

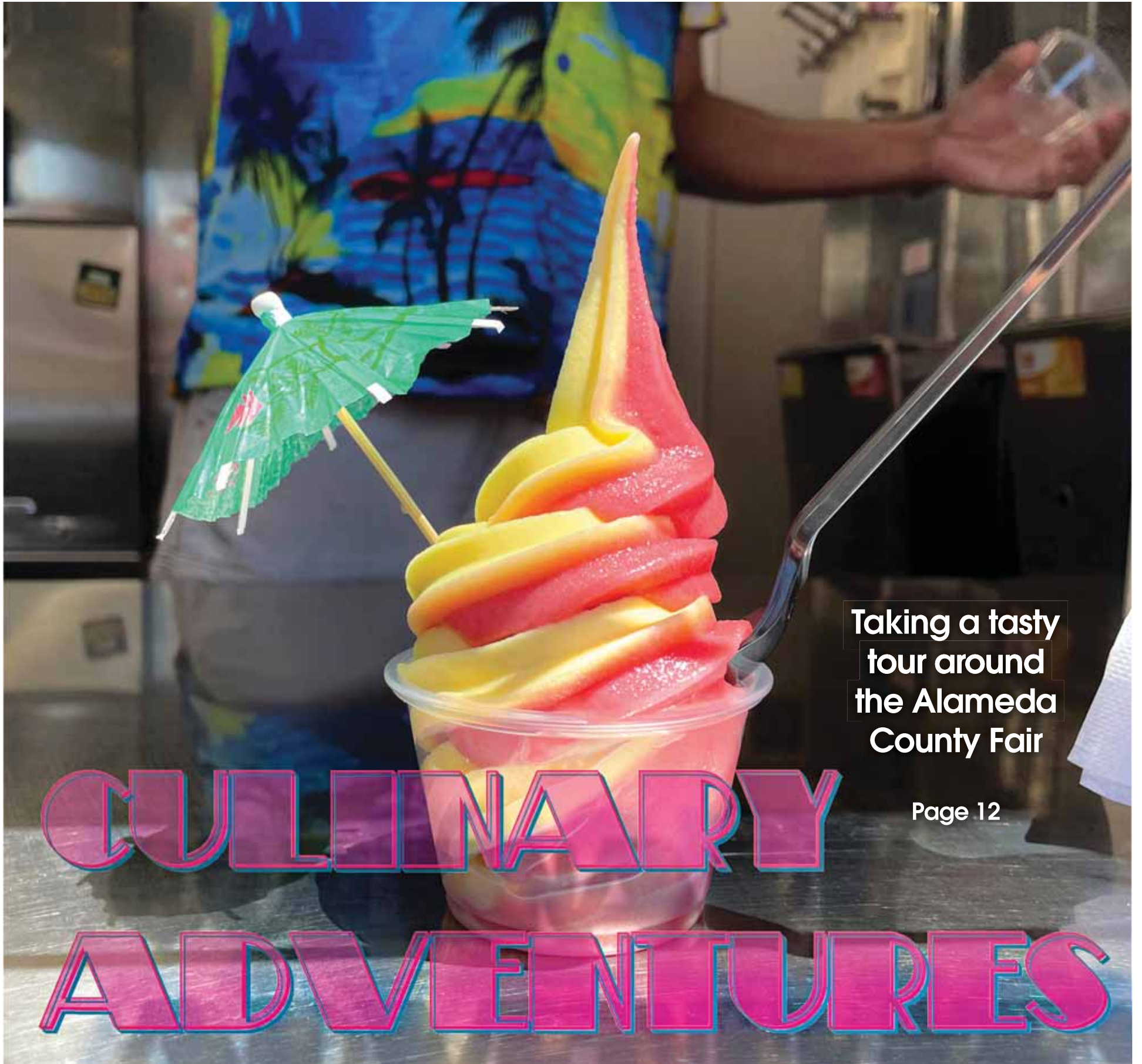
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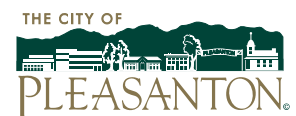
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# AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

## Training ‘empowers’ volunteers to help

It could be a domestic violence issue. It could be a sexual assault issue. Sometimes it’s a life-functioning issue. Sometimes it’s someone feeling suicidal. It could be about anything,” said Kristie Wang of the Tri-Valley Haven crisis line calls.

Wang has volunteered for 12 years as a domestic violence and sexual assault counselor at Tri-Valley Haven, a domestic violence shelter, rape crisis center and homeless shelter offering counseling and crises intervention. Wang’s work is primarily answering calls made to the crisis line, which is answered by a trained counselor 24/7.

The 70-hour training prepared her to work with survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Before the training, Wang said she “was probably at the low end of the scale of being good at talking to people in a stressful, difficult situation.”

“I’m really grateful for the 70-hour training,” Wang said. “I always thought of myself as someone who never knows what to say to someone who’s going through a hard time. I’d clam up. Things like domestic violence and sexual assault seemed scary to me.”

Tri-Valley Haven is offering the 70-hour volunteer training course that emboldened Wang beginning July 12, with classes held 6:30-10:15 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday over Zoom.

Approved by the state of California, Tri-Valley Haven’s “Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training” is considered a premier course of instruction in the field of counseling.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old, participate in a pre-training interview and pay a \$140 training fee, with \$100 refunded post volunteer term — one shift per month for a year.

Wang said with the training, she “felt ready to take (the duties) on.”

After 12 years, she is very comfortable with her overnight crisis line shifts. However, she said, “When I first started working on the crisis line, every call, my heart would start jumping because I thought it was going to be a woman in crisis and I’m going to have to jump to the rescue.”

“And then, after a while, I started to realize a majority of the calls are pretty mundane,” she continued. “Someone wanting to talk through something. It could be something

that happened 20 years ago. Occasionally there is an actual crisis when someone needs help that moment.”

Wang said she has about 10 (unpaid) “day jobs,” including as a Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District board trustee, and considers herself a “professional do-gooder.”

“I grew up with parents who were just helper people,” she explained. “They were always helping people. We always had people living in our home as a child that my parents brought in because they were down on their luck. They didn’t have somewhere to live.”

“Once, it was a family where the mother was being abused,” she continued. “I saw how my parents handled the situation and they tried to intervene. That really left an impression on me.”

When Wang moved to the Bay Area looking for a public policy job, she landed at a national domestic violence policy organization, “partly because I had this childhood experience that made me want to help,” she said.

“It was at the policy making level, and I always felt I wanted to get involved in the direct service part of it to just be able to help in a different way,” she said. “So when I took a break from working to be home with my kids, I thought ‘OK, this is the time.’”

Wang knew about Tri-Valley Haven from her policy work, and “I knew they did really good work, so I signed up to be trained to be a volunteer.”

She said going from a person who was uncomfortable to talk with someone in crisis to “someone who after 70 hours of training feels confident and ready to talk to people who are in distress. That really says a lot about what the training does. Because I did feel ready to take it on at that point. I felt like I could go to a hospital and help someone in need who’d just been assaulted.”

“I left (the training) feeling so empowered,” Wang said. “If I were in a bad situation, I know there are professionally trained people who can help make things better. I didn’t expect to leave feeling empowered in my own life.”

Applications for the training are available at [www.trivalleyhaven.org/volunteer/](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org/volunteer/). For questions, contact Samantha at [samantha@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:samantha@trivalleyhaven.org). ■

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The strawberry-pineapple swirled Dole Whip is among the popular treats at the Alameda County Fair. This small portion is part of the \$2 Fair Food Bites Day offerings on Thursdays. Photo courtesy Alameda County Fair. Cover design by Doug Young.

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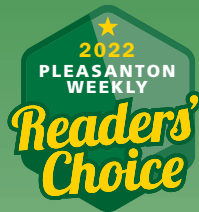
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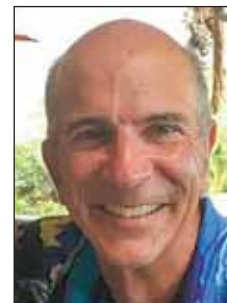
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## What do you most look forward to about the Alameda County Fair each year?



**Rick Altman**  
*Presentation expert*

I'm not sure if it is my favorite part, but I most look forward to buying a funnel cake and eating it all by myself in one sitting. I don't even share it with my wife. It's so decadent and so forbidden; I only allow myself to eat something like that once a year, so I like to really get my money's worth out of it.



**Joyce Senechal**  
*Chef*

I most look forward to the beautiful gardens, the great, crazy food you can only find at the fair, and all of the animals. You really need at least a full day to see everything! There's so much more going on at the fair than just the rides. There's really something for everyone.



**Audrey Googins**  
*Pre-med student/busser*

My own favorite thing has always been the amusement park rides. But some of my favorite memories are of the little pig races! The pigs are just so cute.



**Mike Manuel**  
*Program coordinator*

I really love all of the crazy fair foods. Deep-fried cookies and funnel cake drenched in hot fudge sauce and topped off with whipped cream. It's the kind of food you just don't have access to, or even want, the rest of the year.



**Don Lattanzio**  
*Manager*

I love all of the musical entertainment, especially the tribute bands. They are so good and really accurately present and depict the music that is such a staple of my parents' youth, and that I heard so much of while I was growing up.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### No swimming

Those hoping to get in a little swimming in a public natural setting this Fourth of July weekend will have to look outside of the Tri-Valley, as both East Bay Regional Park District-operated locations are closed to swimmers.

Lake Del Valle in Livermore is not allowing swimming right now due to the presence of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), but boating is authorized in the Del Valle Regional Park, according to district spokesman Dave Mason. Swimming may reopen later in the year depending on water quality.

Meanwhile, swimming continues to be closed into the third consecutive year at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton. Like last year, the closure is due to drought-induced low water levels (while 2020 was due to the pandemic). Boating is also not allowed, Mason said.

For more information, visit [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org).

### New gallery name

Livermore Valley Arts officials have announced that the Bankhead's art gallery space will be getting a new title starting today under a \$100,000 naming rights deal with UNCLE Credit Union.

With the charitable contribution, the gallery will bear the financial firm's name through June 30, 2027 — the UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery.

In addition to all gallery spaces at the downtown Livermore venue, the new name will cover the downstairs lobby, the ramps leading to the theater and the founders room at the Bankhead Theater.

### Microbusiness grants

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is accepting applications after being awarded grant funding from the California Office of the Small Business Advocate for the Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

"These are one-time grants given to qualified microbusinesses impacted by COVID-19 and do not have to be paid back," CLPCCD officials said. "The program will provide \$2,500 grants to microbusinesses — businesses that have fewer than five employees and earn less than \$50,000 per year — that were open in 2019, are still in operation and were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic."

The application window is open through Aug. 12. Grants are being awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and prioritize minority-, woman- or veteran-owned businesses, officials said.

For eligibility rules and other details, visit [districta-zure.clpccd.org](http://districta-zure.clpccd.org), email [fiscalagent4you@clpccd.org](mailto:fiscalagent4you@clpccd.org) or call 925-416-5143. ■

## New labor deal for firefighters on the verge of passing

Livermore council approved agreement Monday; Pleasanton set to vote on July 19

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

After almost a year of negotiations, an updated labor contract between the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and the local firefighters union is poised to be officially approved later this month.

The tentative agreement between the department and the union includes 13% worth of general wage increases spread over 3-1/2 years, a paramedic premium increase pay from 8% to 10%, short-term staffing policies, and a comprehensive drug- and alcohol-testing policy.

The Pleasanton City Council expressed unanimous support for the proposed contract during a special meeting on Tuesday, which was meant to introduce the new agreement publicly so that councilmembers can take a vote on July 19 during its regular meeting.

The Livermore City Council approved the agreement during Monday's regular council meeting, according to Livermore City Manager Marianna Marysheva. The International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1974 membership ratified the contract on June 18.

Union president Joe McThorn, who did not speak at either council meeting this week but had been a vocal critic of the department's negotiation team for "unfair, retaliatory treatment," did not respond to request for comment from the Weekly on Tuesday.

In the new tentative agreement, set to run until June 30, 2025, LPFD employees will see a 5.5% increase in their salary starting the first full pay period after the contract is approved. In 2023, the increase will be 3.5%, followed by a 3% increase the next year and a

1% increase in 2025 — to get to the full 13%.

According to Transparent California, a database that lists the compensation of public employees in California, firefighter-paramedics in the LPFD make anywhere between \$110,000 and \$115,000 a year in base salary.

If the contract is ratified by Pleasanton, the average pay would go up to a maximum of \$121,680, according to the Pleasanton city staff report. By the end of 2025,

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COURTESY BAUER-KAHAN'S OFFICE

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a Democrat representing the Tri-Valley, speaks at a rally against abortion bans earlier in her tenure.

## Governor signs Bauer-Kahan bill protecting abortion access after Supreme Court ruling

Local lawmakers pledge to 'fight' in post-Roe era

By SUE DREMANN AND JEANITA LYMAN

The U.S. Supreme Court last Friday reversed the court's Roe v. Wade decision granting women the federal right to an abortion in the United States. The 6-3 decision sends authority to regulate abortion back to the states.

The final opinion, which upheld a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks, was an expected but nonetheless stunning end to 50 years of federal abortion rights for women throughout the country. The decision doesn't end rights granted

in individual states, and abortion is still legal in California.

"The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113, and Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey, 505 U.S. 833 are overruled; the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives," the court wrote.

In justifying its decision, the majority wrote: "We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected

by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of Roe and Casey now chiefly rely — the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. That provision has been held to guarantee some rights that are not mentioned in the Constitution, but any such right must be 'deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition' and 'implicit in the concept of ordered Liberty.' The right to abortion does not fall within this category."

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## County officials end mask mandate

Move comes 3 weeks after rule reintroduced amid COVID-19 surge

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

People in Alameda County could again choose not to wear a mask in most indoor settings as of Saturday, county health officials announced in a news release last Friday, three weeks after they reinstated the mask mandate amid a late-spring surge in COVID-19 cases.

The county originally reintroduced the indoor mask mandate on June 3 in light of daily reported COVID-19 cases exceeding the peak of last summer's delta wave. According to the news release, since Jan. 1 of this year, COVID-19 has killed 328 Alameda County residents and 13,135 Californians.

But as the month came to an end, health officials said they had been monitoring COVID-19 trends since the reinstatement of the mandate and were seeing daily reported cases having peaked and continuing to decline.

The news release stated that case rates are also improving across each of the county's racial and ethnic groups, including Hispanic and Latino residents who were disproportionately affected during the pandemic.

