,437 Square Feet



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**FOR SALE**  
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**3607 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton**  
4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,562 Square Feet

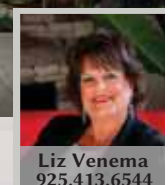


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**FOR SALE**  
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**5980 Corte Cerritos, Pleasanton**  
3 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 1,745 Square Feet

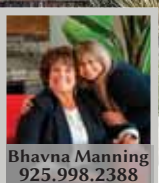


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**1147 Mataro Court, Pleasanton**  
4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,251 Square Feet

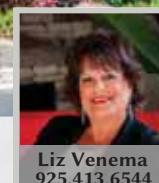


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Listed at \$1,349,000

**125 Sylvia Court, Pleasanton**  
3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 1,412 Square Feet

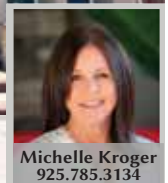


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Listed at \$985,000

**1313 San Lucas, Pittsburg**  
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\$111k Over List Price

**690 Marsala Court, Pleasanton**  
4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,251 Square Feet  
Listed at \$2,289,000

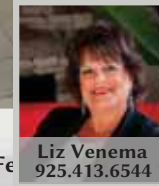


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**PENDING**  
Listed at \$2,195,000

**1144 Mataro Court, Pleasanton**  
3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 2,066 Square Feet

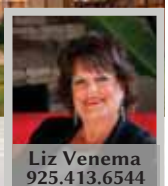


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\$235k Over List Price

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