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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Primary takeaways

With results finally being certified during the past week in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, the tale of the June 7 primary election for the Tri-Valley can now be written (although the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office was set to formally sign off on its most-recent count yesterday, after we went to press).

Ours is a business of headlines, and without question the biggest headline across the entire Tri-Valley was the stunning defeat of Alameda County Sheriff-Coroner Greg Ahern.

Yesenia Sanchez, a Livermore resident and commander within the sheriff's office, earned 52.84% of the vote to win the seat outright — an unexpected outcome with three candidates, including an incumbent, on the ballot and more than 50% support needed to avoid a runoff. You really just don't see it in public safety position elections. Jaw-dropping.

Sheriff-elect Sanchez ran an effective campaign at a time when there was an apparent groundswell to oust Ahern after 15-plus years. Ahern garnered just 31.22% of the vote, while the third candidate JoAnn Walker got 15.94%.

Alameda County voters clearly wanted change. And it had to mean something that Sanchez was already a leader within the department.

Meanwhile, lack of a qualified challenger likely saved Contra Costa County Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston, who had come under fire in the past year for his steadfast defense of now-former sheriff's deputy Andrew Hall, who was convicted of felony assault for a fatal shooting in Danville.

But Livingston only saw one opponent come forward, Richmond police officer and union president Ben Therriault, who had no sheriff's office or police management experience. That proved to be his doom. Livingston won 58.82% to 41.18%.

Credit to Livingston for keeping his house tight, so to speak. I can't help but wonder what the outcome might have been had a sheriff's office manager or city police chief stood up to challenge this obviously vulnerable incumbent.

I, for one, hope Livingston and Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton — who have been at odds for well over a year, largely in the Hall fallout — find a way to reconcile. The stability of criminal justice in Contra Costa County depends on it.

Becton too was re-elected for another four years in June, beating lone challenger Mary Knox, an experienced prosecutor in Becton's office, 56.41% to 43.59%. Those splits aren't terribly different from the sheriff's race, despite both incumbents being seen as political opponents.

The DA's contest in Alameda County, on the other hand, is anything but decided.

With DA Nancy O'Malley opting not to seek another term, Oakland civil rights attorney Pamela Price led the primary with 43.23% but couldn't clear the majority threshold. As a result, Price faces chief deputy DA Terry Wiley (27.13%) in a runoff in November.

It will be interesting to see how the support for the other two candidates — deputy DA Jimmie Wilson (19.57%) and former San Francisco prosecutor turned Oakland city political adviser Seth Steward (10.07%) — are redistributed in the general election. There could be enough votes there for Wiley to pull ahead of Price; of course it also depends how each finalist performs among newly participating voters in November.

Voter turnout was a big talking point locally and statewide in the aftermath of Election Day on June 7. The final numbers are poor, but not as dismal as they were looking several weeks ago.

Alameda County saw 32.88% of registered voters cast ballots in the primary. Now the overall number is low, but nowhere near as dire as it looked on Election Night when the registrar reported participation was just 10.94% to that point. As more eligible vote-by-mail ballots arrived and provisional/conditional ballots processed, the number crept closer to respectable.

Respectable in comparison, that is. Turnout was also below 40% in Alameda County in the last primary election in a non-presidential year, at 39.73% in June 2018.

Over in Contra Costa County, election participation was better at 35.05% of registered voters, but nearly 5% worse than June 2018 (39.97%)

Here's hoping the voter apathy wanes come November.

I have a bunch of other thoughts on the 2022 primary election, but I've rambled myself out of space.

Check out my longer version online or contact me offline. There's plenty to take away after scouring these results. ■

## About the Cover

The Alameda County Fair is ending its 2022 run in style, with jam-packed final days today through Sunday. Photo by Jeremy Walsh. Cover design by Doug Young.

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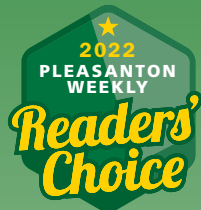
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

**If you could meet anyone at all that you truly admire and respect, and sit down for a meal with just them, who would it be?**



## Bobby Sehrgosha

Sales

It would be Steve Jobs, even though he's dead, because he was such a disruptive innovator. I'd love to hear about how he went from being an effective leader, to a product genius whose products have influenced and revolutionized the lives of countless people all over the world.



## Ray Costello

Logistics

Dan Crenshaw. He is a congressman from Texas. I think he is really smart and that in our politically fractured world has offered a lot of excellent ideas, both fiscally and socially, that could help to reunite our country.



## Julie White

Sales

I would have to say Michelle Obama. I really like the way she conducted herself so elegantly and articulately while she was our first lady.



## Jackson Turlock

Research/product development

I would love to share a meal with Billy Joel. He has such a fertile mind and has written so many great songs that have been around forever, and will likely stick around forever. That's an incredible talent.



## Catherine Kennedy

Sales manager

Susan Cain, the author of the book "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking." I'd really like to ask her about her insights into how she thinks we can incorporate the strengths of both introverts and extroverts into our systems of politics, education and business.

—Compiled Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### 'Know Your Zone'

Pleasanton officials are encouraging residents to research where they would evacuate to in case of wildfire or other emergency, as part of the "Know Your Zone" campaign.

The advisory was issued in the wake of multiple vegetation fires in Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department jurisdiction in recent weeks, most notably the 71-acre blaze on Pleasanton Ridge that forced evacuations of the Golden Eagle Way neighborhood on the afternoon of June 23.

Pleasanton and Livermore use online emergency management tool Zonehaven, which is integrated with the cities' notification systems and available for residents to access evacuation updates in real-time. They urge residents to visit community.zonehaven.com, sign up for the AC Alert system and follow city, police and LPPD accounts on social media.

### State of the City

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner is set to deliver his State of the City address next Thursday (July 14) at the Wine Country Event luncheon organized by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce in the LARPD Robert Livermore Community Center.

Woerner is expected to talk about a range of topics, including the city's progress on downtown projects (housing, hotel and amenities including parking and green space), progress on housing and infrastructure citywide and delivery of key city services, the city's General Plan update, and the status of the city's fiscal health and resources to meet its obligations," chamber officials said.

"The business community is looking forward to hearing from Mayor Woerner about progress on initiatives important to the city's economic health," said Dawn Argula, president and CEO of the chamber. "The chamber has been supportive of the city of Livermore and its leaders on key issues affecting the local and regional economy."

### Lane stepping down

Beverly Lane, a former Danville mayor and longtime member of the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, announced Tuesday that she would be stepping down at the end of her current term this fall.

Lane's departure from EBRPD's Ward 6 seat, which contains the San Ramon Valley and is the only ward entirely within Contra Costa County, would come after roughly 28 years in office, having been elected in 1994. She will serve out the remainder of her term, which expires at the end of 2022. ■

## Board OKs Facilities Master Plan, provides input on bond language

PUSD approves new school year's budget plan, must review again after state signing

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

With the Pleasanton school board unanimously adopting the new Facilities Master Plan during its June 23 regular meeting, the next big step for the trustees is to order a school bond election this November — and get the measure passed.

Pleasanton Unified School District staff began the process of updating the Facilities Master Plan in the spring of 2021. Since then the district has partnered with LPA

Design Studios, the main consulting firm working on the master plan. The firm spent months discussing with stakeholders and taking surveys from students, staff, community members and the school board to figure out what priorities to address in the district.

Some of the priorities that the master plan is set to tackle in stages will be deferred maintenance to things like bathrooms; modernizing and new construction of classrooms; more funding for transitional kindergarten; restructuring

of the visual performing arts in high schools; cafeteria and air conditioning and heating equipment.

A key component of the funding strategy to complete the facilities projects involves taking a new bond measure — up to \$450 million — to Pleasanton voters in the upcoming general election.

A tier system will be implemented to organize the order of which items to focus on first. Tier 1 will prioritize funding for the gym and theater constructions at both Amador Valley and Foothill

high schools as well as new classrooms at Vintage Hills Elementary and new transitional kindergarten classrooms.

The master plan is assigning an estimated \$203 million for Amador so the music facilities can move to a new building to make way for three fitness and wrestling rooms as well as building new music facilities in tandem with the school's theater.

Foothill would also get an updated theater and gym that would

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An aerial shot of the Bernal Community Park athletic area, which has been rebranded as the Stanford Medicine Sports Complex under a new naming-rights sponsorship deal.

## Bernal Community Park gets new naming sponsors

Rebrand includes Stanford Medicine Sports Complex

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The city of Pleasanton has announced a new Bernal Community Park multi-year sponsorship agreement that will change the name of the athletic grounds to Stanford Medicine Sports Complex.

The city's Library and Recreation Department said in the news release June 30 that the new sponsors for the park are Stanford Medicine and Pleasanton-based engineering firm, 4LEAF. One sponsor is returning too, Construction Testing Services.

All three of the sponsors will collectively contribute \$630,000 over seven years to fund ongoing facility construction costs at the park, according to city officials.

"The city of Pleasanton is

strongly committed to providing our community expansive access to quality parks and outdoor recreation areas," Heidi Murphy, director of the Library and Recreation Department, said in a statement.

"Upholding the high standards of excellence that have become the hallmark of our city's parks and recreation amenities requires support from organizations that share our love for this community. Through their generous support and continued partnership, each of our new sponsors has demonstrated a desire to invest in the betterment of this community," she added.

Stanford Medicine, which includes Stanford Children's Health, Stanford Health Care and

Stanford-ValleyCare, secured the naming rights for the full sports complex, which had been named Patelco Sports Complex under a prior agreement.

The health system also received the naming rights for the newly rebranded "Stanford Medicine Stadium Field." The field was previously known as the Stanford Children's Health Stadium Field.

New park sponsor and engineering firm, 4LEAF, will receive the naming rights to Bernal Community Park's east field, which will be renamed "4Leaf, Inc."

Construction Testing Services, the Pleasanton-based special inspection and material testing company, will continue sponsoring the west field also known as the "CTS Field." ■

## Bombshell records release rocks DUSD

Texts, emails over election maps lead to collusion claims

By JEANITA LYMAN

Three members of the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees are facing allegations of collusion in their selection of new election boundaries earlier in the year, after documents that could point to behind-the-scenes efforts to effectively oust another trustee were recently made public.

Mary Garvin Washington posted documents she'd obtained to her personal Facebook page June 25 that include text messages among Board President Dan Cherrier, trustees Gabi Blackman and William Kuo, and a Dublin resident whose connection to the district is unclear, about the new trustee-area map that was ultimately approved in a Feb. 22 vote.

The board majority of Blackman, Cherrier and Kuo adopted the final map known as Scenario 1, which pushes Board Vice President Kristin Pelham out of her current Area 1 and into Area 2, potentially competing with current Area 2 Trustee Megan Rouse when that seat comes up for a vote.

"It is fascinating to see how a handful of residents and a majority of the board conspired to draw districts that intentionally pitted duly-elected trustees against

See **RECORDS** on Page 10

# Pleasanton council approves police use of military and specialized equipment

Also: Garbage rates go up, Elder Abuse Awareness Month proclamation

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton City Council approved an ordinance last month that will continue allowing the city's police department to use military or specialized equipment for regular and promotional use.

The ordinance is part of Assembly Bill 481, which was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last September requiring police departments in California to keep a running list of what is defined as military equipment for oversight by local governing bodies, which now have to approve or reject the use of such equipment by local law enforcement.

Military equipment, as defined by AB 481, does not necessarily indicate equipment used by the military. Items deemed by the bill to be "military equipment" include robotic vehicles, armored rescue

vehicles, tear gas, less-than-lethal weapons such as beanbag shotguns, 40-millimeter projectiles and noise/flash diversionary devices.

