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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Happy birthday

To my son Francis, that is. He turns 1 year old today.

And what a year it has been.

My wife and I have had the honor of watching Francis grow, almost every day it seems, into tall "Little Noodle" (as we call him) who is walking around the house with increasing ease, eating meals with us, engaging with books and toys more and more, starting to formulate words and even recently shaking a ring of bells with us when we sing "Jingle Bells" you'd swear he's matching the beat.

Now if we can only get him sleeping all the way through the night on a consistent basis ... (I say mostly in jest, of course; take all the time you need little buddy).

We've been able to enjoy so many milestones over these 12 months; a few challenges as well, although fortunately nothing too major.

One of the hardest decisions we had to face was the obvious childcare question after my wife returned to work after Memorial Day. With a lot of latitude toward work from home, including my ability to do some tasks after-hours, we tried to cobble the workday hours among ourselves with some vital help from family here and there. But it proved unsustainable, personally and professionally.

Luckily we found a great daycare provider in our community who specializes exclusively in babies and toddlers. Truth be told, the transition was probably harder on us parents than it was on Francis. After a few fussy dropoffs early on, he now eagerly approaches the door almost as happily as he looks when I pick him up in the afternoon. (Almost.)

We've opted for only two days a week so far, given our work flexibility and family support as well as the financial factors, but we may need to kick that up in the new year.

I'm grateful Francis seems to be enjoying himself at daycare. His growth has to be influenced by that increased socialization, being around other kids his age and alternative caretakers. But that doesn't make every daycare morning easy, on any of us.

The one clearly difficult part of the daycare experience, really since the beginning in September but especially this time of year, has been getting sick. We're lucky if Francis makes it two weeks without catching some bug. I know there's not much to be

done as a parent; whether it's daycare, preschool or elementary school, little kids just pass germs around.

Still, it's often heart-wrenching watching my son being sick — although, I'll admit, Francis usually keeps a smile on his face and his engaging personality when ill; just more naps and snuggles than normal.

It's honestly a good lesson for me on how to act when not feeling well.

But I don't want to dwell unnecessarily. Francis' first birthday is a time for great celebration after all.

We got the party started a bit at the beginning of the month, driving down to Southern California just after Thanksgiving for a family wedding and a trip to Disneyland on my wife's birthday.

The journeys down and up I-5 were quite the adventure ... oh wait, that's right; no more dwelling (so a story for another time). He did just fine on the drives though, all things considered.

He had so much fun at his uncle's wedding, and was one of the stars of the day in his little faux tuxedo onesie. I didn't realize, before becoming a parent, how much fun it would be experiencing those memory-making events with my child. Then again, I was in an extra good mood because our onerous local election coverage was finally over.

Disneyland was a blast too. "Francis did so well, had so much fun" is what I tell everybody. He loved looking around at all the people, got to ride a couple of attractions, munched on some French fries and even napped (twice!) just in his stroller.

Because we were with family, my wife and I even got the chance to enjoy several rides by ourselves. It was a great day. A long day. No doubt it seemed longer by the fact the sun set around 5 p.m.

Boy I won't miss that, now that the days officially are getting longer as of yesterday. Plus, that means just a bit more daylight to celebrate on his birthday today, and on Christmas this Sunday, and on New Year's Eve next weekend, and on his grandpa's birthday the week after.

And who knows, maybe even some extra sleep this holiday season too (wink). Love you, Francis. ■

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## Aside from money, what do you consider a very valuable commodity?



**Hope Anderson**  
*Project administrator*

My family. They mean everything to me. They're always there for me and for one another and they bring so much love, happiness and joy into my life. I would do anything for them. And vice versa.



**Jill Eicher**  
*Veterinary student*

Pets and animals, generally, because they bring joy to everyone around them and create a common bond between strangers. I mean, who doesn't love to talk about their pet(s) with anyone who'll listen?



**Pat Venetz**  
*Coast Guard*

I'm torn between two things I find great value in. The first is my connections, both with nature and with other living beings. And the second is empathy — probably because I'm a mental health counselor here in the Bay Area and therefore understand just how valuable empathy is.



**Nora Petrillo**  
*Retired*

I would have to say time, because there just never seems to be enough of it. I thought that once I retired, I'd have plenty of time to do whatever I want, but that's just not the case. I wish each day were at least 27 hours long so that I'd have time to accomplish everything I'd like to get done and see everyone I'd like to see.



**Laura Romero**  
*Running global partnerships*

Definitely the good humans in my life. I truly value their presence and embrace the relationships I have with them because they are kind, compassionate, inclusive and help to make the world a better place.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Holiday marathon

Tri-Valley Community Television is tapping into the spirit of the season, with an ongoing broadcast schedule featuring the holiday tree lightings from Pleasanton and Dublin and the holiday parade and lighting in Livermore from earlier this month, plus a recorded celebration from the opening of Deacon Dave's lights display in Livermore.

Regular holiday programming continues on TV30 now through Saturday evening, when the Christmas Eve slate will shift to "Sounds of the Holidays" with holiday background music with video loop from 6 p.m. to midnight.

On Christmas Day this Sunday, TV30 will play a daylong marathon of its holiday programming of the parades, tree lightings and Deacon Dave's along with sounds from Cantabella Children's Chorus. Go to tv30.org for more details.

### UC-workers deal

The University of California announced a tentative agreement with its student workers last Friday evening, signaling the end of the largest-ever higher education strike in the nation's history.

After 32 days of the academic workers' strike, which affected all 10 campuses of the UC system around California, the bargaining teams and the university reached an agreement that would yield up to 66% increases in wages over the next two and a half years. Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg stepped in to mediate between the two parties.

In addition to wage increases, the tentative agreements also include expanded benefits for parent workers, greater rights for international workers, protections against bullying and harassment, improvements to accessibility, workplace protections, and sustainable transit benefits.

—Ugur Dursun, Bay City News

### Chief's Advisory Panel

The city of Dublin is soliciting applications through next Thursday at 5 p.m. for its new Police Chief's Advisory Panel.

Coming out of the city's Community Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Chief Garrett Holmes and Dublin Police Services are creating the 12-member panel with the goal of starting in January.

"The panel will serve as an advisory resource that will provide feedback to the chief on ways to enhance police-community relations. Police Chief Holmes will appoint the 12 members, who must either live or work or own a business in Dublin," city officials said. To learn more, visit dublin.ca.gov. ■

## New all-wheel pump track set to roll into Livermore

Community initiative brings latest amenity to Sunken Gardens Skate Park

**By CIERRA BAILEY**  
An all-wheel pump track is coming to Livermore's Sunken Gardens Skate Park in 2023, following the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board's unanimous approval of the project last month.

Construction on the track is

scheduled to begin next month at the park located at 3800 Pacific Ave., situated just behind East Avenue Middle School.

The project is expected to take about three months to complete at a cost of \$839,344.25. Spohn Ranch, a skate park design and construction firm based in Southern

California, is the vendor selected by LARPD to build the track.

Pleasanton-based O'Dell Engineering assisted LARPD with the design and engineering specifications of the project. The firm will also continue to project manage the effort along with Fred Haldeman, LARPD's parks and facilities

manager, according to an LARPD staff report.

The forthcoming track is the result of a years-long community effort initiated by Mike Ralph — a Livermore resident, bike industry professional and new LARPD Foundation trustee. Members of

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CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown (center) plays a rally of pickleball alongside members of the Tri-Valley Pickleball Club to demonstrate the new courts at Muirwood Community Park.

## Pleasanton celebrates new public pickleball courts

Opened recently at Muirwood Community Park

**By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Over the last few years, pickleball has grown in popularity — not just in the Tri-Valley, but across the country. Now, after months of construction, pickleball fans in Pleasanton have courts to play on in Muirwood Community Park.

"I am so pleased to be here at this historic event for us as we see the opening of these beautiful new pickleball courts here in Pleasanton," Mayor Karla Brown said during a ribbon cutting ceremony for the six new courts last week.

The ceremony on Dec. 14 included a demonstration where Brown rallied with members of the Tri-Valley Pickleball Club, who helped city staff facilitate the construction of the courts through several community input meetings.

"Whether it's the fitness benefits, which I'm really out of breath ... or the benefits of just socializing with one another ... these courts will enrich the lives of others, as well as the

Muirwood community," Brown said.

Robert Beanland, vice president of the Tri-Valley Pickleball Club's Board of Directors, told the crowd of about 40 residents and city staff that Pleasanton really stepped up in providing a much needed amenity to the community.

"As the largest permanently dedicated, open pickleball facility in the entire Tri-Valley, Pleasanton has absolutely stepped up to meet the needs of the citizens of the growing pickleball community with this fabulous sports (facility) here at Muirwood Community Park," Beanland said.

He added that in 2021, pickleball grew to 4.8 million players across the United States, according to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association. He said that it is due to an 11.5% annual growth rate over each of the last five years.

"The Tri-Valley Pickleball Club has tracked over 1,000 people playing on a monthly basis every month on the 12 open public

courts here in the Tri-Valley area," Beanland said. "This Muirwood park facility will grow the number of courts by 50% and we expect the number of players to grow even more."

The pickleball club was established as a 501(c)(7) nonprofit back in February and has since grown to 280 members who participate in holding tournaments and introductory clinics.

Plans to construct these courts, which were completed and opened to the public a couple of weeks ago in November, were first brought to the attention of the City Council back in early 2021.

Then, through extensive evaluations and community input gathering, city staff identified Muirwood as the best location for the new courts, according to a staff report from the July 19 council meeting.

"The community engagement process and the advocacy for the sport on behalf of pickleball

## Maher is new PUSD board president

Carreon picked as VP; new trustees take oath of office

**By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees had a leadership makeover last week as Steve Maher was named board president and two new trustees joined the board.

Maher, who has been serving as the vice president of the board for the last year, was selected as president for a second time after

taking on the role in 2020. He will be succeeding Mark Miller, who is leaving the board after opting not to seek reelection along with Trustee Joan Laursen.

"Things are really, I think, very positive and moving in a positive direction thanks to our community, quite frankly," Maher told the Weekly regarding the district's last couple of years having to deal with the pandemic, administrative turnover and facility improvements.

Maher was first elected to the board in 2016 and is currently serving his second term, which ends in 2024. The longtime educator has over 40 years of experience in teaching and administrative work in almost every PUSD school site.

Trustee Mary Jo Carreon will be taking over Maher's old position as vice president at the reorganization meeting Dec. 15.