"Conditions have stabilized following the sustained increases in case reports and hospitalizations

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# Administrative turnover comes into view at Pleasanton Unified

Assistant superintendent, Amador Valley principal among moves in school district as academic year ends

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District is undergoing several changes in its upper administration at the district office before the new school year starts.

In the executive cabinet, William Nelson has been hired as the district's next assistant superintendent of teaching and learning, succeeding Janelle Woodward who is retiring after serving in the role since the 2019-20 academic year.

Nelson, who was appointed at the special Board of Trustees meeting on May 19, comes from a 25-year background of being a teacher, principal and, for the past three years, senior district administrator for Modesto City Schools.

According to a PUSD news release, Nelson is known for his work in helping school leaders grow professionally and leading systemic work in Modesto to examine grading principals through an equity lens.

"Dr. Nelson's ability to inspire school administrators and engage educational partners in authentic and meaningful ways, as well as his depth of experience and dedication

to equity will be a vital asset in leading our Teaching and Learning division in service of all students," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in a statement. "We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Nelson to the PUSD community and look forward to seeing his passions at play in supporting all students to be career ready."

Nelson received his doctorate in educational leadership from Concordia University and his bachelor's degree from the University of the Pacific.

His tenure with PUSD officially begins today.

Another high-profile change in administration was last week's announcement of Amador Valley High School principal Joshua Butterfield stepping down to take on the role of director of secondary education for the district.

Butterfield has worked in various PUSD classroom and administrative roles over the past 10 years, including vice principal of his alma mater Foothill High School from 2015-19 before being appointed to principal at Amador in July 2019.

"I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with each of you over these past three years," Butterfield said in an email to the Amador community last Friday confirming his departure.

"When I first became a Don, you all welcomed me with open arms. The support and collaboration of our entire Don community means the world to me," he wrote in the email. "We were all thrown a curveball over the past several years through the pandemic. I was

blown away by the way our community came together to support our students during one of the most difficult times in education."

"While I am looking forward to serving our community in a new way, please know that Amador Valley holds a special place in my heart. Please know that I will work tirelessly to support a smooth transition," he wrote. "Thank you for allowing me to serve with you as part of the incredible Amador Valley High School community legacy."

The district has begun the process to hire a new principal for Amador prior to the start of the school year, according to Patrick Gannon, director of communications.

In the district office, Butterfield will be replacing Nimarta Grewal who has accepted a new position within PUSD as director of human resources. Grewal is taking over for former director Kim Ortiz, who also recently announced her retirement.

In other moves, Shay Galletti will also be stepping down as director of elementary education to pursue her doctorate while also serving as the coordinator of early literacy and numeracy. Galletti is the daughter of PUSD Trustee Steve Maher.

She will be replaced by David Schrag, who is coming to Pleasanton after serving as director of curriculum and instruction at the Orinda Union School District.

Schrag previously spent 10 years as a site administrator and before that eight years as a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher in Hayward. He will also begin in his new role on



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Joshua Butterfield addresses the crowd at Amador Valley High School's graduation ceremony on June 3.

Friday.

"He has a strong history of leading student-focused programs, implementing social-emotional learning-based programs as well as curriculum to deepen diversity, equity and including work for all educational partners," Gannon said.

Pam VandeKamp, PUSD's director of assessment and accountability, is retiring at the end of the 2021-22 academic year as well.

She will be succeeded by Kevin Bradley, former administrative assistant superintendent at the New York City Department of Education, but the PUSD position itself is being rebranded as senior executive director of research and evaluation.

Gannon said that Bradley was responsible for leading quality reviews

of K-12 public schools throughout New York City. He collaborated with school leaders in evaluating school practices and their impact while providing focused feedback and next steps in the areas of instructional core, school culture and systems for improvement.

Prior to his role as administrative assistant superintendent, Bradley served as principal of the Urban Assembly School for Collaborative Health Care in New York City. He was also a consultant for the New York City Department of Education.

Earlier in his career, Bradley served as a vice principal in the Fresno Unified School District for six years and as an instructional technology specialist prior to his experience in school administration. ■

## Crews gain control of Pleasanton Ridge fire

Notable blazes also in Livermore, Alamo in recent days

BY JEREMY WALSH

A fire that broke out on the Pleasanton Ridge last week led to evacuations of residents on Golden Eagle Way before state and local fire crews gained control of the flames that evening.

The wildland fire, which began around 2:10 p.m. June 23 on the Ridge as a reported structure/vegetation fire in the Sunol area and threatened homes on the west side of Pleasanton, reached 71 acres with crews achieving 10% containment by about 8:45 p.m., Cal Fire said on Twitter. Crews had stopped forward progress on the "Canyon" fire incident around 4:30 p.m.

The headway by firefighters allowed emergency officials in the evening to lift the evacuation orders that had been issued around 2:45 p.m. for Foothill Road between Bernal Avenue and Castlewood Drive. The Pleasanton Public Library in downtown had been

designated as a shelter area for evacuees.

The fire stood at 71 acres and 95% contained as of the latest update this Monday evening.

Meanwhile, toward the other end of the Tri-Valley, fire crews battled a 500-acre-plus wildland fire in the Altamont area of unincorporated Livermore that same day. The flames ignited after 5:30 p.m. June 23 off Tesla Road in the area of Corral Hollow Road, according to Cal Fire.

The blaze initially spread rapidly before firefighters with an aggressive attack on all flanks managed to significantly slow forward progress by 7:30 p.m. June 23.

The "Tesla" fire incident was fully contained at 524 acres on June 25, Cal Fire said.

On Saturday afternoon, a house sustained heavy damage in a fire that also charred 4.3 acres of grassland in Alamo, according to the

San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

The situation unfolded just before 3 p.m. in the Alamo Ranch Estates on Alamo Ranch Road, a residential community with hilly terrain just west of Interstate 680 near the Stone Valley Road exit.

SRVFPD crews arrived to find one house in flames and nearby vegetation on fire, according to battalion chief Dan McNamara. The fire's point of origin is still being investigated.

Firefighters used a ground attack as well as support from a Cal Fire helicopter unit to knock down the flames in the hills amid hot weather and a slight breeze, stopping forward progress after about two hours, McNamara said. There were also reports on social media of civilians in the area working to prevent spread to other nearby homes.

The 4.3 acres of vegetation that burned was located mainly among



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Smoke seen billowing at the top of Pleasanton Ridge on June 23.

the neighborhood's steep and long driveways, and all of the properties in that area had the recommended amount of defensible space established around the houses,

according to the battalion chief.

The causes of all three fires remain under investigation. ■

*Editor's note: Reporter Christian Trujano contributed to this story.*

# Council reallocates reserve money to skate park project

Library roof cost reduction now covers Century House repairs, but council still dips into rainy day fund

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council approved the 2022-23 midterm budget and capital improvement program during last week's meeting, which included a plan to move \$1 million from the rainy day reserve funds to the skate park project at Ken Mercer Sports Park.

In a 3-2 vote, the council decided on June 21 to go against staff's suggestion of not taking any money out of the rainy day funds and maintaining a 30.7% city reserve level, which was more than the 30% maximum level recommended by city policy. The target percentage, according to policy practice, is 25% and the minimum the city should have is 20%.

City Manager Gerry Beaudin said the city will move those \$1 million to the skate park project but these appropriated funds will not lead to the project being finished any sooner.

"It has been a project first discussed in 2014; it's been a long-term project with a lot of public support," Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin said. "To me it seemed like a good decision to put like that million back and then that puts us at 30% with our city reserve, which is our maximum according to our policy."

She said it was not only a fiscally responsible decision, but also a fair one because of the council's move during a May 31 budget workshop to take away \$1 million from the skate park project and use that for the Century House repair project instead.

That money was originally going to be paired with \$2 million that the council majority voted on May 31 to take out of the rainy day fund for the sake of fully funding the historic 150-year-old house on Santa Rita Road that was deemed unsafe in the last decade.

But after that meeting, city staff received a final bid price for the Pleasanton Public Library roof repair, one of the other capital improvement program priority projects list, which came out to be much less expensive than anticipated.

According to the staff presentation, the roof repair approximately costs \$525,000 instead of the original \$2.7 million that was appropriated at the May 31 meeting, a difference of \$2.2 million.

Because of the reduction, city staff recommended using the \$2.2 million difference for the Century House rather than dipping into the rainy day reserves.



JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council majority supported moving \$1 million from the city's rainy day fund toward the project to build a new skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park.

But Arkin instead motioned to use an alternative option staff provided of taking the \$1 million from the rainy day funds and moving it to the skate park project.

That recommendation prompted Councilmember Kathy Narum to attempt passing a substitute motion to not take any money from the reserves as she believed it is more important to honor strong economic foundations.

"I don't see anything economically that suggests we're not in for some rough times," Narum said.

Councilmember Jack Balch agreed

with the substitute motion and said that even though the city was over its maximum reserve levels, there are still uncertainties and unforeseen events that could call for those emergency funds.

"I am concerned that taking the reserve down to allocate it to a project of any type that will not be fully funded is not necessarily in our best interest," Balch said.

The substitute motion failed with a 2-3 vote, and Arkin's motion subsequently passed 3-2 with Balch and Narum dissenting.

Other key allocations in the

capital improvement program that were approved included the library work, which will be fully funded to start construction on repairing the roof, lights and a fire control panel, and \$2.5 million being allocated to general West Las Positas Boulevard repairs that will be done intermittently.

Additionally, a cricket field will also be fully funded but the city has not determined a specific location for the field and is evaluating three potential locations at Ken Mercer Sports Park that meet the minimum field size requirements. ■

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# Livermore downtown hotel plans receive green light from city

Proposal includes revised parking options, new access road, stormwater treatments

By CIERRA BAILEY

The boutique-style wine country hotel planned for downtown Livermore is coming to fruition with the city's recent approval of revised site plans proposed by Davis-based hoteliers Presidio Companies.

According to city staff, the four-story, 133-room hotel to be developed on the southeast corner of Railroad and South Livermore avenues "will complete development of the Livermore Valley Center and set the stage for increasing the value and attraction of nearby properties that will stimulate further investment in downtown Livermore."

At its June 13 regular meeting, the City Council unanimously approved revised plans for the previously approved project which include, the removal of an underground parking garage and the addition of on-site parking including surface parking with public ADA accessible stalls and valet parking, a new access road, new street frontage improvements, stormwater treatments and landscaping. Off-site parking is also made available in the updated plans.

"I'm just delighted that we're able to finally do this," Councilmember Trish Munro said before the council took its vote. She added that she appreciates the hotelier sticking with the city and the project through several years of delay. "I really look forward to seeing this done and my only complaint — if

there is one — is that it's not starting tomorrow," she said.

Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno emphasized the hotel's significance in supporting the wine country.

"It's one element of what's going to keep our wine country viable, and I think it's too bad that it's so late but let's keep pressing ahead as hard and as fast as we can," she said.

In January, the council approved an amended and restated disposition, development and loan agreement with Presidio Companies which established the terms of the sale of the city-owned project site to the developer at the price of \$71,521 as well as terms for a \$1,923,750 loan to acquire an approximately 0.77-acre property at 2080 Railroad Ave., which was formerly occupied by Valley Pool Center, to develop an off-site parking facility.

At the time, city staff said that increased construction costs over the course of the project delay — due to citizen-submitted referendum petitions and the COVID-19 pandemic — led to the determination that the originally planned underground parking garage was no longer feasible.

The revised site plans received a stamp of approval from the Planning Commission before reaching the City Council on June 13. According to the agenda report, both city staff and the commission found that "the proposed hotel conforms



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Rendering of the downtown Livermore hotel planned for 2205 Railroad Ave., set for completion in December 2025.

to all applicable Specific Plan standards and is consistent with the Downtown Plan approved by City Council in 2018."

While the project has received support from a number of stakeholders including residents, downtown business owners, winegrowers and nonprofit leaders, some people continue to express concern about the valet parking facility, citing traffic congestion and inconveniencing hotel guests as potential consequences.

"We have had a fair number of

questions about the valet parking and I guess my conclusion is that the people who are questioning the valet parking are never going to stay in this hotel," Councilmember Bob Carling said following public comment.

He added, "I'm not sure that that's an important point of view other than they don't think valet will work but the hotelier does think it's going to work. I have never built a hotel, so I'm not sure what works and what doesn't. But I'm confident Presidio knows what

they're doing and that valet parking will, in fact, work."

In addition to the various parking options, the hotel plans include an approximately 3,300 square foot bar/lounge, a 1,500- to 2,000-square-foot meeting space, rooftop deck, fitness center, outdoor pool and an open courtyard and patio.

Construction on the hotel is set to begin no later than May 2024 and the hotel opening would be no later than December 2025, according to city staff's current timeline. ■

## ABORTION

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"It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives," the decision continued. "The permissibility of abortion, and the limitations, upon it, are to be resolved like most important questions in our democracy: by citizens trying to persuade one another and then voting."

Reaction was swift to the court's opinion.

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) had already been bracing herself and the state for the ruling, as an outspoken critic of the rollback of legal abortions throughout the country and after the leaked draft of the Supreme Court opinion earlier this spring.

However, she noted that despite being aware of the inevitability and ramifications of Friday's news, it was still "hard to comprehend that our rights to control our own future and our own bodies were just ripped away from us."

"This decision is unconscionable," Bauer-Kahan said in a statement Friday morning. "It is

devastating. The institution meant to protect us has betrayed us."

Bauer-Kahan said that while she was impacted by the decision personally as a woman and mother of a daughter, she has "never been more ready to fight," via her position as an elected representative, alongside other state lawmakers. In particular, she pointed to legislation she's authored: Assembly Bill 1242 and AB 1666.

The latter was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday afternoon, after clearing the State Senate one day earlier. It became effective immediately under an urgency clause.

"This bill will immediately protect anyone in California from civil penalties for abortion," Bauer-Kahan said on Twitter. "We will continue to fight and be a sanctuary for abortion care."

"Extremist laws that the Supreme Court has now deemed constitutional will endanger our incredible providers and will penalize people desperately seeking abortions in their last effort to control their own lives," she continued. "In California we will not let this happen."

AB 1242 was set for a hearing this week and requires clearance

from the Senate Public Safety Committee.

The two bills are aimed at providing a "comprehensive framework of civil and criminal protections for everyone in California, especially the patients who will seek care and our incredible providers," Bauer-Kahan said Friday.

California voters will have their voices heard directly as well, with the State Legislature this week approving Senate Constitutional Amendment 10 to head to the ballot in November asking voters to codify into the California Constitution the right to abortion and contraceptives.

Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) also emphasized that he and fellow California lawmakers would be continuing to push for protecting access to legal abortions in the state.

