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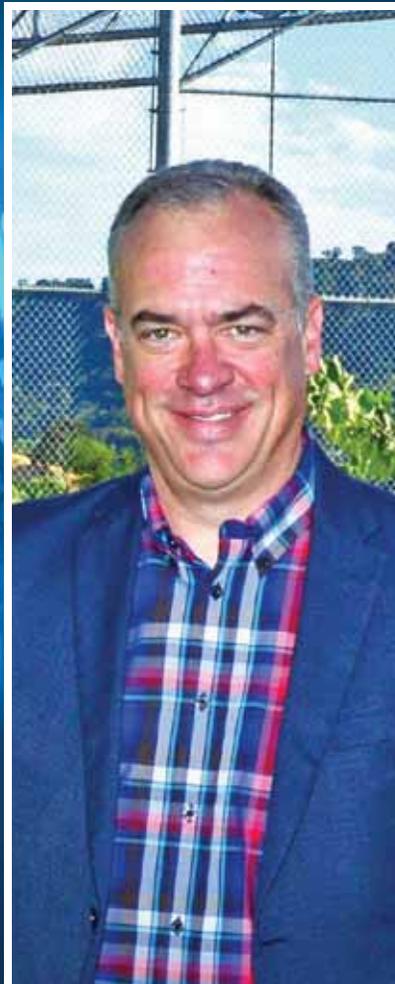
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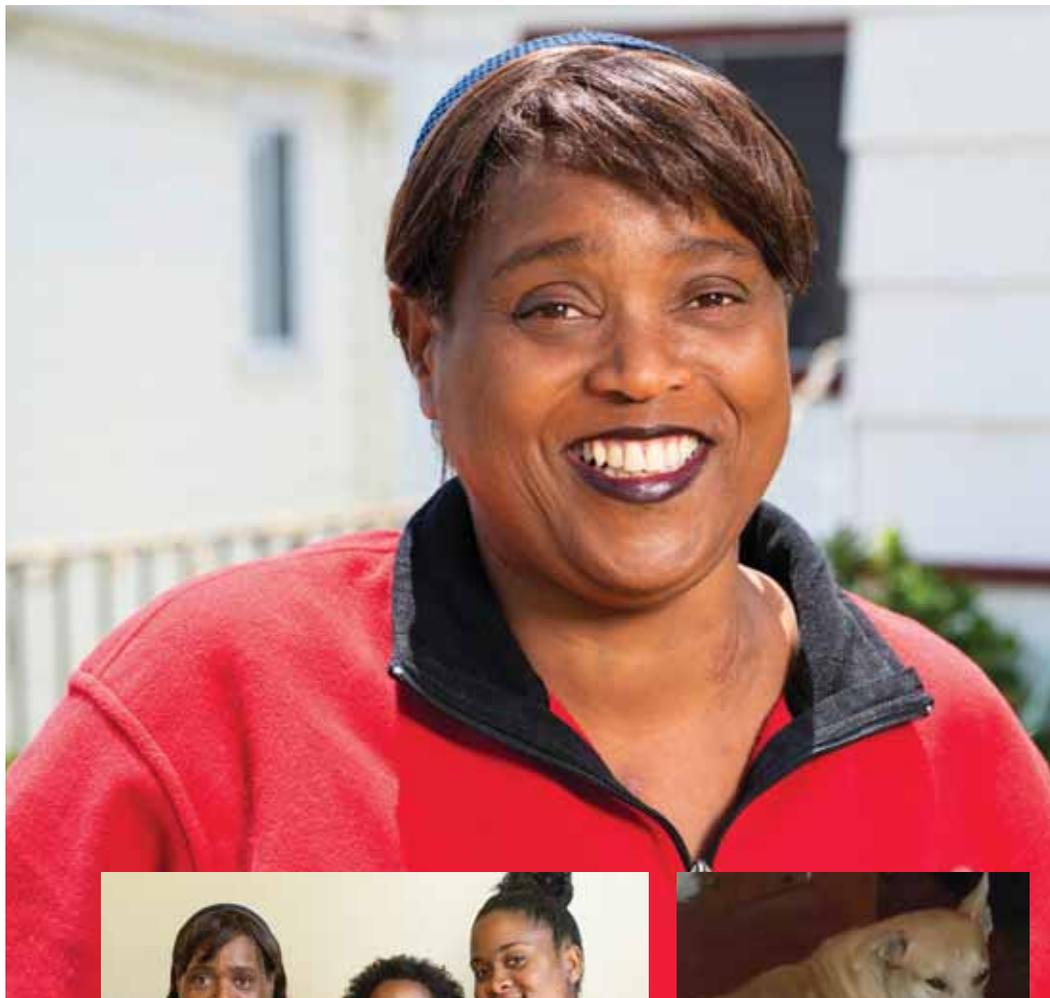