Carreon, a teacher for 26 years in the district, is currently serving her



Steve Maher

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# EBRPD opens new interpretive pavilion at Shadow Cliffs

Facility includes educational exhibits, cultural and historical displays

By NICOLE GONZALES

A new outdoor pavilion has been installed in one of the East Bay Regional Park District's most visited recreational areas, Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton.

The new structure will provide a number of resources to guests, including information on local wildlife, native plants, and activities available at Shadow Cliffs.

Last week, a ribbon cutting ceremony took place in celebration of the pavilion's opening. Members of the EBRPD board, along with donors and park staff, gathered on site to welcome guests and share personal reflections.

The 1,000-square-foot exhibit also features a staging area and educational exhibits on the cultural and

historic aspects of Shadow Cliffs.

Funding for the project was provided through a California State Parks grant, the Regional Parks Foundation and a variety of other private sources and donors.

Two notable Pleasanton philanthropists, Nancy and Gary Harrington, offered a gift of \$200,000 toward the pavilion installation. The Harringtons had initially formed the project idea in 2014. Nearly a decade later, their vision has come to fruition.

"Gary and I started on this project to bring an interpretive Pavilion to this site eight years ago. We wanted something for children to learn more about their environment and where better to do it than in our backyard, Shadow Cliffs," Harrington told the Weekly. "The pavilion is beautiful,

informational, child friendly and very sustainable. We think it will be the envy of many parks."

"The real benefit, we hope, will be for lots of children in the valley to visit Shadow Cliffs not just for swimming and to picnic but to walk through the interpretive center, learn what to look for, and take a walk through the nature area," she added.

Staff and park leadership also shared their reflections on the new installation.

"The nature pavilion is an important new facility that helps advance the Park District's mission of providing healthy recreational opportunities and environmental education," said Sabrina Landreth, EBRPD general manager. "We are proud to provide yet another improvement and enhanced experience for the



EBRPD

East Bay Regional Park District leaders and staff gather for the new interpretive pavilion ribbon cutting event held on Dec. 15 at Shadow Cliffs.

community."

The EBRPD acts as a system of outdoor recreational areas for the public to enjoy. It comprises 73 parks and over 1,300 miles for hiking trails, horseback riding and other

activities. Many park locations and visiting centers offer free activities or educational materials related to the local ecology and nature, as well as information on the nearby wildlife and sustainability. ■

## Bay Area counties urge protection against winter respiratory viruses

Health officials: Flu and RSV activity higher than normal for mid-December

Health officials in all 11 counties in the greater Bay Area encouraged the region's residents last week to protect themselves from COVID-19, flu and other respiratory viruses during the winter holidays.

In a joint statement, the health officials from all 11 counties and the city of Berkeley — which operates as an independent public health

jurisdiction — said residents should get vaccinated against COVID and the flu if they have yet to do so as well as a COVID booster vaccine if they are eligible.

COVID and flu vaccines are both available to all residents aged 6 months and older. The currently available COVID booster vaccine also protects against two strains

of the highly contagious omicron variant.

The health officials also urged Bay Area residents to stay home if sick and wear a mask in indoor spaces.

People should also test for COVID before attending an indoor gathering or event and seek treatment for any respiratory virus if necessary.

"Across the Bay Area, respiratory

viruses impact the most vulnerable, including young children, the immunocompromised, people living in crowded housing or congregate living facilities, and seniors, especially at skilled nursing facilities," the health officers for all 11 counties and the city of Berkeley said.

State and local health officials have signaled in recent weeks that

transmission of respiratory viruses like COVID, the flu and respiratory syncytial virus are already starting to overwhelm health care systems and facilities.

Flu and RSV activity in particular is higher than normal for mid-December and all three viruses are affecting large numbers of both older adults and young children.

Information about how to avoid winter respiratory viruses and get vaccinated can be found via the state website, [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov), as well as an individual county's public health department. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

## SUNKEN

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the biking and skating community along with local skate businesses and bike shops also threw their support behind the initiative.

Ralph said that spreading awareness and conveying the need for the track was a challenge throughout the process. "As bike parks and pump tracks are growing quite a bit around the country, it's still not

on everybody's radar. It's not like a tennis court or a pickleball court," he said, adding:

"It appeals to kind of a niche of the community, so I always approach this as something for everybody." He also noted that the goal of inclusivity is why the new track is friendly for all wheels.

"Most pump tracks are dirt and built for bikes but this being a cement park will appeal to roller skaters, skateboarders, scooters

and wheelchairs," Ralph said.

The existing facility is Livermore's only skate park and currently features ramps and a stunt course for bicycles, skateboards and scooters. However, Ralph told the Weekly that as one of the most-used park facilities in town, it often gets very crowded with riders which is one of the top reasons the new track is needed.

The initial idea for the addition to the skate park was sparked

about nine years ago when Ralph would walk his dogs nearby and he noticed the big empty field where people would build makeshift bike jumps out of dirt. "They would build them and then (LARPD) would come through and flatten them because it's just such a big liability."

Seeing this prompted Ralph to schedule a meeting with the LARPD general manager at the time and propose a formal, safer bike park. He was advised to do some research on how other cities approach this type of project. After visiting other bike parks throughout the state and gathering information, he put together a report

with another community member detailing what it would take to bring a bike park to Livermore.

Due to a number of delays — including transitions within LARPD leadership and the COVID-19 pandemic — the project was stalled for a number of years until finally receiving the green light at the LARPD board's Nov. 9 meeting.

The project has been found to align with the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and includes considerations for the surrounding neighbors. For example, the track will not have lights, according to Ralph. "It's going to be a great asset to the community for years," he said. ■

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CIERRA BAILEY

Sunken Gardens is currently Livermore's only skate park and one of the city's most-used outdoor facilities.

# Museum on Main announces 2023 Speaker Series lineup

Scholar-actors bring historical figures to life on Firehouse Arts stage

By NICOLE GONZALES

Museum on Main has announced the lineup for its 2023 Ed Kinney Speaker Series, the 14th season of shows highlighting historical figures to be hosted at Pleasanton's own performance and cultural hub, the Firehouse Arts Center.

From January through October, the "An Afternoon or Evening With ..." series will feature 10 individual performances. In-person shows will take place at the Firehouse at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton, with virtual viewings available afterward.

"People have been clamoring to find out who will be visiting Pleasanton for the 2023 speaker series," said Rachel Brickell, series coordinator and director of education for the museum.

"We have an exciting lineup for 2023, including Chautauqua actors

and other performers portraying famous historical individuals such as courageous suffragist Alice Paul, powerful abolitionist Frederick Douglass, iconic singer Cass Elliot, fearless pilot Chuck Yeager and brilliant author Mary Shelley," Brickell added.

According to the museum, tickets for the series typically sell out quickly, with last year's series welcoming over 3,000 guests. The museum has said that many general entrance tickets are still currently available for both the afternoon and evening performances.

The museum will also host a remote option available for the shows, titled "A Virtual Viewing".

"With demand so high, we recommend attendees purchase tickets well in advance," said Brickell. "If an in-person performance is sold-out, we offer a virtual viewing a



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Chautauqua scholar Jim Armstead portrays Frederick Douglass.

week after the in-person performance. This ensures more people have a chance to experience the performance."

Museum members were able to purchase tickets ahead of general sale times, only general admission

tickets are now on sale.

Prices for admission vary, with tickets costing \$25 and discounted options open for \$20 for seniors and students.

Renditions of the shows will incorporate a performance style known as Chautauqua.

"Chautauqua performances are a unique way for people, young and old alike, to engage with history," said Sarah Schaefer, the museum's executive director. "The performance style links acting and scholarship together to bring historical characters to life on stage."

She explained how Chautauqua performers will be giving a monologue in their characters and then host a question-and-answer period while still in character.

Live performances are held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Virtual viewings are made possible

at a later date of the initial show. Additional information on tickets, the series and the museum are available on the Museum on Main website, [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org). ■

## 2023 'An Afternoon or Evening with...' show schedule

- Golda Meir: Jan. 10 (Jan. 17 virtual)
- Frederick Douglass: Feb. 7 (Feb. 14)
- Robert F. Kennedy: March 28 (April 4)
- Nikola Tesla: April 18 (April 25)
- Robert Frost: May 9 (May 16)
- Alice Paul: June 13 (June 20)
- Cass Elliot: July 25 (Aug. 1)
- Chuck Yeager: Aug. 15 (Aug. 22)
- Winston Churchill: Sep. 19 (Sep. 26)
- Mary Shelley: Oct. 3 (Oct. 10).

## MAHER

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first term on the board after being elected in 2020 — her term also ends in 2024. She spent two decades as a second grade teacher at Alisal Elementary School.

"I am very honored and happy to serve as vice president this year," Carreon told the Weekly. "With the passage of Measure I, I am looking forward to overseeing the important improvements to our facilities made possible by the investment by our community. I also want to continue to focus on our equity work as a district as well as our efforts which started with the Covid pandemic to ensure students, staff and family are safe."

Carreon referred to the \$395 million general obligation bond, Measure I, which Pleasanton residents also approved this election cycle with 57.20% of residents voting Yes (15,710 votes) and 42.80% No (11,757 votes) — needing better than 55% to pass.

Funding from the bond will go toward the first tier phase of the district's Facilities Master Plan, which was approved by the school board in June. It would utilize a tax rate of \$49 per \$100,000 of assessed value for Pleasanton property owners to

fund that first tier round of projects which includes gym and theater constructions at both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools as well as new classrooms at Vintage Hills Elementary.

Maher also shared similar sentiments, saying that with several construction projects from the \$270 million Measure II bond that passed in 2016 being completed and with Measure I passing, the district is moving in a positive direction that will benefit everyone.

"We've set ourselves up for 20, 30 years ... with the district being in good shape," he said. "We have great academics, we have great teachers — now we're going to have great facilities."

One of Maher's goals, he said, coming in as president is to help students who might have fallen back in their studies during the height of the pandemic.

"They just had a very difficult time and so we are finding out that a lot of our students lost and so we're putting a lot of emphasis and money into helping them," he said.

During the organizational meeting, Superintendent David Haglund and Alameda County Board of Education Trustee Cheryl Cook-Kallio also swore in PUSD's newly elected trustees, Laurie Walker and Justin Brown.

Walker and Brown were the first trustees to join the board after the district transitioned to a district-based election format.

Brown, who was unopposed, will be representing Area 5, which includes Vintage Hills and Hearst elementary schools, Pleasanton Middle School and part of Foothill High School's attendance area.

Before joining the district, he previously served on the Pleasanton Planning Commission for six years, including a turn as chairperson. Prior to that, he sat on the city's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee for three years.

Brown is also a parent of three current PUSD students.