"We are frustrated, we are upset, and we are angry — but we are not helpless," Swalwell said in a statement on Friday. "The Senate must immediately take up legislation that we passed in the House to codify Roe into federal law."

"House Democrats won't back down from this fight," he added. "Too much is at stake."

Although debate around access to legal abortion services has come to be increasingly partisan in recent years, Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) noted that the Supreme Court's decision Friday came in spite of widespread support from voters for reproductive rights, and decades of legal precedent.

"This ruling overturns nearly 50 years of precedent and runs counter to what over 60% of Americans of both political parties favor," DeSaulnier tweeted Friday. "We must do everything we can to fight it — the health, safety, and freedom of millions of Americans depends on it."

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton were among the more than 80 signatories of prosecutors around the country to a letter pledging not to prosecute providers, patients, or others aiding in the procurement of abortion services as of Friday afternoon.

"Criminalizing and prosecuting individuals who seek or provide abortion care makes a mockery of justice; prosecutors should not be part of that," the letter said in

closing.

The two candidates for the newly redrawn Assembly District 20 that now includes a portion of the Tri-Valley also weighed in on Friday's news.

"This is a dark day in history for women in America," said Liz Ortega, who garnered the most votes in this month's primary election for the seat, on Twitter Friday. "But as a mother, union leader and your next Assemblymember I will do everything in my power (to) ensure CA stays a safe haven for all women and girls."

Her opponent, Dublin City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, also emphasized his commitment to reproductive rights in a statement Friday.

"I'm proud to have a 100% rating from Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte for my steadfast pro-choice record," Kumagai said. "I support a state constitutional amendment to enshrine reproductive rights into the California Constitution, and when I am in the Assembly, I will continue to be a relentless voice at the state level to protect fundamental abortion rights and expand access to critical care." ■

# New PUSD student trustee aims to improve transparency between district, youth

Hopes to continue paving the way for future student board members, just like her predecessor

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

If you told freshman year Saachi Bhayani that she would end up serving as the first Pleasanton Unified School District student trustee as a senior, she said she would probably slap you in the face.

Now finishing her term as student trustee, the recent Foothill graduate reflected on her time and said she is proud of her work in paving the way for future students — like Annabelle Kim, the newly elected student trustee.

“I realized that I love this community a lot and some of these issues I care so passionately about. I’m sad now that I can’t do more now as a trustee because I’m leaving,” Bhayani told the Weekly. “But I’m really glad that some more qualified people like Annabelle can take on some of these major issues as well.”

Like her predecessor, Kim is an incoming Foothill senior who said she is aware of the big shoes she has to fill in this relatively new position.



Annabelle Kim



Saachi Bhayani

However, she said she looks forward to the challenge and enacting change that will benefit students and the community.

“Our district, as beautiful and as vibrant as it already is, definitely has places where it could be made better for the students especially,” Kim told the Weekly.

One of Kim’s focuses will be to improve transparency between the district and students so that they are informed on everything that goes on at a board meeting.

“No regular student has time to sift through all of the board meeting agenda and all of the funding like

matrixes and spreadsheets to figure out where exactly district priorities lie, and then where district priorities may not lie,” Kim said.

She also said she wants to address topics such as sexual harassment and work to rebuild the trust between students and adults who might not be handling these cases appropriately. This is particularly important to Kim as she was the editor-in-chief for her school magazine, NOTA.

NOTA, otherwise known as None of the Above, published a special issue in January on Foothill’s treatment of sexual harassment, mental health and the socioeconomic privilege of Pleasanton in general.

Bhayani agreed, saying that what struck a chord with her was seeing protests at Foothill her freshman year and realizing that this has been an ongoing issue since then.

“Everyone always says, ‘report it to your trusted adults’, but then we hear reports of our ‘trusted adults’ saying ‘boys will be boys’ or things

along that tone,” Kim said.

Bhayani said she is glad to see Kim wanting to advocate for similar issues that she feels strongly about. She urged Kim to continue to be curious and not take anything for face value during these board meetings.

“The thing is, you are representing students. Not parents, not teachers, not the community, students,” Bhayani said. “So always stay true to students and stay true to gut and keep asking questions.”

Especially after being the first student trustee and being metaphorically thrown into the fire, Bhayani said it’s good that the election process was done a lot earlier compared to when she ran last September.

As a result, Kim has more time to study up on things like property taxes — something she is already fearing — so that she doesn’t have to experience the same last-minute catching up Bhayani had to do with having to study the board packet

during her meetings.

Bhayani said she was grateful for the experience and now plans to not only attend UCLA to study electrical engineering, but also to continue lobbying for Senate Bill 1236.

The bill, which she and a few other student board members are lobbying for, would give local school boards the opportunity to promote the student board member into a full-blown board member with more voting rights.

As Kim prepares to start her term in the fall, she said she is grateful for being able to experience more of a normal senior year than others had in these last few years and is looking forward to representing the students as the new trustee.

“I’m really looking forward to building a rapport with all the community members,” Kim said. “Whether that’s board members, district staff, teachers, student representatives and student-like affinity groups on campus.” ■

## MASKS

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we saw throughout May,” Alameda County health officer Dr. Nicholas Moss said in a statement Friday. “While we expect continued impacts from COVID-19 in the coming weeks and masks remain strongly recommended, it is appropriate to step down from the health officer masking order at this time.”

Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, whose District 1 includes Dublin and Livermore, took to Twitter earlier in the day last Friday to call for the mandate to end.

“After 3 weeks of reinstated mask

mandates with no other Bay Area counties following, I think it’s time to end the Alameda County Mask Mandate,” Haubert tweeted.

In rescinding the mandate, Alameda County is aligning its masking regulations with that of the state of California.

The state continues to require indoor masking for everyone in health care settings; congregate settings like correctional facilities and homeless shelters; and long-term care facilities.

“The masking Order was put in place to increase mask wearing in indoor settings, bring an earlier and lower peak to the spring wave, reduce impacts of severe disease

and increase protection for those at greatest risk of poor health outcomes, consistent with Alameda County’s strategy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic,” the county news release states.

Businesses, venue operators and hosts can continue requiring patrons and workers to wear masks to lower COVID-19 risk in their settings.

“Masks work and are still an important tool to slow the spread

of COVID-19 in our communities, especially when rates are high,” Moss said. “We strongly encourage

everyone to continue masking to protect themselves and others from COVID.” ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Turning the page:** Emily Smith takes a moment after the COVID-delayed graduation ceremony at University of Hawaii, Manoa on May 13, 2022. She is reading the job posting section in the Weekly looking for a new career.

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# 'Safe and Sane' fireworks back on sale in Dublin

City urges 'extreme caution' in use of fundraiser fireworks

By CAROL XU

"Safe and Sane" fireworks are once again available for purchase from approved nonprofits in the city of Dublin ahead of Independence Day celebrations. This year, the city will be increasing law enforcement efforts to ensure public safety.

Fireworks, which went on sale starting Tuesday, will be offered through Monday to help in the fundraising efforts of 15 selected local nonprofits, including Dublin Rotary

Club, Knights of Columbus, Dublin Little League, and John Knox Presbyterian Church. The approved organizations are the only nonprofits allowed to sell fireworks at booths set throughout Dublin.

While "Safe and Sane" fireworks may be used at any time in single-family residences in Dublin during the sales period, fireworks are prohibited in unauthorized parks, facilities, or schools in the city.

Fireworks are allowed to be lit in the parking lots of four approved

locations between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the Fourth of July: Alamo Creek Park, Dublin Sports Grounds, Emerald Glen Park and Shannon Park.

Dublin remains the only Tri-Valley city to continue the sales of individual fireworks — all fireworks are banned in Pleasanton, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville to prevent accidental fires or injuries from independently set off fireworks.

This year, Dublin will have increased law enforcement and

firefighters patrolling public parks, with additional officers stationed throughout the city in lookout for illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground and pose a higher safety hazard.

The city has a zero-tolerance policy against selling or using illegal fireworks, and violators can incur maximum penalties, including steep fines and jail time, according to city officials.

Dublin Police Services warns against re-lighting fireworks, taking

fireworks apart to build one's own fireworks, lighting more than one device at a time, and using fireworks around pets. They urge all children handling fireworks to have adult supervision. The department also suggests all pets to be kept indoors during Independence Day fireworks celebrations to prevent animal agitation.

For more information, and to find the list of organizations and their booth locations, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks). ■

## Livermore receives state money to combat family homelessness

\$581,000 for Tri-Valley city from grant fund

Two Bay Area cities are among 10 regions throughout California to receive \$17 million in Family Homelessness Challenge Grant funds with the goal of reducing family homelessness in the Golden State.

Livermore and Oakland are the two Bay Area cities to join 10 California communities in

receiving the funds, the awards of which are provided through the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The other cities are Fontana, Los Angeles, San Diego and Salinas. Also included are Pasadena and Sacramento, and Mendocino and Santa Clara counties.

Livermore, with a population

of 91,000, will receive \$581,000 from the fund. Oakland, the Bay Area's third largest city with a population of 423,000, will receive \$2 million.

Salinas will receive \$2.6 million.

"This is not a one-size-fits-all approach. With these grants, communities throughout the state are stepping up with their own

solutions and best practices — cutting through red tape to effectively and efficiently eliminate family homelessness," Gov. Gavin Newsom said.

"Success leaves clues, and through this process we are not only rewarding programs that work, we are also supporting systems that are innovative, and

accelerate efforts to address the challenges of family homelessness at the local level," the governor added.

Newsom's multi-billion-dollar homeless housing investments will provide more than 55,000 new housing units and treatment slots in the coming years.

Building on last year's historic \$12 billion investment to help get the most vulnerable people off the streets, the California Blueprint proposes an additional \$2 billion investment to create a total \$14 billion package to confront the homelessness crisis. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Dublin secures state funds for Iron Horse Nature Park and Open Space

Project would spruce up key stretch of trail in city

By JENSEN GIESICK

A multimillion-dollar state grant will be used to add amenities to those using the Iron Horse Regional Trail in Dublin.

"This was one of our priority projects — the legislature and the governor through the budget process made the allocation of \$2.29 million to assist with the funding of the Iron Horse Nature Park and Open Space project," said Shawn Kumagai, who works as district director for local Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) while also serving on the Dublin City Council.

Bauer-Kahan spearheaded the campaign to obtain funding from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation after being made aware of the plans and need for improvements during the 2021 budget cycle, according to Kumagai.

"The assemblymember is a big advocate for the Water Parks and Wildlife Committee in the Assembly. She's a big advocate for active transportation and for expanding access to open space" Kumagai.

The regional trail operated by the East Bay Regional Park District runs from Concord to Pleasanton,

extending through Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon and Dublin in between.

Phase one of the new project will begin at Amador Valley Boulevard to approximately where the bridge is near Dublin High School. In addition to more trail space, there will be equipment that will not only encourage families to come but to stay and enjoy the amenities.

"We're still in the just the design phase of the project" said Shari Jackman, communications manager of the city of Dublin.

"It will include additional trail

space, shade structures, nature play areas, picnic tables and some outdoor interpretive displays — there will also be a bridge, which will connect Stagecoach Park to this area along the Iron Horse Trail, allowing the local neighborhood to come and experience as well," she added.

Whether residents like to go for a walk, run or bicycle ride, the goal is they'll also find themselves enjoying new features along the way, officials said.

"The assemblymember really feels it'll be a regional attraction for

folks — it's an exciting project and one that really coincides with her legislative goals to create additional access to open space," Kumagai said.

The \$2.29 million grant does not cover the entire project costs.

"But it will help with the gap in funding of course. The city and East Bay Regional Park District and Zone 7 are partners on this project," Kumagai said.

Of the 32-mile Iron Horse Regional Trail, a portion of it will be known as the Iron Horse Trail Nature Park and Open Space.

"Right now this project calls for a little over 12 acres of park and open space — but the space could increase to over 20 usable acres," Jackman said.

Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2023. ■

## Chevron selling headquarters, moving to new San Ramon site

Local employees given option to relocate to Texas

By JEREMY WALSH

International energy giant Chevron Corp., one of the Tri-Valley's most well-known corporate residents, plans to sell its headquarters plaza off Bollinger Canyon Road and move to a yet-undisclosed new leased space in San Ramon while allowing some locally based employees to voluntarily relocate to Houston, the company announced in recent days.

The move is expected to take place during the third quarter during 2023, according to Chevron.

"The current real estate market provides the opportunity to right-size our office space to meet the requirements of our headquarters-based employee population," Chevron said in a statement. "An option for San Ramon-based employees to voluntarily relocate to Houston will be offered as part of

this move."

The company did not elaborate on the number of employees impacted nor what the "right-sizing" would look like in the end.

Chevron did say its plan would be to "remain headquartered in California, where the company has a 140-year history and operations and partnerships throughout the state."

A Fortune 500 company, ranked

16th on the magazine's list for 2022, Chevron is a multinational energy corporation best known for its work in the oil, gasoline and natural gas industries.

The company's 92-acre headquarters, Chevron Park, is located on Chevron Drive just off Bollinger Canyon Road — blocks from Interstate 680 and across the street from the heart of Bishop Ranch Business Park in San Ramon.

"It makes economic sense. Chevron has been reducing employees from the 6600 max allowable for years," San Ramon Mayor Dave Hudson told the Weekly. This state and fellow electeds need to be clear. We want business here and we want business to do well. You can't do equity without jobs and we are losing jobs. It's passed time to rethink policies that cost jobs." ■

# Cal High principal Keefer resigns position to return to teaching

Some question timing following cheer squad 'mascot' controversy

By GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Megan Keefer, California High School principal since May 2019, announced after school ended last month that she is stepping away from that position to return to the classroom as a high school English teacher in the fall.



Megan Keefer

"Our district is embarking on a remarkable journey toward exciting developments in teaching and learning," Keefer wrote in a letter to the Cal High community on June 15. "SRVUSD's commitment to innovative instructional practices has been pulling at my teacher heartstrings."

Keith Rogenski, San Ramon Valley Unified School District's assistant superintendent of Human Resources, confirmed the move by saying, "There are a number of new administrative appointments and transfers across the district, as is typical for this time of year. Megan Keefer has requested to return to the classroom and stay in our district, and that is going to be honored."

Some are questioning the timing of the announcement because Keefer and SRVUSD Superintendent John Malloy have been involved in a recent controversy

over Cal High's unofficial cheer squad mascot that went viral on social media.

The Cal High cheer and stunt team came under fire May 21, when "Black Bay Area" posted an image of a varsity cheerleader posing with a Black cosmetology mannequin. The text with the photo read "All white cheer squad with black mannequin head as the varsity team mascot," the cheer team's handle and "This is in San Ramon! Mind you they haven't had a black girl on the varsity team since 2019 & it was only 1 girl! This year they have no black girls on the varsity except the mascot the black doll head name (sic) Kareem."