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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Crucial Dublin council race hits final month

For 25 years, the city of Dublin has followed a development path that was approved by the City Council and upheld by voters in 1993.

That plan included the East Dublin Specific Plan, which is the guideline the city is still following today. That path has been aggressively called into question by candidates in the Nov. 8 City Council election.

Mayor David Haubert is facing a challenge from Councilman Arun Goel, while Bobby Khullar and Jing Firmeza are running on similar platforms. This election is particularly important because two council seats are open. If voters select Goel as mayor, the council could have the opportunity to appoint his replacement.

It's a watershed election. Joining Khullar and Firmeza in the council race are longtime school volunteer leader Jean Josey, Navy language specialist and consultant Shawn Kumagai along with perennial candidate Shawn Costello.

The newly elected council may face a decision about IKEA's application for a 327,000-square-foot warehouse store plus a lifestyle retail center at the corner of Hacienda Drive and Interstate 580. After a Planning Commission rejected the plan, it is scheduled to go to the council on Oct. 16. Haubert suggested earlier this year putting the IKEA question on the ballot.

A particular challenge for any member wanting to halt residential development is landowners have entitlements that have been locked in by development agreements that they have paid to extend. Earlier this year, the council rejected a transit-oriented development near the east Dublin-Pleasanton BART station and, after being sued, settled quickly so the project could move forward. Developers had paid more than \$1 million to extend the development agreement.

The council eventually will consider the DiManto parcel east of Tasajara Road where Shea Homes has proposed a mixed-use project with experiential retail coupled with housing that is vested. There's also an additional retail center that is proposed east of Fallon Road that is critical to eventually extending Dublin Boulevard to connect with North Canyons Parkway from Livermore to create another east-wide thoroughfare.

The current council has delivered, particularly the mayor as its longest serving member. Two major parks (The Wave water park and second phase of Fallon Sports Park) were opened, as well as Persimmon Place with Whole Foods, plenty of

restaurants and a Nordstrom Rack. The city also opened Valor Housing with 60 units for veterans.

The key accomplishment is partnering with the school district to help alleviate school overcrowding, particularly in east Dublin. At Haubert's initiative, the council approved providing two sites to the school district, worth about \$70 million. Cottonwood School opened this fall on one of those sites. Those sites allowed the district to maintain the \$100 million trustees have allocated toward a second comprehensive high school that is slated for the Promenade site in East Dublin.

When it comes to residential development, Haubert points out he's called for reviews of the East Dublin Specific Plan in 2013, 2015 and again this year. The earlier calls resulted in staff studies that clarified entitlements and which parcels the council would have discretion over when it comes to additional residential.

Goel and Khullar have endorsed each other and are active members of Dubliners United, the political action group that tried unsuccessfully to recall Councilman Abe Gupta and school trustee Dan Cunningham.

Goel has laid out a 90-day plan with four advisory committees reporting directly to him. That's an interesting approach, but the mayor does not set policy alone — it takes three votes to direct the city manager to move forward on an initiative. He's floating this approach after already serving on the council.

Josey brings an impressive resume of volunteer leadership in the school district. She recognizes that there's no silver bullet solution to Dublin's traffic challenges, but there are a variety of steps that can be taken to alleviate congestion around schools and retail centers on weekends. She's realistic about what can be done to slow residential development, and like Haubert and others, wants an update to the specific plan.

Kumagai is making his first run at elected office after being involved in a variety of advocacy efforts. He said he realized the impact that local government can have on its citizens. He favors a hard look at planning with the understanding that nothing can be done about vested rights and has no stomach for wasting taxpayer money by inviting lawsuits that will be successful.