Walker, who had three children graduate from PUSD schools, will also be coming on to the board for the first time having won the Area 2 seat by majority vote this past November after beating her main challenger Urvi Shah.

The Area 2 seat will represent the areas of Fairlands Elementary and Hart middle schools, as well as another part of Foothill's attendance area.

Walker, an administrative secretary at Amador Valley High, led the race from the beginning on Election Night and ended with 57.88% (1,902) of Pleasanton residents voting for her

on the three-candidate ballot.

Maher said that as board president, one of his jobs is to teach the new trustees how to make informed decisions that represent their values, but primarily focus on what's best for the students.

"As I tell the new board members when I meet with them, it's like I

was told when I was new ... vote your conscience, vote for what you stand for, what you feel," he said. "Everything I have in my mind is what's best for children. If I base my vote on what is best for students and children, then generally I can't go wrong and so try to stay on that focus, on what is best for students." ■

## PICKLEBALL

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players in the Tri-Valley helped to inform the City Council ... in the rising interest in popularity of the sport and how we need a facility here in Pleasanton," Brown said.

It was during the July 19 meeting that the council allowed staff to move forward with the project and awarded Mauri Construction Company with \$442,532 to take

two of the four existing tennis courts and build the now six dedicated pickleball courts in the park.

The overall project, which also included resurfacing the existing basketball court and four tennis courts, cost \$513,000 but the city only paid just over half of that. The city had \$250,000 already available through the capital investment projects funds and also allocated \$36,000 from the annual playground renovation capital investment project fund.

The remaining \$227,000 came

from a Proposition 68 grant that the city had previously applied for in order to fund the project.

"Since the gates opened a few weeks ago, we've seen big crowds here of 40 or more people, all skill levels, all age groups playing together on these amazing courts," Beanland said. "As our membership continues to grow, we look forward to working with even more people in Pleasanton and to further improve their facilities here to help keep pace with the growth here in Pleasanton." ■

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# Two major Goodwill branches merge

New 'Goodwill of the San Francisco Bay' will serve Tri-Valley, greater region

By NICOLE GONZALES

Nonprofit Goodwill, known for its second-hand retail stores and donation centers, has announced a merger between two of its Northern California branches.

With an approximate service population of 5 million, the merger will impact shoppers and employees of stores in the Tri-Valley and greater Bay Area region.

Goodwill San Francisco and Goodwill of the Greater East Bay will now join operations, resulting in the newly formed "Goodwill of the San Francisco Bay". The newly formed Goodwill district will serve the greater San Francisco Bay Area, an area that covers 4,000 square miles and includes the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and others.

The nonprofit, which uses funds for job training programs and other community services, has been operating in the Bay Area since 1916, running over 30 storefront locations and donation centers. Two of the storefront and donation centers are

located within the Tri-Valley, with one in Livermore and one in Dublin.

In late October, Goodwill San Francisco Bay held a "Bridging of the Bay" event to recognize and celebrate the new sector. Hosted by Goodwill SF Bay President and CEO William Rogers, the presentation took place on Treasure Island.

"This merger of Goodwills is about expanding opportunity and life possibilities for some of the most vulnerable populations in the Bay area," Rogers said at the event. "(There are) people who have often been considered unemployable, individuals who are emerging from homelessness, incarceration and those who have limited skill levels or who have simply fallen on hard times."

"The Bridging of the Bay event is not only to celebrate our coming together," Rogers continued. "But to celebrate all of the individuals who, with the help of programs at Goodwill San Francisco Bay have and will continue to transform their lives through training and the power

of work."

According to Goodwill officials, 90% of revenue generated goes directly to programs that are "helping at-risk individuals with high barriers to employment develop skill sets and paid work histories."

"Goodwill SF Bay hopes the event raises awareness about how simply donating gently used items and shopping at Goodwill stores supports the nonprofit's ability to provide paid employment and critical workforce development programs," officials said.

"Goodwill is proud to be one of the only nonprofit organizations to offer employment with benefits, individualized career services, and professional skill development and certifications, all under one roof," they added.

The Goodwill storefronts and donation centers impacted by the merger will see additional collaboration and resources provided to them by the parent organization in the coming months, according to officials. ■



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# BART board selects Li as new president

Foley picked to serve as VP for next year

BART's governing board voted unanimously last week to appoint board member Janice Li as the body's next president.

Li, who has served as the BART Board of Directors' vice president throughout 2022, represents the transit agency's eighth district, which includes the western portion of San Francisco and partial representation of the Montgomery, Embarcadero and Balboa Park stations.

Li was first elected to the board in 2018 and was reelected in November 2022 after running unopposed.

She thanked Director Rebecca Saltzman, the board's outgoing president, for her mentorship and called for the transit agency to be ambitious and try new things in the coming year.

"The willingness to try and push ourselves both individually and as a district to do more, to do better, to try something, I think that has gotten us so far when we think about fares, to opening bathrooms, to (transit-oriented development), to how we can better serve our employees and our riders," Li said at the Dec. 15 meeting.

The board also voted 8-1 to name Director Mark Foley as the board's vice president. Foley represents a portion of Contra Costa County that includes the North Concord/Martinez, Pittsburg/Bay Point and Antioch stations.

Foley previously served as the

board's president in 2021 and as vice president in 2020.

Board Director Debora Allen was the only dissenting vote and proposed Director Liz Ames for vice president, arguing that every BART board president and vice president since 2018 has represented at least part of San Francisco or Contra Costa County.

Ames' district spans southern Alameda County, including the

Fremont, South Hayward, Union City and Warm Springs stations. The board voted 3-6 against installing Ames as vice president.

"At the end of the day, it's about growing our ridership and we will need to really look outside the box to do everything we can to maximize those non-commuters that could be using BART for everyday travel," Foley said. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

## Winter Wonderland drone show

The holiday drive-in movie program at the Alameda County Fairgrounds continues on two nights next week, with a festive Winter Wonderland drone show opening the event each evening (shown). The Disney animated classic "Frozen" will be shown on Tuesday and the Wednesday movie will be "Abominable, Find Your Way Home". In addition to a range of food, drinks and holiday treats for sale, the program will also feature New Year's resolution cube trees where attendees can write their 2023 goals before Jan. 1. The fairgrounds is also partnering with "One Warm Coat" for a donation drive. Gates for the event open at 4:30 p.m., with the show starting at 6 p.m. each night. For tickets, visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Foothill band director charged with lewd conduct against minor while at prior district

Foothill High School director of bands Efrain Hinojosa faces a criminal charge this month for an alleged sex crime against a teenage student 10 years ago during his time working in the Ceres school district just outside Modesto.

Hinojosa, 40, was arrested on the Foothill campus in Pleasanton on Dec. 6 just before school started at 7:48 a.m. by the Ceres Police Department on suspicion of multiple charges of sex crimes against a minor.

A formal charge of oral copulation against a minor was filed by the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office on Dec. 14, according to Ceres police, but a copy of the criminal complaint was not immediately available.

Hinojosa, who has worked in the full-time teaching position as bands director at Foothill for more than six years, was placed on administrative leave as of his arrest and that leave will be unpaid now that charges

have been filed, according to Pleasanton Unified School District spokesman Patrick Gannon.

Gannon said the case does not involve a Pleasanton student. The Pleasanton Police Department confirmed Hinojosa has not been the subject of any investigation by the department.

Hinojosa was released from jail after posting bail following his arrest earlier this month and has not yet been arraigned in court, according to the DA's office.

Attempts to reach Hinojosa last week were unsuccessful. It was not immediately clear whether he was represented by an attorney yet.

Foothill principal Sebastian Bull informed the school community about Hinojosa's criminal charges in a statement released on the night of Dec. 14.

"I can confirm that the Ceres Police Department, who have been leading the investigation, notified us that the charges have no connection to his work in our District and relate to a single incident in another community," Bull stated. "Mr. Hinojosa is on leave from work and not



Efrain Hinojosa

allowed on any PUSD campus.

"I realize that this concerning information may raise many questions among our members of our school community. The District is limited in the information that we receive and can offer — however we are committed to providing students with the support they need during this time," Bull continued, adding:

"While it is difficult to share and hear this unsettling information, I did want to be forthright with our school community about this situation. We understand that this news is upsetting and encourage students to reach out to a trusted adult — we will have additional counselors and support available on campus. Students and families are also encouraged to utilize PUSD's Wellness and Self-Care Resources for Teens."

PUSD is working to recruit a certificated teacher or retiree to serve as the interim band director at Foothill as soon as possible, according to Gannon.

Hinojosa taught AP music theory, color guard and percussion classes at Foothill, as well as led the Falcons' wind ensemble, symphonic band and concert band, according to his biography on the Foothill website.

Educated at California State University Stanislaus, Hinojosa was employed as band director at Central Valley High School in Ceres from August 2010 to June 2016, and also previously worked at Granite Bay High School in Granite Bay and Lincoln High School in Stockton, according to his bio.

According to authorities, the investigation that started last month centered on Hinojosa's time at Central Valley High about a decade ago.

"Recently, Ceres Unified School

District personnel was made aware of allegations of inappropriate conduct against former Central Valley High School music teacher Efrain Hinojosa," Beth Parker Jimenez, communications specialist for CUSD, told the Weekly.

"Upon learning of these allegations, staff immediately contacted local law enforcement and cooperated with the police investigation," she said.

Ceres police said they were informed on Nov. 8 of allegations against Hinojosa "related to having an inappropriate sexual relationship with a high school student approximately 10 years ago."

Detectives from Ceres investigated the case and arrested Hinojosa at the high school on Foothill Road in Pleasanton on the morning of Dec. 6 on suspicion of multiple counts of statutory rape and oral copulation. The DA's office ultimately filed one count of oral copulation against Hinojosa last week, according to police.

Hinojosa remains out of custody after posting bail on the day of his arrest to get released from the Stanislaus County Public Safety Center, police said.

"Both the Pleasanton Unified School District and the Ceres Unified School District have been cooperative in this matter," police said.

The Ceres PD investigation is ongoing and anyone with information related to the case can contact Detective Julio Amador at 209-538-5729 or email at Julio.Amador@ci.ceres.ca.us. Anonymous tips can be sent to the Stanislaus area "Crime stoppers" hotline at 1-866-60-CRIME or 209-521-4636.

—Jeremy Walsh

## In other news

- The Massachusetts-based company that operates T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and HomeGoods was ordered to pay over \$2 million in a stipulated judgment for the unlawful disposal of hazardous waste, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office announced this month.

TJX owns approximately 340 T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and HomeGoods stores in California, the DA said, 10 of which are located in Alameda County.

