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# AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

## Kreycik search revealed 'best of humanity'

While most think of a community as a group of people living in the same area, the community that came together last year to search for a missing runner transcended geographic boundaries. That community was built on a common values of social responsibility and compassion and a common goal — find Philip Kreycik.

Though Kreycik, his wife Jen Yao and children lived in Berkeley, news of the 37-year-old Kreycik's disappearance in Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park on July 10, 2021, spread rapidly through the Tri-Valley.

Over the three-plus-week search, thousands of people — including law enforcement personnel from multiple Bay Area agencies and more than 800 volunteers — pulled together and continued exhaustive searches for the missing runner.

Pleasanton resident David Selinger marked the one-year anniversary of the day Kreycik went missing with a beautifully written social media post in which he acknowledged the many people who helped with the search.

Selinger wrote, "They all showed up. No one made them. No one asked them, but they all showed up. They all gave everything they had to find Philip, to give 100% to give this family what they knew they needed. We didn't succeed, but we did see some of the best of humanity in the 30 days that followed."

Sandy Schneider, one of the core group of search coordinators and an admin for the "Find Philip Kreycik" Facebook group, said, "Everyone's donation of time or food or whatever it was that they brought to the table, everyone was doing it from the goodness of their own hearts."

The official search was significantly scaled back five or six days in, and eventually called off after authorities said 100% of the park had been searched. But volunteers kept going.

"The volunteer team never gave up. We never said we were going to stop," said Schneider, saying they had a goal of finding Kreycik, which they did.

The sad discovery of human remains later identified as Kreycik was made on Aug. 3. It was determined he likely died the day he went missing.

Schneider credited Betsy Everett from Fremont, who worked with law enforcement agencies and volunteers

to make sure all areas were searched, for eventually finding Kreycik.

"There was this one little square area that had not been searched and Betsy figured that out because she had plotted all the areas," Schneider continued. "(Volunteers) finally decided to go up there and look at that one little square area that was just off the path, and that's where they found him."

Lt. Ray Kelly from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office said the search for Kreycik was one of the largest searches in county history.

"We had a tremendous amount of law enforcement personnel and community volunteers come together," Kelly said. "On the one-year anniversary, we want to thank everyone who came out to help. This was an outstanding example of community engagement, and an example of the type of response we need in situations like this, when community members come together to help."

"We still think fondly of Philip and his family and hope they are healing," Kelly said.

Philip's widow, Yao, parents Keith and Marcia Kreycik and sister Clare made an impression on everyone.

"They were so grateful for what we had done in this community. They were just so humble and so grateful. They had no expectations of anybody," Schneider said.

On Aug. 5, 2021, Kreycik's widow expressed that gratitude in a Facebook post.

"We can't possibly ever express our gratitude and appreciation enough to truly acknowledge what you have done and are still doing for us," Yao wrote. "The effort of the last few weeks is the greatest demonstration of collaboration, selflessness, care, and kindness that humanity has to offer in the face of an unimaginably difficult situation..."

The family continues to grieve, of course, but so do people who never knew Kreycik in life, like the volunteers.


In his post, Selinger summed up what many feel on this anniversary when he wrote, "I found a new family in a way. My heart aches for the Kreycik family knowing that there is nothing we can do to change this outcome; but I also look forward knowing that somehow Philip's last act was to bring together a new, strong family..." ■

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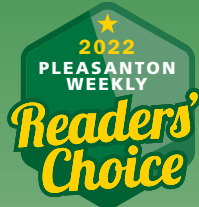
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# Streetwise

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## What do you enjoy doing while you're on vacation?



### Sheri Meehleis

*International airline purser*

I travel the world for my work, so I've been to so many places. But on my own vacation, I would sail on my boat through the South Pacific Islands, starting off in Mexico, heading toward the Marquesas Islands and then work my way to the Tahitian Islands in order to spend some time there, just relaxing and enjoying the gorgeous sunsets.



### Tuatini Sandford

*College student*

I love to work at home doing home improvement projects with my family that we never have a chance to do unless we are on vacation. And then after doing all of our home improvement projects, we enjoy making a big outdoor barbecue and drinking some beer together.



### Yvonne Dubois

*Flight attendant*

I love going out for a long run in order to get the lay of the land of wherever I am, and to go into local grocery stores in order to see the brands that are not ordinary and usual to me. I love seeing things that are native to the places where I am and to have a really authentic experience far away from home.



### Stephanie Tan

*Flight attendant*

When I go on vacation I like to do a mix of experiencing the local culture, visiting friends and family if they are at my destination, and just doing a little bit of this and that that is not part of my normal, ordinary routine.



### Claudine and Hamilton Tellez

*Teacher; restaurant consultant*

We love to do all sorts of water sports like kayaking and snorkeling. We also love people-watching, dining at great restaurants, and just relaxing and unwinding

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Candidates can apply

The nomination period for candidates hoping to qualify for local elections on the Nov. 8 ballot opens on Monday (July 18).

In the Tri-Valley, positions will be available on the city councils and mayoral chair for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon, as well as the Danville Town Council. Seats will also be up for grabs for the Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore Valley, San Ramon Valley and Sunol-Glen school districts.

Other elected bodies with positions on the ballot include the Chabot-Las Positas and Contra Costa community college districts, Dublin San Ramon Services District, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, East Bay Regional Park District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and BART Board of Directors.

Across the board, the initial nomination deadline is open until Aug. 12, but if an incumbent doesn't submit candidacy paperwork in time, the filing period will be extended five calendar days (Aug. 17) and remain open only to non-incumbents. There is no extension period if the seat is currently vacant or opening up due to term limits.

Contact the individual public agency or the county elections office for more information.

### Permit Center hours

Starting Monday (July 18), the city of Pleasanton's Permit Center at 200 Old Bernal Ave. will institute a pilot schedule, with in-person services open between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Permit Center staff will be available by phone still from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on workdays to answer calls, provide information and make appointments. The phone number is 925-931-5630. To learn more, visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov/PermitCenter](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/PermitCenter).

### Early care grants

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors recently approved the distribution of \$4 million in one-time federal relief grants to support local early care and education system needs and infrastructure with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, officials said.

Large family child care and center-based licensed programs can qualify for a minimum grant of \$3,350 and small licensed facilities can qualify for a minimum award of \$2,350, county officials said.

To apply for grants, licensed child care providers will be required to complete a general county online application. Visit [acgov.org/providergrant](http://acgov.org/providergrant). ■

## Pleasanton USD receives full accreditation; committee removes probationary marks

Teacher credential process, special education support among areas district had to improve

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton Unified School District was granted full accreditation last month after a year of being in a probationary period where it had to address and meet certain conditions set by the state for better support for new teachers.

According to its report last year, the California Committee on Accreditation found several areas where PUSD needed to improve how it supported teachers joining the district for the first time, leading to PUSD getting accredited with

probationary stipulations.

Those stipulations, or suggestions, were based on remote interviews with various stakeholders such as administrators, coaches for new teachers, teacher candidates and other district personnel.

But on the accreditation committee's revisit this year, officials said all the suggestions were met, resulting in PUSD receiving full accreditation. However, two follow-up reports must be submitted in the coming year to assess how the district continues to support staff.

"I would say we actually bolstered

our program beyond the excellence that was already there and then the accreditation report and the committee that took action on the 29th of this past month just reaffirmed all the great work that's been done," said Michael Williams, PUSD's director of human resources.

The California Commission on Teaching Credentialing, which is the nation's oldest independent teaching standards board, revised its longstanding program review framework to include a formal accreditation process in 2020, assigning the task of accrediting and

auditing schools to the Committee on Accreditation.

All school districts along with any higher education institutions undergo the accreditation process to assure the public that these institutions are effectively training and supporting school personnel on how to do their jobs.

Some of the areas Pleasanton needed to address, according to the 2021 report, were: the process of teachers getting their credentials; how those teachers are supported

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## District 3 election taking shape

Incumbent Testa, challenger Liu are first to announce candidacy for southwest Pleasanton seat

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The race is on for Pleasanton City Council District 3 as incumbent Councilmember Julie Testa and challenger Joel Liu, chair of the Committee on Energy and the Environment, this week became the first candidates to confirm their intent to run this fall.

The Nov. 8 election will be Pleasanton's first in a district-based format for City Council seats, with District 3 representing the southwestern part of the city. No candidates have come forward yet for the northwest District 1 position, which will be open without an incumbent. Mayor Karla Brown last week announced her campaign to earn a second mayoral term.

Testa, a longtime community advocate for city planning and school overcrowding, was elected to the council at-large in November 2018 and served as vice mayor in 2021. Some of Testa's priorities for a new term, according to her campaign statement, would be positioning resident interests over special interests; protecting Pleasanton's historic downtown, small-town character and excellent livability; and supporting public safety resources.

"Over 30 years ago my husband and I moved to Pleasanton to raise our family," Testa said in a news release on Tuesday. "I love belonging to a 'village' where neighbors care, truly care, helping and sharing with each other. My role on the council is to retain what we value in our amazing community for our next



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Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa and challenger Joel Liu are the two candidates so far for City Council District 3.

generation of families."

According to her news release, Testa said she is working on a statewide effort to push back on housing growth mandates that "threaten the careful balance of infrastructure and services that make Pleasanton wonderful."

"The state has mandated exponential housing growth across the state. Pleasanton is committed to reasonable growth focusing on needed low-income housing, but we can and must push back on state overreach," Testa said. "I ask residents to join me in a statewide effort to retain local authority."

Her other priorities include improving schools, public safety, water quality and conservation, and fiscal responsibility.

Something that Testa said she was most proud of was her contribution and advocacy for the alternative crisis response program. Set to launch this month, the program will designate mental health

clinicians to accompany police officers who respond to calls for help when a person is experiencing a mental health crisis.

"This program frees officers to perform law enforcement responsibilities while supporting our residents with positive outcomes," Testa said. "The program is a win-win for everyone involved — those in crisis, their families, our outstanding first responders and all Pleasanton residents."

Testa has lived in Pleasanton for the last 34 years where she served on the city's Human Services Commission for 11 years. She was also a board member for Tri-Valley REACH, an organization that provides housing opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities, and the Tri-Valley chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

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## Court clears way for solar project

Petitioners criticize judge's reasoning, promise to appeal

By CIERRA BAILEY

An Alameda County Superior Court judge recently denied local citizen groups' lawsuit challenging the county-approved Aramis Solar energy project planned for development in unincorporated Alameda County just north of Livermore.

Save North Livermore Valley (SNLV) was joined in its efforts by Friends of Open Space and Vineyards and the Ohlone Audubon Society to convince the court to overturn the county Board of Supervisors' approval of the project — proposed by San Francisco-based Intersect Power — on the grounds that the development violates Measure D, which protects agricultural land and open space in eastern Alameda County.

SNLV's lawsuit, which was originally filed in April of 2021, also argues that by approving the project, the Board of Supervisors violated a number of other provisions, including the California Environmental Quality Act and the Alameda County General Plan.

Judge Evelio Grillo issued his decision on May 31, denying the groups' petition for writ of mandate and upholding the county's decision to approve the project.

In his judgment, Grillo said that

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**County child care tax measure  
upheld in court**

Judge agrees only simple majority was required

By ZAIDE STAVELY / EdSource

A sales tax measure that would provide more subsidized child care and preschool for low-income children in Alameda County was upheld by the Alameda County Superior Court last week.

Measure C was approved by 64% of voters in March 2020, but was contested in court. Plaintiffs argued that California law requires a 66% vote for local governments to raise taxes for a specific purpose, like child care. Local officials have argued that only a simple majority is needed if a tax measure was put on the ballot by voters, and not by the local government.

The measure added a half percent sales tax on local purchases — 50 cents for every \$100 — to raise an estimated \$30 million a year for pediatric health care and an estimated \$120 million a year

for improving child care workers' wages and increasing the number of subsidized child care and preschool slots for low-income children.

The tax is being collected but is not being spent, while the case goes through the courts.

Plaintiffs have a 60-day window to appeal the decision.

First 5 Alameda County and the Alameda County Early Care and Education Program estimate that 4,000 to 5,000 more children would be able to enroll in subsidized child care or preschool if the measure passes, and 12,000 children who currently receive preschool subsidies from the state would receive additional money to cover more of their enrollment costs. An estimated 3,300 teachers and assistant teachers would receive classes, coaching and higher compensation.

"As the named administrator of Measure C's child care funds, First 5 Alameda County stands ready to move the initiative forward," said Kristin Spanos, CEO of First 5 Alameda County in a statement. "As a society, we have failed to fully fund early care and education (ECE) for decades to the detriment of providers, the workforce, and families."

"The pandemic has made the challenges even more acute and worsened inequities that have harmed low-income and families of color for too long," Spanos added. "These public resources are needed now more than ever to support and strengthen our county's early childhood system, particularly with an equity lens. First 5 is proud to partner with the early care and education field and community in support of children and families." ■

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and coached throughout that process; and implementation of ways to support special education teachers who were not getting as much support in general.

Teachers go through a two-tiered credentialing system in California where they obtain an initial teaching credential after taking the courses, doing the field work and proving their knowledge. After that, they must complete a two-year job-embedded induction program where they receive coaching and support during the first two years of teaching.