Soon after images were posted on social media platforms Instagram and TikTok, they went viral, and there was a firestorm of comments on the posts and direct messages sent to the team.

"The social media bullying was endless," parent Laura Gantt said in reaction. Laura and her husband Brian Gantt have two girls on the team, including the "featured" student holding the mascot in one of the two photos that circulated. "They were getting DMs that they should kill themselves."

The cheerleaders' parents believe the post was fabricated in revenge by an unidentified "disgruntled mother" of an African American student who didn't make the

final roster. Specifically they noted the skin color of the mascot was darkened in the photo, the name was changed from Karine to Kareem and it is not an "all white cheer squad" because there are currently six members of the team who identify as African American.

On May 23, Malloy was interviewed by broadcast news outlets and said, "We don't accept (what happened) and we understand it's wrong. We understand it's harming some members in the community ... that is not OK," and that the investigation was ongoing.

Also on May 23, Malloy sent an email to the parents and stakeholders of all of the district's 36 elementary, middle and high schools that said the district was made aware of the post and the controversy on May 21.

The email said the team "has a mascot that has had a hurtful racist impact, and we are deeply troubled by the harm that this situation has caused both in our school community and beyond. The mascot, which is a dark-skinned head that would be used in a cosmetology class, is intolerable for its offensive and racist implications."

Parents and several community members were upset that Malloy didn't clarify that the mascot's skin color was altered to appear darker in the photographic post, the name was changed and there

are six members who identify as African American.

By not correcting these statements, many said, Malloy basically confirmed it was true.

"I understand there are things that could have been portrayed as being offensive, but that was off the false post," Brian Gantt said, furthering that he had expected the district and school representatives to insert themselves into the conversation and "clear the girls' names" or at least investigate and "they would quickly realize this had nothing to do with a racist act but more a tradition."

"(Malloy) took a fabricated story and ran with it," Laura Gantt said. "He threw 28 young ladies under the bus."

On May 31, the parents of the cheerleaders sent a demand letter through their lawyers to the board calling for Malloy to be fired, alleging the second-year superintendent acted negligently and bullied the cheer team through comments and actions in the aftermath of the Instagram post.

During the June 7 SRVUSD board meeting, Laura Gantt took to the podium during public comment and said, "Mr. Malloy, you received hundreds and hundreds of emails from worried parents begging you to retract or update your statement at a minimum, and you refused."

"I am absolutely terrified this

label will follow my daughter for the rest of her life. I am fearful it will affect her college applications. And I am most worried about the mental anguish she's had to endure, all because you, Mr. Malloy, decided to believe lies before doing a full investigation to get to the truth.

"You made the mannequin head offensive by affirming that it was Black," she said, pointing at Malloy. "You stated several times that people are hurt by this. Do you understand you're the one who hurt people by way of your affirmation?"

Brian Gantt followed his wife at the podium that evening. "Malloy, you thought our girls were guilty before you even gave them a chance to prove their innocence," he said. "It's now time to hear everyone's side. Don't silence the coaches. Don't silence the girls. And don't silence principal Keefer."

After public comment, Malloy told the audience he and his cabinet knew the mannequin wasn't black, that it wasn't named "Kareem" and that the squad was not all white before that Monday morning.

"Everything you shared about the purpose of the mascot, the name of the mascot, how it was used with hair and all the rest, we knew all of that," he told the large audience. ■

## FIREFIGHTERS

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that number would go up to \$131,019. Employees would advance one salary step in their respective jobs until they reach the top step of the applicable salary range.

"I understand and agree with the verbalized support given to support our firefighters and find an agreement that can provide them fair compensation and in a safe working environment," Pleasanton City Councilmember Jack Balch said at Tuesday's meeting.

The three-year financial impact to the LFPD budget is approximately \$6.57 million through June 2025 and will be shared between Livermore and Pleasanton, according to city staff.

"I'm happy to see this agreement ... completed," Councilmember Kathy Narum said. "Especially as we go into fire season so that our firefighters can concentrate on what I think they like to do and that's to serve and protect our community — and with the fire

last week up in the Ridge, I think it was a good reminder."

Narum was referencing a wildland fire that broke out on Pleasanton Ridge on June 23, which forced Golden Eagle Way residents to evacuate for almost eight hours.

She also said she appreciated the part of the new agreement where any old grievances filed by the union were to be dismissed so that the department could start fresh.

"There were a number of grievances that IAFF had filed, one that was a potential new one," said Debra Gill, former director of human resources and labor relations. "What the both parties agreed to is just dropping any of the grievances and just moving forward from this point on and so we're happy to include that in this package."

Gill, who officially retired in April, has been working on negotiations with LFPD and Local 1974 since July 2021 when the prior contract term ended that December.

But in March, the union declared an impasse rejecting LFPD's

offer of a 12.5% pay increase for firefighter-paramedics and a 10.5% general wage increase for everyone else.

The union had also originally rejected a proposed drug-testing policy forcing a mediation process where Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin said a handful of topics including that policy were discussed and bargaining teams were able to find agreements on all of them.

During the stalled labor talks, it came to light publicly that the cities' chief negotiator alleged part of the impetus for the drug-testing policy was because an LFPD fire captain previously tested positive for cocaine while on duty.

The new drug- and alcohol-testing policy that is included in the tentative agreement states that all employees will be subject to on certain occasions such as reasonable suspicion, following an accident and returning to duty.

Those looking to join the department must also test and would be denied employment if they refuse. If a current employee refuses to test, they would be treated as


testing positive and can face being fired or disciplined.

Other pay-related changes in the contract are the bilingual and education incentive pay. Those who are fluent in multiple languages will receive \$45 per pay period and employees who complete courses to get degrees will get an incentive pay monthly ranging from \$100 to \$175 depending

on which degrees they obtain.

"All of the different proposals in this I agree with and I highly value the work of our firefighters and their contribution to public safety," Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin said. "I'm glad we can continue this partnership and, you know, both sides learn from past dealings so I'm very glad and happy to support it." ■

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HIGHLIGHTS

Library Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA, 94566

- Review and select the 2022 winning Library Card Design
- Review and approve the Library Collection Development Policy and Request for Reconsideration of Materials Form
- Review and approve Animals in the Library Addendum to the Library Code of Conduct

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COURTESY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Culinary reporter Deborah Grossman (right) prepares to sample a Dole Whip with the clowns on stilts.



COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

The buck stops at Hog Daddy's for its popular new treat, Truman Fries.

## Culinary adventures AT THE FAIR

TAKING A TASTY TOUR OF THE GROUNDS  
ON THE FIRST \$2 FAIR FOOD BITES DAY

BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN



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Ricardo's Hawaiian Feast owners Ricardo and Mariana Tapia, flanked by servers José Lara and Daniel Garcia, show off one of the booth's shrimp bowls.



DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Bunbao's Jesús Zuniga serves the truck's Thursday \$2 special.

Every day is a fun day at the Alameda County Fair. For me, Thursdays are special because the fair offers food bargains at many booths. For \$2, you can snack on a cup of mac 'n cheese, lick a small Dole Whip or bite into a full-sized steamed bao bun.

Stories abound about the introduction of foods such as hamburgers and cotton candy at fairs.

But long before food took center stage, the first county fairs in the early 19th century were agricultural affairs with farmers holding sheep-shearing contests and sharing innovations. Tradition runs deep at the Pleasanton fair with pig races, livestock exhibits and horse racing. But there are drone shows, FMX motocross, concerts and much more to see, touch and taste.

In the food arena, the fair hosts a whopping 80 vendors located from the Grandstand and Courtyard to the Adventure Park area, Main Carnival and Kids Park. At the fair, some folks eat what is familiar at home or restaurants and others come to experiment.

On the first \$2 Fair Food Bites Thursday on June 23, accompanied

by a heat wave and lots of water, I discovered interesting food at new booths and classic offerings presented in new ways.

Some fair foods are hard to find elsewhere.

Take Dole Whip soft serve, a staple at Disneyland. In Pleasanton, you can enjoy strawberry-pineapple Dole Whip and be watched over by two clowns on stilts. Given that soft serve is not one of my top culinary temptations, I liked the smaller \$2 Thursday portion and the Dole Whip, a smooth, cold and fruity treat.

Of course, one of the main draws of the fair is to indulge in certain calorific foods such as funnel cakes or fried cheesecake. I seriously follow this perspective.

Spotting the Sweet Cheeks booth soon after arriving, I decided to eat dessert first and mentioned that to the server, Zane Bradbury. I soon discovered that his parents, Jackie and Brian, have brought Sweet Cheeks to the fair for 40 years. With that background, Bradbury firmly told me, "After all, you can't go to the fair without fried food."

I agree with him for the most part. You can eat healthy food at the fair with many choices from the vegetarian Teriyaki Bowls to salads at Sleek Greek. Since I eat salad so frequently, I deferred to my cravings.

After eyeing the Thursday \$2 special, a fried Oreo cookie, I ordered the full-sized fried cookie dough on a stick. Once I bit into the true-to-name soft center and tasted chocolate chips, I was satisfied and shared the rest.

Next up, Hog Daddy's near the Grandstand, where pork is the star, and the Thursday special is a \$2 pork kebab. But I got distracted by the new offering, Truman Fries. Though I conjured up Truman's saying, "The buck stops here," I knew nothing of his food predilections.

Due to the "nuclear" mass of jalapeños and massive portion, the dish evoked Truman's historical relevance. A marriage of curly fries and jalapeño-heavy nachos, the shareable dish features Hog Daddy's freshly roasted, savory pulled pork — an element now stored in the food memory box.



DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Deep-fried Oreos are always a fan favorite at the Sweet Cheeks truck at the Alameda County Fair.

## NEW FOOD BOOTHS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

For a change of pace, I visited a nearby first-time vendor, Piggly's Seafood that offered a Thursday \$2 fried fish sample. I tried the oyster-on-a-stick, a new offering at the fair. Curious about the provenance of the oysters, site manager Charity Rocha said, "With oysters arriving daily, we are serving Royal Amethysts from Humboldt Bay today."

I asked Rocha about her first experience at the fair. "This is a lovely fairground with beautiful trees and shade, so nice on hot days," she said. Visitors ate Piggly's lobster nachos and barbecue oysters grilled over mesquite at shaded tables in front of the Grandstand.

The crust on the fried oysters on a stick had a non-greasy bite, and the sprinkle of onions and peppers on top brought additional fresh crunch. I asked Roshini Solano, a first-time oyster eater, about the Piggly's version. An intern at the fair, Solano said, "After seeing the texture of oysters, I never wanted to eat them. Prepared this way, they are quite tasty."

Another new vendor is Bunbao, a food truck operation from Fremont that serves a variety of steamed and filled bao buns. I couldn't resist the Thursday \$2 special, a regular-sized vegetarian steamed bun. Packed with bok choy, mushrooms and seasoned with ginger and garlic, the bun was restaurant quality.

Intrigued by the fluffy bao dough, I asked server Jesús Zuniga about the preparation. "The dough and filling are prepared and steamed daily in the Fremont central kitchen, which also prepares buns for delivery and catering. It takes only a minute to heat them up here," Zuniga said.

The most popular selections, added Zuniga, are the barbecue or

beef jalapeño buns.

By this time, I was thirsty. Though there are numerous lemonades, coffee drinks, beers, vodka sodas and other cocktails, plus a Wine Slush Bar, I ambled over to Boba King.

Typical of wandering the fair, I found Boba King opposite the Main Carnival and next to a pirate ship.

Boba King is new to the fair though boba — aka bubble tea — gained popularity in the 1980s and is broadly available. I tasted the Thursday \$2 banana slushie special, and decided I also needed the full-size Mango Madness Slushie with bursting mango boba. The drink was cold, fruity and fun with the pop of the mango bursting boba.

But I thought boba were tapioca pearls, and received a quick tutorial from Sean Rocha, manager of the booth: "We make the boba pearls ourselves from 'raw' tapioca which we boil, simmer and then mix with vegan honey syrup that darkens the pearls. The bursting or 'popping' boba that we buy are juice-filled."

The Thai milk tea is a crowd favorite, he added, along with peach tea and the mango slushie.

Speaking of bubbles, I found another new food booth, Bubble Waffle, with a namesake offering. The baking mold gives the waffles "bubble" pop-ups in the dough.

The waffle is served as a cone to hold strawberry or banana and various toppings or as pop-outs served along with mini-pancakes and fruit — or in fair fashion, fillings with Oreos, Nutella, or s'mores.

## FAIR FAVORITES

Mac and cheese is a longstanding All-American favorite. Yet at another Hog Daddy's booth commonly called the Mac Shack, I spied a sign for fried cheese balls and

immediately thought of tasting arancini in Italy.

These breaded and fried balls of rice and cheese are quite addictive. The fried mac and cheese balls with ancho chipotle sauce ladled on top looked interesting, but I had maxed out the fried food quota and also declined the Thursday \$2 special of a cup of regular mac and cheese.

Moving on to the 50th state, I stopped by Ricardo's Hawaiian Feast for a final taste of the fair.

Many people were talking about the Hawaiian bowls, and I learned the \$2 Thursday special was a pineapple slice on a stick, a refreshing option as the afternoon heat intensified.

Their signature offerings are Hawaiian Mowie Bowls. Piled into a scooped pineapple, the shrimp Mowie Bowl was filled with roasted pineapple, an ample portion of grilled shrimp and rice and a dollop of coleslaw.

Since the hot day kept visitors indoors and he wasn't overly busy, I asked owner Ricardo Tapia and his wife Mariana from Bakersfield about their experience at the Pleasanton fair.

"We've been in the same spot for five years and have regular customers. Some come early for a breakfast Moco Loco with eggs, rice and homemade hamburger patty with gravy. We love this location at the fair, and the people are friendly," Mariana Tapia said.

Mariana brought over a virgin piña colada from the far side of the booth and noted that you can buy liquor shots at the nearby Farmhouse Bar. I continued sipping my Mango Madness slushie.

Favorites at other longstanding booths are the ginormous turkey legs, funnel cakes with numerous toppings, Italian, Greek and



DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Piggly's Seafood barbecue oysters offer a refreshing coastal treat.



Above: Corn dogs and sausages are among the specialties at West Coast Weenies. (Photo by Deborah Grossman). Below: Strawberry-pineapple swirl Dole Whip. (Photo courtesy Alameda County Fair).

Mexican food. Don't forget the corn dogs. I was happy to hold the \$2 Thursday special of a cocktail-sized corn "puppy" compared to its big 18-inch brother.