Between 2016 and 2021, TJX companies improperly disposed of hazardous waste in trash bins which went to municipal landfills, the DA said. These landfills were not authorized to accept hazardous waste, some of which included aerosol cans, batteries, electronic devices, and cleaning agents.

The law requires that hazardous waste generated in the normal course of retail business be labeled and put in segregated containers to make sure that incompatible wastes do not mix and cause dangerous chemical reactions.

TJX was ordered to pay a stipulated judgment of \$2.05 million, including \$1.8 million in civil penalties, \$300,000 in supplemental environmental projects, and \$250,000 in reimbursement of investigative and enforcement costs.

The DA claims that this is the second time that TJX mismanaged hazardous waste in California. The prosecution was led by Alameda, but also the district attorneys of Riverside, San Joaquin, Yolo and Monterey counties. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Kathleen Lee Benassini

June 15, 1942 – January 27, 2022

Kathleen Benassini, loving mother and grandmother passed at her home in San Ramon, CA on January 27, 2022. Kathleen was born to William and Mary Linthicum on June 15, 1942 in Baltimore, MD.



Kathleen moved to CA in 1959 and graduated from Castro Valley HS in 1960. After graduating from high school she started working at Brockway, then onto The Nevada Club, Anchor Hocking, Parker-Hannifer, Payless, Latchford and finishing her career at Neo-Tech Spring Corp. with her husband Paul.

On December 28, 1981 Kathleen married the love of her life Paul Benassini. They spent 40 loving years together rarely being apart. Together they enjoyed working with each other, traveling on cruises, bowling, going to Reno and spending time with their 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Hosting holidays was a highlight in their home and will always be cherished.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents Mary Lade, William Linthicum, brother Dale Linthicum and soul mate husband Paul Benassini.

She is survived by her daughter Cassandra Martinez, stepchildren Paul Benassini, Natalie Garrett, Rebecca Benassini-Lyons and Monica Stockham and 13 grandchildren Aubrey, Ashley, Sara, Tyler, Brooke, Nichole, Nicholas, Cora, Katie, Gia, Alex, Luke and Canyon and her sister-in-law Robin Linthicum.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA followed by a Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to The Salvation Army.

PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Dec. 12

#### Theft

- 7:34 a.m., 600 block of Sylvaner Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 11:41 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; auto theft
- 3:02 p.m., 2500 block of Tapestry Way; theft from auto
- 7:26 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Burglary

- 9:22 a.m. on the 1200 block of Quarry Lane

#### Drug violation

- 8:18 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Dec. 11

#### Warrant arrest

- 3:01 a.m. on the 500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Assault/battery

- 9:33 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 12:34 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Theft

- 9:52 a.m., 7600 block of Hillsdale Court; catalytic converter theft
- 1:58 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 2:36 p.m. on the 7300 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 3:56 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 4:53 p.m., 4400 block of Sutter Gate Avenue; catalytic converter theft

#### Vandalism

- 2:09 p.m. on the 4200 block of Hacienda Drive
- 5:32 p.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 5:56 p.m. on the 1400 block of Cedarwood Lane

### Dec. 10

#### Theft

- 4:03 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:25 p.m., 200 block of Spring Street; theft from auto
- 7:48 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Drug violation

- 5:10 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

#### Warrant arrest

- 5:45 p.m. on the 500 block of Rosewood Drive

### Dec. 9

#### DUI

- 6:14 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Corte Sierra

#### Theft

- 10:10 a.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 2:10 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:17 p.m., 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; catalytic converter theft
- 5:10 p.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; bicycle theft

#### Fraud

- 11:29 a.m. on the 4100 block of Silver Street

#### Domestic battery

- 4:20 a.m. on Sonoma Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 8:21 p.m. at West Angela Street and Peters Avenue
- 10:01 p.m. on the 4700 block of First Street



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Amador boys' basketball wins Dons City Classic

Also: Foothill boys' soccer racks up two wins in same week over Deer Valley

The Amador Valley boys' basketball team enjoyed a nice run at the Dons City Classic hosted by Arroyo, as Pleasanton's Dons won both their games and took the championship.

The opening game saw Amador knock off Irvington 65-58. Colton Cash led the way with 22 points, including five 3-pointers. Mateo Jackson added 18 points with a pair

of trey bombs.

Javier Gros had 10 points for the Dons, who led by 10 at the break before holding off a slight Irvington comeback in the second half.

In the championship, Amador faced the host — the Arroyo Dons — and found themselves looking up at a 16-10 deficit at the end of the first quarter. Amador rallied for a 19-13

second quarter edge, and the game was tied at the half at 29-29.

After a good offensive quarter for both teams, Amador led by two points heading into the fourth. It was there Amador pulled away, outscoring Arroyo 15-6 to take home the tournament championship.

Cash had 14 to lead the Amador Dons, including a perfect 5-for-5 from the free-throw line. Tyler Cheng added 11 points, with Yindja Fungula adding 11 as well.

Jackson ended up being named MVP of the tournament, with Cash getting a spot on the All-Tournament team.

#### Foothill boys' soccer

The Falcons ended up playing Deer Valley two times last week and rolled to a pair of wins, outscoring the Wolverines 13-0 in the two games.

The first was a non-league, regular-season game and was a 7-0 win. Alejandro Ramirez, Ryan Bongiorno,

Matthew Tahir, Anthony Bonev, Tariq Mohammed and Gabe Hersch all scored goals for the Falcons.

Three days later in the first round of the Winter Classic the two met again with the outcome a 6-0 Foothill win.

This time the goal scorers were Harry Herlich, Colin Surridge, Brandon Misquita, Tahir and Alejandro Ramirez (2).

#### Have a great holiday season!

By the time this comes out in print, the kids will be out of school, and hopefully everyone will be in the full holiday celebration mode!

I wanted to take the time to wish all of you a great break and make sure to enjoy the time spent with family and friends.

If you are staying local, make sure to check out the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook for a schedule of holiday high sports locally. If you get chance,

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head out and check out some of our local teams. We are blessed to have talented teams at all levels, in all sports.

As we head towards the first of the year, I also want to thank all of you for taking the time to read this column, and/or the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook, my free subscription features/notebook that covers all things East Bay Athletic League.

Once again, it is free, but you need to sign up on the Pleasanton Weekly website to get it delivered each Tuesday to your inbox.

Right now, one of the features is the EBAL Power Rankings for basketball and soccer. Always discussion worthy, check it out.

Cheers everyone! ■

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

## San Ramon Valley's journey to state championship game

Resilient Wolves tie finale with late touchdown before falling in overtime to Granite Hills

By DENNIS MILLER

At the end of the 2021 high school football season, the San Ramon Valley varsity team could only sit and wonder what could have been after their upset loss in the North Coast Section Division II playoffs.

The Wolves came into the playoffs as the No. 1 seed and a NCS title and a berth in a NorCal playoff game seemed almost a foregone conclusion. Then came the 17-14 loss to Campolindo in the semifinals and it was all about, "what if".

Fast forward to this season. Instead of "what if" by the end of the season, the Wolves saw many hopes and dreams answered as the team advanced all the way to the CIF State 2A Championship game.

And even though the Wolves fell 31-24 in overtime to Granite Hills of El Cajon, there certainly was no "what ifs".

"This was such a fun team to coach," SRV coach Aaron Becker said. "That was the fastest 15 weeks of a season ever. These kids played hard and played for each other."

It seemed like only yesterday when Becker and his staff started plotting out the season.

"You try to treat it like it is 100% a new season," Becker said. "You try not to put expectations on the kids. As a staff had very little expectations in terms of wins and losses."

Which is a smart move given the East Bay Athletic League Mountain Division is arguably the best league in Northern California.

"In the EBAL you know you are going to have a real tough game every week," said Becker. "You look at the

totality of the season and hope you have enough good players at the end of the season."

There were some injuries along the way, but the Wolves still got out to a 5-0 start, with an explosive offense and a tight defense.

"By midseason, we started to realize we were good," Becker said. Then came a two-week stretch where the Wolves fell to McClymonds (CIF State 2-AA finalist) 45-42 and Clayton Valley (NCS D-I finalist) 42-28.

"That was an emotional shootout loss to Mack," Becker said. "We knew Clayton Valley would represent well. We also started to get hit by the injury bug. We knew we had to piece this together."

The next week San Ramon Valley came back with a 24-14 win over Amador Valley.

"We beat a gritty Amador team that had size and held us to our lowest point total of the season," Becker said of the game that stopped the two-game slide. "After that we caught fire and hit our stride."

First came a 38-21 win over Cal High, followed by a 48-20 win over rival Monte Vista to close out the regular season. Two days later the Wolves were awarded the No. 1 seed in the D-II NCS playoffs again. Inexplicably, SRV was sent on the road to Berkeley for their first round game. Becker believes it was a blessing.

"If you are the top seed and you have a home game, you might relax some and feel too comfortable," said Becker. "We had been a really good road team and we went to a place where we didn't expect too many of our fans to show up."

That brought a 56-20 win and a spot in the semifinals against Foothill bringing the team one step closer to the finals.

"Foothill's coaches are very focused, and they had some really good skill guys," Becker said. "Sometimes the game before the championship is the hardest to win. We didn't want to overlook the semifinals again."

And they didn't. Disciplined and focused, the Wolves secured their spot in the finals with a 42-13 win over Foothill.

The same night Campolindo survived a 42-41 win over Rancho Cotate to grab the spot in the finals against SRV. Redemption time.

Campo came into the game 12-0 and were the defending NCS champs. But there was no letdown this time and the Wolves took the NCS title with a 35-21 win.

"They wanted to beat Campo," Becker said of his team. "They were going nuts. We knew by looking at (Campo's) schedule that we would be the best team they had played."

Now it was uncharted territory, with a NorCal matchup at home against traditional power Marin Catholic.

"We knew their history and we knew that CIF doesn't make these NorCal games to be lopsided," Becker said of Marin Catholic. "We felt watching film that we could win this game, but it was the top two teams playing."

On a rainy night, San Ramon Valley did everything they needed and came away with a 19-17 win.

"I thought the rain hurt us more," Becker said. "But the kids gutted it

out." The win gave the Wolves a spot in the CIF State Finals.

"You do think about it," Becker said of a potential state berth. "You think that it would be amazing to get there, but your mind doesn't absorb it." Until you make it.

"Then your brain says — you're going to state," said Becker. "The town really rallied around it — our team is going to state."

It seemed like most of the town of Danville made the trip down to Mission Viejo and Saddleback Junior College for the title game with Granite Hills of El Cajon.

And what a show the team put on, going toe-to-toe with the Southern California champs. Quarterback Luke Baker, who was sensational in the game, found the end zone in the last minute of regulation to tie the game 24-24 and force overtime.