During the 2020-21 academic year, which was what the initial accreditation report was based on, the district started its own single-district teacher induction program, the Pleasanton New Teacher Project (PNTTP). Before that it belonged to the Tri-Valley Teacher Induction Project, which Williams said was started in Pleasanton and now is made up of Livermore Valley, Castro Valley and Dublin unified school districts.

Pleasanton split from the Tri-Valley program due to recent fiscal changes in the Local Control Funding Formula, which funds state school districts, according to the 2021 accreditation report.

The accreditation committee stated in its report that, while the new Pleasanton program had its strengths in supporting teachers, the "operations are reliant on individuals rather than on sufficient structures for sustainability and continued success."

It also stated that the credential

recommendation process lacked monitoring on how teachers were doing as they are coached through the process of getting their credentials after being recommended by the teacher induction program.

"The site visit team did not find evidence that a system of checks and balances exists in which the coach's recommendation to the program director and the program director's subsequent recommendations to the commission are double-checked," the 2021 accreditation report stated.

Another thing the report touched on was positions not being filled in the area of special education, which was causing special education teacher candidates to feel like they were not getting the apportioned amount of coaching. The reason for these vacancies provided by the district during the 2021 visit was because of the pandemic.

"The PNTTP program does not currently employ a coach with a special education credential, and through stakeholder interviews, the team found that education specialist educators severely lack the support needed to demonstrate competencies required of the credential they seek," the report stated.

Special education teacher candidates, who account for over 20% of the candidates in the PNTTP according to the report, were being supported by general education coaches — rather than a special education coach.

The report stated that there was "not enough programmatic supports in place to support the education specialist candidates," as these candidates did not receive

support specifically related to special education teaching.

But Julie Twisselmann, coordinator of human resources for PUSD, told the Weekly that since then the district has hired a special education induction coach who will be working one-on-one with new special education teachers.

She also said the district created an advisory team with stakeholders from around the district, including senior director of special education Jeni Rickard, teachers, administrators and representatives from local universities, to look at data for continuous program improvement.

Twisselmann added that a new special education website was created to serve as a one-stop-shop of resources for all teachers.

She along with Williams said that suggestions made by accreditation committees are normal in the overall process and are necessary for growth. Williams pointed out — which was also noted in the report — that the accreditation visit was done virtually and if that was different, maybe the report would not have been the same.

Despite that, they also said that the district will continue to work on improving its new induction program and supporting all teachers to get their teaching credentials.

"We don't just hand people paperwork to fill out and let them sort of figure things out on their own," Twisselmann said. "We have one-on-one support with veteran colleagues that can guide them and help support them so they can accelerate their growth. Our goal is to retain teachers and also help them grow as the most effective teachers they can be." ■

# Livermore approves ballot initiative language for sewer line extension

Council set to vote later this month to confirm measure for citywide election

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore City Council voted unanimously Monday to adopt a resolution certifying environmental documents and approving ballot initiative language to extend sanitary sewer service beyond the urban growth boundary to serve wine country uses.

The initiative, proposed by the Tri-Valley Conservancy, aims to improve groundwater quality and enhance the economic viability of agriculture and viticulture in the South Livermore Valley area, according to city staff.

On May 23, the council expressed unanimous support for the initiative but directed staff to prioritize clarity in the finalized version of the language with consideration to suggestions from the community and stakeholders.

During Monday night's regular meeting, Mayor Bob Woerner and Councilmember Trish Munro

shared comments thanking city staff for their efforts in preparing the materials. Following their remarks, the council voted to certify the environmental report and approve the finalized initiative language.

Munro also lauded the cooperation that took place between the city and the community to move the initiative forward.

"We don't always get collaboration, but it's one of the things I really love when Livermore really works hard to make that happen," she said.

A number of public speakers also shared their support for the initiative, including representatives from project stakeholders like the citizen group Friends of Livermore, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Visit Tri-Valley and the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association as well as Chamber of Commerce CEO Dawn Argula and former mayor John Marchand.

The initiative would modify South Livermore urban growth boundary

policies enabling the city to extend sewer service and property owners to receive municipal services.

The sewer project would be constructed in phases and within existing rights-of-way. Connection to the line would not be required but would be available at the request of individual property owners and subject to an out-of-area service agreement or annexation into the city.

The land-use restrictions put in place by the South Livermore Valley Area Plan and Measure D — passed two decades ago to protect open space — would remain in effect with the sewer line expansion. However, because the sewer line would cross the voter-approved South Livermore urban growth boundary, voters would need to approve the sewer line expansion for the plan to move forward.

The supplemental environmental impact report certified by the

council was prepared by city staff and Rincon Consultants, Inc.

Based on the results of an initial study, the project's potential impacts to biological and cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, and tribal cultural resources were found to be less than significant with mitigation. Mitigation measures include monitoring and halting work for species, cultural, tribal, archaeological, and paleontological resources and implementing noise reductions from construction activities, city staff said in its agenda report.

Upon further evaluation, the environmental report concludes the project's potential impacts to hydrology and water quality, and utilities and service systems would be less than significant and no mitigation would be required.

The proposed ballot question reads as, "Shall the ordinance amending the South Livermore Urban Growth Boundary policies in

the City of Livermore's General Plan to allow the City to extend sewer service to permitted uses within the South Livermore Valley Area Plan Planning Area be adopted?"

If approved by voters, the extended sewer line would protect the groundwater from contamination and allow a limited expansion of wine country-related businesses in the area, according to Tri-Valley Conservancy.

The cost of construction would be split between Alameda County, which would contribute \$6.5 million — 80% of the funds needed — and commercial and residential properties that choose to connect to the new sewer line. City staff said it would conduct community outreach and engagement opportunities later this year for residents to learn more about the construction process.

The measure would need to receive above 50% of the votes in favor of it in order to pass, according to city attorney Jason Alcalá. The resolution to place the initiative on the Nov. 8 general election ballot will go before the City Council for a vote at its next regular meeting set for July 25. ■

## DISTRICT 3

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Apart from serving on the City Council, she owns and runs a small business with her husband, Nick, according to her bio page on the city website. She has three sons who all attended Pleasanton schools and are now University of California grads.

For his part, first-time candidate Liu hopes to improve Pleasanton's public safety, sustainability and the partnership between the city government and the school district, according to his District 3 campaign launch news release.

"I passionately advocate for these issues because these are what make an ideal community. Therefore, I feel a strong calling to step up and revitalize Pleasanton's charm," Liu said on Sunday.

"With two pieces of luggage, very little money and determination, I landed in the United States over 20 years ago to pursue my Ph.D. degree. I had a dream and willingness to work hard, which allowed me to get my doctorate and become the electrical engineer I am today," he added. "I feel honored to call Pleasanton my home and compelled to serve this community even more."

A first-generation immigrant, Liu started serving on the city's Committee on Energy and the Environment in 2018, which works with city staff to advise the council on topics such as water, energy and the environment.

Most recently, Liu helped in the process of developing and adopting the Pleasanton Climate Action Plan 2.0, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with a goal

of 70% reduction below the 1990 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality per capita by 2045.

"After the City Council approved the Climate Action Plan 2.0, the hard work of implementing it began," Liu said. "I want to continue my service to the city to expand my responsibility to help Pleasanton become a sustainable city."

Professionally, Liu works as an engineering manager for Eaton Corporation, a multinational power management company, where he is responsible for multimillion-dollar projects in its electrical engineering business.

Liu said that his experience in managing an engineering business will give him the tools needed to manage the city in a fiscally sustainable way.

"Our shared goal should be to build a better Pleasanton together. This involves listening and harmonizing the needs of all community members from all backgrounds, and then working collaboratively and creatively to find the best solution for Pleasanton," he said.

"It is not an easy task," Liu added. "I believe the rigor of my academic pursuit, my corporate leadership experience and my involvement in city government equip me with the right skills and temperament to achieve the best result for Pleasanton."

In the past, Liu served as a parent member of the Harvest Park Middle School Site Council and as a member of the Community Advisory Committee of East Bay Community Energy. He also volunteered for 17 years at the Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA and in 2018 co-founded the Tri-Valley

Asian Association.

Liu has a doctorate in electrical engineering from Arizona State University and currently lives in Pleasanton with his wife, two

children and their golden retriever. Both of his children attend Pleasanton Unified School District and are competitive Pleasanton Seahawks swimmers.

To learn more about Liu's candidacy, go to his campaign website at [votejoelliu.com](http://votejoelliu.com).

To learn more about Testa and her campaign, visit [JulieTesta.com](http://JulieTesta.com). ■



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# Dublin teachers, district reach tentative agreement

Deal includes 8% raise, \$2,500 stipend, added health care benefits

By JEANITA LYMAN

Teachers in Dublin's public schools are poised to see an 8% salary increase, following a months-long negotiation process that saw a majority of unionized educators in the district in favor of striking at one point.

Chris Funk, superintendent of the Dublin Unified School District, announced a tentative agreement last Friday with the Dublin Teachers Association for certificated staff in the district, which he said seeks to address the union's calls to support recruitment and retention of educators.

"We would like to thank the DUSD and DTA negotiating teams for all their hard work and dedication to creating a happy, vibrant, diverse, and appreciated workforce," Funk said in the announcement. "The work they have done helps to ensure that our students have the best chance to reach their full potential."

Funk pointed to a national teacher shortage that has made recent headlines, and the challenges it poses to his district.

"While these challenges are significant, the Dublin Unified School District is committed to creating an environment that not only retains exceptional talent,

but also attracts it," Funk said. "To that end, I'm happy to announce that we have reached a tentative labor agreement with our certificated staff for the 2022-2023 school year. This agreement comes after months of hard and collaborative work on behalf of the Dublin Teachers Association and the District's negotiating teams."

In addition to the pay increase, the tentative agreement offers additional health care benefits and a \$2,500 one-time stipend for DTA members who worked during the past academic year and will continue into the current academic year as well as for new employees in 2022-23.

According to Robbie Kreitz, who was DTA president before stepping down in the spring, the union had asked the district to return to the bargaining table this month, following the approval of a state budget by Gov. Gavin Newsom on June 27.

In April the DTA, with Kreitz at the helm, held public rallies at DUSD headquarters and Dublin High School, aimed at garnering community support and awareness for their struggles to reach a deal with the district. At that time, DUSD was offering a 3.25% pay raise for certificated staff.

"We are grateful that the district was receptive to DTA's initiative to return to the table in light of the state budget being signed and prior to our July 7 mediation date," Kreitz said.

**'An environment that not only retains exceptional talent, but also attracts it.'**

**Chris Funk,**  
DUSD superintendent

"This agreement supports DTA's ongoing commitment to recruit and retain educators that will make Dublin their forever home because in the end the continuity is what is best for all students," she added.

Earlier in the bargaining process, Kreitz and other DTA members had been outspoken in calls for a labor agreement with the district that would attract teachers to DUSD schools, and accommodate the cost of living increases that Kreitz said had been driving her colleagues to other districts.

"The housing crunch means that many teachers cannot live in the

community in which they teach and with gas being \$6 or something a gallon, not being able to cover the cost of a cost of living increase or price increases, we were going to lose some really good teachers that were just going to be unable to afford to teach in Dublin any more because of some of those factors," DTA bargaining chair Katina Lewis said.

Prior to Newsom signing off on the state budget this year, Lewis said that DTA had been closely following what the budget might mean for educational funding that could accommodate a pay raise and increased benefits for teachers. However, this had failed to get leverage in negotiations with the district until the budget was made official, she said.

"The difference at the table in April was DTA could already see which way the budget was going," Lewis said.

"When the state budget came through as high as they said it was going to be, and then we had the strike vote, I think that kind of bust things open," she added.

In a practice strike vote on June 23, 96% of DTA members voted in favor of striking, according to Lewis and Kreitz.

"We were preparing for the

worst, which was that even with the governor's budget, they weren't going to budge, and we needed to make sure we had all our ducks lined up first," Lewis said.

In addition to complications facing teachers and school districts in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and growing shortage of educational professionals, Lewis said there were problems with communication between the district's current administration and educators, making for an especially fraught negotiation process this year.

"Because of the way communications are handled from the district office, that makes this year much more difficult because communications don't seem to be handled in a respectful manner," Lewis said.

Lewis and Kreitz both noted, however, that labor negotiations are never easy. They credited a long history of continuity on the DTA bargaining team, and institutional memory within the union, as key factors that had helped to reach this year's tentative agreement.

The next steps for the agreement will be ratification from the DTA and the DUSD Board of Trustees. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 9. ■

## SOLAR

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"The court finds that the County did not act arbitrarily, capriciously, or without evidentiary basis in concluding that the Project is consistent

with the General Plan generally and with the ECAP (East County Area Plan) specifically."

SNLV spokesperson Chris O'Brien said he thinks Grillo may not have been completely up to speed on the intricacies of land use.

"I thought that the judge was a

little out of his element in terms of understanding land use law," O'Brien said. He added that the group plans to appeal the judge's decision and that they believe they have "a very good case that the judge has misapplied the law."

Attorney for the group Rob Selna told the Weekly that among many concerns he and his clients have, there are four areas that represent the "big picture" issues with the county's approval of the project and subsequent court ruling.