Haubert sums up the race arguing that a major shift in policy would take Dublin from the path to prosperity it has followed for 25 years and make it more vulnerable to economic downturns. Of course, Goel, Firmeza and Khullar see it from the opposite perspective. ■

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About the Cover

Local election season is in full swing. Learn more inside about the four candidates for Pleasanton City Council: From left, Joseph Ledoux, Kathy Narum, Joe Streng and Julie Testa. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

When you travel, what kind of souvenirs do you like to search for and bring home for family and friends?



Dinah Simms
Sales

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Tom Sparkman
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I like to bring home either good wine, or the kitschiest things I can find — things like the “Las Vegas” sign or a shot glass keychain or the Kyoto tower made out of plastic. I like to find the ugliest things I can.



Joanie Thomas
Office manager

I get coffee mugs that say the location so I can share the memories of these wonderful places and entice my friends to come with me next time.



Wendy Lieberman
Retired

I don't really look for anything in particular. I just wait until I see something during my travels that seems to me to be “screaming” the name of a friend or a family member. And if it's something small and easy to pack, I buy it and bring it home for them.



Jamie Cohen
Communications

I have a friend who collects Superballs. You know, those little balls that you get out of vending machines. I'm always on the lookout for Superballs for her. And for my family, I bring home a tambourine. For everyone else, I usually bring home the basics; keychains and shot glasses and such.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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The city's second annual IGNITE event showcasing innovative arts and technologies to light up the night will return next Saturday (Oct. 13) from 5-9 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center and surrounding streets.

Event highlights include a Lucid DreamScape presentation by J-Walt, William Cenote performing on his luminescent grand piano, Firelight Society Professional Fire Performers, UC Berkeley's EGO Traditional Korean Drummers, Tezkatlipoka Aztec Dance and Drum, and an illuminated attire fashion parade.

Auntie Viv's Shave Ice and Wahlburgers' Palo Alto Food Truck will be onsite too.

For more information or to see a full list of the entertainment and vendors, visit www.firehousearts.org/programs/ignite.

Diwali celebration

The Hindu festival of lights is coming to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, as local nonprofit Festival of Globe (FOG) is sponsoring a Diwali celebration to mark the holiday this Saturday.

The event will last from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. and include dance, religious rituals, music, food and a fireworks and laser show. The date of the Diwali holiday, which celebrates the victory of good over evil, is determined by the lunar cycle and officially falls on Nov. 7 this year.

Tickets are \$4 online and \$6 at the door, with \$10 fairgrounds parking. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit fogsv.com or contact vidyas@fiaonline.org.

Dublin school site

Dublin school board trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to purchase a site in east Dublin for a second comprehensive high school.

The 23.5-acre Promenade site in east Dublin is owned by Jim Tong. The district action authorizes its negotiators to try and strike a purchase deal, but also approved using eminent domain should the negotiations fail.

The district identified the site formally earlier this year and has been doing the due diligence that was necessary before the formal decision could be made.

The school board's decision moves the process forward on the east side high school. The district already has issued a request for proposals for an architect. It also plans public hearings to gather input from parents and citizens about what to build in the school. ■

Announcing 2018 Tri-Valley Heroes

RSVP now for seventh annual awards ceremony, set for Oct. 22

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

The Tri-Valley Heroes panel of judges have selected the recipients for the 2018 awards, which are bestowed on citizens and organizations who are making contributions to better our communities and their residents.

This is the seventh year the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com have recognized local unsung heroes with the Tri-Valley Heroes program.

The awards will be presented Oct. 22 at the DoubleTree Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the presentations will begin

at 7:15 p.m. If you would like to attend to honor a recipient, please RSVP at bit.ly/2018TVHeroes. Suggested donation is \$5, which will benefit Pleasanton Weekly's Support Local Journalism program.

Sponsors of the 2018 Tri-Valley Heroes awards program are Monterey Private Wealth, Robert Half, Harrington Art Partnership, ChiroSports USA, Crown Trophy and DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club.

The 2018 recipients are:

Arts & Culture: Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Danville. The Eugene O'Neill Foundation in 1974 saved Tao House in Danville, the

site where the playwright O'Neill wrote his most famous plays.