In the extra period, Granite Hills scored on their first possession, forcing the Wolves to also find the end zone to force a second overtime. They fell just short, and the title went to Granite Hills.

"They were all we could handle on the line," Becker said of Granite Hills. "They won fair and square, but we never felt like we lost the game."

When asked if there were any key players that developed over the course of the season to make a difference, Becker had a simple answer.

"There were too many to name," the coach said. From question marks in the summer to Northern California champions in the span of 15 weeks produced quite a ride.

"We were getting to the end of the summer and didn't know who

was going to be the tackles," Becker explained.

Seniors such as Caleb Padrid, Trevor Scott and Laird Wheeler certainly performed very well to end their high school careers by making it to the state final. As for next season, the Wolves are just reloading, not rebuilding.

For starters, Baker, who threw 46 touchdowns on the season, is back. So is top running back John Pau Mendoza, as are the starting tackles for the Wolves. On defense San Ramon returns three starters on the line, two linebackers, and two defensive backs.

"Next year we feel we should be strong," Becker said. "But it's tough finding preseason games — our schedule is not set yet. Then there is the tough league, and the injury bug is always a thought."

One new thing next season — expectations of what could be after going all the way to the state finals this season.

"It makes it more tangible," Becker said of going to state. "It proved that it is not just for the De La Salle's of the world. The mystery of it was removed."

It was a tremendous season for the Wolves, going as far as possible. It was special for the team, coaching staff, and school, and uplifting for the entire community.

It's going to be fun to see the Wolves next season now that they have the experience of going to the state finals under their belts.

And we'll be there in the fall to follow along. ■

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# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW: JANUARY TO JUNE

More normalcy though pandemic lingers — plus a primary election, a national championship and key leadership turnover

By JEREMY WALSH

With the final week of 2022 on the horizon, it's time for us to start saying goodbye to the year that was.

In our typical fashion, the Weekly is reflecting on the previous year in two parts, beginning with January to June 2022 this week.

And what a year it was.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still in the background (and at times sprung into the forefront) after two years, 2022 felt a lot more like the return to normalcy that many hoped 2021 would bring. Look no further than the large-scale events in the Tri-Valley that were fully back this year, including Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week in February, the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Dublin in March and the Alameda County Fair opening in June.

The primary election also

captured many headlines during the first half of the year, with campaigning in the winter and early spring ahead of Election Day on June 7 and eligible ballots being counted for multiple weeks thereafter. Alameda County Sheriff's Cmdr. Yesenia Sanchez defeating her boss, Sheriff Gregory Ahern, outright in a three-candidate primary were among the significant outcomes of the election.

Administrative turnover at the top was another theme for the Tri-Valley throughout January to June, from the selections of Gerry Beaudin (Pleasanton) and Marianna Marysheva (Livermore) as new city managers, to Livermore schools Superintendent Kelly Bowers retiring to multiple local nonprofits and public agencies announcing leadership changes.

Some local projects continued to advance, including the downtown Livermore boutique hotel, the Costco and JDEDZ in Pleasanton and the Mangini Ranch Educational Preserve near Mount Diablo to name just a few.

Tri-Valley residents also shined on a national stage, most notably with the Amador Valley High School We the People competition civics team winning the U.S. championship. Locals also appeared on TV game shows such as "MasterChef Jr.," "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy!"

That's just a snapshot of all of the standout stories — positive, negative and everywhere in between — that we covered this year in the Pleasanton Weekly, LivermoreVine.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com. Enjoy this look-back at our top storylines from January to June 2022. ■



CHUCK DECKERT

Community leaders in Tulancingo, Mexico, joined by sister city delegates from Pleasanton in April, debuted a new bronze sculpture honoring late Pleasanton resident "Señor Bob" Athenour.

## JANUARY

- Pleasanton City Council holds the first legally mandated public hearing before it can draw districts and switch from at-large to district elections.

- The city of Pleasanton says it expects to receive the results of the latest Livermore Municipal Airport noise study, conducted in the last half of 2021, by the end of January

- Livermore artist Carolyn Lord reveals about how she draws inspiration from local architecture and vernacular landscape to bring to life her watercolor works, which often feature city landmarks of the past and present.

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended its emergency use authorization of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine, allowing children ages 12-15 to get a booster vaccine dose.

- Details emerge about a federal complaint filed against the city of San Ramon, its police department and chief, and several of the force's officers — one of at least two in 2021 alleging excessive use of force and constitutional violations by San Ramon police officers currently going through federal court.

- Three different maps proposed for use in future Pleasanton Unified School District trustee board elections are given an overview at a special town hall meeting ahead of PUSD's conversion to district-based elections.

- Livermore City Council unani-



PUSD

The Amador Valley We the People team, seen here with U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell at the Capitol, won the national championship in Washington, D.C. this year.

mously approves an amended and restated disposition, development and loan agreement with Davis-based hoteliers Presidio Companies to develop the downtown wine country hotel.

- Smoking in multi-unit residents in Alameda County's unincor-

porated areas will be prohibited in July, thanks to an unanimous vote from the county's Board of Supervisors.

- Three candidates for Alameda County sheriff-coroner in the primary election take part in a public forum.

- First-term Dublin City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai becomes the Tri-Valley's first candidate to announce plans to run for California Assembly District 20.

- Pleasanton residents and businesses will start receiving

greener electricity from East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), their new local energy provider, this month.

- The Firehouse Arts Center announces that two of its upcoming shows have been canceled due to the surge in COVID-19 cases.

- The city of Dublin issues a civic alert warning residents and parkgoers of an uptick in coyote sightings at and around Emerald Glen Park.

- Following a two-year stretch of leniency, PUSD and other Tri-Valley districts face a potentially significant drop in revenue next year if the funding formula doesn't change to take into consideration a decrease in enrollment and effects of the pandemic on attendance.

- Brock Uhl, a 17-year-old senior at Amador Valley High School, is introducing new audiences to drag culture by organizing and hosting monthly drag show events in Dublin.

- Ahead of annual negotiations between PUSD and labor groups, the Board of Trustees recently received a crash course on a new approach to navigating negotiations between school administrators and staff members, dubbed interest-based bargaining.

- Former Pleasanton city manager and longtime community leader Nelson Fialho steps up to serve as interim CEO of the recently formed Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF).

- Theodore "Ted" Young, who worked for years as a sergeant with

the Pleasanton Police Department, is facing a murder charge and other felony counts after authorities allege he was drunk when he caused a fatal collision near Sonora.

- Livermore High wrestler Timothy Cowan opens up about returning to the mat for the Cowboys after sustaining a serious neck injury earlier in his career.

- Zone 7 Water Agency announces an increased water allocation of 15% will be given for this year from the State Water Project, up from the initial 0% given by state officials last month.

- Teachers, staff and administration at Resurrection Lutheran Child Development Center in Dublin are seeking a return to normalcy following a difficult start to 2022 that was marked by a closure for an uptick in COVID-19 cases during which the preschool's premises were ransacked in two burglaries.

- A proposed bill by local Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan that would ban charging more for goods marketed to women was unanimously passed off the Assembly floor.

- A potential five-story, mixed-use building on the edge of downtown Pleasanton that drew protest from some residents was rejected as proposed, according to city officials. But the denial may not bring the end of the Harrison Street project.

## FEBRUARY

- The worst of the COVID-19 omicron surge in Alameda County may be over, the county health officer tells the Board of Supervisors.

- A parklet grant program to support restaurants that want to permanently expand their outdoor dining in downtown Pleasanton is approved by the Pleasanton City Council.

- The African American Body of Lab Employees (ABLE) group at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory creates a space for communication, education and exchanging professional resources while also supporting youth and engaging the community.

- Dougherty Valley High School freshman Aryan Agrawal earns third place in U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's Congressional App Challenge for his HealthBuddy app, which aims to help cancer patients and doctors understand symptoms and treatments.

- Dublin resident Janet McCarroll talks about her debut book, "Elizabeth and the Piccadilly Council: When Buckingham Calls".

- Dozens of mountain bikers gather together at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to call attention to



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Sign at Val Vista Park across from Donlon Elementary promotes the neighborhood's desire to keep the school's large grass field intact while the school district has floated the idea of a portion of the land being repurposed for future residential development.

what they say is a lack of trail access for cyclists to use.

- Open Heart Kitchen confirms 2021 was a record-setting year as the Tri-Valley nonprofit served its highest number of meals ever — 2,033,379 — to those in need in the area.

- San Ramon residents are set to have one fewer grocery store available with Nob Hill Foods set to close in March, which a neighborhood advocacy group worries is part of a long-sounding death knell for the Marketplace Shopping Center.

- Pleasanton-based child and family support nonprofit Hively is in the midst of an apparently abrupt leadership transition, appointing Mary Hekl as interim CEO after the departure

of its now-former top executive Kelly O'Lague for unconfirmed reasons.

- Livermore-based On-Site Commercial Services Inc. agrees to pay a nearly \$29,000 penalty for an illegal dumping case brought by the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

- An Alameda County judge denies community group Save Livermore Downtown's petition challenging the city of Livermore's approval of a 130-unit affordable housing development at the southeast corner of the Railroad Avenue and L Street intersection. The group promises to appeal.

- Granada High School's varsity football team will have a new head coach this fall, Marc Moses,

who has led the Matadors' JV team for the past 11 years.

- Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Aubrey Phillips, a Dublin resident who had been assigned to her city's beat for the past seven months, dies after suffering a sudden medical emergency in her patrol car shortly after making an arrest. She was 36.

- California rolls back its mask requirement for vaccinated residents in most indoor spaces.

- Fremont resident Ellen Mai Le, 49, is killed after her bicycle collides head-on with an SUV on rural Mines Road south of Livermore.

- Valley Link announces a leadership change, with deputy executive director and program manager Kevin Sheridan set to take over from current executive director Michael Tree at the end of February.

- Alameda County will join nearly all of the greater Bay Area's 11 counties to lift their indoor mask mandates, aligning them with the state's plans to lift its mask requirements.

- PUSD has lost approximately 700 students over the past five years, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels, according to a new annual enrollment presentation.

- Tri-Valley Conservancy now has interim leadership as new Board Chair Lori Souza is appointed as acting executive director after the sudden resignation of Laura Antrim after roughly five months in the lead role.

- The Pleasanton Weekly bids adieu to longtime Tri-Valley Life editor Dolores Fox Ciardelli as she enters retirement.

- A child and a woman each died at an area hospital after becoming unresponsive in the same swimming pool in Blackhawk, according to the Contra Costa County

Sheriff's Office.