"Measure D makes it clear that voters must decide whether utility scale solar should be allowed in east county and the county took away voters' rights to decide when it decided for them and the court's ruling supports the county's decision to do that," Selna said.

The second issue is that, "the court found that ground mounted solar development was 'infrastructure' and therefore allowed under Measure D. But we don't believe that the county ever made any finding supported by evidence that the project is infrastructure in the way that Measure D defines it."

In the third place, Selna and his clients believe the court "wrongly determined that the county Planning Commission's previous determination that one solar project was permitted meant that solar could be permitted throughout east county." Selna clarified that the one previous project he was referring to is

**'I thought that the judge was a little out of his element in terms of understanding land use law.'**

**Chris O'Brien,**  
Save North Livermore Valley rep

the county's 2008 approval of the Green Volts facility in the far east county near Mountain House.

Lastly, Selna said that one of the Aramis project components — a battery energy storage system — is a new usage for the land and in accordance with Measure D, should have gone to a ballot. "It's undisputed that battery storage is a new use and therefore needed to go to voters," he said.

He added, "The county's claiming it's just part of the project but no, it's not just part of the project, it's a five-acre separate piece that is a primary use for the project."

Attempts to reach Supervisor David Haubert — who represents District 1 which includes the area of the project site — and Intersect Power for comment were unsuccessful as of Tuesday afternoon.

The Board of Supervisors initially approved the Aramis project on March 4, 2021 after nearly 10 hours

of presentations, discussion and deliberations during a public hearing on the topic where they heard four appeals to the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments' prior approval — three of which were presented by Livermore-area citizen groups and one by the project developer.


The facility is envisioned as a mixed-use renewable energy project capable of generating, storing and dispatching 100 megawatts of clean energy, which the company's website says could power more than 25,000 homes and businesses throughout the Bay Area.

In the draft environmental impact report, the project was proposed for 410 acres of land. The project as finally approved is now at 347 acres. Following public comment, the county reduced the footprint to increase setbacks and to eliminate development within the portion of the project site designated as Resource Management by the General Plan because the county determined development in these areas was inconsistent with the General Plan.

The project footprint was further reduced when one of the property owners, Stanley Ranch, decided to withdraw its 63-acre property from the project, according to the court documents.

Selna said there is a 60-day window after the court's ruling to file their appeal, which would bring them to an early August deadline. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and approved AB 361 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- **Public Hearing** – Approve the traffic mitigation measures improvement plans for the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, review the final cost estimate for the traffic mitigation measures, approve amendment one to the transportation improvement and cost allocation agreement, and approve six purchase agreements to acquire the public right-of-way necessary to construct the traffic mitigation measures
- Review and provide comments on the 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Draft Housing Element, and direct submittal of the Draft Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development

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# Hively hires Hekl as permanent CEO

Had served as interim leader since abrupt transition

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton-based child and family support nonprofit Hively has announced that Mary Hekl will be the organization's permanent CEO after serving as interim for the past five months.



Mary Hekl

Hekl served on the Hively Board of Directors for four years until stepping down to take on the interim role after the nonprofit and former CEO Kelly O'Lague parted ways in February for unknown reasons.

"Mary brings a unique set of skills as an expert in HR from her days at Google and familiarity with the organization from her previous term as board chair," current Hively Board Chair Ryan

Duncan Anderson said in the news release last week.

"As interim CEO these past months, she has exhibited creativity and a strategic orientation that we believe will help us expand Hively's mission into the future," Anderson added. "We look forward to her leadership and determination as we continue to provide resources and support to ensure that everyone in the community can thrive."

Headquartered in Pleasanton, Hively focuses on supporting local families through child care stipends and referrals, parent education classes and family classes in the East Bay. The nonprofit offers clinical mental health services and daily essentials such as food, diapers and clothing to those in need.

The organization served over 2,000 local families and children seeking child care referrals during

the past year and served 975 child care providers, according to the news release.

A Pleasanton resident, Hekl said some of her goals as incoming CEO will be focused on expanding core services within the organization and increasing access, availability and affordability of mental health services.

"First — greatly increase the number of families and providers that we help with services such as child care subsidies, educational programs and referrals to essential services that allow families to thrive," Hekl said regarding the goals she hopes to accomplish.

"Second — continue to support Tri-Valley residents with food, clothing, housewares and other items through our Hively Family Resource Center in Dublin," she said. "Third — become a leading provider of mental health services

beyond our current San Leandro location by adding Tri-Valley and Oakland as well as pilot creative ways to improve mental health."

Hekl comes from a 20-year background working in leading human resources teams for companies including Marriott, Google, Ellie Mae and Zymergen. According to her bio on the Hively website, Hekl's "professional passion is creating great places to work for employees and helping companies thrive."

She recently began pursuing a master's of public health at Johns Hopkins University with a focus on mental health and she holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's from Tulane University.

Another addition to the Hively leadership team will be Candida Duperroir, who will be joining as

the new director of community services and education.

Duperroir, who started in her new position July 1, will be bringing her experience in child care services after 23 years of working with CocoKids, which offers child care resource and referral services in Contra Costa County.

She has also worked as the county organizer for the national grassroots organization, Parent Voices, and became a leading advocate for access to child care, housing and employment services.

"She is an active parent advocate and an educator for child care providers and the Early Learning Education system," Hekl said of Duperroir. "As one of our government partners recently exclaimed, 'What a huge gain for our county and for Hively!' Candy's impact will be felt immediately by Alameda County parents and providers." ■

# Walnut Grove VP Rehkopf named principal of Danville school

Tapped to lead Greenbrook Elementary School

BY JEANITA LYMAN

Ailsa Rehkopf, outgoing vice principal at Walnut Grove Elementary School in Pleasanton, is taking the reins of operations at Greenbrook Elementary School in Danville after being appointed as the school's new principal on June 30.

Rehkopf's appointment was

announced following a special-closed session meeting at the San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board of Education last Thursday, along with several other new appointments, including Demetrius Ball as principal at California High School in San Ramon.

"We are excited to bring Ms.

Rehkopf to Greenbrook, and know you join us in welcoming her as the new Principal," Superintendent John Malloy said in an email to the Greenbrook community. "She looks forward to collaborating and working together to continue to achieve great things for the entire community."

Although the appointment will

see Rehkopf leaving the Pleasanton Unified School District for SRVUSD, she began her career in the latter district, as a fifth-grade teacher at Golden View Elementary School in San Ramon. Before heading to Walnut Grove, she served as a teacher on special assignment in administration at both Golden View Elementary

and Pine Valley Middle schools.

"She is an accomplished leader and student-focused educator with a vast range of experience," Malloy said.

Rehkopf earned her bachelor's degree at Chico State University, before heading to St. Mary's College in Moraga for a master's degree in educational administration.

Rehkopf's predecessor as principal at Greenbrook is Rhea Murphy. ■



Ailsa Rehkopf

## TAKE US ALONG



### Foothill sweethearts wed:

High school sweethearts Alex and Sophia Jenezon (formerly Thompson) tied the knot on June 26, 2022 in Monterey in front of their closest friends and family. Sophia and Alex met in Spanish class at Foothill High School 11 years ago and are excited to spend the rest of their lives together.

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



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### PROUD SPONSORS



# School board votes to increase salary to principals, other admin

Also: District Technology Plan update, equitable grading practices consultant

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Pleasanton school board unanimously approved salary increases, additional salary steps and health insurance options to management and classified staff during its last meeting of the fiscal year.

The trustees in May approved a tentative agreement with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers that included compensation adjustments for the upcoming year. Because of that agreement, the Pleasanton Unified School District extended a similar offer to management as well as certificated and classified employees.

"Throughout my year here, I've got to meet so many directors, principals, vice principals, just everybody and looking at these salaries I just know they're so well deserving," outgoing Student Board Trustee Saachi Bhayani said during the June 23 meeting.

"I'm really glad that we finally have space in our budget to give them even the additional four steps and the health insurance and everything and I'm really glad we've been able to do this because they deserve every penny," she added.

There will be a general salary

schedule increase of 3% as well as an addition of four steps to the management salary schedule to offer growth and incentivize current employees to stay with the district.

Each step of the schedule represents a 2% increase, district officials said.

The increases in the salary come after what assistant superintendent of human resources Julio Hernandez said were flaws in the district where some of the positions like principals made more than a high district office employee.

Hernandez told the board there was a case where an employee holding an administrative credential was making more money as a teacher than as an administrator.

However, he also said another main point in this package was the addition of medical insurance.

"We lost some of our candidates last few years to other school districts based on just medical need," Hernandez said.

In the offer, there will be an increase in medical coverage to cover the employee cost for single Kaiser, dental and vision or if they decide to opt out, employees have the option for \$2,000 cash in lieu.

"While the coverage is tied to a dollar amount, those dollar amounts do cover a single Kaiser if someone chooses a medical plan," assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami said. "If they choose another medical plan, they can use those dollars towards that."

## In other business

- The school board approved the District Technology Plan for July 2022 to June 2025, which will serve as a roadmap to continue improving, monitoring and optimizing technology in the district.

The plan addresses the use of district technology, the technology assets, infrastructure and support staffing that is provided to meet the needs of all the schools.

Chief technology officer Robert Torres told the board that a lot of these new updates will be used to streamline the work already underway. One example he presented was the plan for an optimal centralized command for the technology department.

"What it really means is that we're separate from the central office and be able to see what's happening on this network at all times," Torres said. "Rather than rely on a teacher calling and saying, 'Hey, you know, wing 8 is down in this school,' we want to be able to see that, forecast that and have the ability and have the tools to be able to do that almost like the air traffic controller."

Torres said the district will also address cybersecurity so that insurance does not raise and hold rates high. One of the solutions that will be coming to the district will be a multi-factor authentication system where you are notified on your phone before logging onto anything.

There will also be updates to

information and assistance systems and how technicians will be deployed to schools and classrooms who need technological assistance.

Trustee Mary Jo Carreon said she was concerned about how technology specialists will be responding to cases where a teacher experiences an outage and needs immediate assistance. Board Vice President Steve Maher expressed the same concern after learning that not every school will have an on-site specialist and will have to wait for one to drive to the school.

Torres said that there will be an emphasis on professional development so that everybody knows what to do in any situation, which in the latter case would be knowing how to reach out to the technology department and issuing a request.

Sheikholeslami assured the board these requests will be handled appropriately depending on how serious the situation.

Along with Google being updated, there will also be a new student information system that is set to begin in the early fall, which will use artificial intelligence to get information out.

- The board approved a 2022-23 "grading for equity contract" with Crescendo Education Group, which provides professional development for PUSD teachers and administrators to support continued implementation of equitable grading practices in middle and high schools.

A group of teachers presented their experiences over the last year as they each implemented equitable grading practices in their classrooms in the form of not assigning homework and allowing students to retake quizzes and tests.

Nimarta Grewal, now-former director of secondary education,

presented findings to the board last month that illustrated a need to focus on mastery of skills and content rather than on student compliance such as attendance or effort.

"Students need consistent opportunities to retake assessments and demonstrate proficiency in a subject," Grewal said. "The grades data reveal that many students have struggled during the pandemic, but in particular, underserved student populations experienced the most inequitable outcomes."

Leslie Galliano, an English and history teacher at Harvest Park Middle School, said that once her students got into the swing of retaking quizzes and exams, she saw a big jump in students who went from B's to A's or from C's to B's.

"I had a student who was a very, very tough nugget. She was my project for the year; we spent a lot of time together. She had to retake or rewrite almost everything and she hated me," Galliano said. "At the end of the school year, she came up to me and she just said, 'Can I talk to you for a minute?' And I was like 'sure, what's up,' and she says, 'Thank you for never giving up on me.'"

The contract cost is just over \$125,000, Grewal said. She added that there is about 15% to 20% of teachers already adopting these new grading practices but added that there are those less enthusiastic to make the change.

She added that teachers have already received an overview of the new practices three times this past school year and that the next year will be a lot more intensive in terms of implementing the new grading system district wide.

Trustee Kelly Mokashi said she saw firsthand the positive effects equitable grading policies had on her own children where they had to do retakes and were not penalized.

"I really do hope that this can also transcend down to the elementary level and particularly for the fourth- and fifth-grade teachers at some point," Mokashi said. ■

## Dorothy Harriet Stenstedt

October 5, 1930 – May 19, 2022

Dorothy Harriet Smith was born in Oroville, California, the daughter of Bert Laraway Smith, Jr., and Emily Harriet Strother. Dorothy grew up in Berkeley, graduating from Berkeley High School in 1948. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1952, where she was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She married Erik Stenstedt in 1954, and during their fifty-two years of marriage, Erik and Dorothy lived in Sweden, California, Belgium, Iran, and back in California.



After a short illness, Dorothy died quietly at home in Pleasanton, California, surrounded by the love and care of family and friends. She is survived by her four children, Emmie (Peter), Anders (Azar), Lars (Tirra), and Katarina (Gene); her nine grandchildren, Allie (Adam), Sophia (Georgie), Kristina, Mariko, Darius, Cyrus, Austin, Annika, and Ariane; and her two great-grandchildren, Perrin and Tobin.