My friends highly recommended gyros this year, but I will hold them for another time. The fair food craze I missed was Flamin' Hot Cheetos. A more recent trend than bacon-wrapped everything, hot Cheetos were everywhere, crushed as a coating or ingredient or placed whole as a topping on pizza, nachos or corn-on-the-cob.

The fair is open for one more Thursday on July 7 until 5 p.m., and nine more days of fun. Armed with a plan to eat lightly beforehand and a hope for cooler weather, I will check out more fair attractions and shop before I nibble on a gyro, taste a slice of Flamin' Hot Cheetos pizza and devour one fried Oreo cookie for dessert. ■

## FIND FAIR FOOD

The Alameda County Fair website features a food finder page to help attendees locate their favorite treats around the Pleasanton fairgrounds. Go to <https://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/fair-food/>.

The fair is open for its third week from today through next Thursday, except for a regular closure day on Tuesday. The fair is open on reduced hours on Monday for the Fourth of July, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the parking lots closing at 3 p.m. and gates closing at 4 p.m.



## Fourth of July celebration in Pleasanton

Festivities returning to Lions Wayside Park for first time in three years

By JEREMY WALSH

Downtown Pleasanton will see a familiar sight this Monday afternoon: red, white and blue filling Lions Wayside Park.

The community's Fourth of July festivities, which were traditionally organized each year by the Make a Difference, Today & Always organization but have been on hiatus since 2019 due to COVID-19 pandemic conditions, is back for 2022 — on the holiday from 12-1:30 p.m.

"This will be the 22nd time that volunteers have put together 'Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution' for our community," event founder W. Ron Sutton said in a statement.

"On Independence Day, we celebrate our shared heritage with an old-fashioned Fourth," Sutton added. "Even if we disagree July 5 on current politics, we will do so with our expected behaviors of respect, responsibility, compassion, honesty and integrity. We celebrate living in a Community of Character!"

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly she is looking forward to serving as a speaker at Monday's event.

"I think the Fourth of July



MICHELLE SUSKI

After a three-year absence due to the pandemic, Pleasanton's annual Fourth of July celebration will be back this Monday from 12-1:30 p.m. The event typically draws hundreds of people to Lions Wayside Park to commemorate the USA's Independence Day.

is a day to honor our founding fathers and mothers, for forming a country based on the value of freedom through the Declaration of Independence," Brown said. "Locally the Fourth of July is a time to gather, to listen to the Pleasanton Community Band, to proudly display the American flag and to celebrate with friends and family."

The park on First Street is expected, like always, to be filled with people sitting in lawn chairs or on blankets while donning the red, white and blue of the United States of America for the Independence Day celebration.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of longtime conductor Bob Williams, will give a free concert dubbed, "Themes Like Old Times: The Music of the Roaring 20s." They will also perform an armed forces salute with the anthems of each American military branch.

Williams will be one of five community contributors honored later in the Fourth of July event. He will join the other most recent Ed Kinney Community Patriot award winners, Chris Miller, Charles Huff and Joyce and Bob Shapiro, in receiving special recognition during the ceremony. The annual awards are named for late former mayor Ed Kinney, who served as the first master of ceremonies for Pleasanton's Fourth of July celebration.

Current emcees Ken McDonald and Les Duman will narrate this year's event in the style of old-time radio show hosts.

Pleasanton Lions Club members will be selling a picnic lunch of hot dog, chips and water for \$2 per person, as well as giving away free small U.S. flags to the first 200 adults who arrive on Monday. A military colorguard will be on hand as well for the national anthem. ■



MICHELLE SUSKI

The Fourth of July spirit abounds in Pleasanton.



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Attendees at the annual event often grab treats from downtown businesses as well.

# Monitoring impacts on multiple organs

San Ramon teen takes innovation award for technology inspired by early days of pandemic

BY TIM HUNT

**S**pend some time talking with Gatik Trivedi and you will be impressed.

Trivedi just finished up his sophomore year at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon, and he's already developed a diagnostic technology that is designed for widespread use in the undeveloped countries of the world. He's engaged in discussions with the Zambia Disease Control Center to run a pilot program there. And he's well-spoken when discussing it.

Trivedi, during the early months of the pandemic, saw the death toll rising and people were losing loved ones. He wanted to do something about it.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocol at the time said people who tested positive should quarantine for 10 days. As Trivedi investigated the data he learned that the disease could be getting worse and people had no reliable way to monitor their body. The oximeters that measure the oxygen saturation in the blood did not tell enough of the story.

As a result, the virus would take its toll, and by the time a person went to the hospital, they would be admitted directly into the intensive care unit. His belief was a device that could monitor more body functions would result in a patient and caregivers knowing the situation was worsening and seeking treatment sooner.

He set out to design, build and program such a device that would monitor lung capacity, body temperature and blood oxygen levels. Devices are already in the marketplace that provide these diagnostics, but — as U.S.-made medical equipment — they are quite expensive.

His goal is to develop a device that is affordable and can be used in developing countries as well as

developed countries. So, he built them himself.

The challenge for him was he needed someone to teach him how to build them — the designing and programming was not an issue, but as he said, "I needed to learn how to solder."

The solution was to reach out to Stephen Dunifer, who builds devices, and ask him to teach him. Dunifer, like Trivedi, is interested in improving health outcomes and using technology to help it.

The first product was built on a piece of cardboard with the three measuring instruments connected with wires. That demonstrated that the concept worked. It's battery-powered.

He coded an algorithm that combined the readings using multiple parameters to give a measure of overall health. He then tapped into artificial intelligence modeling to predict the direction of the disease in a patient. Along the way, he developed a mobile app.

To design and build the device, he tapped into software, engineering and bio-tech skills — what he needed to learn was the physical how-tos.

Dunifer said, "He's very good at reading academic papers, looking at the data (and then utilizing it in his projects). He's very impressive in that area."

"The goal is to make it as accessible and accurate as possible," he said.

A next step will be to build another prototype for field testing that can withstand the rigors of daily use and shipping. Assuming the talks in Zambia bear fruit, that will be the site to demonstrate that the device works. Because of United States health privacy regulations, he cannot do the testing here so he's moving it offshore — which correlates nicely with his goal.



Gatik Trivedi (right) celebrates with Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare CEO Rick Shumway after receiving a Dreammakers and Risktakers Award from the Tri-Valley Innovation Leadership Group.

Although he created it for COVID-19, the capabilities make it suitable for monitoring many diseases because it involves multiple organs. His website calls it, "Accessible correlative diagnostic solution for SARS-Cov-2 impacted Multi Organ Dysfunction monitoring product."

Once the prototype and pilot trials are completed, then physicians can determine how much more broadly to use it.

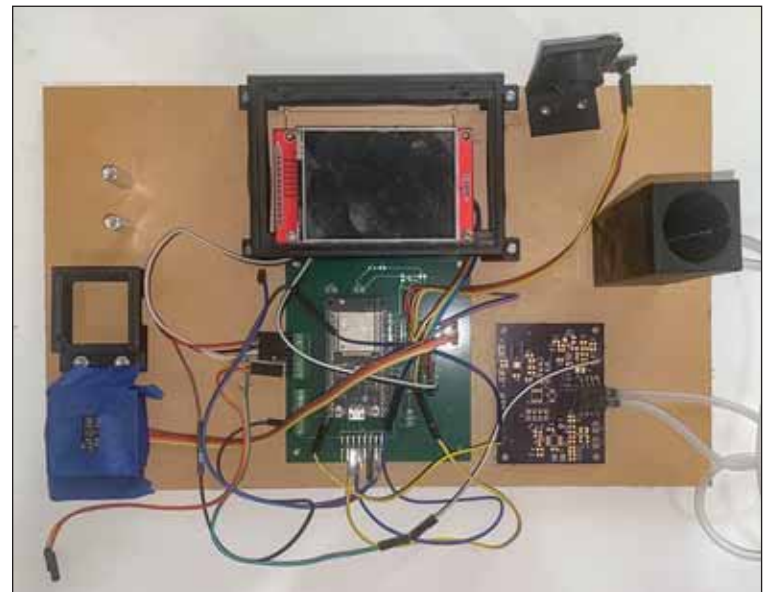
Meanwhile, Trivedi and Dunifer are working on another version that will expand the sensors to give an even more accurate reading on how a patient is doing.

"The goal is a unit that covers home telemedicine applications," Dunifer said. "(It) would give a health care support staff an early warning system and an idea what is going on."

He said they'd thought about including an EKG, but were concerned about the three electrodes. New technology uses high-frequency doppler waves to monitor cardiac and pulmonary functions and does so with a hand-held paddle. They're designing it for no bodily contact other than the fingertip on the sensor pad.

Trivedi was born in Bakersfield and then moved with his family to Florida. They returned to California and San Ramon a few years ago. He credits his parents, Ahetin and Deepthi, for being a big help in his success. His dad works in information technology while his mother is an architect.

After collaborating with Dunifer



Trivedi and Stephen Dunifer built his monitoring device with custom-designed components to prove his concept.

on the prototype, Trivedi entered the Contra Costa County Science Fair and took first place. He described that win as "very encouraging" and it opened the door to the state and international levels. He finished in the Top 7 at California and then third place in the international competition.

"I met some real important people who were fun to talk to," he said. He also met many like-minded students committed to STEM education and careers. The event took place online.

Trivedi was honored by the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group with its Digital Dreamer award this spring.

Over the summer, he plans to

finish up his Boy Scout Eagle project — a hay storage structure for starving horses that have been rescued by a Pleasanton-based organization. It will be a busy time for him because he's also been accepted into a Stanford University summer program on biological pathways and already is working with professors at universities across the country to work on research projects related to biology.

Looking ahead, he plans to attend a university with a strong biological technology program and continue to build his business.

How many high school juniors do you know who have a LinkedIn profile with a link to his innovative startup business, MedTech? ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Trivedi just completed his sophomore year at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon.

# Foothill DECA caps comeback season with international wins, mystery talent show

Team sets new records for awards won, funds raised

By CAROL XU

Foothill High School's DECA program clinched a cache of awards at the International Career Development Conference this spring, bolstered by the team's successful MurDECA Mystery fundraiser show after a two-year hiatus of in-person activity.

The DECA (Distributive Educational Clubs of America) program, which aims to prepare high school and college students for entrepreneurial careers in various fields, has a strong history at Foothill, whose members have consistently been recognized internationally for their achievements.

This year, Foothill DECA reached new heights in both their annual fundraiser event and the international conference.

## A conference 'they will not soon forget'

At the international conference held on April 26, Foothill DECA achieved an unprecedented number of wins in their competition history. Among the 14,000 DECA members in attendance at the conference, 11 Foothill students were recognized, with four placing as finalists in the top 10.

At the conference, competitors tested their practical and theoretical knowledge through cluster exams,

impromptu role play presentations, and prepared written plan presentations. Each competition aspect required students to apply their skills in marketing, hospitality, finance, and management to real-life business scenarios.

After the competition, DECA members enjoyed exploring Six Flags, the Georgia Aquarium, and the World of Coca-Cola, where they witnessed a real-world application of marketing, hospitality, and tourism.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity and I had the best experience with the best chapter," said Tanvi Kapse, finalist in the category of Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making.

For Foothill DECA chapter adviser Tami Raaker, the best part was seeing the energy and enthusiasm students displayed in the competition stadium, with close to 18,000 experiencing an in-person conference for the first time since 2019.

"For many seniors, it was their first and last DECA International Career Development Conference so I am thrilled they were able to have that opportunity. It is one they will not soon forget," Raaker said.

Foothill students Tanvi Kapse, Maanya Raghuram, Jason Yu and Michael Zong placed as overall finalists in the top 10, and Isabel Dong,

Misha Jain, Emma Lin, Varunavee Mohanraj, Jasmin Phan, Shristi Rath and Aly Tran earned recognition as semifinalists.

## A fundraising success

Coming back from remote-learning, the MurDECA Mystery show hosted on April 13 marked the Foothill DECA program's first in-person talent show in two years.

Featuring a variety of student performances, the show offered the audience a chance to solve an engaging mystery case surrounding the fictional murder of vice president of membership Tran.

Amador Valley High School student and audience member Sara Vannonii enjoyed trying to identify the murderer and watching all the different musical numbers. "Best time of my life," she said.

Garnering an audience of over 60 Tri-Valley residents, the MurDECA Mystery talent show became Foothill DECA's most successful fundraiser.

"The show was a huge undertaking consisting of several components, executed in a short time frame. It truly would not have been possible without the officer team's support. I learned so much and had a really fun experience organizing this," said Foothill DECA administrative assistant Preksha Jain, who



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Foothill DECA competitors pose in downtown Atlanta before ICDC's opening ceremony.

organized the show.

The show's funds partially went towards the DECA team's annual competition trip to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta. This year, Foothill DECA also pledged 50% of proceeds to support local charity Rooms of Hope, which provides custom bedroom makeovers to young children with life-threatening illnesses.

By the end of the event, Foothill DECA members raised and donated a total of \$1,120 to Rooms of Hope,

according to student director of communications Rushil Sahai.

"I feel very grateful to receive the opportunity to donate to such a wonderful organization. The amount of money raised for this charity is solely due to Foothill DECA's wonderful advisor and officer team. Without their successful planning this event would not have been possible. Most importantly I am proud that our donations are going to such a noble cause," Sahai told the Weekly. ■

# Celebrate Community Family Day in downtown Saturday

Museum on Main, Pleasanton Military Families teaming up for patriotic activities

By CAROL XU

The Museum on Main is partnering with the Pleasanton Military Families organization for their annual Celebrate Community Family Day, set for this Saturday (July 2) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the downtown museum's front lawn.

"We are thrilled to be working with Pleasanton Military Families this July," said Sarah Schaefer, the museum's director of education. "Not only will it be close to the 4th of July celebrations, but the Pleasanton Downtown Association is doing a Salute to Service theme for the July Weekends on Main street closure. We felt Pleasanton Military Families was the perfect partner for a Salute to Service focused weekend."

The event will focus on raising patriotic spirits for Independence Day and highlighting the important work of Pleasanton Military Families, according to Schaefer.

Activities planned will include making holiday cards for November care packages to send to military members serving abroad, creating paper American flags,

beading Fourth of July necklaces and arranging firework pom poms, among others.

Founded in 2003, Pleasanton Military Families has offered support and comfort for Tri-Valley families with loved ones serving in the military.

Its members honor those in service with yellow banners along Main Street, and coordinate and partner with other groups to organize memorable homecomings for soldiers. They also send care packages three times a year to those serving to ensure those far from their families and communities continue to feel loved and valued.