- After a month-long delay, the Pleasanton City Council decides on a final inventory list of housing sites that will be included in the environmental analysis for the upcoming Housing Element update during a lengthy special meeting. Four of the original 28 sites don't make the cut: Mission Plaza, Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare, SteelWave on Pleasanton's east side and Pimlico Drive south.

- Friends, family and Raiders fans celebrate the life of John Madden, former Emmy-winning broadcaster, Super Bowl-winning coach and longtime Pleasanton resident, at RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland. Madden died in December 2021 at age 85.

- Pleasanton Cavaliers host the largest girls-only rugby tournament on the West Coast.

- Livermore City Council receives a report on an outside consultant's analysis of recent police department stop-and-arrest data that concluded "no clearly identifiable or concerning pattern of racial/ethnic disparity" in the encounters that took place during the specified time frame.

- After seven years, Tina Olson is stepping away from her role as director of finance for the city of Pleasanton to join the neighboring city of Livermore as its new administrative services director.

- Outdoor dining and shopping downtown are poised for a big comeback this year, after the Pleasanton City Council approves framework along with a \$100,000 sponsorship for Weekend on Main street closures.

- Pleasanton resident Ana Paula Munaretto, 48, dies at the hospital two days after her car was sideswiped and crashed on Hopyard Road on Valentine's Day morning.

- Police officers fatally shoot a man who allegedly approached them with a knife in hand after initially barricading himself in an apartment amid a domestic violence investigation in Pleasanton. Cody Chavez, 33, of San Jose died at the scene.

- A planned unit development plan to construct 22 single-family homes and 22 accessory dwelling units in the Happy Valley area receives approval from the Pleasanton City Council.

- Taste Tri-Valley Restaurant Week arrives and aims to build on the momentum from the inaugural event in 2021.

- After being placed on paid administrative leave two weeks ago for the second time in his tenure, Bryan Reece, the embattled chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District, is

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Alameda County Sheriff's Office Cmdr. Yesenia Sanchez will be the new sheriff-coroner in 2023 after earning a surprise outright victory over her boss, Sheriff Gregory Ahern, in the three-candidate primary election in June.

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making his exit, following just over a year on the job.

- Livermore Downtown Inc. appoints longtime Livermore resident and marketing professional Ruby Lopez-Villarreal to replace Rachael Snedecor as the organization's executive director.

- Longtime Pleasanton resident Carlo E. Vecchiarelli Jr., who held leadership roles within the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District for decades including 15 years as an elected trustee representing the Tri-Valley, dies after battling cancer. He was 79.

- Following months of research into potential sites for a long sought-after cricket pitch in Pleasanton, city staff are considering how to move forward with the next steps of the process amid a surge of negative feedback from community members on the recommendation of Muirwood Community Park as a site several months ago.

- Amador Valley High competition cheer team wins the Medium Novice Division title at the USA Spirit Nationals.

- A Hayward man was arrested after authorities allege he injured people in separate freeway shootings minutes and miles apart on Sunday morning, including an incident in Livermore that brought one side of Interstate 580 to a standstill.

**MARCH**

- The process to divide the city of Pleasanton into four districts for future elections is ending with the City Council divided over the final map set for adoption, as the council votes 3-2 to formalize the same majority's earlier endorsement of the Tangerine map.

- Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Steve Van Dorn is stepping down from the role he called his "dream job" after nearly four years at the helm, announcing his retirement effective May 1.

- Axis Community Health CEO Sue Compton has announced she is retiring later this spring after a long career with the Tri-Valley nonprofit healthcare agency, including the past 15 years as its leader.

- Andrew Hall, the former Danville police officer who shot and killed unarmed motorist Laudemer Arboleda to end a slow-speed pursuit in 2018, is sentenced to six years in state prison for assault with a firearm. Hall still awaits the decision from the DA's office in their investigation into Hall's other fatal shooting, the March 2021 death of Tyrell Wilson also in Danville.

- The Alameda County Public Health Department aligns with the state's updated masking policy for schools, which includes a move from requiring masks to strongly recommending them.

- As Dublin mother Katernya Bila tries to not worry endlessly about her own mother, who must shelter in a basement several times a day in Kyiv, Ukraine, she's taking action by organizing a donation drive in the Tri-Valley.

- BART will receive nearly \$271 million in relief funding from last year's federal American Rescue Plan Act.

- Eight members of Congress, including Rep. Eric Swalwell, are demanding an investigation into allegations of abuse and misconduct at an all-women federal prison in Dublin.

- Amador Valley and Foothill high schools' joint annual production is returning with a live



KATERNYA BILA/VIA BCN

Ukraine natives Katernya Bila and Oleksandr Bilyi of Dublin and their two children show their support for their country at a rally in San Francisco last winter. Bila organized a donation drive for items needed by war victims.

audience this year, after a disappointing opening night in 2020 at the dawn of the pandemic that saw seats full of stuffed animals rather than people and no show last year.

- A state appellate court panel has denied Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth's challenge of the public approval process for the proposed Costco store and overarching Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, siding with the city over the adequacy of the environmental review completed for the project.

- Eight nonprofits split \$80,000 raised during the 2021-22 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

- The Alameda County Taxpayers' Association files suit, alleging County Supervisor Dave Brown was appointed illegally. They argue Brown needed to be a

pre-established resident; county counsel disagrees with code interpretation.

- Candidate lists are finalized for the June primary election.

- Mike Beckwith is coming to the end of a years-long mission to run every single street in the entire city. He moved to Livermore from Dublin in 2016 and initially started his running journey through Livermore later that year.

- Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate pleads guilty to two federal weapons offenses in connection with the fatal shooting of Pleasanton native Kate Steinle in San Francisco in 2015.

- Family and supporters of both men shot and killed 2-1/2 years apart by the same sheriff's deputy in Danville, Andrew Hall, who was recently sentenced to prison for the first death, gather near the location of the second shooting to mark its one-year anniversary and call for a permanent memorial to both victims.

- University of San Francisco's Pleasanton campus is in its final months before being slated for closure after just under a decade at the Stoneridge Mall Road facility that became the home of the university's Tri-Valley satellite that was first established in San Ramon in 1986.

- Livermore City Council decides unanimously to send a letter to officials in its sister city of Snezhinsk, Russia, calling for the city to stand against Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

- Trustees at the Contra Costa Community College District approve settlement agreements worth more than \$1.5 million combined with two of their highest-ranking administrators who filed individual claims and a joint

lawsuit alleging discrimination and other wrongdoing against the district.

- Dublin holds annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

- Livermore High alum Jeremy Wayne Jones and his girlfriend Christina Lyn Garner are arraigned on murder charges with special circumstances alleging that the fatal shooting and stabbing of a 30-year-old Stockton resident Justin Peoples in Tracy at a gas station was a hate crime.

- Months after voting to approve an ambitious housing project that garnered controversy from neighboring residents and the school district, the Dublin City Council reverses course on the East Ranch development while raising concerns about how alternative paths for the applicant might further limit the discretion of the city.

- Gus the horse, a staple on Main Street in Pleasanton for decades, finds a new home at the Museum on Main after the closure of Christesen's Western Wear.

- Pleasanton City Council votes unanimously to advance the final design concept for a new skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park, but funding for the estimated \$8.5 million construction project remains very much up in the air.

- Labor negotiations between Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and the local firefighters union reach impasse. Wages, staffing and drug testing policy are among the key issues in dispute.

- At least one of the ongoing debates surrounding the Livermore Municipal Airport may be put to rest as officials announce that the proposed KaiserAir expansion project is not likely to move forward.



CIERRA BAILEY

Marianna Marysheva, a former city administrator in Irvine with prior career ties in the Bay Area, was hired as Livermore's new city manager in the spring.

- A half-dozen projects in Tri-Valley communities, as well as a handful of others with county-wide impacts, were earmarked for nearly \$20 million in federal funding thanks to the efforts of U.S. Reps. Eric Swalwell and Mark DeSaulnier.

- After terming out in 2020 based on consecutive years in office, former Livermore mayor John Marchand announces his plans to run for mayor again come November in light of current Mayor Bob Woerner's decision not to seek re-election amid health concerns.

- Livermore kicks off the second phase of the city's ongoing East Avenue Corridor Study to enhance mobility and safety along the stretch between South Livermore Avenue and South Vasco Road.

- A federal lawsuit excoriates Alameda County, the health care company Wellpath LLC and more than two dozen individuals involved with Santa Rita Jail in Dublin for failing to prevent the suicide of pre-trial detainee Jonas Alexander Park with substance abuse and mental health issues.

- Livermore-based Asbury Players Community Theater is set to bid farewell to its longtime director Barbara David and her husband, Dave, who is also the group's set designer, following the upcoming production of "Done to Death".

- Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown commends the communal bonding and resilience of the residents of Pleasanton in the pandemic while highlighting a range of community accomplishments during her 2022 State of the City address.

- Abir Bhatia, an eighth-grader at Gale Ranch Middle School in San Ramon, is competing in the eighth season of "MasterChef Junior", which is airing this spring on Fox.

- Jerry Thorne, the former



COURTESY CITY OF PLEASANTON

The early part of the year saw the Pleasanton community react to a proposed five-story, mixed-use building on the edge of downtown. It was rejected by city staff at the time, but the developer would come back with a similar proposal under new state regulations later in the year.

councilman and four-term mayor who served as a leading voice for the city government amid Pleasanton's growth and evolution during the 2010s, dies unexpectedly at his home in Arizona. He was 77.

- The Tri-Valley Conservancy Board of Directors selects David Epstein as the nonprofit's new executive director.

- The Pleasanton school board votes 3-2 in favor of the boundary map dubbed "Scenario 4" for the district's conversion to trustee area-based elections.

- Water rates are set to go up in Pleasanton effective in the coming weeks after the City Council activates Stage 2 drought rates for all city water customers amid the ongoing supply shortage locally and statewide.

- Stephanie Bell, a Pleasanton native, professional engineer and daughter of Mayor Karla Brown, dies after a nearly five-year battle with breast cancer. She was 30.

- Jen Lenard-Benson takes on the role as the new executive director at Sunflower Hill.

### APRIL

- Longtime deputy fire chief Joe Testa takes on the role of fire chief for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

- Executive Director Michael Tree is leaving the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority to become CEO and general manager of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

- Mangini Ranch Educational Preserve opens near Mount Diablo.

- For the first time in two years and in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), a multimedia exhibit of gritty imagery and eyewitness testimony is being shown at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center.