Dorothy loved her life, and she lived it to the fullest and in the brightest colors. She was smart, funny, loving, and generous. She was a steadfast friend and a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, always taking an interest in what was important to others. A generous gift-giver, she loved to knit designer sweaters and create quilts for her family and friends. She touched us all in thousands of ways, and we are all better people because this special woman was in our lives and loved each of us uniquely.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Dorothy on August 14, 2022, at 3pm, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, California.

PAID OBITUARY

## Livermore to develop new program for students without housing

Funding comes from state grant to combat homelessness

By CIERRA BAILEY

The city of Livermore is working toward establishing a program to provide bridge housing, supportive services and housing navigation to homeless students and their families.

The effort is a partnership between the city, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and the Livermore Housing Authority. The proposed program will help rehouse students attending Livermore schools and aim to provide their families with the housing stability and support needed to navigate the process of accessing permanent housing, according to city officials.

"I am thankful for this opportunity to house students in our community," said Mayor Bob Woerner. "This project builds upon years of partnership between the City, the Livermore Housing Authority and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to serve our low-income families. I appreciate these partnerships that are essential to ensuring we provide our most vulnerable community members with the services and resources they need."

Funding for the program will come from the \$581,000 award the city received through the state's Family Homelessness Challenge Grant

program. Livermore and Oakland are the two Bay Area cities out of a total of 10 California communities to receive awards, which are provided through the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

City officials said the need for this particular type of housing in Livermore emerged from conversations with the school district and non-profit service providers regarding the unique challenges faced by families experiencing homelessness. The collaboration with the Livermore Housing Authority will leverage additional housing resources like the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. ■

# POLICE BULLETIN

## Sunol: Sand mining outfit fined for releasing untreated sewage into Alameda Creek

A company operating a sand mining facility in Alameda County must pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to settle allegations it discharged untreated wastewater into Alameda Creek last year, according to officials with the State Water Resources Control Board.

Mission Valley Rock Company must pay nearly the statutory limit after it allegedly discharged 41,000 gallons of untreated wastewater from its Sunol facility in March 2021.

According to the Water Board, Mission Valley Rock Company failed to properly decommission a pipeline, which ruptured, depositing several inches of sediment in the creek bed and along the bank. The discharge violated Mission Valley Rock's discharge permit, according to the Water Board.

"This fine serves as a reminder to everyone to pay attention to old infrastructure and protect our creeks," Thomas Mumley, interim executive officer for the Regional Water Board, said in a statement July 7.

"It is close to the statutory maximum we can impose because this problem could have been avoided had Mission Valley Rock Co. properly decommissioned the pipeline prior to the discharge," Mumley said.

The discharge clouded creek water, threatening life in the creek and may have contained toxins such as grease, oils and metals, according to the Water Board.

Mission Valley Rock took out the ruptured pipe, cleaned the creek bank of sediment and trained its employees to prevent similar problems in the future.

But the company was unable to remove sediment from the active creek channel, Water Board officials said.

Mission Valley Rock Company must pay about \$185,000 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account and the same amount for a project to map and survey water quality. The company must also develop ways to monitor the growth of microscopic marine algae in San Francisco Bay.

The total settlement is \$368,940.

Attempts to reach someone who could comment for Mission Valley Rock Company were unsuccessful.

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

### In other news

- Contra Costa County prosecutors on Tuesday confirmed charges were brought against an 18-year-old Antioch man and two juveniles in connection with armed robberies of Rolex watches from victims in Danville and Walnut Creek this summer.

Leon Cathay Fountain pleaded not guilty to three felony counts and four enhancements, including a gang enhancement, for armed robbery following his arraignment on July 7, according to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office.

Two minors, whose names were not released, have been charged with second-degree armed robbery, according to county prosecutors. The status of the juvenile cases is unclear.

The three teenagers were arrested at a home in Antioch about two hours after a brazen daytime armed robbery in the Trader Joe's parking lot on Railroad Avenue in Danville just after 4:30 p.m. on July 1. The arrestees were also connected to an armed robbery in Walnut Creek on June 24, according to the DA's office.

Prosecutors allege Fountain and one of the minors used an illegal AR-style assault rifle and other guns in both incidents to steal Rolex watches. They say the Danville crime was carried out at the direction of the Klap street gang, which also allegedly told Fountain where to sell the watches -- which had an estimated value of between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

"In both robberies, the perpetrators followed their victims in vehicles. When the victim reached a location and exited their vehicle, Fountain and one of the minors would surround them at gunpoint and demand they hand over their watches," prosecutors said.

The Danville robbery involved a Black Acura with a distinctive marking that witnesses were able to describe for investigators. County sheriff's deputies located the suspect vehicle in Antioch in the early evening of July 1 and with the help of city police arrested the three suspects.

Fountain remains in custody in the Martinez Detention Facility while the minors are booked into county

juvenile hall.

—Jeremy Walsh

- Livermore police arrested a 22-year-old man Sunday night they allege stabbed two people on Placer Circle before running and barricading himself in a backyard.

Both victims were taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police say the suspect knew one of the victims, while the other was a bystander trying to help the first victim.

Police negotiated with the suspect, who is a Livermore resident, and eventually arrested him on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon. His identity has not been revealed publicly.

In a social media statement, Livermore police declined to release any more details as the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information about the incident can call the Livermore Police Department's anonymous tip line at 925-371-4790. ■

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### July 9

#### Drug violation

■ 5:31 a.m. on the 4700 block of Saginaw Circle

#### Domestic battery

■ 11:15 a.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 9:54 a.m. on Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue

### July 8

#### Theft

■ 12:19 a.m. on the 2300 block of Foothill Road

#### Vandalism

■ 2:24 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

### July 7

#### Domestic battery

■ 4:50 a.m. on Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

■ 8:01 a.m. on the 6900 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

■ 8:07 a.m. on the 6800 block of Garland Court

■ 9:43 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

■ 9:03 a.m., 4500 block of Chabot Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:45 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Fraud

■ 4:28 p.m. on the 4400 block of Second Street

#### Drug violation

■ 10:15 p.m. at Rosewood and Owens drives

### July 6

#### Graffiti

■ 8:48 a.m. on the 4500 block of First Street

#### Domestic battery

■ 10:00 a.m. on Orangewood Court

#### Vandalism

■ 12:52 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

■ 11:40 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 6:45 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

■ 8:31 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

### July 5

#### Assault/battery

■ 12:07 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

■ 9:07 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 2:53 p.m. on the 3200 block of Melanie Circle

#### Fraud

■ 1:20 p.m. on the 5700 block of Athenour Court

#### Burglary

■ 6:41 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

### July 4

#### Theft

■ 8:54 a.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

■ 6:25 p.m. on the 1500 block of East Gate Way

#### DUI

■ 4:38 p.m. at Clorox Way and Hopyard Road

■ 7:52 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Valley Trails Drive

#### Fire

■ 11:17 p.m. on the 5700 block of Hidden Creek Court

### July 3

#### Vandalism

■ 7:20 a.m. on the 4600 block of Helper Court

#### Alcohol violation

■ 7:57 a.m. on the 11300 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Auto theft

■ 9:19 a.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 10:54 a.m. on Corte Montanas

#### Warrant arrest

■ 9:36 p.m. at Valley Trails Drive and Halpers Ferry Court

### July 2

#### Warrant arrest

■ 2:14 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Drug violation

■ 11:14 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

#### Drug violation

■ 11:47 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

### July 1

#### Drug violation

■ 3:04 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Trespassing/prowlng

■ 3:31 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

## Fred Bentley Badal

January 20, 1939 – May 22, 2022

Fred Badal was born the third child of Abraham Baba Badal and Johanna Badal of Turlock, where his father was the pastor of the Assyrian church. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Turlock High in 1956.



His love of learning took him onto Modesto Jr. College where he earned an AA Degree. Then to San Jose State with a BS Degree in electrical engineering in 1961. From Santa Clara he received an MBA, from Stanford, an Engineering Degree.

Fred gained work experience with PG&E, engineering experience with Lockheed Martin and was hired by GTE where he worked until he retired. While there he was sent on jobs to The Philippines, Sinop, Turkey, England, and Germany.

In May, 1967, Fred met the love of his life, Bettie, and married her a year later in August 1968. They started their lives together in Saratoga where they had 3 children. Natasha, Carolyn, and Christopher.

Some of Fred's hobbies included flying Cessna 172's and Piper Cherokee Aircraft in the 1960's, playing Bridge, reading and studying Biblical Archaeology, history, theology and business trends.

In 1979 Fred moved his family to Corvallis, Oregon where he taught engineering classes at Linn Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon. In 1985 moved his family to Pleasanton and resumed his career at GTE and retired in 1993.

After retirement he worked as a business broker for Alan Business Investments. Then became active in SCORE organization, The Pleasanton South Rotary Club and for a while a volunteer for the CHP.

Fred was a humble servant of God and attended the following churches: Evangelical Free Church, Turlock, Covenant Church San Jose, Peninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto, Valley Church Cupertino, Northwest Hills Baptist Church, Corvallis, Valley Community Church, Pleasanton and Celebration Church Livermore.

Fred and Bettie served on mission trips to Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Spain and Lithuania.

Fred suffered from and succumbed to congestive heart failure with his wife, Bettie and daughter Carolyn by his side. He is survived by his wife Bettie, daughters Natasha, Carolyn and son Chris, grandsons Zachary and Lucas and sister Norma Claes.

We miss Fred and remember him as a loving, humble, smart, generous, kind husband and father, brother, grandfather, uncle and servant of God.

The memorial services will be at Celebration Church in Livermore, Saturday July 30, at 11:00 a.m. Reception following in the courtyard.

PAID OBITUARY

# Supporting local innovation

Vision 2040 lays framework for helping Tri-Valley industries thrive for years to come

Advancements in supercomputing technology at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore are the sort of innovative work that the Vision 2040 strives to support.

COURTESY SANDIA

By **TIM HUNT**

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group has set an ambitious agenda for moving forward.

Last year, despite the adversity created by the COVID-19 driven shutdowns and restrictions, the group released its Vision 2040.

Working collaboratively with the Bay Area Council's Economic Institute, the project engaged more than 1,000 people to gather their input and comments on what's important for the Tri-Valley to maintain its enviable quality of life and economic vitality 20 years from now. In a 2018 report, "Tri-Valley Rising," the five cities in two counties produced an economic impact of \$42 billion, equivalent to that of North Carolina's research triangle. Given the explosive growth of Tri-Valley companies over the last five years, that number likely has soared.

So have the challenges laid out in the Vision 2040. It's an aspirational document, shaped in five areas — to move forward for 20 years. These priorities, the report states are not specific road maps, but instead destinations with a variety of routes available to get there. They are:

- Globally recognized innovation: With two national labs, 450 technology companies, the goal is to build on these so the Tri-Valley is recognized worldwide for its innovation.

- Equity and inclusion focused: The economic success over the last decades is obvious; the report states that the leaders here seek intentionally to produce more equitable opportunities and outcomes for all local workers and residents.

- Connections and collaborations: Public-private partnerships that "break down silos" can develop solutions at scale according to the report. The Tri-Valley already collaborates in industry and government across city lines and county lines.

- Balanced and diverse lifestyle: Leaders want the quality of life here to be accessible to all and that will require balancing the strengths of the current suburban neighborhoods with vibrant downtowns while maintaining agriculture, open space, and hiking and biking trails.

- Epicenter of solutions: Tri-Valley communities have taken the lead in developing regional solutions while not waiting for other levels of government to "dictate" its future. The report lays out why it's important to maintain and expand this commitment.

Newell Arnerich, a 27-year town councilman in Danville, wrote, "Public-private partnerships are often talked about and in the case of Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership, this partnership with the five Tri-Valley cities and two counties, has demonstrated success at the highest level. Some groups follow with support and others, like ITV, lead the way though impacting government to open its doors and welcome new businesses while helping existing businesses grow."

"Over the past 10 years, ITV has raised awareness of a quiet region with many hidden assets such as two national laboratories and a population where 60% of its residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. ITV's role in our regional is solely responsible for the regional

and global success of the Tri-Valley in startup funding and capital investment creating a 'Silicon Valley' east," Arnerich added.

Steve Lanza, the second chairman of Innovation Tri-Valley, drove the project along with CEO Lynn Wallace Naylor. Building on the prior work, the group knew the Tri-Valley already has a strong innovation ecosystem.



Steve Lanza

Entrepreneurs, both experienced and first-timers, have chosen to build companies here. The area has a robust transportation infrastructure with interstates 580 and 680 intersecting as well as two BART stations and ACE rail stations. Knitting those together with the Valley Link project that will connect the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station with stations in San Joaquin County using former railroad right-of-way owned by Alameda County.

Compared to Silicon Valley, the Peninsula and San Francisco, the Tri-Valley's housing stock is newer and less expensive. During the pandemic, it was particularly desirable because of the many single-family home neighborhoods with backyards.

For companies based here recruiting throughout the Bay Area, it becomes an opportunity for a highly skilled employee to buy a home or enjoy a relatively easy counter commute, whether driving or riding BART. And that's not accounting for working remotely.