During the second reading of the ordinance on June 21, most of the conversation revolved around the armored rescue vehicle, which the Pleasanton Police Department often uses for promotional or community outreach purposes. Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin was the main dissenter on using the vehicle in ways like bringing it to parades and other community events.

"I'm fine with our officers having that available to us if it is needed, that is their job," Arkin said. "I'm arguing that exposure to young children and desensitizing kids is not something I would be interested in doing with armored vehicles."

She said limiting the promotional use of the vehicle to settings

that don't expose it to children is something important to her as a former school board member.

"I'm not asking for all the equipment," Arkin said. "I'm asking just the vehicle, not to be exposed to children in an outreach setting."

Many of the speakers during public comments, however, supported the ordinance with many saying the same thing — officers should be adequately prepared with the necessary tools in case of the worst case scenario.

Councilmember Jack Balch added that for him, the decision to inform his child about such vehicles should be a parent's choice and that he thinks being transparent with kids about these types of tools officers use is important.

"I want my son to be able to understand this as a vehicle of safety," Balch said. "I want my son

to understand that a firefighter is there to save him and I want him to understand that a police officer is here for public safety as well."

Mayor Karla Brown shared similar thoughts with Balch saying that she wants children to learn about the vehicle so that in the case of an emergency, they know to head toward it rather than be afraid.

"I look at it as safety and security," Brown said. "I look at it as I want to desensitize children if they're afraid of it. They need to learn that this is here to help."

## In other business

\* The council voted unanimously June 21 to approve new garbage and recycling rates that would increase residential and commercial fees by 5.8%.

The fees are part of a 2018 franchise agreement the city made with

Pleasanton Garbage Service, which stipulates that the council will approve adjusted rates annually.

Residential rates are bundled so fees are based on the size of the solid waste can where 35-gallon carts cost \$27.58 a month. The 5.8% increase will make their rate \$29.18 per month. If a resident has a 96-gallon solid waste cart, their increase will go from \$48.12 a month to \$50.91.

These changes became effective on July 1.

The franchise agreement was then amended to comply with Senate Bill 1383 on June 7, which includes annual route review and contamination monitoring. These route reviews and monitoring come with related costs that have been incorporated into the garbage rates

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## LVJUSD board appoints Van Schaack as next superintendent

Deputy superintendent to take reins starting Aug. 1

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District named deputy superintendent Chris Van Schaack the new superintendent of schools last week.

The decision came nearly three weeks after 12-year Superintendent Kelly Bowers publicly announced her plans to retire at the end of the 2021-22 academic year.

"Chris is more than prepared to

take on the role of Superintendent. He understands the needs of our District and has great vision for propelling it forward. He has the full endorsement of our Board and the enthusiastic support of our colleagues to take our



Chris Van Schaack

District to even greater heights. It is with great pride that I pass the baton to him," Bowers said of her successor and longtime colleague.

Van Schaack has worked alongside Bowers since 2012 and as deputy superintendent since 2017. He is set to officially take on the role of superintendent starting Aug. 1.

"I recognize the level of trust that goes with assigning responsibility for 13,000 students and

1,500 employees, and I commit to our Board and community that not a day will go by when I do not appreciate that in my leadership and decision making," Van Schaack said, following the unanimous vote by the Board of Education on June 28 to appoint him to the superintendent position.

Van Schaack's appointment also garnered the support of the Livermore Education Association (LEA) which represents LVJUSD's teachers.

"On behalf of LEA members, I want to support the promotion of Chris Van Schaack as the new superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. We believe this consistency in leadership will be of benefit to our students," said LEA president Aimee Thompson at the school board meeting.

District officials said that succession planning began internally upon Bowers' announcement of her intent to retire. At the time, the board approved a contract with executive search and leadership development firm Leadership Associates to facilitate an accelerated pre-screening and to help guide and assist with the interview, selection and contract negotiation process for a new superintendent.

"It was important for (the Board) to have a thorough, yet efficient process for appointing a new superintendent to ensure the continuity of leadership going into a new school year. Mr. Van Schaack was appointed deputy superintendent several years ago as part of the succession planning process that our

board and Superintendent Bowers put in place," Board President Craig Bueno said.

"Today, we confirm that our board's priorities and vision for the future are aligned with Mr. Van Schaack's priorities and vision. We have every confidence he will continue to lead LVJUSD forward into what we plan to be a very promising tomorrow for Livermore students," he added.

Van Schaack began his career with LVJUSD in 1994 as a high school teacher and coach and served as an elementary and high school principal as well as director of student services and special education before becoming assistant superintendent of administrative services in 2011 and deputy superintendent in 2017.

During his tenure with LVJUSD, he has led the district's negotiations team for the past 12 years and played a pivotal role in the district's management of and response to the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two and a half years, among other responsibilities.

Van Schaack lives in Livermore with his wife Leslie and all of their children attended and graduated from Livermore schools. Officials said he will have an opportunity to address district staff and share his vision for the future at LVJUSD's annual kick-off event ahead of the first day of school on Aug. 23.

The district plans to replace the deputy superintendent position with an assistant superintendent of administrative services later this summer. ■

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# Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown announces run for second term

Becomes first candidate to throw name in race for November election

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton's Mayor Karla Brown confirmed over the weekend that she would be running for re-election in the November general election.

"Pleasanton is a beautiful and safe community with expansive parks, upscale amenities and a historic picture-perfect downtown," Brown said in a news release. "I am proud to serve as mayor to our friendly community, and I vow to

continue to use my skills and expertise to better our city, preserve our historic features and keep our community safe."

Brown won the 2020 election with 47.13% of the vote, defeating four other candidates on the ballot led by fellow outgoing councilmember



Karla Brown

Jerry Pentin in second place with 35.06%. Headed into the election, Brown had served in a regular City Council seat for eight years, two of them as vice mayor.

"My motto has been, 'We are in this together,' so when the pandemic created financial hardships for many of our residents and small businesses, I supported the city's approval of using Alameda County grants and city sponsored zero interest rate loans, as a lifeline to

recovery," Brown said.

Brown's campaign platform is focused around that motto as she emphasized supporting residents, small businesses, reasonable housing development and safe drinking water.

She said in the news release that one issue she plans to work on is helping the city meet state mandates for future housing.

"Reasonable and smart growth policies helped to shape Pleasanton

into the award-winning community we have today," Brown said.

Most recently Brown and the City Council voted for the return of Pleasanton's First Weekends on Main, which block Main Street from vehicle traffic on the first weekend of each month to support downtown restaurants and retail shops.

She currently serves on the

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# Livermore council expresses support for amending Measure D

Changes aim to help grow and expand 'stagnant' agricultural economy

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Voters could see a ballot measure this November that would change some aspects of Alameda County's East County Area Plan, South Livermore Valley Area Plan and Alameda County Zoning Code by amending Measure D.

According to a city staff report from the June 27 Livermore City Council meeting, "the South Livermore Valley's agricultural economy is largely stagnant. For that reason, Alameda County is considering a November ballot initiative to

amend Measure D."

Measure D was passed by voters in 2000 and aims to preserve agricultural land and open space in eastern Alameda County. The passage of the measure amended portions of the Alameda County General Plan, including the East County Area Plan.

The ballot initiative to amend the measure is separate from the city's South Livermore sewer extension ballot initiative.

During the June 27 regular meeting, the City Council heard

a summary of a 20-year report prepared by the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), which analyzed Measure D's effectiveness at balancing open space preservation and agriculture.

Based on the report and recommendations they received from the Tri-Valley Conservancy and other stakeholders — including Measure D's co-author Dick Schneider — LAFCo is recommending text changes to Alameda County's planning documents which aim to

continue to protect and enhance agricultural and open space land, but allow more flexibility for the size and location of buildings and expand the permitted wine country visitor-serving uses, according to city staff.

Some of the current recommendations LAFCo suggests following its 20-year review include, adding clarifications that wineries are permitted agricultural uses but tasting rooms are visitor serving uses, amending the South Livermore Valley Area Plan to increase floor-area

ratios to allow larger agricultural buildings and allow for clustering of development and amending the East County Area Plan to add new definitions for "Subordinate," "Agricultural Building" and "Promote."

LAFCo also recommends amending the Alameda County Zoning Code to allow for development clustering and to increase the types of visitor-serving uses in the Cultivated Agriculture Combining District. Proposed conditional uses

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# Hells Angels founder 'Sonny' Barger dies in Livermore

'I've lived a long and good life filled with adventure,' motorcycle club leader writes in final Facebook post

Flowers were laid in front of the Sonoma County Hells Angels chapter last week after news of the death of Ralph "Sonny" Barger on June 26 came out.

"Sonny — you're free like butterflies," read a note attached to one bouquet and posted on the chapter's Facebook page. "Keep the wind in your face and the stink off your back."

Barger died at the age of 83 of cancer in Livermore and was the founding member of the Oakland branch of the Hells Angels motorcycle club, known for its outlaw reputation and the scrapes with law enforcement that resulted.

Perhaps the most infamous was the Rolling Stones concert at Altamont in 1969, where Hells Angels had been hired to provide security, documented in the rock documentary "Gimme Shelter." Hells Angel

Alan Passaro stabbed and beat a man to death at the show but was later found not guilty by a jury that accepted his claim of self-defense.

Barger started the Oakland Hells Angels club in 1957. Originally from Modesto, Barger grew up in Oakland and gravitated toward biker culture, which he outlined in his 2009 best-seller "Hell's Angel" — perhaps the only time a person from the club opted to use an apostrophe.

When the motorcycle club the Oakland Panthers disbanded in 1956, he took up the helm and renamed the crew the Hells Angels. Being "outlaws" of course meant that the authorities were always in their rearview mirrors. Barger was acquitted of murder in 1972 and acquitted again for racketeering in 1980, but did time for possession with intent to sell in 1973 and conspiracy in 1988.

Though known these days mostly for their toy drives and lucrative merchandising, the motorcycle club at large still finds itself in the crosshairs of authorities. Earlier this month, two members of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club in Sonoma County were convicted in federal court of murder in aid of racketeering.

Barger left a final message to people on his Facebook page on June 26.

"If you are reading this message, you'll know that I'm gone," he wrote. "I've lived a long and good life filled with adventure. And I've had the privilege to be part of an amazing club. Although I've had a public persona for decades, I've mostly enjoyed special time with my club brothers, my family, my friends. Please know that I passed peacefully ... But also know that in



NOORD-HOLLANDS ARCHIEF/FOTOBURO DE BOER VIA BCN

Funeral for Hells Angel Ed Wijnhof at the Northern Cemetery in Amsterdam on Oct. 24, 1989.

the end, I was surrounded by what really matters: My wife, Zorana, as well as my loved ones. Keep your

head up high, stay loyal, remain free, and always value honor." ■

—Katy St. Clair, BCN Foundation

## COUNCIL

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for the new period.

"The premise of it, whether you agree or not, is that the landfills are obviously filling up and diversion and proper recycling of the organics and other elements and trying to think a little long-term as an entire state," Balch said.

In a recent agreement that council members adopted at their previous meeting, PGS agreed to conduct the annual SB 1383 required contamination monitoring. In the contract, the city negotiated an annual cost of \$37,170 that includes costs like expensive fuel and adding cameras to trucks for contamination enforcement.

The enforcement of how residents properly dispose of waste was a main talking point that Becky Hopkins, assistant to the city manager,

said will be looked into in the upcoming years as the city does not need to fully enforce that until 2024.

She said StopWaste, a public agency that works in helping Alameda County's businesses, residents, and schools waste less and recycle properly, will take care of commercial enforcement.

"The other costs that we agreed upon to help with contamination monitoring ... is this technology to go on the collection vehicles that are cameras that can take pictures as they're actually dumping the material and then can notify the resident and it allows the city to have visual proof of a violation," Hopkins said.