- A new decision from the state

Court of Appeals for the First Appellate District suggests that Garaventa Hills won't be 'Coming Soon', as the developer's webpage has said for the past five years — and the project may never come at all. The court reverses the Livermore council's 2019 approval of the amended project, finding the city failed to adequately study the no-project option.

- Some San Ramon voters in the southern parts of the city will see a shift in their rail transit district in the next election, leading the nearest BART station in their home district to switch from Walnut Creek to Dublin-Pleasanton.

- Livermore High School teacher Joey Rodriguez is one of a select group of California educators teaching with the Carbon Cleanup Initiative educational toolkit developed by the Livermore Lab Foundation.

- Husband and wife Eric Dat Nguyen, 40, and Khanh "Tina" Tran, 34, admit to bilking Parkwest

Casino 580 in Livermore through an extensive scheme to cheat at baccarat over multiple years, according to state prosecutors.

- A ribbon-cutting ceremony is held to inaugurate the new all-abilities playground at IPAL (Inclusive Play and Learn) Preschool in PUSD.

- Prior to announcing a resignation agreement with the district's former chancellor, trustees and cabinet members at the Contra Costa Community College District received the findings of a damning investigation, new public documents reveal.

- A dry beginning to 2022 prompts the California Department of Water Resources to restrict the State Water Project allocation to suppliers down to 5%, a sizable cutback from the previous 15%, according to Zone 7.

- A whopping 93% of voting members of a nurses union authorize their leaders to call a strike against Stanford and Lucile Packard Children's hospitals. The action does not impact Stanford-ValleyCare facilities.

- People who have been exposed to COVID-19 but are asymptomatic will no longer be recommended to quarantine for any length of time, according to new guidance from the California Department of Public Health.

- The city's inaugural Poetry Walk features 28 poems covering personal journeys, love, loss, the beauty of nature and even a handful acknowledging the places and scenery that make Dublin special.

- Foothill High alum and assistant coach Johnny Millard always aspired to run a high school football program. That day has arrived, as Millard has officially become the next head football coach of the Monte Vista Mustangs.

- A man is shot overnight during a confrontation after he attempted to catch the license plate number of a vehicle that was doing donuts at an intersection in central Livermore.

- The Pleasanton City Council selects a familiar face to be the next city manager — former community development director Gerry Beaudin.

- Drivers in Pleasanton have noticed a new traffic signal operating in the city, a long-planned safety measure at the Bernal Avenue and Nevada Street intersection not far from downtown.

- Alameda County Fair is returning to its familiar summertime slot this year after pandemic disruptions, and officials at the fairgrounds are working to get the community geared up by announcing some of the special events now confirmed.



LFPD

Joe Testa was promoted to chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.



CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A familiar face was hired to fill the Pleasanton city manager vacancy: Gerry Beaudin, who worked for the city as community development director earlier in his career.

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- A 15-year-old girl from Richmond is pronounced dead shortly after she was found seriously injured in a car with an apparent gunshot wound in northern Livermore. A 17-year-old Hayward boy is later arrested on suspicion of committing the murder.

- More than 800 people died while homeless in Alameda County over a three-year period spanning 2018 to 2020, county officials said in their first-ever homeless mortality report.

- Pleasanton City Council reviews plans for many public amenity projects at a special meeting, discussing budget allocations to advance some designs but hitting the pause button on many due to funding questions.

- To honor their commitment to Pleasanton, Bob Williams and Charles Huff are named the 2022 recipients of the Ed Kinney Community Patriot awards.

- A defendant found guilty and sentenced to prison for leading law enforcement on a freeway chase between San Ramon and Dublin three years ago has had that conviction overturned by the California Court of Appeal, citing improper questioning from an officer after the arrest.

- Livermore City Council identifies its top candidate to be the next city manager, Marianna Marysheva, a high-ranking administrator from Irvine who also has prior career and education ties to the Bay Area.

- The scenic stretch of Niles Canyon Road between Fremont and Sunol is closed to accommodate runners, hikers and cyclists for the 2022 Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll.

- In yet another celebration of the 40th anniversary of Dublin's incorporation, the city — in conjunction with Dublin Arts Collective — sponsors the Dublin Paint Out en plein air competition.

- Axis Community Health announces chief operating officer Liz Perez-Howe as the organization's next CEO.

- Gryphon Benn takes the leash as Pleasanton's 2022 Ambassador.

- Dublin educators and community members rally at the district headquarters and Dublin High School, with the goal of garnering support and attention for the unionized teachers' fights for proposals that they say would contend with recruitment and retention struggles in the district.

- The union representing about 5,000 nurses at Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital reaches a



MIKE SEDLAK

Jerry Thorne, who served 15-plus years as a Pleasanton City Council member and mayor, died unexpectedly of natural causes on March 27.

tentative agreement for a new contract to end the ongoing strike.

- A new life-size bronze statue of late Pleasanton resident Bob Athenour is unveiled in Tulancingo, Mexico, where the former teacher and community leader left a lasting impact through the two communities' sister city relationship.

- The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors hires James Cooper, the current leader of the Vallejo chamber, to serve as its next president and CEO.

- A divided Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors votes to continue participating in the planning phase for the ambitious and long-discussed Delta Conveyance Project.

- The PUSD Board of Trustees expresses interest in a conceptual plan to relocate district headquarters to an office building in Hacienda Business Park, a move that could result in a new home for Village High School and a portion of the current site to be sold for future housing.

- Donlon Elementary parents and neighborhood residents rally to appeal to the school district and raise awareness among the community about their desire to retain all of the large green space and play area at the campus that is being considered as an option for potential new housing.

- The competition civics team from Amador Valley High School is the best in the country, winning the national We the People tournament.

MAY

- Livermore voters narrowly approve an extension of the school district's \$138 parcel tax for another seven years. Measure A garners 67.31% Yes in the special election (needing a two-thirds supermajority to pass).

- The Sunol Repertory Theatre is back onstage for two weekends in May, reprising the melodrama it prepared to perform before the Bay Area first shut down two years ago — 'The Treasure of Shiver River'.

- Together with a group of five Alameda County landlords, the

California Apartment Association asks the court to issue preliminary and permanent injunctions to prevent enforcement of the county's eviction moratorium.

- First Weekends on Main opens for the 2022 season in downtown Pleasanton.

- A teenager from Oakley, Sekou Abayomia Brandon, has seen his charges upgraded to include murder after a Livermore woman (Linda Woodward) seriously injured in a car crash allegedly caused by the young man in February recently died at the hospital from her injuries, the Weekly learns.

- Pleasanton resident Javed Wahab, 53, pleads guilty to theft of pandemic relief funds. He admits using \$186,000+ for personal use instead of directing it to his hospice treatment and care company.

- Arick Little, a math teacher at the Pleasanton Virtual Academy, is the winner of Pleasanton Unified School District's Teacher of the Year award.

- Livermore's Altamont Creek Elementary School is named a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, becoming one of four schools in California to receive the nationwide award.

- After 13 years at the helm, Executive Director Jim DeMersman has announced he will retire from Pleasanton's Museum on Main in the fall. Sarah Schaefer, the current education director, has been named as his permanent successor.

- Livermore City Council approves a resolution that charts the course for a new development in the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan area consisting of more than 100 housing units and infrastructure aimed at utilizing and promoting cleaner energy sources for residents' transit needs.

- Nonprofit Hively opens new

Family Resource Center in Dublin.

- Work continues on the Vineyard 2.0 project, which includes supportive housing, resource center, commercial kitchen and dining room in Livermore.

- George "Dr. B" Baljevich, a legendary figure in Tri-Valley local sports and former TV30 commentator, dies at 84.

- Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich releases a statement, condemning the group of masked people who on Saturday held up signs at the corner of Blackhawk Road and Camino Tassajara, saying things like "White Lives Matter" and "Watch Europa the Last Battle".

- Shradha Rachamreddy from Dublin's Quarry Lane School is getting ready for the national competition after being crowned champion of the 2022 California State Spelling Bee.

- Pleasanton attorney Rodman Martin opens up to the Weekly about his experience as a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune" after his episode airs nationally. He won nearly \$30,000 in cash and prizes on the game show.

- The Pleasanton school board paves the way for the district to purchase the Arroyo Center in Hacienda Business Park for \$23.5 million to become the new home of the district headquarters.

- With a new name encompassing the entire valley, Livermore Valley Arts unveils the lineup for its upcoming 15th anniversary season at the Bankhead Theater.

- A large housing development rejected earlier this year after facing a referendum petition is now back on the horizon in Dublin following the City Council's approval of an amendment to the project that will bind it to state housing laws rather than the outcomes of negotiations by local officials.

- The Weekly runs a series of election previews to highlight local candidates as voters get ready for the June 7 primary.

- The city of Pleasanton has appointed former BART official Veronica Thomas as the city's new director of human resources and labor relations. She succeeds former director Debra Gill, who has retired after 22 years with the city.

- The Pleasanton school board agrees to advance to the next phase of pursuing a potential bond measure this November, which could align with funding the district's Facilities Master Plan aimed to help renovate older buildings and modernize classrooms.

- Pleasanton City Council votes unanimously to do away with the proposed Meadowlark Trail following pushback to the project



NATALIE WALSH

The Foothill Falcons captured the 2022 East Bay Athletic League baseball championship.

from residents in the adjacent neighborhood.

- Livermore City Council makes strides in moving two projects forward as part of the ongoing redevelopment of downtown by unanimously approving updated agreements for the Eden Housing affordable housing complex and a proposed black box theater.

- Danville resident Joe Alvarez, 97, looks back at what was gained and what was lost personally and in terms of the country he served during World War II and later in the Korean War.

- Two groups team up in a lawsuit to stop development of the Valley Link commuter light rail system.

- Alameda County prosecutors file charges against Manteca resident Alejandro Valencia Torres Jr., who has prior drunk-driving convictions, for allegedly causing a high-speed crash while intoxicated near Dublin 15 months ago and running from the scene while his passenger Kenia Hernandez Berber lay dying on the freeway after being ejected from the car.

- Tri-Valley REACH (2021) and Linda Garbarino (2022) are honored at the Pleasanton Mayor's Award event, catching up for the canceled event last year amid the pandemic.

- William Nelson has been hired as PUSD's next assistant superintendent of teaching and learning, succeeding retiring Janelle Woodward.

- More than 300 students at Hart Middle School participate in a walkout in response to the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas where 19 children and two teachers were killed at an elementary school one week earlier.

- Carolyn Scott, executive assistant to the vice president of academic services at Las Positas College in Livermore, is recognized with a Classified Employee of the Year Award for her work toward attaining equity for minority students.

- Livermore mom Jacqui Berlim opens up about her activism during her son's drug battle as her Mothers Against Drug Deaths organization gains national attention.