The area also has a very well-educated workforce in place. About

26% of Tri-Valley residents hold an advanced degree, while more than 60% have a bachelor's degree. Twenty years ago, when the Tri-Valley Business Council released its Golden Valley Vision 2010, about one-third of residents held a bachelor's degree. That speaks to the shift in the caliber of the workforce.

It's been anchored for more than 70 years by the national laboratories in East Livermore, Lawrence Livermore and Sandia. Both are growing their work forces as they expand their roles in national security

and other cutting-edge research. Both have spawned multiple local companies using technology and research licensed from the labs. And there's been a strengthened commitment in the last decade to transfer more technology with the Open Campus.

During a tour of the then-new Advanced Manufacturing Research Lab, Rich Rankin — the late head of Lawrence Livermore's technology transfer — emphasized that they were seeking partnerships with companies using the facilities,



Ceremonial ribbon-cutting on June 15 marks the completion of the National Nuclear Security Administration Computing Facility project. The utility-grade infrastructure project massively upgraded

expecting to learn from them.

That attitude has been prevalent at engineering-driven Sandia since it opened the combustion research center in the early 1990s.

The Open Campus and the collaborations coming out of it such as the DaySpring Innovation Center in Livermore and the Tri-Valley Life Sciences Summit. DaySpring is moving this summer into its third Livermore location after starting downtown as i-Gate Innovation Hub, a nonprofit in 2014 co-founded by the national labs and the cities. It offers lab space to deep tech and life science startups.

In contrast to other areas that have seen an exodus of tech companies, ITV reported that the number of tech firms locally grew by 60% over the last four years. In 2020, local companies received \$473 million in venture funding according to the East Bay Economic Alliance for Business.

Given 24 “destinations” in the report, prioritizing becomes a key challenge. Some will take years if not decades, while others are more attainable.

Naylor, Lanza and current chair Rick Shumway, CEO of Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare, all identified the same key strength for the group — determining the issue, deciding who needs to be around the table to start working it and then bringing them together. Shumway noted that all are priorities so the organization will be “sequencing” the areas with focus on some sooner while others may be five years out.

Supervisor David Haubert, who previously served as Dublin mayor

and school trustee, wrote in an email, “The value of ITV is the regional perspective they bring, pulling together the whole Tri-Valley. ITV is especially helpful in the work their committees do to support regional policy-making. Their HIT committee, Housing Infrastructure and Transportation, for example, is a strong advocate for regional projects.”

The ITV leadership already witnessed the launch of one of its goals — a local community foundation. A group of leaders cross-pollinated with ITV including its first chairman John Sensiba, launched the Three Valleys Community Foundation last year after detailed and careful preparatory work. It’s now engaged in raising seed money with retired Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho serving as interim executive director. In August, newly retired Livermore school superintendent Kelly Bowers will move into the CEO/president role.

The other initial focus areas included:

- Pioneering new housing with walkable, affordable communities. Sunset Development Co. in Bishop Ranch is leading the way by transforming surface parking lots into 4,500 high-density units surrounded by office buildings. It redeveloped decades-only two-story office buildings into its showcase City Center with retail, restaurants and entertainment. Developers have built high-density projects at BART stations in Dublin and Pleasanton, but they lack the retail to be truly walkable.

- Plan for new tech/light industrial park innovation zone. Given the premium value now placed on industrial land in the Tri-Valley, identifying and setting aside a large parcel will be a challenge. Veteran



Lynn Naylor



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At Innovation Tri-Valley’s #Gamechangers2022 event are (from left) Topcon Positioning Systems COO Frank Vallejo, LLNL deputy director of science and technology Pat Falcone and Rick Shumway, ITV board chair and CEO/president of Stanford-ValleyCare.

commercial broker Mark Triska said that developers are now willing to pay per-square-foot prices for industrial land close to what residential developers will pay in the mid-\$30s. “For a whole industrial park zone, it’s going to take work,” Lanza said.

- Solve the digital divide. This will take innovation and collaborative solutions because students in poorer areas in Pleasanton and Livermore showed during the pandemic what a challenge this was during remote learning. Las Positas College saw students driving to its parking lots and sitting in their cars to tie into high-speed broadband.

- Embracing the region’s health care system as key strengths. The Bay Area’s renowned teaching hospitals — Stanford and the University of California San Francisco — both have affiliates or partners in the valley; ValleyCare for Stanford and John Muir for UCSF. The Sutter Medical Foundation also has a facility in Dublin while Kaiser Permanente has a major new urgent care and cancer treatment facility in Dublin as well as medical offices in Pleasanton, San Ramon and Livermore.

Moving forward, ITV has a strong group of business leaders who are committed to driving the vision. The group has influence through its membership, but all the decision-making lies in various government agencies.

When asked about this, Naylor said, “What we do have is strength, tenacity and ingenuity. We will continue to be out in the community inspiring people. People are calling us after seeing the video about Vision 2040 and saying they want to contribute.”

Chair Shumway said, “What I love about ITV is it’s pretty action-oriented. We have a vision and it’s not just our vision — it’s the collective vision that we brought many people together to formulate. And now, what do we do to get it done.

One of the reasons I think ITV can be influential is the relationships we have with the people that make us up.”

It’s a time of transition for valley leadership with new city managers in Livermore and Pleasanton, a new school superintendent in Livermore, an interim leader at the winegrowers association and an interim leader at the Tri-Valley Conservancy. Some newly appointed are in-house, Livermore schools chief Chris Van Schaack and Gerry Beaudin at Pleasanton (albeit with a three-year stint at Alameda in between), while others are new to the area. It provides the opportunity for ITV’s leaders to share the Vision 2040 and how the various agencies can be part of it and benefit from it.

One area that ITV members want to move forward is tying educational certificate programs directly to job opportunities at major employers — giving students pathways that do not require four-year degrees.

“There’s huge momentum around that,” Naylor said. “Collaborations that get kids into the workforce faster. I think we’ll have real influence there by being the convener and bringing the right people to the table.”

Arnerich wrote, “Changing local government’s attitude from ‘What do you want?’ to ‘How can I help you succeed?’ was a pivotal foundational change in our region. Each city has a unique offering of support and assets but all share a common value around ITV’s drive to unify the region as the best place to do business.”

“Since ITV’s creation over a decade ago, the Tri-Valley has truly risen to be the most advanced business friendly region with success stories in every pocket of the area,” he added. “Our communities have truly become more robust and diverse communities both culturally

and economically because of ITV’s leadership role in celebrating our collective assets. ITV supports education at K-12 and community college levels to align curriculum with the region’s needs in job growth and creation.”

The Tri-Valley demographics have shifted dramatically in the last decade with well-educated, well-compensated newcomers moving here, and many first-generation immigrants from elsewhere. Shumway related how the CEO of Iris Vision, originally from Pakistan, told him how comfortable he and his family were here because of the diversity.

When asked about how he would convince elected officials and other citizens about the need for housing, Shumway related the story about a key employee in the ValleyCare heart catheter lab. His wife was expecting their first child and they were working hard to buy a home in Livermore. They could not pull it off and now his future here — as a skilled employee — is up in the air.

For people living further out and paying \$6-7 a gallon for gasoline right now, how viable is it to work in Pleasanton, particularly before the ValleyLink trains get running that are several years out? That’s why a range of housing options is so important as is increasing supply.

ITV certainly has plenty of work and convening in front of it, but the leaders are optimistic they can move the plan forward.

Naylor said, “There are five reasons people are attracted to the Tri-Valley, but the most important one is quality of life. This is the place where leaders and innovators want to live and that has to be protected. That’s why this plan is important because the balance of innovation and quality of life has to exist. It always has in the core values here and that will never go away.”

The plan is about maintaining and enhancing that core value. ■



JULIE RUSSELL/LLNL

Security Administration and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Exascale the power and water-cooling capacity of the adjacent Livermore Computing Center.

## 'Danville at 40'

Museum exhibit commemorates anniversary of town's incorporation

By JEANITA LYMAN

Prior to the June primary election in 1982, Danville was an unincorporated community, like its neighbors Alamo, Blackhawk and Diablo.

During that year's election, a majority of residents voted "Yes on B", the measure to incorporate Danville into its own municipality run by its own elected government, rather than as an unincorporated area served by the county.

The rest is history, and so are the efforts that led up to the successful campaign — and election of the first town council charged with governing the new incorporation. In the present day, the election is being commemorated at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley's "Danville at 40" exhibit, which has been on display since last month.

"By the time we incorporated, Danville was 125 years old, and people celebrated that heritage," said Dick McNeely, one of the five members of the inaugural Danville Town Council. "San Ramon was always different, which is not to say better or worse, just always different and this kind of heritage is what the town grew out of. And people are still very proud of it."

The passage of Measure B by voters in 1982 came on the heels

of several unsuccessful efforts to form an incorporated city in the San Ramon Valley. However, it was the first in which Danville was proposed to stand as its own municipality, rather than being grouped into a city along with its neighboring communities such as San Ramon and Alamo.

Prior to 1982, the most recent incorporation effort had been in 1976. Beverly Lane, who'd moved to Danville with her family in 1973, first became interested in the incorporation debate at this stage. She went on to be a vocal advocate and facilitator of the 1982 measure, as well as a member of the inaugural council.

"It was going to be the City of the San Ramon Valley, and San Ramon was very happy with that, and Alamo and Danville were not," Lane said.

Lane went on to work with the Danville Association and other interested community members and groups, including McNeely, on a measure to incorporate just Danville into its own town, by lobbying individual members of the county's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

"What happened was the association and lots of other people said



JEANITA LYMAN

Beverly Lane and Dick McNeely, who were elected to the inaugural Danville Town Council in 1982, pose at the "Danville at 40" exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

'let's talk about incorporation in only Danville.' So the response from the executive director at LAFCO, which had to approve the boundary, was only if you have Alamo and San Ramon in it," Lane said.

"Those of us who had gone through the 76 boundary conversations ... I didn't work that much on the campaign, but the one thing that I and several other people said was you've got to get the Danville boundary only and you're not going to get it in a recommendation from the executive, so you have to get the votes on the commission."

McNeely said that despite the difficulty this posed, he, Lane and other proponents of incorporating Danville had become savvy enough

over the years to take on the task.

"We had learned how to politic, from appealing things to the Board of Supervisors, and how to influence government, and who you talk to and what you do," McNeely said.

"We just made the point that there had been three elections doing the exact same work that LAFCO staff had insisted upon and the commission had accepted, and give us one chance," Lane said. "Then they told me that they were going to give Danville one chance."

Despite the failure of previous incorporation efforts that included larger portions of the San Ramon Valley, McNeely and Lane noted that there was demand for incorporation in Danville during that era, as the community sought to maintain the town's heritage and individuality amidst fears of suburban sprawl. In addition, as an unincorporated area governed by the county Board of Supervisors, early proponents of incorporation leveraged a strong economic case for a shift to municipal government.

"People who talked about incorporation had opinions, shall we say, about how the county was making these decisions," Lane said.

McNeely called the early, local incorporation advocacy in Danville a "crash course in civics" for himself and others.

"There's only one member of the board that represented Danville and the other four were from the rest of the county," McNeely said.

"That was the governing system that regulated planning in Danville. People got frustrated that they had no real representation in front of the Board of Supervisors, and that if there was a Town of Danville, it would control planning and Danville would elect all five of the decision-makers, not just one. So that

got a number of people excited."

Lane, McNeely, the Danville Association and other advocates of incorporation, ultimately built a convincing case that Danville would be better served by a town government than by the county, by pointing to minimal services provided by the county in certain areas.

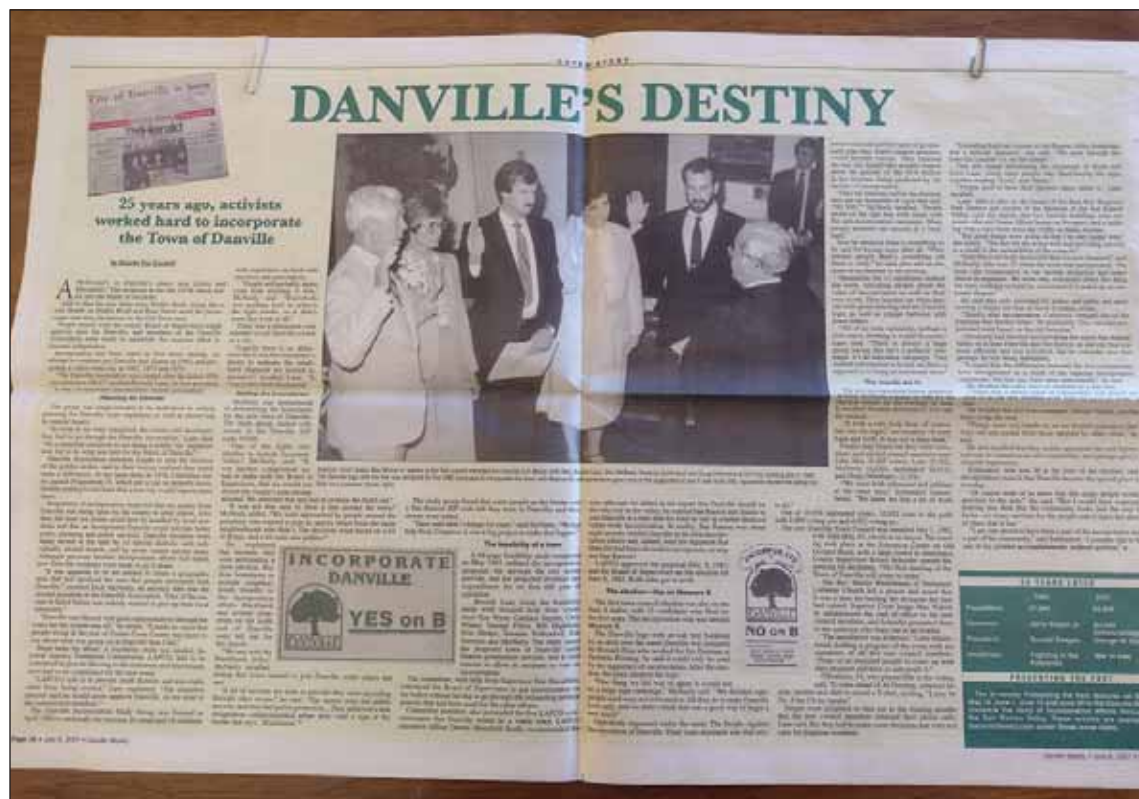
"The county services here were really lacking and it was clear that wasn't going to change any time soon, especially in police protection," McNeely said. "We had about 23,000 to 24,000 people ... and we had the benefit of one half of one part-time beat that the county sheriff could provide, because they're spread incredibly thin."