Brown expressed initial concern in the nuance of people mistakenly putting an item in the wrong bin and getting fined for that, but Hopkins said there will be a whole process of getting noticed and receiving education materials before getting to

the actual fine.

There were also concerns about possible ways to lessen the financial burden on residents. City staff and the Waste and Recycling Subcommittee did discuss smoothing garbage rates and using reserve funds to lower the rate increases. However, staff are not recommending this option because it would only delay the increase for one year.

After that, the rates will go back up unless the amount needed to lessen the increase is generated through the rates the following year. Arkin, who struggled with not being able to return money to ratepayers, agreed with other council members in wanting to explore different ways to use the \$3 million in rate reserve funds.

"I agree with (Kathy) Narum about having more information on how we are going to use that nearly \$3.5 million with a plan and have

that spelled out," Arkin said.

City Manager Gerry Beaudin added to the discussion saying that the reserve account will be used to address costs that will be incurred by the ratepayers, so the ratepayers will see the benefit of the reserves.

\* Balch presented a proclamation recognizing June 2022 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in light of the continued stress of the pandemic and higher cases of elder abuse.

There are 6 million cases of elder abuse nationwide each year with 11% of all cases in California, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse. Another report from the National Council on Aging shows only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse are ever reported to authorities.

The proclamation also focuses on general elder abuse such as neglect and financial exploitation.

"The city of Pleasanton recognizes

that awareness of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation and the reporting of suspected incidents of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, particularly during the stressful times of the global pandemic, will keep our elders and community safer," Balch said.

Jennifer Pardini, a community education advocate, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the non-profit she works at, Legal Assistance for Seniors. The Oakland-based organization provides community education programs, legal support and representation to seniors and dependent adults in Alameda County.

"This proclamation recognizes the significance of elder abuse in our community and Legal Assistance for Seniors joins with you to bring awareness and provide remedies for those experiencing elder or dependent adult abuse," Pardini said. ■

## BROWN

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Tri-Valley Water Roundtable and as a liaison to the Zone 7 Water Agency, saying that she is passionate about the quality and supply of water as the state is in the throes of another drought season.

Brown also serves on the Alameda County Mayor's Conference for regional influence and has seats on different transportation boards that support transportation funding for Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley.

She was also selected as the chair of a liaison committee between the city and the Pleasanton Unified School District, which formed new policies for school resource officers to be complimented with mental health clinicians.

"I am endorsing Karla Brown for re-election to her second term as

Pleasanton's mayor. Karla is collaborative and respectful to residents and her colleagues on the City Council," Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin said in Brown's news release. "As a mayor, Karla is always prepared, respectful and she works hard to find a common ground where all five of us can offer our support."

Brown promised voters that, just as in 2020, she would turn down campaign donations from "builders and developers that often hope to buy influence" in the 2022 election cycle.

A Pleasanton resident for more than 25 years, Brown is a real estate professional and previously worked for more than 10 years in the semiconductor industry. She holds a bachelor degree in marketing from San Jose State University.

To learn more about Brown and her campaign, visit [www.Vote4Karla.com](http://www.Vote4Karla.com). ■

## MEASURE D

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include hot air balloon operations, day spas, artisan furniture workshops, boutique cannabis dispensaries and a 140-room resort hotel.

Three people spoke in favor of the recommendations during the public comment portion of the discussion, including Lori Souza and David Epstein of the Tri-Valley Conservancy and David Rounds of citizen group Friends of Livermore.

The City Council also expressed support for LAFCo's proposed recommendations with consideration to city staff's suggested clarifications, which include clarifying the number and type of cannabis dispensaries that would be permitted in the South Livermore Valley. City staff also requests that final text amendments include provisions

about airport compatibility as it relates to hot air balloon operations, among various other clarifications and requests.

While there aren't any cannabis dispensaries currently in operation in the area, there are three currently in progress, which is the number specified as the limit in the East County Area Plan.

Councilmember Bob Carling, Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno and Mayor Bob Woerner all expressed in their comments that in considering the proposed amendments to the plan, they request keeping the current limit at three.

Councilmember Trish Munro also shared concern about the agricultural impacts of growing and cultivating cannabis.

"(Cannabis cultivation) is extremely soil-depleting, it is extremely water intensive. As a

member of Alameda County and the planet, as we are looking at enabling that cultivation to take place, I'm hoping that we are able to ensure that it is climate-friendly and soil-friendly," Munro said.

Following the receipt of comments and direction from the City Council, LAFCo will review and incorporate feedback into the recommendations accordingly and then present an updated version to the LAFCo commission for adoption at its July 14 meeting. After that, the recommendations will be presented to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has previously considered at least two amendments to the East County Area Plan since Measure D was adopted, none of which have been implemented, according to city staff. ■

## MASTER PLAN

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be closer to the outdoor fields. While the master plan assigns cost amounts for the sake of securing funding for these projects, it does not mean these plans are set in stone, officials said.

But in order to fully fund the master plan, the district would need to pay \$983 million. That's where a new bond measure comes into play.

During the same June 23 meeting, board members reviewed the draft of a resolution ordering a school bond election this November of up to \$450 million. Confirming the final dollar amount is among the remaining steps under consideration for the board.

According to staff, the plan will be to use \$300 million from that bond to complete the Tier 1 projects of the master plan. The remainder of Tier 2 projects getting funding and being completed will depend on the bid market and other construction factors from tier one projects.

Board members reviewed the bond language to make sure it aligned with their goals so that voters will be more inclined to vote to approve the bond. The language was developed by staff to include all the top priorities in the master plan.

If the bond resolution is adopted later this month, it must then be delivered to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office and the clerk of the county Board of Supervisors. The election for the bond will be consolidated with the statewide election to be held on Nov. 8.

One of the main points of criticism the board had on the bond language was in the 75-word sentence that will be in the voter packet as a description of what the bond will address.

Board Vice President Steve Maher said he wanted it to be clear that while most of these projects in the master plan are new, it should be mentioned that some are continuations of work already being done with the previous \$270 million general obligation Measure 11 bond that voters passed in 2016.

"I don't want people to think that 'oh my goodness, I thought we put all this bond money into doing this and now they're asking again,'" Maher said. "I want them to realize that we started and we've made a lot of progress, but there's still things that have to be done in these areas."

The district already failed to pass a second bond measure after Measure 11, with the \$323 million Measure M bond falling short by 2.6% in the March 2020 primary election.

Maher, along with Board

President Mark Miller, agreed to adding the word "continuing," which district staff will be working on along with adding more information in the voter packet on what new technological amenities will be included in the master plan.

Assistant superintendent Ahmad Sheikholeslami also provided the board information on estimates of the average annual tax rate, the highest tax rate and the total debt service on the bond.

He said the bond will utilize a tax rate of \$55 per \$100,000 of assessed value and that the bond program assumes a more conservative long-term growth rate of 4%.

### In other business

The board approved its 2022-23 school budget plan, which includes plans to continue eliminating staff positions and adopting a more conservative budget overall due to inflation and economic challenges.

During the June 9 board meeting, Sheikholeslami said letting staff go is due to the district losing about 800 students from 2019 to 2021, which affected the district's main form of income.

According to the budget, there will also be a \$7.1 million deficit to the expenditures budget. Sheikholeslami said during the June 20 board meeting that the district will have adequate funds to handle that deficit and meet the 3%

requirement for a reserve fund.

There will also be an increase in the cost-of-living adjustment to 6.56% and an increase to salaries.

During the meeting staff were still waiting on Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign the state's 2022-23 budget plan, which he went on to do. According to the approved \$300 billion budget, the base funding for

the Local Control Funding Formula, the mechanism through which most of the state's public schools are funded, will increase by \$9 billion.

Now, district staff will make any adjustments necessary to reflect the newly enacted state budget at a 45-day budget update or at a first interim report session. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Birthday bullseye:** Pleasanton City Councilmember Kathy Narum takes a break from her birthday celebrations at Limitless Axes & Ales to enjoy the Weekly. Narum said she had been looking forward to trying out the ax-throwing venue ever since the council approved its conditional use permit several years ago.

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## RECORDS

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each other,” Washington, a resident and district employee, said in her Facebook post sharing the records.

As of last Friday, Cherrier and Pelham each acknowledged separately they were aware of the publicly accessible documents, but declined to elaborate further. A special meeting on the matter has been scheduled for July 12.

The upcoming meeting was put on the calendar by the board following public comments at last week’s board meeting, according to Pelham, and is set to focus on questions raised surrounding the Feb. 22 election map decision.

Cherrier said that the meeting “will show that all the allegations are not based in fact.”

Bill Carey, identified as the key resident involved in the communications with the board majority revealed in the public records, told the Weekly that he was traveling and did not know the details about the documents, but that they were “likely another orchestrated attempt to attack the board president in advance of the election.”

A call to action for concerned residents led to a number of public comments on the matter at the district’s most recent regular

board meeting on June 28 — in which Washington and others reiterated allegations that the three trustees had violated the Brown Act, with the result of disenfranchising voters represented on the board by Pelham and Rouse. The audience also heard from supporters of the board majority during the meeting.

Rouse was absent from last week’s meeting, and the trustees present were unable to respond to public comments on non-agenda items under the Brown Act, according to Cherrier.

“Despite all the board conflict that I’ve seen over the years, I still held out hope that this board of trustees was an honorable institution,” Washington said in a public comment at the board meeting. “I still hoped that you were following your governance handbook to make sure you focus on giving every student the best possible educational experience.”

“And then I watched three members box out another in the selection of area maps in February, potentially pitting two of their rivals against each other, and ignoring the will of the voters in Area 1,” she said.

“Your handbook exhorts you to listen openly before making decisions, but clearly the three of you had already made your choice of Scenario 1 before the meeting the

night of Feb. 22,” Washington added.

Laurie Sargent, incoming co-president of the Dublin Teachers Association for the upcoming school year, voiced support for Washington on behalf of the union.

“DTA stands with Mary and others who face retribution and retaliation to exercise their first amendment right, to speak the truth when leaders fail to serve the greater good of all,” Sargent said in a public comment Tuesday.

A throughline in the criticism of the board at that night’s meeting included emphasizing potential Brown Act violations, in particular regarding the law’s prohibition of “serial meetings”.

“Through a series of texts procured by a certain community member, trustees Cherrier, Blackman and Kuo did exactly that,” parent Kelly Baalman said in a public comment. “They discussed school board matters in a serial meeting outside of public view, curtailing the public’s ability to monitor and contribute to the decision-making process.”

Although a majority of the night’s open public comment portion was from critics of the three trustees, others called in to express support for the board majority and for the trustee boundaries they had voted on.

“Thank you President Cherrier, Trustee Blackman, and Trustee Kuo,” Stacy Dennig said in a public comment. “Thank you for representing us and doing a great job. You are appreciated. Eleanor Roosevelt said it best: Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events, and small minds discuss people.”

“The people responsible for the social media buzz and fake news was initiated by DUSD district employees and teachers, all of which are on the DUSD payroll. Facts don’t lie. People lie,” Dennig added.

The documents in question, obtained by Washington under the California Public Records Act, contain more than 300 pages of relevant correspondences between district officials, including Cherrier, and Carey. In her original Facebook post, Washington included screenshots of several highlights from the haul of documents, which included numerous text messages.

One message from Carey, with the only identifying information of other conversants being “K”, and “RR”, refers to “the big picture outcome of putting Megan and Kristin in the same area.”

Although Carey’s motivation is unclear, in messages throughout the exchanges with board members, a “Bill C.” appears to be

giving direction on how updated area map boundaries in draft maps should be drawn, and what outcomes trustees other than Pelham and Rouse should favor.