Today, the foundation maintains a large O'Neill research library and produces artistic and educational programming on different levels including seminars, scholarly conferences and major theatrical performances. This fall, the foundation, Tao House and the O'Neill Ancestral Trust of Ireland have partnered to produce "One Festival, Two Countries," with festivals in Danville and in New Ross, Ireland.

Jeb Bing Community Spirit Award: Cricket for Cubs, Dublin. Cricket for Cubs works to build awareness of cricket, the

second most popular sport in the world, and make it accessible to youth in the Tri-Valley.

The group organizes local, regional and national level youth cricket tournaments, partners with local community groups and municipalities to develop cricket infrastructure, such as encouraging the building of pitches, and conducts coaching sessions in the community and schools. They are currently supporting programs in San Ramon, Pleasanton and Dublin schools.

Courage: Sarah Banholzer, Pleasanton. Sarah Banholzer

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ERIKA ALVERO

After Gov. Jerry Brown approved AB 2923, it expected that BART will look to build new housing on many (if not all) of its existing parking lots, like the one here at the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART stop.

Brown signs BART housing bill

Tri-Valley leaders express disappointment; BART hopes to build 20,000 units by 2040

By ERIKA ALVERO

Joining the flurry of bills addressed by the governor in his last legislative actions on the job, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill on Sunday evening allowing BART to build housing on or near its stations — a measure that garnered vehement push-back from some Tri-Valley and East Bay leaders.

Assembly Bill 2923 will allow BART to construct and govern housing on its land within half a mile of its stations such as on parking lots at Tri-Valley BART stops, a move that proponents say will create more transit-oriented developments, addressing both the state's housing shortages and increasing traffic congestion.

But opponents, including local

leaders State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-Dublin), say that local cities should be the ones charged with housing, and that the BART agency isn't equipped for the task.

"We need to build more housing but this new law seriously undermines neighborhood voices and community choices," Glazer said in a statement Monday. "Land-use decisions have always been placed in the hands of local cities, where they have developed the expertise to manage the environmental reviews and complex land-use."

"BART continues to struggle to fulfill its primary mission of transportation, and helping BART do that successfully should be our

focus," Baker said in her own statement. "While this bill was well-intentioned, it has very negative consequences for BART's ability to succeed and for local communities to build housing with the expertise and local perspective that only our local communities have."

After Brown signed the bill Sunday (deadline day for the governor to endorse or veto), BART officials said that by 2040 they hope to have built 20,000 new housing units, at least 35% of them designated as affordable.

The bill, co-authored by Assemblymen David Chiu (D-San Francisco) and Tim Grayson (D-Concord), was supported by business

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Foothill prom faces financial shortfall

School looking at options for cost-effective spring dances

By ERIKA ALVERO

Foothill High School's annual end-of-year dance extravaganzas for the junior and senior classes may see some changes in the spring due to fundraising shortfalls, according to a letter to the school community from principal Sebastian Bull last week.

The Junior Prom and Senior Ball both happen in the spring, and are hosted by the respective leadership classes. Both classes hold fundraisers throughout the year to offset ticket costs for students, but for the past few years, they have not been able to raise much money, according to Bull.

As a result, funds from the Associated Student Body's general account were used to bring down the overall ticket costs — a problem, Bull said, because general account dollars are supposed to be used for the entire school community.

"This model of ASB contributing to the classes for the events is not sustainable, so alternatives have to be identified to ensure the financial stability of each of the classes to be able to organize events for their entire grade level," Bull said in his letter, which he posted on Twitter and also sent out via email to the school community.

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Council discusses early redesign concepts for Delucchi, Lions Wayside parks

Also: Second bike corral downtown, StopWaste presentation, new commissioners take oath

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council reviewed early layouts for proposed renovations of Delucchi and Lions Wayside parks on Tuesday, advancing three design concepts for further consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The project, in the planning phase for several years to enhance and better unify the adjacent downtown parks, was back before the council for direction after the city's original idea to underground the drainage swale in Lions Wayside Park was unacceptable to regional water agencies.

"With our proposal to fill what we call a 'ditch' but they call a 'waters of the United States,' we are never going to get those permits to implement the plan that was (previously) adopted," assistant city manager Brian Dolan told the council during Tuesday night's regular meeting at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

As a result, the city's staff and consultants went back to the drawing board and created four conceptual layouts that incorporated the drainage swale — which city leaders had hoped to put under ground as a culvert to improve usability and safety at

Lions Wayside.