Lane noted that this point gave way to what they'd called the "four P's" during incorporation efforts — police, parks, planning and public works.

"So that drew some attention from people, and then we looked at ... flood control and public works, and we found that things were much closer to a balance there, but still a town could do a better job," McNeely said.

One reason for this was that Danville, as a relatively wealthy area with very little need for services compared to other parts of the county, was paying more to the county than it was receiving for services as an unincorporated area.

"The math for Danville turned out that for every dollar that we sent to Martinez we got 25 cents back in services and things," McNeely said. "And that's the way that form of government works. There are going to be places where there is not enough money but there's great need. And then there



JEANITA LYMAN

Coverage of the 25th anniversary of Danville's 1982 incorporation in the Danville Weekly, the former sister publication of the Pleasanton Weekly.

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# Ben Folds booked as new headliner for Brilliance at the Bankhead

Replaces Randy Newman, who is recovering from surgery

By JEREMY WALSH

American singer-songwriter Ben Folds, best known for fronting the eponymous alternative rock band that strung together several hits in the 1990s, has been announced as the new headlining act for Livermore Valley Arts' annual Brilliance at the Bankhead fundraising gala in September.

Folds steps in to replace previously signed headliner Randy Newman, who is unable to perform as he continues to recover from neck surgery earlier in the year.

"Mr. Newman regrets having to miss this important fundraising event and sends his best wishes for a wonderful evening, and Livermore Valley Arts is certain that Ben Folds will delight our audiences at the highest caliber level," officials with the nonprofit said in a statement last Friday confirming the surprise switch.

"Ben Folds is widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of our generation, having created an enormous body of genre-bending music that includes pop albums with Ben Folds Five, multiple solo albums and numerous collaborative records," Livermore Valley Arts reps added.

Brilliance at the Bankhead, which

is scheduled for Sept. 10 at the downtown Livermore entertainment venue, is the largest fundraising event each year for Livermore Valley Arts, supporting its programming at the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center as well as the nonprofit's broad educational and cultural arts outreach activities.

The evening gala, which has tickets still available, features a gourmet dinner by On the Vine Catering, coffee from Story Coffee, live music in the plaza before the show, raffle and live and silent auctions — in addition to the marquee musical performance.

Livermore Valley Arts announced back in February that Newman, an Oscar- and Grammy-winning pianist and singer-songwriter perhaps known best for his original songs in Disney/Pixar movies such as the "Toy Story" series, would be headlining this year's event and help usher in the Bankhead's celebratory 15th anniversary 2022-23 season.

Newman, 78, shared publicly in early March that he would be postponing his then-upcoming "An Evening with Randy Newman" European tour to 2023, but he was still considered to be ready to headline the Bankhead gala in September.

"Recently, I noticed I was shrinking. People over whom I had towered now towered over me," Newman said on his website in March. "Could this be payback for having written 'Short People'? Turns out, my neck was broken. They operated on me successfully, I think."

"For even now, I look less like an ant eater and more like a folk rock artist from the early '60s. But the doctor said I'm not quite ready to tour. I was really looking forward to coming to Europe to perform. I miss performing a great deal and I look forward to a time when I can come. I'm sorry I won't see you this time but I will see you soon," he added.

Even as recently as last month, Livermore Valley Arts still promoted Newman as the gala headliner, but the organization apparently had to switch gears as summer arrived.

Enter Folds — who climbed the alternative charts with Ben Folds Five in the '90s with their most-recognizable hit, "Brick," along with other singles such as "Army" and "Underground."

"Folds is also an accomplished solo artist who is known for performing arrangements of his music with uncommon instrumentation,



COURTESY LVA

Ben Folds will now headline the 2022 Brilliance at the Bankhead gala.

including symphony orchestras and a cappella groups, and will impress the Tri-Valley accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony," Livermore Valley Arts officials said.

He currently serves as the first-ever artistic advisor for the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center, as well as an active member of the Artist Committee of Americans for the Arts including on the board of its

Arts Action Fund.

Folds released his first book in 2019, "a collection of interrelated essays, anecdotes and lessons about art, life and music," which led to a spinoff podcast series, "Lightning Bugs: Conversations with Ben Folds," officials said.

Brilliance at the Bankhead is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10. Sponsorships, VIP tickets and standard tickets are available. To learn more, visit [www.LivermoreArts.org](http://www.LivermoreArts.org). ■

## DANVILLE AT 40

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are going to be places where there's money but not a great deal of need."

McNeely said that initially, his passion for the 1982 incorporation effort in Danville prevented him from considering a run for council.

"It was really important that we incorporate for a whole lot of reasons, and I had concluded early on that it would be detrimental to the incorporation effort if any of us who were in the public eye proposing the incorporation were running for council," McNeely said. "Because I thought boy, it could look like here's this young punk trying to form a city so he can run for office."

However, McNeely was ultimately persuaded to launch a reluctant bid for the inaugural council when the head of a group of developers — who were concerned about what incorporation might mean for their projects — made an offer to step aside from the incorporation campaign if he were to run.

For Lane's part, she said her motivation to run for council had come from seeing the missteps of campaigns during the failed 1976 incorporation effort.

"I never was planning on running for office — women didn't," Lane said.

"I was pretty critical of a lot of those candidates in '76, so that

sort of sat on my shoulder and then when this came to the ballot in '82 ... by that time I had nerved myself enough that I was willing to do it," Lane continued. "So that's how I ended up on the ballot, with my family marching around neighborhoods in 100 degree weather."

Lane stayed on the Danville council until 1993, following her initial election in 1982, and served as mayor three times during her tenure. She went on to be elected as the Ward 6 director for the East Bay Regional Park District in 1994, where she is finishing her final term before retiring at the end of this year.

Lane had long been interested in history, having studied the subject along with English in college. She said that it was a visit to historical landmarks on the East Coast with her children, however, that made her look towards learning about and commemorating local history in Danville in the way that older cities on the other side of the country are known for.

Lane fostered this interest as a docent at the Oakland Museum of California, where she went on to work on some local history projects. However, her interest as a historian was in Danville in particular.

"I said if I was going to work on some history, it would be where I live," Lane said.

Lane went on to be founding



JEANITA LYMAN

Memorabilia from the successful 1982 campaign to incorporate Danville is on display in the new exhibit.

president of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley shortly after Danville's incorporation, in 1985. In addition to informing her role as an elected official on the council and parks district, Lane's interest in local history has led to the publication of several books.

"After you start doing some research the logical thing for most people is to do some writing, and then the museum got started and I

was involved in the museum," Lane said.

McNeely, who spent a term and a half on the council, said that he'd only briefly considered running for elected office again, and never seriously.

"People asked me why I never ran again, and the problem was that my experience with these guys in Danville was so wonderful that I didn't want to jeopardize that

experience by trying again somewhere else," McNeely said. "It just would never ever rise to what we did here and what a wonderful experience that was. It would be like any other city, and Danville is not like any other city."

"Danville at 40" remains on display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley through July. More information, including museum hours, is available at [museumsrv.org](http://museumsrv.org). ■

# ‘Newsies’ musical opens this weekend

Tri-Valley Rep show begins three-week run at Bankhead

By JEREMY WALSH

The fight for fairness on the job will be making the headlines throughout the show, as the cause of 1890s paper boys in New York comes to life through song and dance in Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre’s summer musical, “Newsies.”

Debuting this weekend, the local production directed by Carol Hovey and starring Tommy Lassiter is poised for a three-weekend run at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

“Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, ‘Newsies’ is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged newsies. When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys’ expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what’s right,” Tri-Valley Rep officials said.

“Newsies’ was inspired by the real-life two-week strike by newsboys in 1899, led by Kid Blink, against the powerful newspaper publishers of the time, including William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer. It addresses



From left: Melissa Momboisse as Katherine, Ashley Forney as Medda and Tommy Lassiter as Jack Kelly.

themes of social justice, exploitative child labor practices and fighting the establishment,” they added.

The stage musical, which made its debut on Broadway in 2012, was inspired by the film musical of the same name released by Disney 20 years earlier. The play version featured

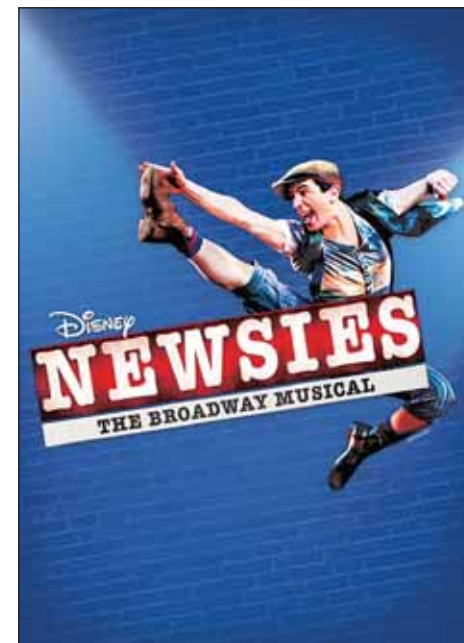
music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman and book by Harvey Fierstein (based on the film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White).

The Broadway rendition ran for more than 1,000 performances before touring. It won Tony Awards for Best Original Score and Best Choreography, as well as earned a Best Musical nomination, in 2012.

The Tri-Valley Rep production features Lassiter in the lead role of Jack Kelly and includes other performers such as Kyle Herrera as Davy, Melissa Momboisse as Katherine and Ashley Forney as Medda.

Supporting director Hovey are choreographer Meghan Hornbacker, vocal director Sierra Dee Rankin, stage manager and assistant director Brian Olkowski, and producer Kathleen Breedveld.

The show runs on weekends from July 16-31 at the Bankhead. Performances are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. — in addition to a special 2 p.m. matinee show on the final Saturday, July 30. For tickets, visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org). ■



Tri-Valley Rep’s production of “Newsies” opens this weekend.

## Food and plants make up colorful ‘Reservoir of Life’

Oakland artist Navasero featured in Firehouse lobby

By JEREMY WALSH

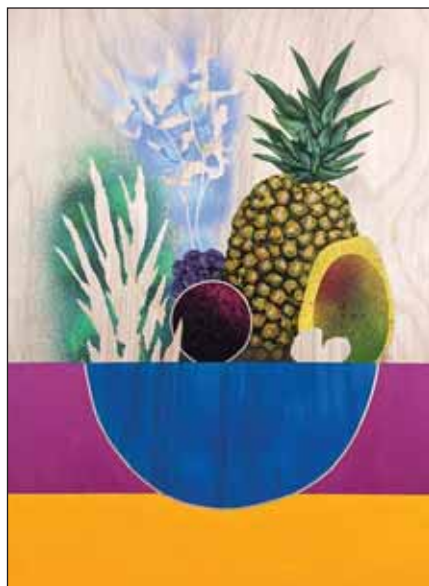
Firehouse Arts Center lobby in downtown Pleasanton is hosting “Reservoir of Life,” a solo exhibition of Oakland artist Mario Navasero’s recent works colorfully highlighting food and plants through his abstract painter’s lens.

Opening over the Fourth of July weekend and running through Aug. 6, the exhibit appeals to “the visual and gustatory senses” as food is central to the collection primarily in the medium of acrylic and spray paint on wood panel with custom floater frame, according to Firehouse officials.

“From a stack of puffed pastries to a mouthwatering arrangement of ripened fruit, the artist alternates between vibrant colors and negative space to draw in his viewers,” officials said. “A modern take on the traditional still-life format, the controlled use of spray paint and masking tape brings life to each panel included within this exhibition.”

Navasero is an Oakland native and current resident-artist at Faultline Artspace in East Oakland. A self-taught artist shown at galleries throughout the Bay Area over the years, he also guest curates other galleries, installs exhibitions, manages a framing business and actively participates in the local art scene, according to Firehouse officials.