The conversations go back to January, relatively early in the process, and ahead of the Feb. 22 vote by Kuo, Blackman, and Cherrier for Scenario 1, with Pelham and Rouse voting for Scenario 4 that night.

Washington was among those who were dismayed and concerned after watching the Feb. 22 meeting, which she said prompted her CPRA request with the district, which was received on Feb. 23.

That night’s meeting saw some debate between Blackman and Rouse, who made motions to approve Scenario 1 and Scenario 4, respectively. Blackman’s motion was seconded by Kuo, with Rouse’s seconded by Pelham. In the vote that followed, Cherrier’s vote broke the tie.

“My apologies to Trustee Pelham, but I believe it was the right thing to do,” Cherrier said on Feb. 22, after his tie-breaking vote.

Despite alleging Brown Act violations, Washington said she did not plan to pursue litigation against the district, and that she did not know of any individuals or groups who planned to. ■

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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Two experienced officers join Pleasanton PD

The Pleasanton Police Department welcomed two new officers last week: Austin Dement and Robert Palma, both lateral hires from other departments within the greater Bay Area.

Dement comes to Pleasanton from the Santa Cruz Police Department, where he worked since 2018 and while there received recognition “for an outstanding number of DUI arrests,” according to Pleasanton police.

Dement holds an associate degree in criminal justice from San Joaquin Delta College.

Palma is moving east from the San Leandro Police Department. A graduate of the 158th academy class at Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, Palma began his law enforcement career in 2007 as a campus safety officer at Biola University in Southern California.

Palma completed an associate degree in liberal arts and science from Cerritos Community College.

“Community support plays a crucial role in attracting qualified individuals, such as Officers Dement and



From left: The two newest Pleasanton Police Department officers are Austin Dement and Robert Palma.

Palma, to Pleasanton,” Police Chief David Swing said in a statement. “And their experience in this profession enriches our level of service.”

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other business

- The Alameda County Sheriff’s Office Narcotics Task Force partnered with other law enforcement agencies to arrest eight people for allegedly trafficking illicit fentanyl and other drugs last week, according to authorities.

The case reported June 30 resulted in the seizure of 90,718 fentanyl pills (20 pounds worth), 23.1 pounds

of powdered fentanyl, 39 grams of black tar heroin, 9 grams of methamphetamine and a revolver with its serial number removed, according to the ACSO. The Barstow Police Department and California Highway Patrol Dublin office assisted in the arrests.

ACSO Lt. Ray Kelly declined to release additional details about the case, citing the integrity of the investigation, but Barstow police shed some light on what happened in their jurisdiction in southeastern California.

Barstow police received word from ACSO task force detectives about a load of fentanyl coming through

Barstow in a red Toyota Camry on northbound Interstate 15 on June 30, according to a department statement. Officers proceeded to conduct surveillance of all I-15 northbound exits that access the city of Barstow.

At approximately 12:21 a.m., officers spotted the red Camry and engaged in a traffic enforcement stop. They detained three men, all of whom said they were from Honduras, according to police.

After obtaining a search warrant, officers searched the vehicle and allegedly found about 20 pounds worth of blue fentanyl pills packaged in plastic bags, worth an estimated street value of \$350,000.

The three men were arrested and booked into jail on suspicion of possession of fentanyl for sale and transportation of fentanyl with intent to sell.

—Jeremy Walsh

- Three teenagers were arrested in Antioch on suspicion of committing an armed robbery in broad daylight outside a grocery store in downtown Danville last Friday, according to authorities.

The incident occurred just after 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Trader Joe’s on Railroad Avenue in Danville. A man reported to police that he was held up at gunpoint by individuals while he was getting out of his car, according to the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office.

The robbers stole personal property from the man and drove away from the scene in a waiting vehicle, according to the sheriff’s office. No injuries were reported.

Danville police and county sheriff’s deputies, along with the sheriff’s STARR helicopter, searched the area for the suspects and also alerted other law enforcement agencies about the suspect vehicle, according to authorities.

Later Friday, sheriff’s detectives located the suspect vehicle in Antioch, and with the help of Antioch police and the STARR helicopter unit, all three suspects were arrested, according to sheriff’s officials.

Leon Fountain, 18, of San Jose was arrested and booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on suspicion of armed robbery, conspiracy, participating in a criminal street gang and several weapons violations. He is being held in lieu of \$380,000 bail.

The other two arrestees were juveniles, so sheriff’s officials declined to release their names.

This marked the fourth violent crime involving gun-toting culprits reported publicly by authorities in the Tri-Valley in the past two weeks, following an armed carjacking in Livermore on June 20, an armed robbery attempt with gunfire exchanged in Danville on June 21 and a car break-in with more gunfire in Pleasanton on June 28. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 30

#### Domestic battery

■ 1:12 a.m. on West Angela Street

#### Theft

- 8:15 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 10:53 a.m., 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft
- 3:45 p.m., 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

#### Sex offenses

■ 1:32 p.m. on the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

#### DUI

■ 6:56 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue

### June 29

#### Graffiti

■ 8:35 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

#### Theft

- 1:03 p.m., 5400 block of Sonoma Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 2:19 p.m., 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 5:26 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

#### Fraud

- 2:26 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive
- 2:36 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Assault/battery

■ 3:23 p.m. on the 4900 block of Blackbird Way

#### Stolen property

■ 9:33 p.m. on the 5300 block of Sunol Boulevard

### June 28

#### Theft from auto

- 7:04 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 11:01 a.m. on the 7100 block of Johnson Drive

#### Fire

■ 9:11 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Assault/battery

■ 9:16 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Fraud

■ 2:35 p.m. on the 6000 block of Gibraltar Drive

#### DUI

■ 7:34 p.m. at Quarry Lane and Boulder Street

#### Warrant arrest

■ 8:51 p.m. on the 4000 block of Cid Way

### June 27

#### Theft

- 3:38 a.m. at Junipero Street and Sonoma Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 3:51 a.m., 500 block of Bonita Avenue; catalytic converter theft
- 4:07 a.m., 3900 block of Salvador Court; catalytic converter theft

■ 7:13 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; catalytic converter theft

■ 7:20 a.m., 6600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

■ 8:44 a.m., 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 8:54 a.m., 4200 block of Tamur Court; catalytic converter theft

■ 9:17 a.m., 6500 block of Hanover Court; catalytic converter theft

■ 12:08 p.m., 100 block of Stoneridge Drive; catalytic converter theft

■ 12:28 p.m., 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; catalytic converter theft

■ 1:08 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; catalytic converter theft

■ 1:15 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

■ 2:26 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

■ 6:52 p.m. on the 1300 block of Hearst Drive

#### Vandalism

■ 1:15 p.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

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# Closing weekend at the fair

Last chance for carnival rides, games, concerts, exhibits and more

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CAROL XU

**T**he Alameda County Fairgrounds swarms with jubilant visitors as the annual fair in Pleasanton heads to its closing weekend.

Since the fair kicked off on June 17, families, couples and teenagers alike visited the fair's first summer run in three years because of the pandemic, enjoying all the attractions it had to offer.

Themed "The Road to Summer," the 2022 fair features an exciting array of carnival rides, concert showcases, horse racing, drone shows, food and other attractions.

Dale Corpus went with his wife and son to the fair last week, and grabbed a family photo in front of the popular "that summer feeling" photo-taking sign. "We had a blast," Corpus told the Weekly.

The rides with the longest lines this year were the fair's most hair-raising: thrill seekers tested their stomachs on the upside-down free flipping Turbo, hurtled down tracks on the Zillerator Coaster and plummeted 90 feet on the Super Shot Drop Tower.

Strolling around the grounds, fairgoers

could munch on a mountain plate of crispy curly fries, snack on delicate pastel cotton candy flowers or lick vanilla-swirled ice cream cones. For Jessica Nguyen, the giant turkey leg was the most fun to eat.

Over at the Great American Petting Zoo, visitors shielded their ice cream waffle cones from hungry goats and piglets — to the animals' chagrin — and kids squealed in delight as they stroked the critters.

Resident Haley Butters said she had fun recreating a childhood photo of her 4-year-old self feeding a cow milk from a bottle, this time offering a small tasty treat to a crowd of goats.

For high school sweethearts Brittany and Brandon Batteate, their visit with their two boys to the Alameda County Fair was filled with nostalgia. "Nineteen summers ago Brandon asked me to be his girlfriend in this barn at the Alameda





Across top, clockwise from far-left: Two friends clasp hands as they are gently lifted up before the plunge down the Super Shot Drop Tower. Visitors can find goats galore in the Great American Petting Zoo. A pair of sisters have fun riding their horses on the spinning Grand Carousel. Giant turkey legs are an iconic county fair food. A colorful array of intricate plates and other crockery are laid out at a stall in the shopping building. Fast rides like the Hawaiian Express is a popular choice among families and couples.

County Fair, and today we showed our kids animals here,” Brittany Batteate said.

Many Pleasanton residents also brought their parents to the fair for a day out. Julia Murtagh had a “fabulous” Father’s Day at the fair with her dad, and enjoyed the horse races with her good friends.

Erin Haslinger took his mother out to attend both the fair and the Stanford Powwow. “It was amazing as every year is,” Haslinger said.

As part of the Fourth of July weekend celebrations, the fairgrounds held a dazzling fireworks display high in the Pleasanton sky last Friday night, where visitors packed the seats at the Stella Artois Grandstand.

Joanna He, Hanna Min, Ellie Xing and Emily Yang watched the fireworks show together on a large picnic blanket. They had all just graduated from Amador Valley High School and wanted to hang out together at the fair before they soon head off to different colleges.

As the county fair celebrates its closing weekend of summer fun and memorable highlights

today through Sunday, visitors can expect more entertainment with continued horse racing, drone shows and a junior livestock auction on the final day.

This last weekend, families can also look forward to spreading out their blankets and watching kid-friendly movies streaming at 6 p.m., including new and old animated favorites “Wreck-It-Ralph,” “Rise of the Guardians” and “Encanto.”

The Big O Tires Concert Series also will host three more performances, featuring a versatile, renowned series of artists as the fair signs off on its 2022 season: party-funk band Con Funk Shun today, widely known for their R&B sonic sound; AC/DC tribute group Bonfire on Saturday, to perform the rock band’s greatest hits made famous by lead singers Bon Scott and Brian Johnson; and Mexican powerhouse Banda Machos on Sunday, a group hailed as having paved the way for the la quebradita style of dance music.

For tickets and the full schedule of events, visit the fair website at [annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com). ■



Bottom, from left: The energy-efficient thrill ride 1001 Nachts (Nights) carries fairgoers in a fast, circular route that tests riders’ guts. The Memorial Madden Cruiser honors late Pleasanton legend John Madden. (Photo by Jeremy Walsh). At vendor booths, visitors can discover and purchase delicate trinkets and decor to furnish their homes.



## Museum on Main exhibit chronicles history of horse racing in Pleasanton

By JENSEN GIESICK

The Museum on Main's current exhibit, "The Home Stretch," brings to life Pleasanton's rich history of horse racing.

Featuring historical items used at the Alameda County Fairgrounds over the decades, the display at the downtown museum includes objects and documents such as jockey silks, horse care supplies, shoeing equipment and tack. Many of the items were donated by Pleasanton's racing community.

"Horse racing was actually part of Pleasanton before there was even a Pleasanton," museum curator Ken MacLennan said. "Before the town was founded, the rancheros who had moved here, out here in the 1850s, when they had to defend their claims, had a horse racing culture."

"The exhibit is supposed to help tell the story of horse racing in Pleasanton and how tightly bound up with the development of the town the sport has been," he added.

For generations, horse racing in Pleasanton has been synonymous with the fairgrounds, which features the oldest one-mile horse race track in the United States. Still in operation, the track has hosted a full slate of racing during this summer's Alameda County Fair, which runs through this Sunday.