- The Weekly wins 10 CNPA awards for local coverage in 2021, including first place in COVID-19 Pandemic and A&E categories, and second and third for Breaking News.

- Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L.K. Monroe apologizes after her office spent about \$600,000 in COVID relief funds on stipends for her staff, mostly managers who took on extra duties during the pandemic. Her opponent in the election, Alysse Castro, attempts to seize on the controversy.



Memorial service at the Oakland California Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Feb. 19 honors Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Aubrey Phillips (shown in top right photo), who died one week earlier after suffering an aneurysm on duty in Dublin. She was 36.

- The city of Livermore, Zone 7 Water Agency and Living Arroyos program celebrate the opening of a new segment of the Iron Horse Regional Trail on the south side of the Arroyo Mocho channel between Isabel Avenue and Murrieta Boulevard.

- The Pleasanton school board unanimously passes a new collective bargaining agreement between the district and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers that includes a 3.25% salary increase starting July 1 and new health benefits.

- The Foothill Falcons win the East Bay Athletic League baseball championship for the first time in 34 years.

- Principals Gerardo Guzman-Rico of Valley View Elementary and Michael O'Brien of Vintage Hills Elementary are resigning from their positions and leaving PUSD at the end of the school year.

- A group of students and parents from the California High School cheer and stunt team are calling for San Ramon Valley schools Superintendent John Malloy to be fired for the way he and his administration handled a recent controversy over an unofficial squad mascot that went viral on social media.

### JUNE

- Foothill junior Brandon Knight wins the CIF boys' state individual championship in golf.

- Alameda County health officials are once again requiring people to wear masks in most indoor public settings because of increasing COVID-19 hospitalizations. The reinstatement would last three weeks.

- Pleasanton high schools hold festive graduation ceremonies.

- Pleasanton City Council agrees to modify its midterm budget to

take out about \$2 million from the general reserve fund, as well as reduce \$1 million from a skate park project, to fully fund restoring the historic Century House.

- Embarcadero Media President/CEO Bill Johnson announces his retirement and the selection of Adam Dawes as his successor.

- The Eden Housing affordable housing development planned for downtown Livermore faces a new hurdle as a resident has filed paperwork to begin circulating a referendum petition in an effort to overturn the City Council's approval of an amended development agreement for the project.

- Charlotte Wood Middle School history teacher Steve Knapp shows off his range of trivia knowledge for the whole country to see, appearing on an episode of "Jeopardy!" Knapp finishes second in the episode behind juggernaut champion Ryan Long.



- The Livermore Rodeo returns after a two-year hiatus.

- Jose Inez Garcia-Zarate, a Mexican national who fired the shot that killed Pleasanton native Kate Steinle on Pier 14 in 2015, is sentenced to time served, but that will not end his long journey through the American legal system as he still has immigration-related charges in West Texas.

- The primary election is held, but multiple local races are undecided as ballot counting continues after Election Night.

- Civil rights attorney Pamela Price and chief deputy district attorney Terry Wiley are headed for a runoff in November following the four-candidate primary for Alameda County district attorney.

- Former Pleasanton councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio wins election to the Alameda County Board of Education's Area 7 seat.

- Current directors Dennis Gambis, Sarah Palmer and Olivia Sanwong win reelection and challenger Dawn Benson takes the fourth position available in the June 7 primary for the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors.

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

- San Leandro resident Kameron Patricia Reid pleads guilty in federal court to two counts of distributing fentanyl that resulted in the death of an inmate in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

- Alameda County Sheriff's Cmdr. Yesenia Sanchez narrowly edges above 50% of the overall vote count for the first time. She would hold on to the majority advantage to earn a surprise upset defeat of her boss, Sheriff-Coroner Greg Ahern, outright in the three-candidate primary.

- Superintendent Kelly Bowers announces her retirement from LVJUSD effective at the end of the school year. At 12 years, she was the longest-serving superintendent in all of Alameda County at the time.

- Alysse Castro flips the script

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Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, whose district includes the Tri-Valley, co-authored key legislation aimed at protecting access to legal abortions in California.

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CIF champion golfer Brandon Knight of Foothill poses next to the scoreboard at San Gabriel Country Club on June 1.



GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Joe Alvarez, 97, of Danville looks at a photo of himself at age 18, one year after joining the Navy during World War II.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

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and takes a lead in the election against Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L.K. Monroe. Castro, a San Francisco Unified School District official who lives in Alameda County and used strong local education union backing to mount a challenge, would hold the lead and defeat the incumbent.

- Livermore Valley Arts and community group Tri-Valley for Black Lives team up to host two Juneteenth celebrations at the Bankhead Theater.

- Pleasanton City Council gives initial support to an ordinance that would continue allowing the Pleasanton Police Department to use military or specialized equipment.

- The Alameda County Fair returns for its first summer appearance in Pleasanton since 2019.

- Edralin “Ed” Maduli, who represented the Tri-Valley on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees for the past six years, dies.

- The Pleasanton school board reviews updated priorities for the Facilities Master Plan, which would include proposals to reconstruct the gyms and theaters at both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools.

- Donlon vice principal Carole Stothers is hired as the next principal of Vintage Hills Elementary.

- Megan Keefer, Cal High principal since July 2019, announces she is stepping away from that position to return to the classroom as a high school English teacher next fall. Some question the timing of her departure, given the recent controversy over the Grizzlies’ unofficial cheer squad mascot.

- Children under age 5 become eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine after the FDA gives its approval for the age group.

- Livermore City Council has upheld its existing policy around flying commemorative flags — including the LGBT Pride flag — which can be displayed as a form of government speech.

- Incoming Foothill senior Annabelle Kim is preparing for her role as the second Pleasanton Unified student trustee, a position that she hopes to use to enact changes that would benefit students and the community.

- Dublin City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai advances to a November runoff against Liz Ortega for the open State Assembly District 20 seat.

- Danville police investigate after a robbery attempt turned into

an exchange of gunfire on the north side of town not far from downtown.

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

- LPPFD and the local firefighters union agree to a tentative labor contract that includes a 13% general wage increase, new short-term staffing and drug testing policies.

- Crews gain control of a wildfire burning on Pleasanton Ridge that caused some evacuations.

- Legislation aimed at protecting access to legal abortions in California — co-authored by Tri-Valley Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan — is headed to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s desk.

- The Weekly announces the winners of the 2022 Readers’ Choice contest.

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

- Joshua Butterfield is resigning from his position as Amador Valley principal to take on the role of director of secondary education for PUSD.

- International energy giant Chevron Corp., perhaps San Ramon’s most well-known corporate resident, plans to sell its headquarters plaza off Bollinger Canyon Road and move to a yet-undisclosed new leased space in the city while allowing some locally based employees to

voluntarily relocate to Houston.

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

- The 133-room, boutique-style wine country hotel planned for downtown Livermore is coming to fruition with the city’s recent approval of revised site plans proposed by Davis-based hoteliers Presidio Companies.

- Deputy superintendent Chris Van Schaack is promoted to LVJUSD’s new superintendent.

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

- State public health officials announce their public health guidance for the 2022-23 K-12 school year with no mask requirement for students or staff.

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

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

- PUSD is granted full accreditation 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. ■



CHUCK DECKERT

The future of the Livermore Municipal Airport was up for debate early in the year, centered around a proposed expansion by KaiserAir that ultimately fell through.

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## LETTERS

### Thank you Pleasanton, for the opportunity to serve

As I look back on my almost 21 years of public service, with close to 10 on the City Council, and the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission before that, I am filled with gratitude, and I want to thank you all for placing your trust in me to represent you. It has truly been an honor to serve our community.

I was able to work on many projects and am especially proud to have participated in creating the Sunflower Hill community, which offers independent living opportunities to special needs adults; establishing the 115 Trust Fund to help pay down Pleasanton's unfunded pension liability; and the opening of Cubby's dog park, at a time when four out of five councilmembers didn't have a dog but understood the need and supported the park.

During my tenure, I met so many wonderful people interested in making Pleasanton a wonderful place to live. It's incredible to live in a community where residents are so willing to engage in making Pleasanton the place we all love to call home. I hope more people will continue to get involved.

And lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and thank city staff. They are the ones who do the hard work of implementing council

priorities, keeping the lights on, and keeping us safe.

Thank you Pleasanton.

—Kathy Narum

### Newsom's CPUC just destroyed rooftop solar

Gavin Newsom must resign. The governor's appointed commissioners destroyed our rooftop solar industry. On Dec 15, the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) voted to slash grid payments by 75%.

How did this happen? PG&E bribed Gov. Newsom with hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds. In return, he let PG&E get away with murder, after the Paradise Fire. Now they've burned Californians again. Stifling rooftop solar will allow the criminal company to maintain an energy monopoly.

Gavin Newsom is the worst sort of politician, one who talks up his commitments, while selling out his constituents. In terms of corruption, I can't imagine much worse than wrecking mom-and-pop businesses that were critical for saving us from apocalypse.

Not only should Gavin Newsom resign but also his cronies in the CPUC. If they had any decency, they would have before this vote. Instead, their guilt is unanimous.

—Alan Marling

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Gentle Goldie

Hi there. My name is Goldie, and I'm a sweet and gentle girl who's still working on coming out of my shell. I'm very friendly once I get to know you a bit, but I need my time to scope out the situation first. I like playing with squeaky toys and going out for walks, but I'm happiest curled up in a comfy spot and relaxing. I bet I could really blossom in a loving home. Could that home be yours? Contact East Bay SPCA or visit [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).



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Warmest wishes for a safe holiday and prosperous new year!



SOLD

4846 Knox Gate Court, Pleasanton  
4bd/2.5ba, 2,103+/-sq.ft., 0.25+/-acre lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,600,000



SOLD

4862 Merganser Court, Pleasanton  
4bd/2ba, 1,894+/-sq.ft., 6,500+/-sq.ft. lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,480,000



SOLD

4118 Peregrine Way, Pleasanton  
2bd/2ba, 1,368+/-sq.ft., 3,486+/-sq.ft. lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,038,000



SOLD

1819 Tanglewood Way, Pleasanton  
5bd/4ba, 2,538+/-sq.ft., 7,650+/-sq.ft. lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,889,000



SOLD

3528 Rathbone Way, Pleasanton  
5bd/3ba, 2,837+/-sq.ft., 6,798+/-sq.ft. lot  
SOLD FOR \$2,205,000



SOLD

814 Saddleback Circle, Livermore  
3bd/2.5ba, 1,683+/-sq.ft., 6,408+/-sq.ft. lot  
SOLD FOR \$1,305,000

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