For his part, Navasero said his artwork in “Reservoir of Life” exemplify his continued examination of “the split visual of abstract minimalism



“Paraíso Azul” by Mario Navasero.

and expressionistic rendering.”

“The subject matter is inspired by blends of plants and foods with minimalism emphasizing the forms of vessels which present them,” he said in a statement on the Firehouse website.

“There is such an abundance of plants, flowers and fungi which I have been increasingly more and more fond of,” Navasero added. “The use of masking tape has helped with dynamic painterly qualities for acrylic and spray paint, and it has been so much fun to dance around and loosely interpret these expressions. All and all, everything is to nourish one’s self from subject matter to color and form.”

To learn more, go to [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org) or visit the venue at 4444 Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton. ■

## Sounds of Stray Cats

Bassist Lee Rocker performing in Livermore

The audience better get ready to strut their stuff and rock Livermore when Lee Rocker of Stray Cats plays the band’s best hits, and others, at the Bankhead Theater next week.

Rocker’s signature upright slap bass sound helped Stray Cats cement the so-called rockabilly revival in the 1980s, epitomized by the Grammy-nominated group’s best-known songs — “Rock This Town” and “Stray Cat Strut.”

Rocker comes to Livermore not long after Stray Cats’ “40th Anniversary Reunion Tour” that brought him back together with Brian Setzer and Slim Jim Phantom. The trio recently released their first album of new music in 10 years.

In addition to his Stray Cats’ work, Rocker has toured and played with the likes of George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Levon Helm, Keith Richards and John Fogerty during his career.

“Together with piano, harmonica, guitar, and drums, Lee Rocker will rock the Bankhead performing Stray Cats hits and songs he performed with other music legends,” Bankhead officials said.



Bassist Lee Rocker, of Stray Cats fame, is performing at the Bankhead Theater on July 22.

Part of the Bankhead Summer Series, the Rocker concert is set for next Friday (July 22) at 8 p.m. at the theater in downtown Livermore. For ticket prices and other information, visit [www.LivermoreArts.org](http://www.LivermoreArts.org). ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Rotary-funded WASH projects complete in Africa

Officials in two African countries recently opened new restroom facilities at schools supported by funding through the Rotary Club of Pleasanton as part of the international organization’s water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) program. “We know that ‘there is no other single issue that can impact the health, education, equality and progress of all people than the need for clean water and sanitation,’” Pleasanton Rotary official Nancy Harrington said. The Rotary Club of Eziamma-Sunrise, Nigeria, unveiled the new facilities (shown) at St. Joseph’s Girls’ College in Eziamma, Aba, in May, and last month the Rotary Club of Accra East, Ghana, completed its project at at Agbodekor Primary School in Attiavi.



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### First Tee of the Tri-Valley golfers continue to stand out

Monte Vista's Bardunias and Maurer earn unique opportunities through program

I have detailed many a time in this space how I feel athletics play a major part of the maturation of child to teenager to young adult.

Each sport can carry different ways of developing a youth athlete. Some teach teamwork, along with accountability to your teammates and coaches.

Others cover different bases — it's an integral part of the growth of a young person.

And then there is golf.

I have often said I can find out more about a person in one round of golf than in a week of meetings. There is nowhere to hide when it's you, the others in your foursome and the golf course.

Your character is on full display.

People in the golf industry have also embraced using the life skills the sport presents to help the youth of today grow not only as golfers, but equally as important,

as a person.

The First Tee is at the forefront of that, with words such as honesty, integrity, respect and courtesy being four of the nine core values taught by the organization.

The First Tee of the Tri-Valley has been one of the top chapters in the country and regularly shares its success stories.

Two more have come to the forefront recently, as Taylor Maurer and Sophia Bardunias are stepping into the limelight. Both are currently golfers at Monte Vista High School in Danville and both have come through the First Tee program in Pleasanton.

Bardunias, a junior at Monte Vista, has been selected to the PURE Insurance Championship event in September at Pebble Beach Golf Links. The tournament takes place Sept. 20-25.

An official PGA Tour Champions

event, the PURE Insurance Championship at the Pebble Beach pairs one First Tee junior with a PGA Tour Champions player and two amateurs.

First Tee participants are provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the Legends & Leaders speaker program, which features notables from the business, sports and entertainment industries.

This event also provides the teens a unique mentoring experience on the golf course with their PGA Tour Champions player and two amateurs. The relationships formed during tournament week are genuine and deeply rooted.

"I began golfing at 7 years old and soon after joined the First Tee," Bardunias said. "There not only did I improve my golf game, but I also learned valuable life



Sophia Bardunias



Taylor Maurer

skills that I carry with me in all aspects of my life."

Maurer was selected as one of eight members to be on the 2022-23 First Tee Participant Advisory Council.

She traveled to the First Tee headquarters in Florida this week for the first kickoff council meeting. Maurer represented the Tri-Valley chapter and was a voice for participants across the country. The purpose of the council is to advise First Tee decision-makers on matters pertinent to First Tee participants.

The council consisted of a diverse group of eight current First Tee participants, along with two alumni who served as advisors for the program.

Maurer has been a participant with the First Tee of the Tri-Valley for the last 11 years and is currently at the ACE level.

A senior at Monte Vista, Maurer

said the First Tee has played an integral part in her life. The nine core values are the foundation of the young lady that she has become. In addition to being an ACE level participant, she also teaches TARGET classes for the Tri-Valley Chapter.

She created a health and wellness book for kids of all ages to be used as a part of the First Tee life skills experience classes. This was a project she did for her Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn.

Maurer's book was a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide kids with exercises, nutrition tips and recipes, and mental wellness tips. ■

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## Oakland council rejects ballot measure for input on A's ballpark

Citywide election would have 'jeopardized keeping the A's in Oakland', mayor says

Oakland city councilmembers last week voted down an effort to get the public's advice on the Oakland A's proposed \$12 billion waterfront ballpark district.

Councilmembers Noel Gallo and Carroll Fife sought to have a measure placed on the November ballot asking voters if they want public money spent on the proposed project at Charles P. Howard Terminal.

But in a 5-2-1 vote, the measure failed to pass the council on July 5. Gallo and Fife were the only councilmembers to vote yes, while council president Nikki Fortunato Bas, president pro tem and mayoral hopeful Sheng Thao, mayoral hopeful Loren Taylor, Dan Kalb and Treva Reid voted no.

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan abstained.

Gallo and Fife want to know what Oakland residents will have to pay, such as in the form of taxes, if the ballpark is built. Other councilmembers echoed that sentiment.

But final financial and economic details have not been ironed out



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The Oakland A's released renderings of their proposed new ballpark at Howard Terminal near Jack London Square in Oakland.

yet. They may not come until a binding deal is struck between the A's and the city, which may happen in the fall.

"I want clarity," Fife said of the financial details.

At issue, it seems, is the money necessary to improve infrastructure near the proposed ballpark district. The improvements may cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Oakland has sought or is seeking state, federal and regional money

to pay for those improvements. They need to be made whether the ballpark is built at Howard Terminal or not, city officials have said.

Gallo believes the deal is not so much about Oakland. The A's have in the past sought to move to Fremont and San Jose. The team is now threatening to move to Las Vegas.

"This is a business," Gallo said of the A's.

The proposed ballot measure

could have delayed the A's plans. A's president Dave Kaval said he hopes the Oakland City Council will vote on the final details of the project this summer.

Fife disagreed that the ballot measure would cause a delay. She said the project does not really exist currently.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, an ardent supporter of the proposed ballpark, wrote on Twitter thanking the councilmembers who voted against the ballot measure.

"I thank City Council Members Dan Kalb, Loren Taylor, Treva Reid, Sheng Thao and President Nikki Fortunato Bas for voting to continue moving forward with a waterfront ballpark neighborhood at Howard Terminal," Schaaf tweeted on the night of July 5.

The ballot measure would have been only advisory, much like a survey is.

"A non-binding advisory measure would have jeopardized keeping the A's in Oakland, cost taxpayers as much as a million dollars, and done nothing but provide special interests with opportunities

to spread misinformation," Schaaf tweeted.

Gallo has said he favors keeping the A's in East Oakland, citing the infrastructure there such as BART, parking and the airport. Gallo represents a portion of East Oakland.

Howard Terminal is part of the Port of Oakland in a West Oakland council district that Fife represents.

Schaaf believes Oaklanders will be protected from having to pay for the A's development.

"The Oakland City Council has provided clear direction in our negotiations with the A's: Oakland taxpayers will be protected from the costs of the ballpark and associated development. We have learned the mistakes of the past and we won't repeat them," she tweeted.

The mistakes Schaaf may be alluding to include a poor financial deal with the Oakland Raiders, who are now the Las Vegas Raiders, and a legal mess with the Golden State Warriors, who used to play in Oakland. The Warriors moved to San Francisco in 2019. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

## Entertainment

**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 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park. July 15 performer is The Dustbowl Travelers.

**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).

**ROWAN BROTHERS** 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. City Center Bishop Ranch.

**JAZZ IN JULY AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY** 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. Civic Center Library.

**NEWSIES THE BROADWAY MUSICAL** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Presents Newsies the Broadway Musical, based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899. This 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).

**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).

**TUESDAY TUNES IN LIVERMORE** Enjoy Tuesday tunes every night

through Aug. 16. Shea Homes Stage, Livermore Plaza, 2400 First St. 6:45 p.m. Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

**TRI-VALLEY HIGH: THE SERIES!** The series has been a staple Summer show at the Firehouse Arts Center and is back. Based on suggestions, Creatures of Impulse creates a brand new experience in the moment. 7:30 p.m., July 20. Tickets \$10. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**JUNGLE BOOK KIDS** The Sparks Players & Lil Sparks perform The Jungle Book Kids at the Firehouse Arts Center, based on the Disney movie and Rudyard Kipling's book. 2 p.m., July 22; 7 p.m., July 23. Tickets \$10. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**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 theater-goers 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).

**MUSIC IN THE ORCHARD** Enjoy this popular Music in the Orchard concert series at the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax under the olive trees and enjoy talented musicians while supporting local students. July 28. Visit [purpleorchid.com/music-in-the-orchard](http://purpleorchid.com/music-in-the-orchard).

## Outdoor Movies

**EMERALD GLEN FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES** The City of Dublin's free outdoor movie series begins at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.). Guests are encouraged to bring low back chairs and/or blankets. Food and snack vendors begin at 6:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed. July 15, The Jungle Book. Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

**PLEASANTON MOVIES IN THE PARK** Grab a picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs to enjoy film favorites every Thursday, through August 4. All movies are free and begin at dusk. July 14, Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave.

## 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, interviews given by over three dozen veterans of Pleasanton racing and items lent by trainers, shoers and other members of

Pleasanton's racing community. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Through July 30. 603 Main St.

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

## Family

**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 Road.

**LIVERMORE CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SUMMER STEM PROGRAM** The Livermore Public Library is offering a series of four space-themed STEM programs to prepare kids for the upcoming school year. Ideal for 1st-5th grade students, but all ages are welcome to attend. Participants are encouraged to register for all four sessions. This is a free program and all materials will be provided. Register at 925-373-5055. 7 p.m., July 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18.

**RECREATION SWIM AT ROBERT LIVERMORE AQUATIC CENTER** Stay cool this summer as 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. Robert Livermore Aquatic Center.

**THE WAVE WATERPARK** The Wave Waterpark is open for the summer season through Aug. 5. For more information visit [thedublinwave.com](http://thedublinwave.com) or call 925-574-4800.

**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; now to Aug. 17.

## Festivals

**TASTE OUR TERROIR** Livermore Valley's premier wine and food event returns for four delectable days as the historic region celebrates and educates wine lovers about its unique taste of the land. Now to July 17. Visit [lwine.org/event/8364/taste-our-terroir](http://lwine.org/event/8364/taste-our-terroir).

**626 NIGHT MARKET AT THE FAIRGROUNDS** The iconic California festival features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment that appeals to all ages. Tickets \$5. July 29-31. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

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## PET OF THE WEEK



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### Standing at attention

Lovely Sergeant is blossoming into quite a beauty after receiving love and care from the shelter staff and volunteers. This 4-year-old is a medium-sized dog and is easy to handle. She has a darling face and beautiful, soulful eyes. Miss Sergeant is sweet and gentle, and takes treats nicely from your hand. She enjoys going for walks and she's learning how to play fetch. Available for adoption through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Sergeant is at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin. Visit [tvar.org](http://tvar.org).

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

**RED HAWK CASINO TRIP** Seniors 50+, join LARPD at Red Hawk Casino in the historic gold rush territory of Placerville. Board a luxury air-conditioned motorcoach for some gaming and a full buffet lunch. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., July 28. \$69 R/\$76NR. To register call 925-373-5763.

**PLEASANTON RIDES FOR SENIORS** Serving eligible Pleasanton seniors with transportation needs throughout Pleasanton and to select destinations in the Tri-Valley. Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door shared-ride transportation. For reservations and information call 925-398-1045.

group for emerging and established young professionals. 5-7 p.m., July 18. Visit [pleasanton.org](http://pleasanton.org).