"You can't help but notice that Bay Meadows had to close and that there are fewer venues — but it's also hard to tease out the threads of that because on the one hand, you may be having fewer live races but on the other hand, you've got off track



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"The Home Stretch," a summer exhibit at the Museum on Main in downtown, shines an educational light on the history of horse racing in Pleasanton. One prominent display shows off jockey silks and other racing equipment.

betting all over the place," MacLennan said.

Museum volunteer Maureen Morley noted that the horse races during the fair have been a major attraction to the Pleasanton area.

"Hopefully through the exhibit, people can learn more about the history and then be able to attend

the fair and attend the races with a deeper appreciation," Morley said.

"My original hope is that people in the community would come on over and take a look at the exhibit and be able to learn more about the track

and its history and its relationship to the town and its relationship to the fair and have a deeper appreciation of this rich history that they're now living apart of by being a Pleasanton resident," Morley added.

The exhibition is on display through July 30 at the museum at 603 Main St. It is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To learn more, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). ■



KEN MACLENNAN

Above: Former fair manager Pete Bailey (center right) chats with current fair CEO Jerome Hoban (left) at the exhibit opening reception. Right: The exhibit includes a display featuring tack, shoeing and other horse supplies.



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# And the answer is ...

## Scout overcomes setbacks to build 'Jeopardy!' board for youth summer camp

BY CAROL XU

Pleasanton teen Shawn Bawa recently wrapped up his Boy Scouts Eagle project — a life-size original “Jeopardy!” game board designed as a creative learning tool for youth attending Livermore Area Recreation and Park District’s Summer Nature Camp at Sycamore Grove Park.

The board, taller than the average man and wide as a classroom whiteboard with four wheels, can withstand wind and collisions with kids. It is a woodworking feat for a 17-year-old, especially one with three medical health conditions.

Shawn Bawa was born with triple-g spastic cerebral palsy, verbal dysarthria and ADHD, which together impact his gross motor, fine motor, speech and ability to focus. He has had to undergo therapy since he was 6 months old and “is harder to understand, a little weaker and slower than other kids his age,” said his father Aman Bawa.

That didn’t stop Shawn Bawa from

joining up as a Cub Scout in fourth grade and progressing up to the Boy Scouts, in which he has completed several adventure camps and now aims to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Completion of his Eagle project — a significant project to benefit the community — brings him one large step closer to his goal.

Heading into the project in early February brought Shawn Bawa and his family a dual sense of “excitement and trepidation.” A lover of the game show and fan of late former host Alex Trebek, Shawn Bawa hoped to combine the competitive fun of “Jeopardy!” with its beneficial and versatile learning experience.

However, the project was ambitious, something his family had never attempted before. Specific challenges included working on a design that would be mobile, stable and safe for the camp instructors and students.

While Shawn Bawa consulted with adult experts and scout leaders on how to build the “Jeopardy!”



COURTESY AMAN BAWA

Above: Shawn Bawa (second from left) delivers finished “Jeopardy!” board to his Livermore mentor Seth Eddings. Bottom left: Bawa works with local woodworking experts in drilling planks of wood.



COURTESY AMAN BAWA

board, he largely directed the operation. He drew abundant redesigns, modeled the board with scrap wood, documented a detailed work plan and sent out invites and announcements for volunteering. In doing so, he gained new skills in technical and organizational design, budgeting and acquiring materials.

Throughout the building process, Shawn Bawa instructed younger scouts through sanding, priming and painting the wood. The trivia categories for the board are customizable and can include questions on various topics.

“He saw the dedication and drive to be able to keep trying. We saw that throughout the whole project. There were various setbacks, and the kids and adults all watched Shawn work through all of them and be

able to achieve the progress,” Aman Bawa said.

As a leader, Shawn Bawa learned how to motivate and manage both adults and his peers, and how to push past different challenges.

“The key learning point is it’s not all on you; you don’t have to do every part. But you have to manage the whole situation, program-manage, and manage the whole effort and each activity,” Aman Bawa said. “We have a great community here, and there’s a lot you can do to organize the overall community to work it out.”

He said he felt “tremendous pride” as he watched his son tackle the project and deliver the “Jeopardy!” board to their Livermore beneficiary Seth Eddings, who, upon delivery, noted ecstatically that the board was

exactly what the camp had been looking for. According to Eddings, the Summer Nature Camp instructors and students have been enjoying the “Jeopardy!” game since delivery.

“This was a great confidence builder for Shawn. With his special needs, it’s harder for him than the average kid. This shows that he can be as able as any of them, and it’s a great achievement for him and a great learning experience for him,” said Aman Bawa.

After completing his Eagle project, Shawn Bawa will continue to work toward reaching his Eagle Scout rank — he is currently one merit badge short — and plans to remain active in volunteering and other scout activities to contribute to his community. ■

# Rincon Branch Library celebrating 30 years

## Anniversary party set for Saturday afternoon

By JEREMY WALSH

The Rincon Branch Library in Livermore is marking a milestone anniversary with a community celebration this Saturday, featuring games, treats, music and more at the satellite facility within May Nissen Community Park.

Opening 30 years ago on Rincon Avenue, the neighborhood library offers more than 21,000 items — including the city library system’s largest collection of Spanish language materials — along with public computers, wireless internet access, several small seating and study areas and a meeting room for library programs.

“The Rincon Branch of the Livermore Public Library has been a beacon for the city for 30 years; it is a place where children can develop a positive relationship with learning and where adults can access resources to help pursue their own goals,” Mayor Bob Woerner told the Weekly.

“As a branch of the library system, Rincon plays a significant role in the library’s strategic objective efforts to enable all community

members to participate in and benefit from library services,” Woerner added. “We are excited to invite the public to celebrate the past 30 years of Rincon, and to be a part of our future.”

One of three locations in the Livermore library system, the Rincon Branch is open five days a week (31 hours) and receives more than 30,000 visits per year, according to city officials. Its homework center with trained volunteers is well-attended throughout the school year.

The 4,200-square-foot facility is situated in the heart of May Nissen Park and not far from Marilyn Avenue Elementary School. Approximately 5% of the library system’s circulation is conducted through the Rincon Branch, according to the city.

The 30th anniversary celebration is set to run from 12:30-3 p.m. on Saturday (July 9) at the library at 725 Rincon Ave. The free event will feature cupcakes, candy and other refreshments, along with games, crafts, a scavenger hunt, historical displays, community organizations with information



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The Rincon Branch Library in May Nissen Community Park in Livermore.

tables and a performance from the David Pérez Band performing hits in both English and Spanish.

For more information, call the branch at 925-373-5540 or visit [library.livermoreca.gov](http://library.livermoreca.gov). ■

# Livermore wine country prepares for Taste Our Terroir

Four-day affair features 13 food and wine events

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

Livermore Valley wineries are gearing up for the return of Taste Our Terroir, a food and wine experience set to run from July 14-17.

The four-day affair will offer 13 events, including a winemaker dinner in an olive orchard, an electric bike tour and a sensory extravaganza, organizers said.

Taste Our Terroir aims to educate wine enthusiasts about the Livermore Valley wine region's unique "taste of the land" and celebrate all it has to offer. A word from the French language, "terroir" refers to the complete natural environment in which a particular wine is produced, including factors such as the soil, topography and climate.

The festivities will kick off next Thursday (July 14) with the wine-and-food pairing competition, which was previously held every year but is returning from hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, 11 wineries are partnering with chefs from local restaurants to create signature bites to complement the wines.

While last year's Taste Our Terroir featured a mix of in-person and virtual events, all events are back in person this time around.

Tickets are still available for several of the festivities but four have already

sold out, including "Stop and Smell the Rosés," "Taste the Best Cabernet Vintage in Decades," "Secrets of a Sommelier" and the very last event of the weekend, "Sweet Endings, Port and Chocolate Tasting."

## Thursday, July 14

- Wine and Food Pairing Competition. 6-9 p.m. (5 p.m. VIP ticket).

Livermore Valley wineries and their chef partners from local restaurants will compete for prizes in a blind tasting overseen by Bay Area culinary and wine media judges at Garré Vineyard & Winery.

Guests will have the opportunity to be a part of the competition by voting in the People's Choice category for the best team. A silent auction will feature items available for bid. \$95 (\$135 VIP).

## Friday, July 15

- The Hills are Alive... 9-11 a.m.

A journey through the vineyards at Murrieta's Well leads participants on a hike with views of the Livermore Valley as they learn about the winery's "small lot" approach to wine growing. After the trek, handcrafted wines and small bites from the winery's culinary team will be served. \$70.

- Cheese and Wine Pairing. Noon-2 p.m.

Cheese monger Brandon Wood from The Cheese Parlor will guide a pairing of artisanal cheeses and local wines at Fenestra Winery, sharing behind-the-scenes knowledge of the cheese-making and aging process. Featured wines are from Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery and Del Valle Winery. \$55.

- Cabernet Franc Retrospective. 4-6 p.m.

Steven Kent Mirassou and the Lineage Wine Collection winemaking team will discuss all things Cabernet Franc. Guests can learn about the history of this varietal while tasting samples from native France along with Cabernet Franc wines from the Livermore Valley at The Cellar at The Lineage Wine Collection. \$65.

- Livermore Valley Vintners Collective Winemakers Dinner. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Set in an olive orchard at Purple Orchid Inn, this four-course farm-to-table dinner from On the Vine Catering will be paired with 2019 vintage wines from the Livermore Valley Vintners' Collective. Hosted by Fenestra Winery, John Evan Cellars, Las Positas Vineyards, Page Mill Winery and Wood Family Vineyards. \$175.

## Saturday, July 16

- Pedego Wine Trail. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A day of cycling to four wineries with provided snacks, lunch, tastings and educational tours. Stops include Page Mill Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Big White House and Wood Family Vineyards with the starting point downtown at Pedego Electric Bikes. \$220.

- Stop and Smell the Rosés at Rosa Fierro Cellars. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Rosa Fierro from Rosa Fierro Cellars, Alexandra Henkelman from Omega Road Winery, Beth Refsnider from The Lineage Collection and Samantha Bunegin from Las Positas Vineyards facilitate a tasting and discussion of each of their wines. Light bites will be provided by Charming Fig Catering. Sold out.

- Taste the Best Cabernet Vintage in Decades at McGrail Vineyards. 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Winemakers from Cellar 13, Cuda Ridge Winery, Darcie Kent Estate Winery, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Wente Vineyards and The Lineage Collection host a collective tasting of 2017 Livermore Valley Cabernet-based wines. Sold out.

- Secrets of a Sommelier at Concannon Vineyard. 4-6 p.m.

Sommelier LeeAnn Kaufman will

spill the secrets of all things wine where guests will learn how to experience each bottle including proper serving temperature, how to find that perfect glass and more. Cheese pairings with master of cheese, Eagle Harper will also be available. Sold out.

## Sunday, July 17

- Yoga and Rosé at Concannon Vineyard. 9-11 a.m.

Certified yoga instructor Lisa Stanford will lead a class on the lawn outside Concannon Vineyard's Victorian home. The class will be followed by a glass of rosé. \$35.

- Sensory Extravaganza at Darcie Kent Vineyards. 1-2:30 p.m.

Participants will meet sommelier Jeremy Troupe-Masi at a 16-foot sensory bar to look, smell, touch and taste their way through more than 40 flavors and aromas. Wines will be paired with cheese selected by Wood of The Cheese Parlor. \$75.

- Sweet Endings, Port and Chocolate Tasting. 3-5 p.m.

At the final event of Taste Our Terroir weekend, guests will learn how port is made. Cedar Mountain's Winemaker Earl Ault will pour white and red ports paired with a variety of chocolates. Sold out.