The layouts, which would provide the basis for more detailed designs for future approval, featured varying locations for the Chan Henderson Bandstand, lawn spaces, trees and other planting locations, as well as options for adjusting the above-ground course of the swale.

Neal Street, which separates the two parks, would be repaved with special pavement markings and holes would be installed at its First Street and Railroad Avenue intersections to allow bollards to be put up so Neal could be closed to traffic during special events, under the proposals.

The council members were being asked to whittle down the layout list by removing any options they didn't think were worth pursuing further.

They all opposed a layout that centered around a portable bandstand that could be placed near the Neal-Railroad intersection.

Several council members also initially disliked a version that would put a permanent bandstand in Lions Wayside with its back to Neal Street and Delucchi Park, but they decided to leave that option in the cards for further staff and commission review.

The other two options, for which

the council was more receptive, placed the bandstand in the back part of Lions Wayside closer to the Firehouse Arts Center.

The project now returns to the Parks and Recreation Commission to work on a final design that meets the goals outlined in the city's 2014 Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks Master Plan. It would then return to the council for final consideration in the months ahead.

In other business

- The council approved of making the city's first downtown bicycle corral permanent and adding a second location, on St. Mary Street.

The city installed the initial bike corral on West Angela Street, in place of a parking spot near the Main Street intersection, next to Peet's Coffee in July 2017 with the intent of testing how the new public amenity would be received by the community.

The pilot program went well during the year-plus, with cyclists using the corral to park their bikes especially during weekday lunches and special events like the farmers market, according to city staff. Public survey results also commended the corral.

With the positive reviews, city

staff recommended keeping the West Angela Street corral in place and adding a second one elsewhere in downtown.

Most council members supported staff's suggestion to place the second corral on St. Mary Street in place of a parking spot between Rita's Italian Ice and Beer Baron, but Councilman Jerry Pentin, who is an avid cyclist, said he preferred an alternate location on Main Street in front of Inklings Coffee & Tea.

The council majority, which opposed taking away a parking spot on Main Street, voted 4-1 in favor of the St. Mary Street location. Pentin dissented.

The second bike corral is estimated to cost \$4,050, paid for by Measure B county transportation sales tax funds. An installation timeline has not been announced.

City officials plan to speak with the council in the weeks ahead about the other downtown amenity pilot program — the temporary parklet that was placed atop two parking spots on West Angela Street across from the bike corral but was removed in April after being damaged by a car crash.

- Council members received a

presentation from StopWaste, an Alameda County joint powers authority focused on waste, recycling, energy conservation and smart water use.

The informational presentation — which centered on food service packaging, litter and plastic pollution as well as waste and recycling issues regionally, nationally and internationally — was held ahead of StopWaste's priority-setting meetings later this fall.

- The council held a reception to recognize new and reappointed commission and committee members, who then took their oath of office for their upcoming terms.

They included Planning Commission with Nancy Allen (reappointed) and Justin Brown (promoted to regular member from alternate); Library Commission with Michaela Hertle (reappointed), Sonia Rai (moved from alternate), Cindi Sabatini (alternate) and Santana Parikh (youth); and Human Services Commission with Susan Hayes (reappointed), Janeen Rubino-Brumm (moved from alternate) and Joe Carlucci (alternate).

With single appointments were Gokul Deep to Committee on Energy and the Environment (youth), Harshkumar Gohil to Economic Vitality Committee (medical services rep), Anthony Soby to Housing Commission (reappointed) and Kate Inman to Youth Commission (reappointed). ■



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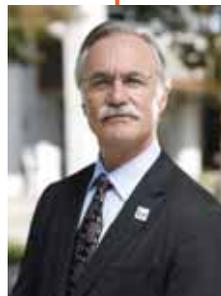


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Tri-Valley Conservancy working to connect 44 miles of trails

Bridge to link trails running through five parks from Livermore into Fremont

By ERIKA ALVERO

A continuous 44-mile regional trail will soon stretch through five parks from Livermore down into Fremont, as local nonprofit the Tri-Valley Conservancy has announced plans to construct a final missing bridge link connector starting next August.