**LARPD BOARD MEETING IN THE PARK** The purpose of the meeting is for Livermore citizens to receive an update on current Livermore Area Recreation and Park District 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.

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).

**PLEASANTON BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN AND TRAILS COMMITTEE** The next Pleasanton Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Meeting is 6:45 p.m., July 25. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**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.

## Government

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next

## Farmers' Markets

### PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET

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

### LIVERMORE THURSDAY NIGHT FARMERS' MARKET

The popular Livermore Thursday night Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m. Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St.

### LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET

Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St and L St.

### DUBLIN FARMERS' MARKET

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

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).

### VA PALO ALTO MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH

Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to facilitate examinations, consultations and referrals for enrolled veterans. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., July 25. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

### 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).

### FREE HOT MEALS

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

### FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES

Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

## Seniors

**ROCK PAINTING SOCIAL** Join the Pleasanton Senior Center for a rock painting social to relax and embrace your inner imagination. Paints, rocks and brush will be provided. Cost \$1.50R/\$3NR. 1-2:30 p.m., July 19.

### ANDROID SMARTPHONE TRAINING

Schedule a free training class at the Pleasanton Senior Center to make a smartphone louder and easier to hear, send or receive text messages, connect Bluetooth devices and more. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., July 22. For a reservation call 925-931-5365.

### TECH TUTORING FOR SENIORS

If struggling with a PC laptop, tablet or smart phone, 1 hour one-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Bring device to the session. Cost \$2.50R/\$3NR. 9a.m & 10 a.m., Wednesdays. Call 925-931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center.

## Talks

### WILDLIFE PROGRAM AT RINCON LIBRARY

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

### CANIDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Join this Ranger-led program and learn about different canines from around the world, their similarities and their differences. 10 a.m., July 17. Visit [dthomas@larpd.org](mailto:dthomas@larpd.org) or call 925-960-2400. Sycamore Grove Park.

### 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-ValleyCare Educational Presentation by Meghan Dickman, M.D. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 19. Register at [livermorechamber.org](http://livermorechamber.org).

### LIVERMORE LIBRARY CELEBRATES BASEBALL'S DIVERSE HISTORY

Encore Players and volunteers from Sandia and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories present an 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.

## Business

### EAST BAY ENTREPRENEURS CIRCLE

East Bay Entrepreneurs Circle, based in the tri-valley, wants to help entrepreneurs gain confidence by sharing valuable business knowledge from those who have been there to inspire entrepreneurs to turn passions into profits. The group is hosting a mastermind-type Q&A session at 6 p.m., July 18. Good Morning Maxwell, 1850 Second St., Livermore.

### PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Pleasanton Young Professionals (PYPs) is the premier networking

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## Hobbies

### AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS

**LEMONADE SOCIAL** Join the Lemonade Social and bring a bag lunch and a chair. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., July 29. Palomares Park, 7050 Villareal Drive, Castro Valley. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org).

## Support

### 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 18. Email [olga@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:olga@trivalleyhaven.org) or call Sharon at 925-449-5847 ext. 2607. 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

### FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Family Caregiver Support program provides case management for persons responsible for the care of a loved one. The program offers resources, planning and implementation of care and respite options, long term planning and guest speakers. 10 a.m., July 18. Email [jslater@ssptv.org](mailto:jslater@ssptv.org).

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

Weekly CityServe Pop-Up Tents to meet with those in need to coordinate care and connect to local resources. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., July 19. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

### NAMI TRI-VALLEY PARENT RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUP

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## Village Shopping Center sells for \$20.4 million

New owner has contacted town to 'explore redevelopment options'

By JEANITA LYMAN

Danville's Village Shopping Center has seen a change in ownership as of last month, with the property previously owned by a San Ramon company now in the hands of Danville's Blake Griggs Properties LLC after an eight-figure deal.

The transaction, which closed escrow on June 21, saw Blake Griggs buy the property at a \$20.4 million pricetag from its previous owner, San Ramon's Montair Associates

LLC. The sale was brokered with the firm Marcus and Millichap.

"Danville is one of the wealthiest suburbs in the United States with an average household income of over \$220,000 within a 5-mile radius," said Vince Schwab, the brokerage firm's executive managing director investments.

"Given the strong submarket demographics and consistent tenant demand, this was a highly competitive sales process that led to

multiple strong offers to acquire the Village Shopping Center," Schwab added.

The Village Shopping Center on Town and Country Drive near San Ramon Valley Boulevard is home to offices of local fixtures such as the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and Discovery Counseling Center, as well as fitness, shopping and dining options.

The \$20.4 million deal for the 67,192 square feet of rentable space comes out

to approximately \$303 per square foot, according to Marcus and Millichap's announcement.

As for the future of the property, town of Danville spokesperson Nicola Shihab said that Blake Griggs had been in touch with officials to "explore redevelopment options" for the area, but that no plans had been submitted as of last week.

Blake Griggs officials had not responded to a request for comment on the acquisition. ■

### HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 16-20 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and June 6-10 for San Ramon.

#### Pleasanton

**3921 Alma Court** D. & J. Stockley to V. & V. Vepa for \$1,820,000

**7429 Aspen Court** L. & E. Semmelmayr to S. & S. Sadhale for \$2,000,000

**8134 Canyon Creek Circle** J. & R. Lalonde to S. & M. Alam for \$1,950,000

**985 Clinton Place** Sadki Family Trust to Vittaldas Trust for \$2,300,000

**1212 Concord Street** J. Coulter to K. & B. Ghimire for \$1,750,000

**6713 Corte Del Vista** Heule 1999 Trust to Dasaka Trust for \$2,340,000

**7755 Fairbrook Court** J. & S. Yang to S. & C. Li for \$2,160,000

**1432 Freeman Lane** K. & J. Warner to A. Reddy for \$1,900,000

**6265 Guyson Court** Cha Family Trust to N. & M. Shahjamali for \$1,620,000

**1830 Harms Drive** D. & B. Segale to Tejui Trust for \$1,485,000

**6851 Heath Court** Lecco Family Trust to D. & A. Raghunathan for \$1,550,000

**4630 Laramie Gate Court** J. Barr to W. & Y. Chang for \$2,015,000

**277 Mavis Drive** C. & P. Srinivasan to Redfinnow Borrower LLC for \$1,650,000

**4726 Mchenry Gate Way** Syrian Living Trust to D. & B. Segale for \$2,000,000

**3218 Novara Way** Z. & S. Kolia to R. & V. Vemula for \$4,040,000

**3164 Paseo Robles** Munos Trust to Kapasi Family Trust for \$2,010,000

**3259 Pueblo Way** M. Kather to C. Huang for \$810,000

**4082 San Giorgio Court** Dowling Living Trust to P. Vustela for \$850,000

**58 Shore Drive** N. & S. Otto to P. & D. Mukherjee for \$1,615,000

**1857 Spumante Place** Monika Trust to Abboud Family Trust for \$2,799,000

**3836 Stone Pointe Way** Heath Living Trust to Krishna Family Trust for \$1,425,000

**7 Twelve Oaks Drive** T. & D. Hinman to Diala Family Trust for \$4,400,000

**4164 Veneto Court** M. Kacheru to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,286,000

**1583 Via Di Salerno** E. Tsai to Real Trust for \$5,800,000

**1425 Via Di Salerno** C. & S. Henderson to Deng Family Trust for \$5,495,000

**3459 Virgil Circle** D. Perry to J. & G. Benbow for \$1,900,000

**3463 Windsor Court** Henderson Family Trust to T. & S. Mingus for \$2,680,000

**2744 Kennedy Street** J. Propst to V. & E. Rendon for \$1,075,000

**627 South L Street** C. & B. Mann to Godwin Trust for \$1,550,000

**1005 Lexington Way** Green Trust to C. Sanchas for \$2,300,000

**629 Loyola Way** K. & B. Lack to S. & L. Viegas for \$1,450,000

**929 Lucille Street** Bay Area Executive Re & Dev LLC to S. & R. Fernandez for \$1,450,000

**1146 Megan Road** C. & M. Green to M. & J. Pallapati for \$1,725,000

**1401 Portola Meadows Road** L. Otero to K. & E. Simontis for \$1,080,000

**210 South R Street** K. Cox to J & G Building Partners for \$765,000

**1477 Reginald Court** Peterson Trust to D. Steele for \$3,150,000

**1294 Saint Mary Drive** T. & J. Broadbent to D. & B. Saindon for \$1,310,000

**5281 Southfront Road** S. Kolsom to 300 Vernal Dr LLC for \$3,220,000

**1219 Spring Valley Common** Opendoor Trust to S. & S. Biradar for \$805,000

**3041 Verdala Drive** P. & R. Mori to R. & A. Kumar for \$2,650,000

**1400 Wagoner Drive** E. & B. Torquemada to J. Quingley for \$1,100,000

**102 Windward Common #7** L. & T. Vierra to S. & A. Smith for \$920,000

#### Livermore

**744 Adams Avenue** Richards Family Trust to V. De Clue for \$1,150,000

**1093 Angelica Way** Ciarfaglio Family Trust to K. & W. Balthazar for \$1,200,000

**1089 Apache Street** M. Haney to R. & V. Pogula for \$1,025,500

**4770 Apple Tree Common** M. Converse to K. Moore for \$845,000

**4671 Apple Tree Common** L. Sullivan to A. Nakhjavani for \$860,000

**6165 Augusta Way** S. Kumar to D. & A. Yadatore for \$1,480,000

**806 Barney Common** Y. & K. Pak to R. & A. Chavalam for \$1,635,000

**361 Basswood Common #4** S. Kishinevsky to C. & A. Ying for \$936,000

**1613 Blackoak Court** Do Living Trust to R. & R. Bernal for \$1,440,000

**1116 Bluebell Drive** J. & M. Jensen to Promax Investment 385 LLC for \$1,099,000

**575 Caliente Avenue** B. & J. Swanson to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$1,100,000

**632 Carla Street** V. & M. Carter to N. & L. Venkatesh for \$1,400,000

**97 Cascade Avenue** Mena Estates LLC to T. & D. Covello for \$1,600,000

**1636 Del Norte Court** J. Ashton to P. & R. Mori for \$1,550,000

**1107 El Rio Court** Perine Living Trust to Marticorena Family Trust for \$1,695,000

**125 Glacier Drive** Frydendal Living Trust to J. & M. Lingi for \$1,415,000

**530 Heligan Lane #4** Ayers Trust to J. & V. Deshpande for \$935,000

#### Dublin

**5625 Applegate Way** Benoit Family Trust to S. & R. Robinson for \$2,430,000

**3839 Camino Loop** J. & Q. Martinez to J. & A. Paule for \$1,050,000

**4029 Chalk Hill Way** A. Mohanty to S. & S. Kumar for \$1,900,000

**4329 Clarinbridge Circle** T. & T. Kim to M. & B. Abdolhamidzadeh for \$720,000

**2032 Confidence Way** J. Epperson to C. & C. Wang for \$1,636,000

**8635 Davona Drive** Equity Track Inc to W. Ho for \$1,650,000

**7390 Dover Lane** D. Duffey to L. & X. Fu for \$1,350,000

**4631 Rimini Court #10** Samuel Trust to J. Ye for \$1,500,000

**4710 Sandyford Court** S. Srinivasan to J. & H. Choi for \$1,225,000

**3988 Scottfield Street** Mittapelly Family Trust to S. & S. Garg for \$1,375,000

**7932 Shannon Avenue** Shaner Living Trust to R. Selvapragasam for \$1,300,000

**7865 Tamarack Drive** Johnson Trust to C. Chau for \$998,000

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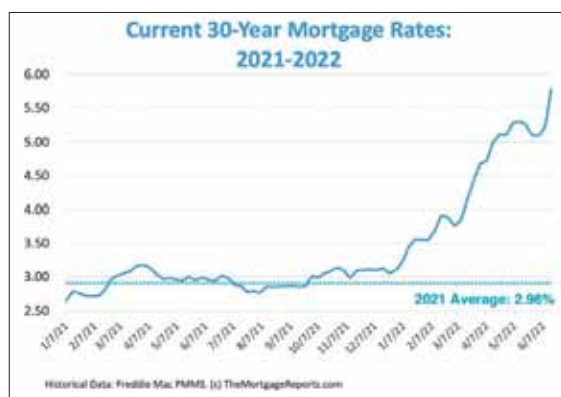
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Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com.

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ACTIVE

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ACTIVE

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2333 Woodthrush Way, Pleasanton  
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ACTIVE

2735 Huff Drive, Pleasanton  
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NEW  
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814 Saddleback Circle, Livermore  
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5979 Via Del Cielo, Pleasanton  
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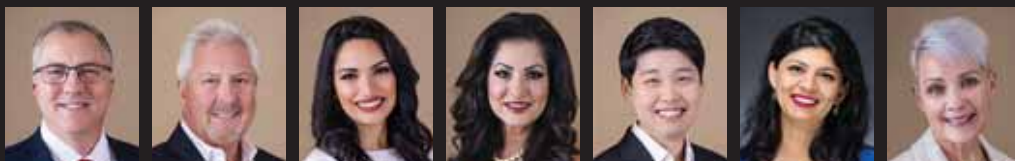
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