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

## 'An Afternoon or Evening with Erma Bombeck'

Performer to embody late author, columnist

By **JEREMY WALSH**

The story of late author and columnist Erma Bombeck, whose writings highlighted the humor and plight of the suburban housewife, is coming to the stage in Pleasanton this month as part of the Museum on Main's "An Afternoon or Evening with ..." speaker series.

Chautauqua-style performer Susan Marie Frontczak will portray Bombeck in two shows on July 19 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Chautauquan actors and scholars embody the role of the real-life person in the presentation, talking about themselves and then answering questions as the famous figure would.

"Susan Marie Frontczak has graced the Pleasanton stage once as Eleanor Roosevelt and then once virtually as Marie Curie. Both performances were masterfully done, as Frontczak is not only an amazing actress, but also a meticulous scholar of her characters. She truly makes her characters come alive, either on stage or through the screen virtually," said Sarah Schaefer, the museum's education director and program coordinator.

"The audience here in Pleasanton has been waiting for two years to

see Erma Bombeck, since the canceled 2020 season, so we are recommending those who want to hear from the legend herself get their tickets now," Schaefer added.

Part of the Ed Kinney Speaker Series, "An Afternoon or Evening with ... Erma Bombeck" will feature separate live performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 19 at the Firehouse. A virtual viewing of the show will also be available on July 26 via the webinar platform BigMarker.

"Erma Bombeck captured with poignancy and humor the ups and downs of a new American phenomenon: the suburban housewife. She brought to American awareness the struggles of women whose lives otherwise felt invisible and taken for granted," museum officials said.

Tickets remain available for the live shows, as well as the virtual viewing. To learn more, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call 925-462-2766. ■



**Susan Marie Frontczak**

## Opera in the Vineyard

Retzlaff Vineyards hosting LVO fundraiser July 17

By **JEREMY WALSH**

The Livermore Valley Opera's annual Opera in the Vineyard event fundraiser is back next weekend, promising a "summer evening of opera and Broadway favorites in a relaxed, casual setting nestled among the vines," according to organizers.

The "dinner and a show" concept is re-envisioned as a "bring your own picnic dinner" format, with attendees able to purchase wine from host Retzlaff Vineyards, while listening to performances by professional opera singers.

"We are so excited that we can come together again to enjoy unique performances of opera arias, show tunes and maybe even a little cabaret," said Raquel Holt, event chair and LVO founder and board member. "You will not want to miss it."

Performing that night will be three well-known LVO artists — tenor Alex Boyer, soprano Liisa Dávila and bass Kirk Eichelberger — along with mezzo soprano Kathleen Moss, who is making her debut. Accompanying the performers will be pianist Varvara Milinder.

LVO will again offer its popular "Arias a la carte" portion of the program when guests have the opportunity to purchase songs from a "menu of delectable arias" for the singers to perform at



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The scene at a prior Opera in the Vineyard event.

the purchaser's table or seating area, according to organizers.

"Retzlaff's beautiful outdoor venue is surrounded by 100-years-old pepper trees and lovely vineyards. It offers a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas in an informal setting," organizers said.

The event program will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m. next Sunday (July 17) at Retzlaff Vineyards at 1356 S. Livermore Ave. Gates open at 5 p.m. Guests are encouraged to carpool; no outside wines allowed.

Tickets will remain on sale through this Monday (July 13). Visit [www.LVOpera.com](http://www.LVOpera.com). ■

# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Embarrassing tirade

On June 21, 2022, I witnessed a disgraceful, disrespectful, unexpected and wholly undeserved verbal tirade against our new city manager, delivered by Councilmember Julie Testa.

Perhaps she has forgotten she and her colleagues on the dais unanimously chose him to fill that position in part because City Manager Gerry Beaudin previously served 4-1/2 years as Pleasanton's community development director before becoming the city of Alameda's assistant city manager.

He was educated in urban planning, a field in which he has succeeded his entire 20-year career. The council member has held city office for less than four years, rendering her public chastisement of a senior staff member disquieting at best.

How embarrassing to have watched this elected official's public

rebuke of a senior staff member. Beaudin never questioned Pleasanton's fiscally responsible past governance.

This arrogance must stop if our city is to continue being one to which others aspire. Accusatory remarks are unseemly and must not be swept aside.

Those elected by voters to sit on that dais ought not attempt to browbeat employees into submission. The staff's job is to study details, work within established policies and practices, and advise the council on how best to act. Disagreement notwithstanding, there is no excuse for the behavior exhibited on June 21.

This isn't a matter of political difference, rather one of decent treatment of employees. A public apology to City Manager Beaudin and the commitment to never let such a shameful scene repeat itself is clearly in order.

—Linda Kelly

### DUSD text scandal proves need for Brown Act

The Brown Act is a California law requiring that meetings and discussions of public agencies, like school boards, occur in front of a public audience and provide the public with an opportunity to attend and participate. This law explicitly tells elected officials what they can and cannot do.

For example, a majority of a school board is prohibited from meeting — in person or via digital communication — on their own to discuss official matters, and they also cannot meet individually with a common intermediary to discuss those matters. Such a series of meetings is called a "serial meeting," and it is specifically defined and prohibited in the Brown Act.

Through a series of texts procured by a single community member, three DUSD Trustees appear to have done exactly that: discussed school board matters in a serial meeting outside of public view curtailing the public's ability to monitor and contribute to the decision-making process.

The people of Dublin could not know (nor weigh in on) the comments in these private texts, but only the comments the trustees shared during public meetings. Apparently there were two very different conversations going on.

While they were supposed to be modifying the trustee area map to balance population and demographics and they purported to do so publicly, they were actually discussing plans for their own political gain — and the demise of others — outside of the public eye.

This is exactly the sort of backroom deals that the Brown Act was written to prevent.

—Kelly Baalman

### It's time to reform the Supreme Court

This is a scary moment. The Supreme Court just dismantled abortion rights across America. As a result, 26 states could outlaw abortion, including 13 that have passed "trigger" laws to take effect immediately after the Court overturns Roe v. Wade.

This news should set off alarm bells for all Americans. Our fundamental freedoms are coming under attack by a hyper-partisan supermajority on the Court. And this could just be the beginning. But there's a way to fight back, which is why I'm urging Congress to pass the Judiciary Act of 2021.

The Judiciary Act would rebalance the Supreme Court by adding four new seats, giving us 13 justices in total. It's just what we need to move away from extremely partisan rulings and restore the legitimacy of the court — and it's been done before. In fact, Congress has changed the size of the Supreme Court seven times already in our nation's history. A recent poll showed that the majority of Americans support expanding the court again now.

It's past time for Congress to get on board with this crucial bill.

—Irene Hilgers

### A wise decision

The majority of Americans celebrated the Supreme Court's decision two weeks ago when they overturned Roe vs Wade. The 1973 Roe decision was the worst decision by a Supreme Court since the Dred Scott case in 1834.

The majority of states and the majority of Americans are against abortion, as are the majority of Californians. The immoral California legislature controlled by the progressive left minority are working on making California an abortion sanctuary state and plan to use tax dollars to fund the abortions for any woman in the country, citizen or alien, but also pay for their air fare to come to California for the abortion.

The taxpayers of California should oppose this illegal and unconstitutional decision by the legislature. You can oppose this now by writing your representatives and then in November with your vote to get rid of them.

—David Ott

### The Supreme Court is partisan on purpose

When Donald Trump was in office, he and Mitch McConnell made three lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court. McConnell went so far as to defy Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dying wish — that the next president appoint her replacement — by packing the

court with Amy Coney Barrett just eight days before the 2020 election.

The result? Today's Supreme Court has been taken over by a hyperpartisan supermajority that just dismantled abortion care in America.

But there's something we can do. The Judiciary Act of 2021 would add four seats to the Supreme Court bench — restoring balance to the court. It's the solution we need to move away from the extremely partisan rulings that

now threaten our fundamental freedoms. Recent polling showed that the majority of voters support expanding the court.

Congress has changed the size of the Supreme Court seven times already in our nation's history. It's time to do it again. I'm urging our representatives to back this important bill now so we know they want to protect the rights of the American people. The stakes are too high to stay quiet on this important issue.

—Rodney Clark

## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Pleasanton Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566

- Review and Discuss Century House Master Plan
- Recommend City Council Approve First Amendment to Contract with Graham Hitch Mortuary for Cemetery Management, Plot Sales, and Burial Coordination for the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery
- Recommend City Council Adopt a Resolution Amending the Master Fee Schedule for the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill tennis champ Lee honored for giving back in community

Also: Falcon Track Club stars qualify for Junior Olympics at Sacramento State this month

“Summer break” might be the two most wonderful words a student can hear.

I know growing up in Pleasanton that magical two-word phrase has brought smiles to the faces of thousands of students over the years, and with good cause.

Looking back, I remember the feeling of being free from the daily rigors of school. The possibilities seemed endless as to what the summer could hold.

Of course, while it is fun not being in school, by halfway through the summer you would start talking about how bored you were, and even, almost, kind of maybe, would think, hmmm ... maybe school is not so bad.

Then there are those students that make sure the summer is full of activities, thus preventing the inevitable boredom from kicking in.

Christopher Lee of Foothill is one of those such kids.

Lee, who was the 2022 East Bay

Athletic League tennis champion in singles and was a member of the Foothill team that captured the EBAL team title, is not taking summer vacation as most students do — just enjoying the summer and relaxing.

In other words — there will be no boredom!

For starters, Lee has been taking physics and has also continued his philanthropy.

He is collecting tennis balls to be recycled by a youth-powered nonprofit called Recycleballs. To date, he has collected 3,042 used tennis balls that were saved from the landfill.

If that’s not enough, Lee has organized a shoe drive for the past three years in partnership with the nonprofit Go Green Initiative. The effort has led to 2,239 pairs of shoes being shipped out to those in need.

Lee has been recognized for his efforts by Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown with an award last month

not only for the environmental impact but for the community and societal impact.

Other students were encouraged to learn about and participate in his recycling drive and \$27,000 in corporate grants to nonprofits were awarded to Razom for Ukraine, East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring (EPATT), and Foothill, because of the shoe drive.

Well done, Christopher; well done.

#### Track and Field Junior Olympics

There are 20 athletes from the Falcon Track Club who have qualified and will be competing at the USATF National Junior Olympics that take place July 25-31 in Hornet Stadium at California State University, Sacramento.

The team trains at Foothill High and has athletes ranging from the Under-8 division up through the 17-18 group.

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Foothill tennis standout Christopher Lee receives award from Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown for his philanthropic efforts.

The individual qualifiers from FTC include:

- 8-under girls: Victoria Daniel, 400M, 800 and 1,500 (regional champion).
- 9-10 girls: Erina Mitra, 400; Emma Lyon 1,500; and Emery Sutton, 800 and 1,500.
- 11-12 boys: Gavin Sutton, 800.
- 15-16 girls: Allison Oh, 400H.
- 15-16 boys: Ian Sweeney, 100, 200 and 400; Hassaan Chaudhary, 110 hurdles and 400H; Ranveer Rajoura, 200 and 400 (regional champion), long jump; Zach Payne, 400; and Aleksander Schade, 800 (regional

champion) and 1,500 (regional champion).

- 17-18 girls: Aditi Kamble, 400H; and Lesley Townsend, high jump, long jump and triple jump.
- 17-18 boys: Tanish Kumar, 1,500; Patrick Lee, long jump and triple jump; and Landen Meonske, triple jump.

Two FTC relay teams qualified as well: the 15-16 boys 4x100M and the 17-18 boys 4x100M. ■

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

## District unveils new Livermore High School gym

Aquatics facilities — another Measure J project — set for completion by next summer

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District recently held an open house for the community to view and tour Livermore High School’s brand-new gymnasium, which was built as part of the voter-approved Measure J bond facilities improvement projects, district officials said in a statement.