"This organization does so much for the military community in the Tri-Valley. They are a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, and a friend to celebrate with for so many families with loved ones serving abroad," Schaefer said.

"We feel very fortunate to be a part of a community with so many amazing organizations working to enrich the lives of Pleasanton and Tri-Valley residents. It is an honor to be able to partner with and help



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Pleasanton Military Families, whose booth is seen here, is the primary partner for the Museum on Main's upcoming Celebrate Community Family Day.

spotlight one of these great organizations each year through our Celebrate Community Family Day," she added.

Past Celebrate Community partners with the Museum of Main

include the Cheza Nami Foundation, Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association, Alviso Adobe Community Park and the Korean Parent Association.

Admission to the event is free

for all; no reservation required. For more information, go to the museum's website at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), call 925-462-2766 or visit the museum at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. ■

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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Police: Exchange of gunfire in Pleasanton after car break-in

Pleasanton police are investigating after an exchange of gunfire during an attempted auto theft in the Canyon Meadows neighborhood just before dawn Tuesday.

There have been no reports of gunshot injuries thus far, and detectives remained at the scene beyond noon while continuing their investigation, according to Sgt. Marty Billdt.

Billdt said the situation unfolded around 4:50 a.m. in a parking lot in the neighborhood just off Dublin Canyon Road on the far-northwest side of Pleasanton. Multiple callers dialed 911 to report shots fired.

Pleasanton police officers arrived to find that a man confronted two suspects inside and around his vehicle moments earlier, according to Billdt. Police described the situation as an attempted auto theft, although it wasn't made clear whether the suspects were trying to steal the vehicle or items inside.

"The victim was pepper-sprayed by a suspect and heard a shot fired towards him," Billdt said. "The victim, who was legally in possession of a firearm and able to carry,

fired multiple rounds towards the suspects."

Two vehicles parked in the lot were struck by bullets, according to Billdt. It is unclear whether any people involved were hit, but the sergeant said police have not received any reports of injuries related to the incident as of noon Tuesday.

The culprits drove away from the complex in a pickup truck headed in an unknown direction, according to Billdt. Police have not released descriptions of the suspects nor the make or model of their vehicle.

The investigation is ongoing. Billdt said anyone who may have witnessed the incident or any relevant information about the case can call police at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

- Two Merced teenagers were taken into custody last week after allegedly leading California Highway Patrol officers on a high-speed chase up and down multiple freeways in a minivan carjacked at gunpoint in Livermore more than an hour earlier.

Livermore police reported the Honda Odyssey was stolen by the pair — and a third assailant who remains at-large — from a local boy who was practicing how to drive with his father in the parking lot of Ross Dress for Less on West

Jack London Boulevard on the night of June 20.

Ervin Alberto Bravo, 18, who was arrested after the CHP used undisclosed "intervention techniques" to end the pursuit in a Merced County town nearly 75 miles from Livermore, faces five felony charges and a slew of special allegations in connection with the armed carjacking.

Police said a 16-year-old boy from Merced was also arrested that night, behind the wheel of the stolen minivan, but the Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to comment on the status of the boy's case, citing juvenile confidentiality. The boy's name has not been released.

Bravo is scheduled to appear in court next week for bail and entry-of-plea proceedings, according to the DA's office. It was not immediately clear whether he was yet represented by an attorney.

The incident began around 8:45 p.m. on June 20 in the Ross parking lot where the new driver had just parked the minivan with his father observing him from the sidewalk, police said. A silver Mazda5 with three occupants then suddenly pulled up next to the minivan.

"The front passenger ... from the sedan exited the car and pointed a gun at Victim and told him to get out of his car," Livermore police Detective Jennifer Bloom wrote in

a probable cause declaration.

The young new driver complied after being threatened with a rifle-type gun, and the 16-year-old assailant and Bravo allegedly got into the Honda Odyssey and sped away while the third culprit drove from the scene in the Mazda5. Police said the third suspect remains at-large.

After Livermore officers spoke with the boy and his father, police broadcast an alert for other law enforcement with the license plate number and vehicle description of the Odyssey. According to Bloom, CHP officers spotted the minivan three minutes later near Interstate 580 and Greenville Road, noting that was "a reasonable distance to drive from the time of the incident."

CHP units attempted a traffic stop, but the minivan evaded them. "CHP pursued the suspects for over an hour, where the suspects continued to drive at speeds over 100 MPH and without regard for the safety of the public," Bloom wrote.

The pursuit went from eastbound I-580 out to Tracy, then northbound on I-5 into Stockton and then turning around and back down I-5 south of Tracy toward Merced County, according to police.

At one point during the chase, an object was thrown out of the passenger side of the minivan,

sparking after it hit the right shoulder of I-5, according to Bloom. Officers returned to search the area after the arrests but were unable to locate the object.

CHP units ultimately ended the pursuit using "intervention techniques" in the town of Ballico around 10 p.m., Bloom said.

The 16-year-old driver was taken into custody without incident on suspicion of carjacking and evading police, and booked into Alameda County Juvenile Hall, police said.

Bravo, who was in the front passenger seat, was also arrested without incident and was wearing an ankle monitor at the time while on active juvenile probation for gang and gun convictions, according to Bloom.

Prosecutors charged Bravo on June 22 with felony counts of carjacking, second-degree robbery, assault with a semiautomatic firearm, unlawful firearm possession and child abuse. He also faces six to seven special allegations per felony count for charges such as using a firearm, great violence, probation violation and targeting a vulnerable victim.

Bravo, who was booked into Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, is scheduled to appear in court next Thursday for a bail motion and next Friday to enter a plea to the charges, according to prosecutors. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Rene Umverto Martin

May 20, 1949 – June 16, 2022

Pleasanton native Rene Martin passed peacefully at home on June 16, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Rene adored people, making friends everywhere he went. After retiring from Kaiser Sand and Gravel he dedicated his time to making barbecue and flour tortillas for his friends. His greatest joy was to make people laugh with his silly jokes. He was a Giants, Niners and Warriors fan for life. He had a soft spot for animals and the underprivileged, always doing what he could to help them out.



He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of 44 years Bertha Alicia Martin. He is survived by his daughter Ana Daisy Loa (Eddie), his son Rene Martin Jr. aka Tito, grandchildren Austin and Natalee Martin, Grand dogs-pugs-Leo and Lucy, his beloved niece Adrianna Villamar, sister in law Maria Sergia aka Sally, many cousins, nieces and nephews and an abundance of friends.

Memorial Mass will be held on Friday July 8, 2022 at 10:30 am at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Pleasanton followed by a reception at the Veterans Memorial building at 301 Main St. also in Pleasanton.

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 25

#### Warrant arrest

- 8:44 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 11:12 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Domestic battery

- 6:49 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

### June 24

#### Vandalism

- 9:33 a.m. on the 4400 block of First Street

#### Fraud

- 12:54 p.m. on the 7000 block of Koll Center Parkway

#### Warrant arrest

- 1:31 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Drug violation

- 5:40 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### June 23

#### Catalytic converter theft

- 7:38 a.m. on the 4600 block of Serpentine Lane

#### Vandalism

- 7:50 a.m. on the 3400 block of Old Foothill Road
- 9:49 a.m. on the 200 block of Main Street

#### Burglary

- 8:32 a.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

#### Fraud

- 11:01 a.m. on the 3800 block of Saratoga Way

### June 22

#### Domestic battery

- 9:31 a.m. on Serpentine Lane

#### DUI

- 11:44 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Boulevard

#### Fraud

- 4:17 p.m. on the 1400 block of Kolln Street

### June 21

#### Domestic battery

- 12:32 a.m. on Owens Court

#### Fraud

- 10:13 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Theft

- 11:25 a.m., 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure
- 2:56 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 3:20 p.m. on the 4000 block of Fairlands Drive

- 3:30 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 9:36 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

#### Graffiti offense

- 11:56 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Rape

- 4:13 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Ewing Drive

#### Warrant arrest

- 7:06 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### DUI

- 9:01 p.m. on the 800 block of Paseo Del Cajon

### June 20

#### Domestic battery

- 12:32 a.m. on Owens Court
- 9:14 a.m. on Andrews Drive

#### Drug violation

- 9:14 a.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

#### Fraud

- 1:27 a.m. on the 5700 block of Belleza Drive

#### Theft

- 10:15 a.m. on the 6000 block of Owens Drive
- 11:31 a.m. on the 800 block of Main Street

- 2:32 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

- 3:11 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 8:32 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

#### Assault/battery

- 8:49 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### June 19

#### Vandalism

- 6:29 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

- 12:30 p.m. on the 4300 block of First Street

#### Shoplifting

- 6:24 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Warrant arrest

- 11:30 p.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

### June 18

#### DUI

- 1:30 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

- 11:56 p.m. at Valley and Bernal avenues

#### Drug violation

- 7:03 a.m. on the 2700 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 9:09 a.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

# Opinion

## Dobbs v. Jackson is just the beginning

An important thing to keep in mind about the devastating Dobbs v. Jackson decision is that it would not have been possible in a fair, democratic government.

Of the six justices who voted to overturn the constitutional right to bodily autonomy, five were appointed by Presidents Bush and Trump — both of whom were elected through the Electoral College, which allowed them to reach the highest office in the land without popular support from the American people.

These justices were then confirmed by a Senate that does not represent the people fairly — California, with a population of 39.3 million people, has received the same representation in the Senate as Wyoming, which has a population of 580,000.

On top of that, every single person holding power in these institutions was propped up by a political system that rewards corporatism and corruption. After clearing these hurdles, the justices have had their job for life, never to be held accountable for their

decisions by anyone.

All of these anti-democratic mechanisms have proven over time to favor a conservative minority — thus, despite the overwhelming disapproval of the American people, the court voted 6-3 to take away our right to choose.

I implore all of you who care about preserving the right to choose to continue to fight for it on the local, state, and national level. But we should all be aware: institutions that do not require our consent to govern will not listen to us.

—Mark Lester

## I am so tired

I am so tired of turning on the TV or glancing at my newsfeed to learn the details of yet another mass shooting, all the while knowing that they have become so frequent that most don't even make the news anymore.

I am tired of the daily unintentional deaths of children and teens who gain access to an unsecured firearm. I am tired of the suicides of so many young people, veterans and others who have such easy access to a gun.

I am tired of the city gun violence that continues while we pretend that there is little or nothing we can do to stop it. I am tired of victims of domestic violence dying because we refuse to close easy loopholes that allow abusers to kill.

I am tired of our elected leaders, the gun lobby, gun manufacturers and gun traffickers putting profit over safety, and getting away with it.

It's time for gun owners and non-gun owners alike to come together and take action! We must secure our firearms in our homes and vehicles if we are gun owners.

We must demand updated background checks on all gun sales, ban ghost guns and assault weapons, enact red-flag laws and elect gun sense candidates.

Join Moms Demand Action, a grassroots organization fighting for public safety measures that protect people from gun violence. Text ACT to 644-33 and stand up against the inaction of our elected officials and the gun lobby.

—Janie Dobbs

## Hiding behind the second

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Does not exclude nukes!

The U.S. actively works to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and we all agree that individuals do not have the right to own those weapons, even under the Second Amendment. Similarly individuals are not allowed to own Howitzers, fighter jets, battleships, mortars, Javelin missiles, tanks, but we draw the line at AK47s.

Why doesn't the Second

Amendment allow individuals to own all of these types of arms? Has an arms dealer ever tried to hide behind the Second Amendment? Are their specific laws barring ownership of mortars and such?

—Ellis Goldberg

## Thank you, and now the work begins

I want to offer a heartfelt thank you for electing me to the Alameda County Board of Education District 7. I am keenly aware that this was a community, grassroots effort that resulted in this outcome.

From this civic education teacher and advocate, it really made my heart sing at the participatory citizenry that I saw not only in my election but also in many other races throughout our county.

Now the work begins. I am committed to serving the students and families of District 7 and by extension the entire county.

—Cheryl Cook-Kallio, trustee-elect

## Sewer extension initiative

Winemakers are framing the proposed five-mile sewer extension in Livermore Valley as an essential step in infrastructure for South Livermore's agriculture; however, the taxpayers, not the wineries, would be stuck with a \$6.5 million bill. Not only is it not in the economic interest of voters to support the extension — it is not in the interest of our health.

Studies have shown this exposure can increase the cancer rates of people in the area. Napa, Sonoma and other extensive wine marking regions, such as the Bordeaux region in France, have higher cancer rates than the surrounding areas that lack a sizable wine industry.

Not only are Livermore residents exposed to these toxic chemicals while the pesticides are being sprayed, but pesticides enter the soil and can have very adverse environmental effects. Over half of applied pesticides end up in the soil, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Over the long term, pesticides denigrate soil quality, decreasing the ability to store carbon, which is essential to fight global warming.

Children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides, and long-term health issues have been proven due to exposure to these known carcinogens.

We need more transparency about the vineyards' current pesticides, not a higher volume of exposure to even more insidious chemicals.

Please consider voting no when the sewer extension hits the ballot in November.

—Victoria Tishman Kamerzell

## Smart use of funds

I am very happy with the budget which has been approved by

the majority of the Pleasanton City Council. It is especially important to repair and restore the historic Century House. We need to preserve our existing amenities and protect our historic resources. The council has shown that they will meet the published targets for reserves.

—Sandra Yamaoda

## Rainy day reserves

Pleasanton City Council majority voted to remove \$1 million from reserves ignoring staff and city manager recommendations not to remove that money. A couple of comments I noted:

Regarding Weekly article, conversations and commentary since last meeting — Arkin, "public misconception", "community misunderstanding"; Testa, "dialogue in community misleading"; Brown, "the newspaper article."

Following majority vote to move \$1 million from reserve — Arkin, "this is a fiscally responsible decision"; Brown, "it's only a million dollars"; Testa, following city manager explanation for not moving money from reserve, "you have been here two weeks, we have been here..."

That was a really cheap shot by Testa; it was extremely negative, and intent was to hurt.

This current council majority is not good for Pleasanton.

—Michael Austin

## A great Ladies' Day

I would like to give a shout-out to several people and groups who have supported our Ladies' Day at the Races at the Alameda County Fair over the past 31 years. Over 600 ladies have attended at least one Ladies' Day since it was organized in 1992.

The Alameda County Fair has done many things over the years to make the ladies who attend feel special — displaying a welcome sign for us on the sign board, giving each one of us goodie bags of fair trinkets to take home, offering us a named race so we all could experience a moment in the winner's circle, and a location to have food/drinks after the last race. Thank you, Alameda County Fair, Tiffany Cadrette and Jeanne Wasserman for the special treatment you have offered us.