The bridge will cross a segment of the Arroyo del Valle, connecting the trail in Livermore's Sycamore Grove Park to that winding through Del Valle Regional Park. Once in place, the trail will run continuously from Sycamore Grove Park to Mission Peak in Fremont.

"For years, thousands of people using a Sycamore Grove Park trail have been forced to stop at the Arroyo del Valle, where the current trail ends," said the conservancy's spokeswoman Beryl Anderson. "Tri-Valley Conservancy wants to resolve this problem by building a permanent bridge across the creek, so that hikers, equestrians, cyclists, strollers and people with disabilities will have year-round access to more of the park's recreational benefits and natural beauty."

She added that the bridge will also be beneficial for the creek's water quality and the nearby ecology — parkgoers will now be able to cross the water on a specified path, rather than forging ahead with their own route and disturbing wildlife in the process.

Construction on the bridge is



CATHERINE SHERRADEN

The new bridge that will link together the 44 miles of regional trails from Livermore to Fremont will be located at a segment of the Arroyo del Valle, connecting Sycamore Grove Park and Del Valle Regional Park.

expected to begin August 2019 and finish up later that fall. Once this last link is in place, the trail will run through 25,000 acres of open space through five parks: Sycamore Grove Park, Del Valle Regional Park, Ohlone Regional Wilderness, Sunol Regional Wilderness and Mission Peak Regional Preserve.

The final cost of the overall trail connection project is estimated at a little over \$1 million, which includes the upcoming bridge, trail building, habitat improvement, habitat restoration and park visitor amenities, among other items.

The idea of melding together the

44-mile trail has been simmering for many years.

"The opportunity to connect more parks and trails to the 28-mile Ohlone Regional Wilderness Trail has long been on the wish lists for neighboring parks and cities because it creates exponential recreation opportunities," Anderson said.

The concept became a real possibility for conservancy officials, however, in 2008, when they were in discussions to purchase the Bobba property in Livermore, "the missing link in preserved public land between park districts," she added.

The National Park Service is

currently evaluating the Arroyo del Valle Trail — the section in Sycamore Grove Park where the trail connection project is happening — to be potentially designated as part of the official Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. That trail stretches 1,200 miles from what is now Mexico to San Francisco, tracing the route of Juan Bautista de Anza, a soldier in the Spanish military seeking an overland route from New Spain to "Alta California" in the 1770s.

Construction on the Arroyo del Valle bridge had been slated to begin this past August, but was postponed a year in order to protect sensitive

bird and bat species nesting nearby along the trail during fledgling season.

Other partners and donors involved in this project include Alameda County Supervisor Scott Hagerty, Bay Area Barns and Trails, Chevron, the city of Livermore, the Coastal Conservancy, Dean Witter Foundation, East Bay Regional Park District, Friends of the Vineyards, Livermore Area Recreation & Park District, the Sierra Club, the Joseph & Vera Long Foundation and Zone 7 Water Agency.

The project's high levels of collaboration and public support has led to an unusual problem, Anderson said — items available to engrave at the trail connection are almost all sold out.

"Connecting trails is critical not only for people but also for plants and wildlife," Anderson said. "Connected trails mean that there is more land preserved for both recreation and habitat."

"Most importantly from my perspective," she continued, "connected trails create exponential recreation opportunities, drawing more people to parks through more possibilities and access to exercise and adventure. Without people connecting to the land and what it has to offer — a place to play, nature, gorgeous views, fresher air and cleaner water — they may not understand why it's so crucial that we protect it before it's gone." ■

Pleasanton ranks as 7th 'Best Place to Raise Family' in California

Tri-Valley neighbors San Ramon, Dublin, Danville also rank in Top 10

By RYAN J. DEGAN

In recognition of Tri-Valley communities' efforts to create a culture that fosters family growth and prosperity, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville have all been recognized as four of the Top 10 best places in California to raise a family, according to a national credit and research company.

Out of 254 Californian cities studied by WalletHub, Pleasanton was

recognized as the No. 7 "Best Place in California to Raise a Family."

Nearby San Ramon was ranked as the second-best, followed by neighboring Dublin at the fifth spot and Danville at six. These four cities all achieved Top 10 recognition for their highly-regarded schools, economic opportunity, natural beauty, public safety and access to quality medical care.