The open house event at the campus on June 25 “was a great success and the community thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see this beautiful new space,” according to district spokesperson Sarah DeGroat.

The gymnasium facility is a two-story building totaling 49,000 square feet and includes a main gym with mezzanine bleachers, practice gym, wrestling room, dance studio, weight room, PE classroom, team rooms, boys and girls locker rooms, concessions kitchen and patio and ticket booth.

Still to be completed are the



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The Livermore High School community joined together on June 25 for the ceremonial grand opening of the new gymnasium.

aquatics facilities that will include a 12-lane swimming pool, diving boards and water polo field. District officials said that completion of this phase is planned for summer 2023.

Contractors broke ground on the gym in the summer of 2020. Construction was managed by the district’s bond department

in partnership with Roebbelen Contracting, Inc. and Kitchell Construction.

The progress was accelerated while students were distance learning during the early stages of the pandemic, which resulted in the gym being completed ahead of schedule and under budget,



according to the district.

Other large-scale Measure J funded projects include Granada High School’s new Athletics & Aquatics Complex, which was completed last year in time for students’ return to in-person instruction.

A new two-story classroom building at East Avenue Middle

School and a new classroom building, gym and drop-off/parking lot at Joe Michell K-8 School are also among the finished projects paid for with Measure J funds.

The status of other Measure J renovations can be found on the “Project Update Matrix” at the district’s website. ■

## 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 through July 10. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**BISHOP RANCH 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.

**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.

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

**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).

**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.

**DOS BROS AT THE BANKHEAD COURTYARD** Upbeat rhythms, positive lyrics and collaboration are all key as Dos Bros brings feel good music to the people. The two members of Dos Bros have created their original music using ukuleles, guitar, bass, keyboards, vocals, drums, and horns. Tickets \$20. 5:30 p.m., July 15. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**JAZZ IN JULY** An afternoon of guitar magic with virtuoso Mimi Fox, this eclectic show features

a wide spectrum of music from The Beatles and Cole Porter to Wes Montgomery and original compositions. 2 p.m., July 16. Livermore Civic Center Library, Storytime Room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

**NEWSIES THE BROADWAY MUSICAL** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents Newsies the Broadway Musical, based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899. This Disney musical tells the story of Jack Kelly, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. July 16-17; 23-24; 30-31. Tickets \$21-\$39. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). Bankhead Theater.

**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).

**LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS** Grammy-nominated Stray Cats founder and upright slap bassist Lee Rocker will rock the Bankhead performing Stray Cats hits and songs he performed with other music legends. Tickets \$20-\$45. 8 p.m., July 22. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**LAS POSITAS PRESENTS - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" has devoured the hearts of theatergoers for more than 30 years. 8 p.m., July 28-31. Tickets \$10-\$20. LPC's Mertes Center for the Arts, outdoor amphitheater. Visit [laspositascollege.edu](http://laspositascollege.edu).

## Talks

**AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS** July's speaker is Diane Harris, a quilt designer, speaker, teacher and former editor for Quiltmaker magazine. She is passionate about making scrap quilts and creating interesting original designs. 1:30-4 p.m., July 9. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org).

**MUSEUM ON MAIN FREE WALKING TOURS** Pleasanton's history is more than dates and historical time periods, it's about the everyday people that helped build the town. On this walking tour explore the many beautiful historic homes along Railroad Avenue, Second Street and Neal Street and learn about the families that occupied those homes. 10 a.m., July 9.

**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).

**HANDLING GRIEF AND LOSS** In this webinar through Hope Hospice, a marriage and family therapist will discuss the complexities of grief and loss and participants will be provided with coping strategies to help during the final stages of life after their loved one has passed. 10-11:30 a.m., July 14. Visit [hopehospice.com](http://hopehospice.com).

**THE LIFE AND ART OF ISADORA DUNCAN** The Pleasanton Senior Center hosts this free lecture of modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan with a special presentation by dancer, choreographer and Duncan historian Lois Flood who brings this California native to life through dance and storytelling. 1 p.m., July 14.

**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 S. 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.

**AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH ERMA BOMBECK** Erma Bombeck captured with poignancy and humor the ups and downs of a new American phenomenon, the suburban housewife. The beloved author and columnist will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Susan Marie Frontczak. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., July 19. Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets \$20-\$25. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**STANFORD HEALTH CARE-VALLEY CARE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION** Preventing and Recognizing skin Cancer: Tips and Strategies to Care for Your Skin, is the topic of this Stanford Health Care-Valley Care educational presentation by Meghan Dickman, M.D. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 19. Register at [livermorechamber.org](http://livermorechamber.org).

**TULE DUCK DECOY** Explore the many uses of tule with a LARPD Ranger and learn how to create a tule duck decoy to take home. All supplies provided. Cost \$10. 2 p.m., July 23. Visit [LARPD.org](http://LARPD.org). Sycamore Grove Park.

**LIVERMORE LIBRARY CELEBRATES BASEBALL'S DIVERSE HISTORY** Encore Players and volunteers from Sandia and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories present an

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in-person show titled "Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Baseball Over the Years." This free educational program is 7-8 p.m., July 25. Civic Center Library.

**A RAILROAD HISTORY OF LIVERMORE** The Livermore Public Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild present Then & Now: Livermore Stories, a local history lecture series. Alan Frank will present a program entitled Parallel Paths: A Railroad History of Livermore. 7 p.m., July 27. Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library.

## 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-Saturdays. 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 through July 31. Bankhead Theater.

## Outdoor Movies

**PLEASANTON MOVIES IN THE PARK** Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs to enjoy film favorites every Thursday, through Aug. 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

low back chairs and/or blankets. Food and snack vendors begin at 6:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix](http://dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix).

## Family

**SYCAMORE GROVE SUMMER GAMES** In the first annual Sycamore Grove summer games, test speed, knowledge, creativity and beyond in this family-friendly fun completion. Ages 7+ recommended. \$5. 12 p.m., July 9. Register online at [LARPD.org](http://LARPD.org).

**SCIENCE AT STOCKMEN'S PARK** Explore everyday science at Stockmen's Park, a free accessible monthly outdoor event for children, teens and adults. The topic this month is "Science of the Human Body". 11 a.m.-2 p.m., July 9. 29 S. Livermore Ave.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**RECREATION SWIM AT ROBERT LIVERMORE AQUATIC CENTER** Looking for a way to stay cool this summer on those hot summer nights? LARPD hosts Hot Nights Recreation Swim every Friday throughout the summer in the activity pool of the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center. 6-8 p.m. Cost \$6.

Support

**TRI-VALLEY HAVEN'S SUMMER OUTREACH** Tri-Valley Haven is collecting donations for their annual summer outreach to assist the unhoused in our community. Needed are reusable water bottles, sunscreen, cooling towels, hats and more. To see the full list visit [@trivalleyhaven](https://twitter.com/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](mailto:olga@trivalleyhaven.org)

[trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org) or call Sharon at 925-449-5847

**NAMI TRI-VALLEY PARENT RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUP** A free monthly parent support group for parents with children under the age of 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having a psychiatric problem. 7 p.m., July 19. For Zoom link or other questions contact: Marsha McInnis 925-980-5331 or email [marsha@nami-trivalley.org](mailto:marsha@nami-trivalley.org).

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

**FREE HOT MEALS** Prepared by Open Heart Kitchen. Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m. 4444 East Ave,

Livermore. Dine-in or take-out. Visit [openheartkitchen.org](http://openheartkitchen.org).

**GOODNESS VILLAGE NEEDS DRIVERS** Goodness Village in Livermore, a Tiny Home Community that provides affordable and permanent housing options for people experiencing chronic homelessness, is looking for drivers to get residents to appointments. Visit [gvlivermore.org](http://gvlivermore.org).

**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](http://trivalleyhaven.org).

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.

**LUMBERJANES BOOK CLUB FOR TEENS** Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the Lumberjanes Book Club at the Livermore Public Library. Registered participants will receive a free copy of the book to read before the meeting. Visit the Information Desk at any Livermore Public Library, or by call 925-373-5505. 3 p.m., July 21.

Business

**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](http://livermorechamber.org).

**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](http://livermorechamber.org).

**PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** The Pleasanton Young Professionals is the premier networking group for

emerging and established young professionals. 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., July 18. Visit [pleasanton.org](http://pleasanton.org).

Government

**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](http://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 hybrid, in person and zoom. The next meeting is 6 p.m., July 14. Visit [pleasantonusd.net](http://pleasantonusd.net).

**PLEASANTON PARKS AND 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](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**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](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**PLEASANTON HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING** The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets via teleconference 7 p.m., July 21. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**LARPD BOARD MEETING IN THE PARK** The purpose of the meeting is for Livermore citizens to receive an update on current LARPD projects and get feedback or suggestions on any local park issues. Bring a chair and water. 6 p.m., July 20. Mocho Park, 1130 Mocho St.

**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](http://cityoflivermore.net).

**LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL** The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., July 25. For more information visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

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**Senior MDM Developer**

Senior MDM Developer, Workday, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Design and develop custom workflows using Java, Python or other languages. To apply, please mail resume to ATTN: Jessica Thurston, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Please refer to Job # 20637.1047.

**NPI Manufacturing Engr.**

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**Biostatistician**

Biostatistician for Roche Molecular Systems, Inc, Pleasanton, CA. Travel up to 5% (int'l/domestic, fully reimbursed). Telecommuting permitted 1 day per week. Req. Master's in stats or rltld + 1 yr exp. Apply: <https://applyroche.com/202206-125295> (job id:202206-125295)

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**Test Hardware Engr.**

Omron Robotics & Safety Technologies Inc. has opening for Test Hardware Engr. in Pleasanton, CA. Design & prepare test plans & test cases to validate new products and improve existing products. To apply, email resume to Sally Nguyen, at [sally.nguyen@omron.com](mailto:sally.nguyen@omron.com) Ref. #27.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 589683  
The following person doing business as: Organization, 6330 Stoneridge Mall Road, E202, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Barbara Dominguez, 6330 Stoneridge Mall Road, E202, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Barbara Dominguez, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Barbara Dominguez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 8, 15, 22, 29 2022.)