Each year we take a group photo to document our Ladies' Day at the Races and place it in our ever-growing scrapbook, which is viewed by the attendees. We thank Chuck Deckert, who has photographed our group for 14 years. He also takes the photo of all of us holding the Pleasanton Weekly, which is then printed in the Take Us Along section of the paper. We thank Chuck and the Pleasanton Weekly for the opportunity to highlight our Ladies' Day each year.

We truly appreciate all who

support, recognize and attend Ladies' Day at the Races!

—Kay Huff

## Restore balance now

To protect our reproductive freedoms, we need to expand the Supreme Court.

The Judiciary Act of 2021 would add four new seats to the Supreme Court, bringing the number of justices to 13. It would help restore balance to a court that Mitch McConnell has packed with right-wing extremists who just dismantled abortion care in America.

Recent polling showed that not only do a majority of Americans believe that the Supreme Court should uphold the right to abortion care, they also agree that we need to restore balance to the court and support adding additional judges to the Supreme Court.

I'm urging Congress to pass the Judiciary Act so we can create an institution that moves away from partisan politics and represents the good of all Americans.

—Eric Nichandros

## Rodeo cruelty and public safety

Yet another horse died at the annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley. According to the veterinarian's report, a 15-year-old pickup horse suffered a seizure and died in the arena on Sunday, May 22.

Only the day before, a bull jumped the fence at the Redding Rodeo, injuring six people, and putting one in the hospital. The bull was later captured a half-mile away.

The Rowell Ranch Rodeo again featured the controversial, non-sanctioned, brutal and blatantly sexist "wild cow milking contest," despite ongoing opposition from the Alameda County Veterinary Medical Association, the East Bay SPCA and most animal welfare organizations in the Bay Area.

An online petition has garnered more than 180,000 signatures. Again, these are beef cattle, not dairy, and unused to being handled at all, much less this roughly. They are further stressed by being separated from their still-nursing babies. This same event was scheduled for the June Livermore Rodeo.

To its credit, the county Board of Supervisors outlawed the children's "mutton busting" event back in 2019. They are now considering a ban on the "wild cow milking contest," and need to hear from the general public. WRITE the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, 1221 Oak St., Oakland, CA 94612.

As Supervisor Nate Miley wrote in his 2019 Spring Newsletter, "Any form of violence is repugnant." Indeed. Help stop this cruelty.

—Eric Mills, coordinator  
Action for Animals

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill bids farewell to longtime athletic trainer Elicia Jacobs

'It was like family coming to work every day'

The longer a person works in an athletic program at a local high school, the less of a job it is as it becomes more of a family experience.

That makes it much easier to deal with the long days and little pay as your days are filled with time spent with people you have become close to through the years.

On the flip side, when you decide to leave the school and athletic program, it makes it that much tougher.

Such is the case of now-former Foothill High trainer Elicia Jacobs.

Jacobs has been keeping together the athletes at Foothill for the last 18 years, but today Jacobs, her husband Jason and their children will be moving to Colorado.

"I am so going to miss my sports, working with the coaches and players, the staff at Foothill — everything," Jacobs said.

Jacobs got started in athletic training almost 20 years ago when she started as an intern at Amador Valley under the guidance of iconic Amador trainer Diana Hasenpflug.

She was also working at a local athletic clinic under Dennis Halliday, who was the Foothill part-time trainer at that point. Halliday mentioned that he wanted to step away from the high school training, with the plan to bring Jacobs on for a year with him before taking over.

She did just that and 18 years ago Jacobs became the first full-time athletic trainer at Foothill. Right out the gate, she faced football and legendary coach Matt Sweeney.

"It was overwhelming," Jacobs said. "I met coach Sweeney and it was, oh my this is so intense."

The two developed a great relationship over the years, and it was the football season that became Jacobs favorite part of the year.

"Football was always busy, and it was always a hustle, but it was my favorite," she said.

Sweeney, who stepped away from the Foothill football program in January 2018 after 31 years of coaching, knows the Falcons were blessed to have Jacobs.

"This is a big loss for the Foothill athletic department," said Sweeney, who is now fully retired. "We were so lucky to have her. She knew what she was doing, and she never sugar-coated anything to the athletes.

She is a very good leader and very charismatic."

Sweeney pointed to Jacobs' abilities to get athletes recovered and back playing as one of her biggest contributions.

"I had complete confidence in her to get players back on the field," Sweeney said.

But, on the flip side, if Jacobs told the coaches the player was not ready, the decision went unchallenged.

"If she said he couldn't play, then he was not playing," Sweeney said. "Her mentality was perfect for me."

Having been around Foothill athletics for the last 30-plus years on several levels, as a reporter, a parent of athletes, or announcing football and basketball games, I can firsthand vouch for the meaning Jacobs has had to the school.

I saw Jacobs during the winter seasons in the gym during basketball games, then bolt off to the stadium for something in a soccer game, only to hustle back to the gym for more basketball. Even though the winter season was the smallest in terms of number of teams, it was the toughest.

"I never felt like I was in the right

place," Jacobs said. "But there were so many amazing programs, and so many amazing players and coaches. Dusty Collins, Angelo Scavone, Randy Isaacs — it was like family coming to work every day."

While Jacobs loved the job, there was the family drain of being at Foothill from 2:30 p.m. every day and not leaving until the completion of the last game.

"It was a great job when (her children) were babies as I was home during the days and when my husband got home, we would tag off," Jacobs said with a laugh. "Once they started going to school, I would drop them off at school and then not get home until they were going to bed."

Now as the family heads to Colorado where she has a job overseeing athletic trainers for four schools, there will be way less late nights and more family time.

"It will be great," said Jacobs, then laughing again added, "At least we shall see." ■

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# Employment

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DEREK PEREZ

Foothill athletic trainer Elicia Jacobs (right) spent 18 years working with local athletes of all ages.

## Entertainment

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

**CITY CENTER UNPLUGGED** Celebrate summer with City Center Unplugged, a Friday evening outdoor music series featuring an array of local bands. Grab an outside table, enjoy a leisurely dinner and catch some of the tunes that will be filling Alexander Square. 6-8 p.m.

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

**TUESDAY TUNES IN LIVERMORE** Enjoy Tuesday tunes every night through Aug. 16. Shea Homes Stage, Livermore Plaza, 2400 First St. 6:45 p.m.

**DUBLIN CONCERT SERIES** Join the Dublin community this summer at Emerald Glen Park on Thursday evenings, held at the Dublin Farmers Market. The Dublin Lions Club will host beer and wine tastings, and dinner can be purchased from many hot food vendors at the market. 6-8 p.m., June 30.

**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.

**JAZZ AT THE LIVERMORE LIBRARY** Led by Lee Waterman on guitar, Jazz Caliente is an all-star ensemble performing at the Civic Center Library's Storytime Room. 2 p.m., July 9. 1188 South Livermore Ave.

**BALLET ROOTS: SUMMER COLLECTION** Ballet Roots Dance Company returns to the Firehouse Arts Center with a delightful summer show featuring a sampling of classical ballet and bold new choreography. 3 & 6 p.m., July 10. Tickets \$16. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**OPERA IN THE VINEYARD** Retzlaff welcomes visitors to its outdoor venue to enjoy arias from classic operas in an informal setting. The July event features three of Livermore Valley Opera's favorite performers in this bring-your-own-picnic dinner event where guests can purchase the wines of the vineyards. 5 p.m., July 17. Visit [livermorevalleyopera.com](http://livermorevalleyopera.com). Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Ave.

## Fourth of July

**PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT** Join this free event 12-1:30 p.m., July 4. Lions Wayside Park, 4401 First St.

**UNITED WE SHINE - COMMUNITY FIREWORKS** The city of Livermore and Livermore Downtown Inc. present United We Shine - Community Fireworks Night on July 4. The fireworks show begins approximately at 9:30 p.m. and will be launched off of the Downtown Parking Garage located at 216 Maple St. For more information, visit [Livermoredowntown.com](http://Livermoredowntown.com).

**CELEBRATION CONCERT - FEATURING PRIDE & JOY** The San Ramon 4th of July Celebration Concert features Pride & Joy playing favorite pop/soul songs. The San Ramon Arts Foundation will have food, wine, beer, soda and water available for purchase. 5-8 p.m., July 4. San Ramon Central Park. For more information, visit [sanramon.ca.gov/events](http://sanramon.ca.gov/events).

## Exhibits

**MUSEUM ON MAIN EXPLORES HORSE RACING HISTORY** Pleasanton's rich history of horse racing is the subject of its newest exhibit: The Home Stretch. Using rarely seen material from the Alameda County Fair Archives and interviews given by over three dozen veterans of Pleasanton racing, as well as items lent by trainers, shoers and other members of Pleasanton's racing community. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays to Saturdays. Now through July 30.

**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 to July 31. Bankhead Theater.

## Talks

**RANGER-LED PROGRAMS** Eagles of America is the next Ranger-led program at Sycamore Grove Park. Learn fun facts you may not have known about our nation's symbol, the Bald Eagle. 1 p.m., July 2. RSVP to [seddings@larpd.org](mailto:seddings@larpd.org) or call 925-960-2400. 1051 Wetmore Rd.

**ONLINE BOOK CLUB** The Pleasanton Library's book selection is "Harry's Trees", an uplifting novel with a touch of magic. 4-5 p.m., July 7. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK** On this walking tour with Museum on Main, explore the many beautiful homes along Railroad Avenue, Second and Neal streets, and learn about the families that occupied these homes and their contributions. 10 a.m., July 9. 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

**LIVERMORE AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** The WPA: Sources for Your Genealogy is the subject of this month's meeting by Gena Philibert-Ortega, an author, researcher and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. 7-8:30, July 11. Visit [l-ags.org](http://l-ags.org).

**INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT RELIGION CHAT** The topic: How does your community welcome children/youth into the faith? What rite of passage ceremonies are traditional in your culture? All are welcome to attend, in-person or via Zoom. 7-8 p.m., July 13. St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Zoom: [us02web.zoom.us/j/82960493317](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82960493317).

**CROATIA BY LAND AND SEA ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS** Armchair Travelers will take place at the Livermore Library's Civic Center where Bill Leach will present Croatia, By Land and Sea, a photographic slideshow about his adventures in Croatia. Adults are invited to attend this free program in the Storytime Room. 1188 South Livermore Ave. 1:30 p.m., July 14.

**WILDLIFE PROGRAM AT RINCON LIBRARY** Wildmind Science Learning will host a free educational wildlife program at the Rincon Branch Library in Livermore. This program features a gray fox, great-horned owl, red-tailed hawk and a kingsnake. 1 p.m., July 15. 725 Rincon Ave.

**LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY** This virtual program through the Pleasanton Library is every third Tuesday of the month. Each registrant will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation. Registration closes the Saturday prior to the Tuesday event. 6-8 p.m., July 19.

## Outdoor Movies

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

**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 lowback chairs and/or blankets. Food and snack vendors begin at 6:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed. Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

## Family

**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. Included with fair admission. 9:30, July 1.

**STORYTIME AT BRUNO CANZIANI PARK** Music & Movement storytime at Bruno Canziani Park. 10 a.m.,

## PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

### Meet Buster

Browse no more — Buster is the best boy! He'll bait you by bestowing bribe-worthy baubles at your feet, and you'll never be bored. Make this boy beam and bring your new bond home today. Learn more about Buster and other cats and dogs at [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org). Email [info@valleyhumane.org](mailto:info@valleyhumane.org) to start the adoption application process.

July 2. 5905 Charlotte Way, Livermore.

**FIRST WEEKEND ON MAIN** Every first weekend of the month enjoy street closures for roaming in historical downtown Pleasanton featuring events and outdoor dining. 4:00 p.m., July 1 to 9 p.m., July 3.

**MUSIC & MOVEMENT AT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY** Enjoy songs and movement activities that build motor and social skills and increase independence as well as language development in your child. Perfect for ages 1-5, but everyone is welcome. Class will be held outside at Civic Center Library. Bring a blanket. 10 a.m., July 11. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

**LIVERMORE LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT** The Livermore Public Library invites everyone to participate in a Scavenger Hunt from June 1 to August 17 for a chance to win prizes. No registration is required for this free event and forms will be available at any Livermore Library beginning June 1. Visit [livermorelibrary.net](http://livermorelibrary.net).

**SUMMER READING WITH LIVERMORE LIBRARY** The Livermore Library Summer Reading Program has four different levels of reading games, all free of charge. Pre-readers, independent readers, teens and adults can register online for the program at [livermore.beanstack.org](http://livermore.beanstack.org). Prizes will be awarded in all programs, June 1-Aug. 17.

**FAMILY DAYS AT MUSEUM ON MAIN** The Museum on Main will be partnering with Pleasanton Military Families to get ready for the 4th of July by making paper flag garlands, firework pom poms and writing thank you cards for our local service men and women. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., July 2. 603 Main St.

**MUSEUM ON MAIN PRESCHOOL READING TIME** Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main the second Wednesday of each month for books and crafts. Book reading begins at 10am with crafts immediately following. July 13. Museum on Main Street, 603 Main St.

**SYCAMORE GROVE FIELD TRIPS** The Livermore Public Library and LARPd is hosting a field trip to Sycamore Grove Park where

librarians will provide story times and crafts and Rangers will lead nature-themed activities throughout the day. To attend visit any Livermore library information desk or call 925-373-5505. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., July 16. 1051 Wetmore Rd.

**THE WAVE WATERPARK** The Wave Waterpark, owned by the city of Dublin, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Aug. 5. For more information on The Wave, visit [thedublinwave.com](http://thedublinwave.com) or call 925-574-4800.

## 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

**NAMI TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** This is a free, peer-led, support group on Zoom, for any adult (18 and older) who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Gain insight from hearing the challenges and successes of others. 7 p.m., July 6. Contact: Cyndi Hackett, [tchrcyd@mac.com](mailto:tchrcyd@mac.com).

**TRI-VALLEY HAVEN'S SUMMER OUTREACH** Tri-Valley Haven is collecting donations for their annual summer outreach to assist the unhoused in our community.

# CALENDAR

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Needed are reusable water bottles, sunscreen, cooling towels, hats and more. To see the full list visit @trivalleyhaven on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. 10 a.m.- 4p.m., Monday-Friday, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. The last drop-off day is July 8.

**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., July 11. Email 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.

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

**DONATE TO TRI-VALLEY HAVEN THRIFT SHOP** Profits from the thrift store go directly into funding programs and services. Shelter clients receive vouchers to shop at the store for free for themselves and their children. Visit trivalleyhaven.org. 116 N L St., Livermore.

## Games

**JEOPARDY AT THE LIVERMORE LIBRARY** Adults are invited to play Jeopardy! in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library where participants will play in teams and compete to win prizes. Registration is required for this free event. Call 925-373-5505. 1:30 p.m., July 7. 1188 South Livermore Ave.

## Teens

**DRAWING COMICS FOR TEENS** The Livermore Public Library is hosting a virtual comics program for teens in grades 6-12. Participants will learn about manga and anime while they make their own comic. Registration is required for this free event at any Livermore Public Library or by calling 925-373-5505. 2-3:30 p.m., July 13.

## Business

**PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** The Pleasanton Young Professionals (PYPs) is the premier networking group for emerging and established young professionals. Empower. Grow. Learn. 5-7 p.m., July 7. Visit pleasanton.org.

**BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING** The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting is held virtually on the 1st Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. 8-9 a.m., July 9. Visit livermorechamber.org.

**LIVERMORE CHAMBER AMBASSADOR CLUB MEETING** Ambassadors are the goodwill arm of Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. This group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, unless noted otherwise. 9-10 a.m., July 12. For more information visit livermorechamber.org.

**SIERRA CLUB-TRI VALLEY** Serving Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol and unincorporated eastern Alameda County, the Tri-Valley Group meets via zoom the second Wednesday of each month. 7:30, July 13. Visit www.sierraclub.org/san-francisco-bay/activities.

## Government

**PLEASANTON HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING** The Pleasanton Human Services Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month. 7 p.m., July 6. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**PLEASANTON LIBRARY COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Library Commission meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is July 7. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., July 13. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission meets the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., July 14. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. Meetings of the Board are in person and zoom. The next meeting is 6 p.m., July 14. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., July 19. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

**LIVERMORE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS** This State of the City Address, by Mayor Bob Woerner, will report on Livermore's vitality. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., July 14. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. For more information visit livermorechamber.org.

**LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION** The Livermore Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., July 19. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

**DUBLIN PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION** The Dublin Parks & Community Services Commission meets at 7 p.m., July 18. Visit dublin.ca.gov.

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2-6 for Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin, and May 23-27 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 5788 Belleza Drive** Cascade Fndg Mtg 2019-Rm3 to Threex Investments Inc for \$560,000
- 3068 Boardwalk Street** Malone Family Trust to S. & J. Liu for \$2,410,000
- 1505 Brookline Loop** R. Mousa to Amrita Trust for \$2,475,000
- 2784 Calle De La Loma** Lee Living Trust to H. & K. Kallakuri for \$2,900,500
- 7855 Canyon Meadow Circle #A** W. Huang to I. & G. Houston for \$707,000
- 882 Chateau Heights Court** K. Rangasayee to N. & S. Sarkar for \$3,730,000
- 7608 Cottonwood Lane** Look Trust to S. & V. Mishra for \$1,820,000
- 3481 Isle Royal Court** S. & L. Casterson to S. & S. Oommen for \$1,575,000
- 3336 Medallion Court** Y. & C. Glaeser to A. & S. Akram for \$3,655,000
- 100 Monaco Court** D. & K. Duval to I. & S. Ramalingam for \$2,300,000
- 3273 Monmouth Court #G** Morley Family Trust to Iyer Living Trust for \$2,210,000
- 3557 Olympic Court** J. & M. West to N. & A. Braganza for \$1,936,000
- 3144 Paseo Robles** Pinho Trust to M. & L. Wu for \$2,005,000
- 8063 Regency Drive** E. Salvioni to V. & J. Liang for \$3,320,000
- 3308 Smoketree Commons Drive #110** C. De to M. & Z. Elston for \$640,000
- 5467 Springdale Avenue** T. Gowda to H. & R. Athmanathan for \$1,435,000
- 7980 Spyglass Court** L. Fang to X. & S. Chen for \$1,960,000

### Livermore

- 348 Alice Way** Leonard Trust to M. Wijesekara for \$1,160,000
- 6401 Almaden Way** S. Echevarria to P. Joseph for \$1,225,000
- 425 Bell Avenue** Gucho Family Trust to S. & R. Garikipati for \$1,300,500
- 51 Bellington Common #506** Louie Family Trust to J. & G. Lau for \$875,000
- 2960 Bresso Drive** Albiani Living Trust to A. & S. Varadarajula for \$1,998,000
- 1389 Calle De Las Granvas** Klein Trust to L. & D. Doucroc for \$1,020,000
- 832 Cloud Common** C. Kambalappally to P. & G. Pitale for \$1,240,000
- 537 Covington Way** Tweed Trust to A. & P. Ganeshamurthy for \$1,125,000
- 1558 De Leon Way** Martin Family Trust to D. & R. Chun for \$1,650,000
- 5448 Delia Way** Purves Family Trust to J. & C. Fleck for \$1,475,000
- 254 Garnet Drive** Lewis Family Trust to S. & A. Singh for \$1,350,000
- 119 Glacier Drive** S. & K. Wright to P. & A. Prakash for \$1,475,000
- 1082 Glenn Common** J. Arguello to C. Cox for \$635,000
- 196 Heligan Lane** A. Koponen to Guan Family Trust for \$725,000
- 446 Jensen Street** L. Gregory to K. & R. Vartak for \$945,000
- 2198 Kara Place** L. & R. Bailey to Clover Trust for \$2,800,000
- 2351 Lennox Court** Ruth Trust to V. & M. Ochoa for \$2,300,000
- 810 Lucerne Street** F. Tse to N. & N. Aurangabadkar for \$1,700,000
- 3045 Lusitana Drive** Kelley Family Trust to Barnes Family Trust for \$2,685,000
- 1177 Madison Avenue** K. & W. Huntington to S. & W. Loney for \$1,450,000
- 2055 Mercury Road** Hanscom Family Trust to J. & M. Wong for \$1,628,000
- 3885 Mills Way** Hersey Living Trust to S. & H. Kapri for \$850,000
- 1363 Murdell Lane** Volkir Family Trust to V. & N. Mahajan for \$2,240,000
- 2233 Palm Avenue** Settgest Trust to D. & R. Engel for \$1,525,000

- 5196 Peony Drive** M. Luong to Costello Family Trust for \$1,228,000
- 524 Ruth Way** Benko Trust to C. Tran for \$960,000
- 5911 Singing Hills Avenue** Bull Trust to A. & J. Benson for \$1,200,000
- 521 Teal Court** Mensinger Living Trust to A. & R. Chelman for \$1,500,000
- 779 Trinity Hills Lane** J. & P. Galman to P. & J. Lane for \$2,100,000
- 1464 Windsor Way** Halbe Family Trust to G. Graham for \$1,680,000

### Dublin

- 5534 Aspen Street** Liebetrau Family Trust to T. & S. Sagare for \$2,273,000
- 3664 Branding Iron Place** J. Ma to A. & P. Ng for \$1,050,000
- 4499 Brannigan Street** S. Thonaril to K. & A. Akella for \$1,385,000
- 7464 Brighton Court** Calvert Family Trust to K. & P. Acharya for \$2,000,000
- 8238 Cardiff Court** H. & S. Mowry to R. & M. Lai for \$1,520,000
- 7825 Castilian Road** K. Black to J. & A. Anderson for \$1,350,000
- 4027 Clare Street** S. & R. Gudipelli to A. & S. Dey for \$1,327,000
- 4098 Clarinbridge Circle** J. & I. Cho to L. Xin for \$680,000
- 3969 Eminence Street** Center Gold LLC to R. Bai for \$915,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #118** M. Lew to Sukimin Trust for \$788,000
- 4620 Myrtle Drive** K. Honnavalli to A. & R. Pore for \$1,725,000
- 7514 Oxford Circle** Bergren Living Trust to W. Chiu for \$850,000
- 7754 Starward Drive** D. Dobrin to J. Batch for \$1,375,000
- 7168 Tamarack Drive** A. Skelly to M. & P. Lin for \$1,310,000
- 2895 Tulare Hills Drive** N. & A. Makim to S. & A. Goswami for \$3,300,000
- 8557 Valencia Street** M. & G. Perkiss to S. & R. Yalamanchili for \$1,750,000
- 5633 Walnut Street** Kote Family Trust to Spoorthy Family Trust for \$2,265,000
- 7435 Yountville Street** R. & E. Alojado to M. & T. Kane for \$2,100,000

### San Ramon

- 6760 Aberdale Circle** T. & W. Jew to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,717,500
- 9005 Alcosta Boulevard #188** C. & P. Tumilla to D. Terlizzi for \$645,000
- 309 Almond Court** E. & N. Craig to A. & P. Maiyiya for \$1,775,000
- 7530 Balmoral Way** G. Li to S. & R. Gopalakrishnan for \$2,810,000
- 473 Bridle Court** V. Ohanian to H. & E. Etemad for \$2,350,000
- 1115 Canyon Hills Road** Mcclain Living Trust to D. & J. Chou for \$2,000,000
- 525 Cashew Court** J. & D. Hughes to M. & E. Lozano for \$1,951,000
- 11 Connick Court** Quan Living Trust to M. & R. Ramirez for \$2,050,000
- 164 Eastridge Drive** E. Souza to B. Singh for \$525,000
- 3268 El Suyo Drive** Trumbo Living Trust to Legacy Living Trust for \$1,880,000
- 562 Fallen Leaf Circle** Prabhu Family Trust to Krishnan Living Trust for \$2,065,000
- 2071 Goldenrod Lane** S. Mitra to P. & K. Stevens for \$1,780,000
- 3133 Hastings Way** J. Zhan to M. & M. Nautiyal for \$2,568,000
- 1011 Hoskins Lane** Seiden Family Trust to R. & G. Vaithilingam for \$2,500,000
- 530 Labro Court** Li Trust to S. & N. Nguyen for \$2,050,000

Source: California REsource

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

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (May 2-6)

**Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$560,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,730,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$2,005,000

### Livermore (May 2-6)

**Total sales reported:** 30  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$635,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,800,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,400,000

### Dublin (May 2-6)

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$680,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,300,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,380,000

### San Ramon (May 23-27)

**Total sales reported:** 32  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$200,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,735,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,890,000

Source: California REsource

# VENEMA HOMES

EXPERIENCE  EXCELLENCE

## Happy 4th of July!

Oh say can you see... Yourself in a new home?  
If so, let's talk!



**FOR SALE**  
Listed at \$6,500,000



**1012 Shotwell Court, Pleasanton**  
6 Bedrooms | 6.5 Bathrooms | 7,129 Square Feet



Lisa Desmond  
925.352.5065

**FOR SALE**  
Listed at \$5,149,950



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



Sabrina Tirado  
908.670.6635

**FOR SALE**  
Listed at \$3,649,000



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



Alexis Venema  
925.963.5446

**FOR SALE**  
Listed at \$1,950,000



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



Lisa Desmond  
925.352.5065

**FOR SALE**  
Listed at \$1,399,000



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



Liz Venema  
925.413.6544

**FOR SALE**  
Listed at \$2,995,000



**5920 Old School Road, San Ramon**  
5 Bedrooms | 2 Full/4 Half Bathrooms | 5,060 Square Feet



Alexis Venema  
925.963.5446

**COMING SOON**  
Listed at \$1,349,000



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



Liz Venema  
925.413.6544

**COMING SOON**  
Listed at \$985,000



**1313 San Lucas, Pittsburg**  
7 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | 3,663 Square Feet



Michelle Kroger  
925.785.3134

**COMING SOON**  
Listed at \$2,295,000



**1147 Mataro Court, Pleasanton**  
7 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | 3,663 Square Feet



Bhavna Manning  
925.998.2388

**COMING SOON**



**409 Neal Street, Pleasanton**  
Call for details and pricing!



Liz Venema  
925.413.6544

**PENDING**  
Listed at \$1,799,000



**4515 Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton**  
4 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 2,172 Square Feet



Alexis Venema  
925.963.5446

**PENDING**  
Representing Buyers



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



Michelle Kroger  
925.785.3134

**PENDING**  
Listed at \$1,645,000



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



Liz Venema  
925.413.6544

**JUST SOLD**  
\$111k Over List Price!



**690 Marsala Court, Pleasanton**  
4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,251 Square Feet  
Sold for \$2,400,000



Alexis Venema  
925.963.5446

**JUST SOLD**



**1144 Mataro Court, Pleasanton**  
3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 2,066 Square Feet  
Sold for \$2,100,000



Liz Venema  
925.413.6544



**PRICE IMPROVEMENT**



**2570 Chateau Way, Livermore**

Located in one of Livermore's premier locations with its sought after downtown area & the Rodeo grounds. The 2,125 Sq. Ft. of living space offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, indoor laundry with a spacious lot of 11,767 Sq. Ft. Features include side yard & RV/boat access, a 3 car garage and a detached shed/workshop. Updates throughout the home offers ease of enjoyment. A community pool is close by for that summer fun.  
**Listed at \$1,849,000 | New Price \$1,540,000**

**SOLD**



**10405 Ager Rd., Montague, CA**

A rancher's dream – this 100 Acre ranch boasts a 2,600 Sq. Ft. hand hewn log home, a steel sided 40' X 60' Pole Barn with a workshop & an attached guest suite, fenced and cross fenced for livestock, 2 ponds, a well producing about 45 gal./min., enhanced with amazing panoramic views of Mt. Shasta & Black Mtn.  
**Sold at \$880,000**

**SOLD**



**500 Happy Valley Rd., Pleasanton**

Located in one of Pleasanton's sought after areas. This home offers an expansive remodel with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths and views of its **1 Acre** private space. Features a 4 car garage with a workshop, an attached bonus room, and a pool.  
**Listed at \$1,900,000 | Selling at \$3,050,000**

**Pleasanton**

- 4 bedrooms
- 2.5 bathrooms
- 1,958 Sq. Ft.
- 5,620 Sq. Ft. Lot
- Built in 1987
- 1.5 story home
- Spa



*A Note from my Sellers:*

*Kris worked with us on the sale of two houses and purchase of another. Her recommendations for preparing the properties for the market helped us focus on what's most appreciated. Her help in staging and updates were very helpful. She promoted the properties on social media and with professional photo and video services. She managed the opening of the sales offering with excellent buyer interest. Finally she managed the offerings and negotiations on buyer expectations. The result was calm, prompt and with timely results. Her experience in the market and network of connections were key to bringing the right buyers. The end result in each case was a great experience for both buyer and seller. She delivers excellent value in what could be a stressful process. We enthusiastically recommend her to our friends and family. thank you Kris!*

*~ Don & Barbara, Sellers*

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**Pleasanton**

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- 1,200 Sq. Ft.
- 6,200 Sq. Ft. Lot
- Downtown location
- One story home

*I would enjoy advertising your home in my next ad. Just call Kris.*

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