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 9-13 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and May 31-June 3 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 6348 Arlington Drive** Drt Survivors Trust to K. & A. Sidhu for \$1,450,000
- 5205 Armani Court** Wensing Trust to V. & D. Jethva for \$1,432,500
- 254 Birch Creek Drive** M. & A. Gordon to Wang Family Trust for \$875,000
- 5987 Bryce Canyon Court** T. Cheng to T. & H. Wong for \$1,808,000
- 4306 Campinia Place** Mckinnon Trust to J. Xie for \$3,850,000
- 7815 Canyon Meadow Circle #B** J. Casteig to I. & G. Houston for \$678,000
- 2332 Corte De La Jara** Gardner Trust to Chandarana Family Trust for \$2,145,000
- 2656 Corte Vida** Demange Living Trust to N. & S. Patwa for \$2,900,000
- 4432 Del Valle Parkway** M. Bedford to S. Singh for \$825,000
- 4353 Douglas Court** Wetzig Family Trust to N. & A. Gupta for \$1,652,000
- 4529 Fisher Court** P. Gupta to S. & S. Kulkarni for \$1,720,000
- 1693 East Gate Way** T. & C. Moore to H. & W. Hsu for \$2,200,000
- 3179 Half Dome Drive** D. Jung to L. & E. Choi for \$1,550,000
- 4186 Hall Court** M. Matsusaka to S. & P. Shah for \$2,365,000
- 8110 Mountain View Drive #A** K. & B. Ralph to F. Barzi for \$720,000
- 8145 Mountain View Drive #B** T. Guilderson to A. & M. Sivov for \$800,000
- 4302 Muirwood Drive** L. & T. Bormann to D. & P. Raman for \$1,650,000
- 3235 Omega Circle** A. & D. Ondi to M. & R. Alton for \$2,500,000
- 7901 Paragon Circle** Delcarlo Living Trust to Chitre Trust for \$3,500,000
- 6726 Paseo Catalina** Baca Family Trust to Girish Trust for \$2,025,000
- 2129 Rheem Drive** B. Cathro to S. & S. Vieux for \$1,000,000
- 1530 Rose Lane** 2002 Crussell Family Trust to H. & C. Hsieh for \$3,252,500
- 5530 San Antonio Street** D. & E. Bay to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$1,500,000
- 1832 Sinclair Drive** W. & H. Lang to P. & A. Saha for \$1,580,000
- 5939 Sterling Greens Circle #1r** S. Ravi to Gandhi Family Trust for \$2,380,000
- 5670 Sunset Creek Court** H. & S. Dickson to Wright Trust for \$4,150,000

**737 Vineyard Terrace** D. Riley to Aurangabadwala Trust for \$4,151,000

### Livermore

- 1549 2nd Street** Hague Trust to Bouillercce Family Trust for \$925,000
- 6304 Altamar Circle** E. Earnhardt to S. & R. Karusala for \$1,537,000
- 119 Apricot Street** V. Peddakkagari to T. & A. Patel for \$1,090,000
- 1162 Aster Lane** J. & M. Allen to P. & P. Singh for \$1,072,000
- 4278 Bellmawr Drive** Pevarnick Trust to Y. & N. Awadalla for \$1,650,000
- 1140 Big Basin Road** Heule 1999 Trust to K. & A. Agrawal for \$1,600,000
- 2106 Bluffs Drive** A. & M. Woods to B. & G. Giri for \$2,045,000
- 3904 California Way** H. & W. Sanders to Tippet Living Trust for \$1,075,000
- 1068 Coronado Way** M. Lopez to Frost Trust for \$851,000.00
- 258 Daisyfield Drive** Campisi Family Trust to P. & D. Botelho for \$1,515,000
- 716 Daisyfield Drive** C. & G. Anstey to E. & J. Howard for \$1,750,000
- 1579 Frankfurt Way** C. Berkompas to C. & J. Crossley for \$1,445,000
- 1280 Gusty Loop #2** K. Fick to D. & A. Musselman for \$980,000
- 4088 Hillcrest Common** Porter Living Trust to J. & A. Shaw for \$839,000
- 952 Jessica Drive** Schlavin 1998 Family Trust to C. & T. Moody for \$1,275,000
- 5421 Kathy Way** K. & J. Mercer to B. & M. Nasser for \$1,125,000
- 1062 Lambaren Avenue** R. Tigrett to Blue Bay Ventures LLC for \$623,000
- 2404 Livorno Court** C. & B. Edwards to D. & M. Sreedharala for \$2,135,000
- 1560 Marigold Road** Stewart-Mondani Trust to W. & T. Liu for \$860,000
- 825 Mayview Way** C. Renaud to L. & C. Ho for \$1,455,000
- 2059 Park Street** Moreda Family Trust to E. Jabaieh for \$1,350,000
- 4196 Pinon Way** B. & P. Aboumrada to D. & S. Madhavan for \$940,000
- 4089 Pomona Way** Olivotti Family Trust to Promes Family Trust for \$1,400,000
- 626 Ravenna Street** L. & P. Bowe to T. & J. Paulaiyan for \$1,750,000
- 2590 Regent Road** C. & M. Tropp to Mccuaig Family Trust for \$2,205,000
- 689 Sandalwood Drive #1** T. Okawa to H. & D. Sindell for \$1,000,000
- 3255 Saratoga Court** Wlg Family PtsHP LLC to L. & S. Misra for \$3,150,000

- 563 Selby Lane #2** M. & M. Tree to F. Chaudhry for \$1,100,000
- 1461 Spring Valley Common** T. Romero to M. Sanders for \$555,000
- 429 Thrasher Avenue** Lillard Trust to A. Kurtz for \$1,150,000
- 963 Via Del Paz** Av Homes LLC to N. & A. Shukla for \$1,650,000
- 876 William Drive** Borris Family Trust to S. & H. Jeong for \$1,250,000

### Dublin

- 6814 Amador Valley Boulevard** H. Imudianda to M. & A. Deshpande for \$1,560,000
- 5621 Apex Drive** L. Zhang to N. & M. Sethi for \$1,020,000
- 7642 Arbor Creek Circle** L. & H. Li to X. Chen for \$958,000
- 5596 Barrel Avenue** J. & J. Lee to S. & R. Vasani for \$1,375,000
- 3763 Branding Iron Place** Williams Trust to E. Luu for \$919,000
- 7093 Calistoga Lane** N. & J. Vistosa to S. & A. Zhong for \$1,415,000
- 3051 Copper Peak Drive** U. Mehta to R. & M. Dhillon for \$3,525,000
- 7900 Cranford Lane** Damonte Trust to A. & M. Chintha for \$1,560,000
- 5502 Crestridge Terrace** Liu Trust to N. & N. Birru for \$2,520,000
- 5558 Crestridge Terrace** S. & F. Amaral to A. & P. Tripathi for \$2,600,000
- 8434 Deervale Road** F. & M. Shin to P. & A. Sonavane for \$1,600,000
- 7199 Elk Court** R. Plowman to A. & S. Ng for \$1,250,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #117** F. & F. Shaikh to S. & J. Pandong for \$760,000

- 4277 Healdsburg Way** S. Pattabhi to J. & J. Lee for \$1,905,000
- 4292 Keegan Street** Kobrin Living Trust to Li Family Trust for \$1,100,000
- 7581 Meadow Court** L. & J. Schroedter to S. & A. Kumar for \$2,250,000
- 2837 Mount Dana Drive** B. Hsieh to R. & A. Gowrishankar for \$2,750,000
- 4745 Perugia Street** G. & J. Brennan to M. Patel for \$978,000
- 7656 Ridgeline Drive** Ronen Living Trust to S. Panda for \$2,870,000
- 4622 Rimini Court** S. Lee to S. & S. Parikh for \$1,500,000
- 3705 Rimini Lane** S. Patel to C. & J. Wang for \$1,975,000
- 11534 Soleado Court** L. & M. Warzyniak to A. & S. Karmakar for \$2,010,000
- 7043 Stagecoach Road** Fung Living Trust to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$892,500
- 7924 Tamarack Drive** M. Baishya to N. & S. Kumar for \$1,511,500
- 2433 Vinton Avenue** Arn Living Trust to D. & V. Santhanakrishnan for \$2,550,000

### San Ramon

- 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #402** T. Oneill to Hart Living Trust for \$555,000
- 3832 Aragon Lane** Francisco Trust to S. & C. Ye for \$1,850,000
- 5390 Canyon Crest Drive** Frias Living Trust to L. & S. Jabbar for \$2,150,000
- 2688 Corey Place** T. & G. Inchauspe to C. & G. Dhingra for \$2,200,000
- 2945 Fountainhead Drive** Iverson Family Trust to K. & C. Whiteman for \$712,000

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (May 9-13)

**Total sales reported:** 27  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$678,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$4,151,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,720,000

### Livermore (May 9-13)

**Total sales reported:** 32  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$555,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,150,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,262,500

### Dublin (May 9-13)

**Total sales reported:** 25  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$760,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,525,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,560,000

### San Ramon (May 31-June 3)

**Total sales reported:** 12  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$555,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,550,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,757,500

Source: California REsource

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### PLEASANTON

**5230 Armani Court** **\$1,288,000**  
 Sat 2:00-4:00 3BD/2.5BA  
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### PLEASANTON

**7485 Sundrop Ct** **\$1,848,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 4BD/2.5BA  
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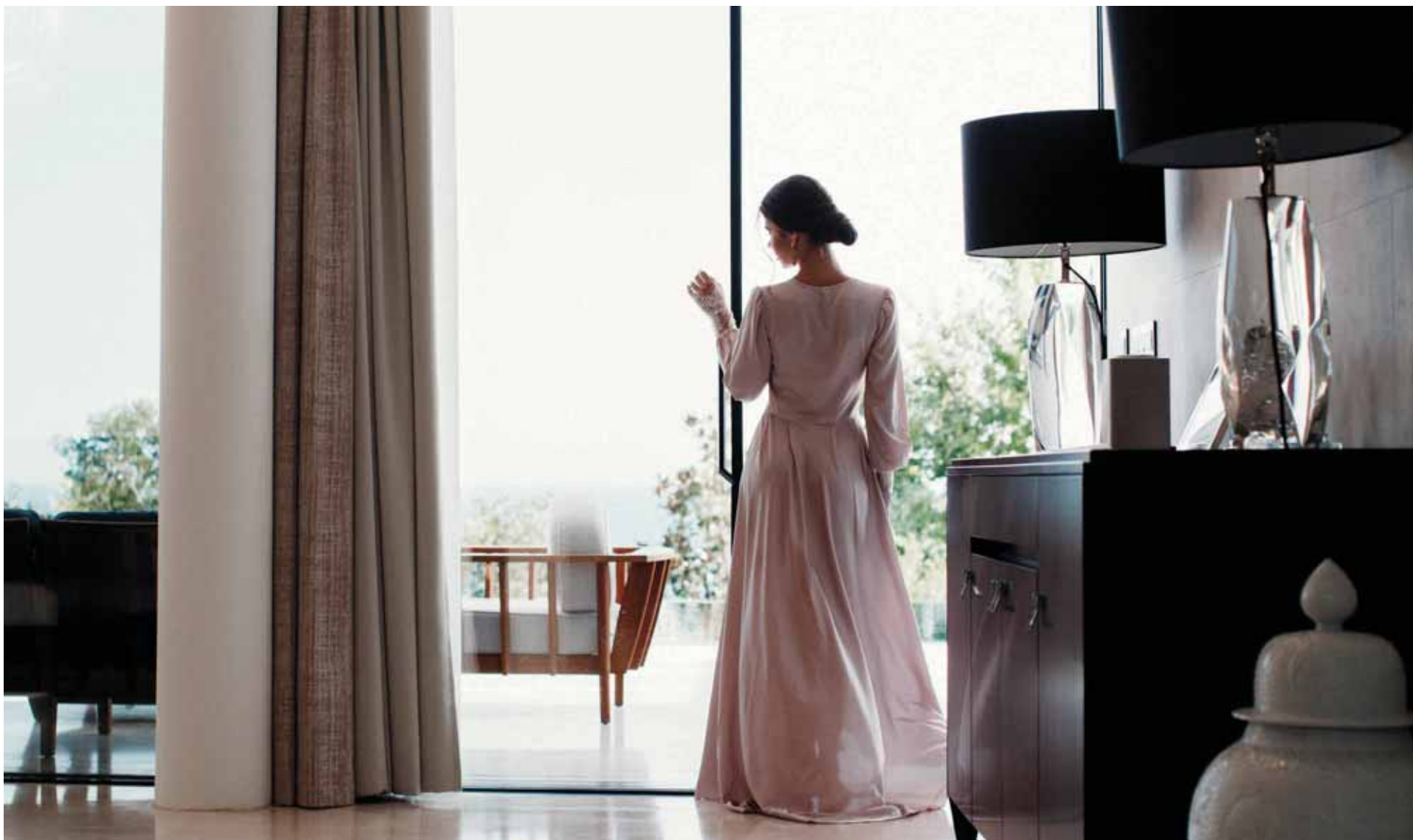
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