"We're pleased that Pleasanton is

included among the top ten cities on WalletHub's Best Places to Raise a Family list," noted Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho.

"This recognition reflects the care our residents and businesses have put into creating a high-quality community with many excellent amenities like abundant parks and playgrounds, an award-winning school system, and a robust economic environment. We would agree that Pleasanton is a great place to be," he added.

WalletHub ranked cities from San Diego to Eureka on four key qualities: family life and fun, education, health and safety, affordability and socioeconomic environment.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the study found that California overall is a great place to be. Survey takers said the combination of economic, educational and family benefits make the Golden State a choice place for raising a family.

Cities were graded on a 100-point scale, with 100 indicating the "most suitable conditions for family life." San Ramon scored a 77.88 — the only city to receive a higher rank was Folsom in Sacramento County, which achieved a rating of 80.84.

Neighboring Dublin scored a 76.15, followed by Danville at 75.94 points, which was just high enough to edge out Pleasanton's rating of 75.72.

Tri-Valley cities scored the highest in the "Socioeconomic Environment" dimension, which factors in the rates of family separation and divorce, unemployment, and the city's wealth gap among residents. San Ramon achieved its highest rating in this category, being recognized as the second best city for economic opportunities.

"Family Life and Fun" was the one dimension in which Tri-Valley communities did not score as well as the rest of the state. Criteria for this category included playgrounds per capita, the number of families with children aged 0-17, average commute time and the region's weather ranking.

Of the four, Danville was ranked lowest, coming in as 151st out of the 254 municipalities rated, with San Ramon ranked in the 63rd position. Pleasanton and Dublin did fare better, at 26 and 45 respectively.

Due to their high-quality school system, high school graduate rate, air quality, violent and property crime rate and pediatricians per capita,

each city also ranked relatively well in the "Education, Health and Safety" category. Danville scored the highest ranking here at the No. 3 spot followed by San Ramon at six, Dublin at 11 and Pleasanton at 16.

In "Affordability" the cities scored relatively well considering the traditionally high cost of living in the Bay Area. Pleasanton had the lowest ranking of the four at No. 16.

These rankings join other accolades that Tri-Valley communities have received this year.

In August, the Tri-Valley was recognized as having the fastest growing job market in the Bay Area. Dublin was also named the best place to live in California and seventh best in the country by Money magazine.

According to WalletHub, the Top 10 cities to raise a family in California are:

1. Folsom
2. San Ramon
3. Los Altos
4. El Dorado Hills
5. Dublin
6. Danville
7. Pleasanton
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Sandi Thorne Research Center

New museum space honors memory of board member, mayor's wife

By JEREMY WALSH

Downtown Pleasanton's Museum on Main commemorated its new research center in honor of one of its most devoted supporters, Sandra "Sandi" Thorne.

Sandi Thorne, former member of the museum's Board of Directors and the wife of Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, died unexpectedly from complications during cancer treatment on Aug. 3.

As a leader for the museum, one of her favorite activities was researching upcoming exhibits. After her death, museum officials thought it would be fitting to dedicate a new research center at their facility in her honor. The new Sandi Thorne Research Center was unveiled at a ceremony in the Main Street museum last week.

"Sandi loved the museum and felt that the preservation of our community's history is a very important

mission," Mayor Jerry Thorne told the Weekly.

"She would have been deeply honored by the dedication of the museum's Research Center in her memory," he added. "My family and I are deeply honored as well, and we would like to thank all of those who donated to the museum in her memory and made this facility possible."

Museum executive director Jim DeMersman lauded Sandi Thorne's commitment to the museum, saying, "Since starting as a volunteer in 2004, Sandi gave the museum her time, her sweat, her ideas and her heart. She helped inventory collections, install exhibits, plan fundraisers and govern the museum as a board member and officer."

Her penchant for research would often take her to the microfilm newspaper collection at the Livermore Library, where the older

reader-printers were prone to a variety of frustrating issues, DeMersman said. Recently the Tri-Valley Herald gave the Museum on Main its microfilm collection, but the Pleasanton museum didn't have a microfilm reader.

To help the community gain access to these microfilm resources, the museum board and staff members felt that buying a reader and associated hardware would be a great way to honor Sandi Thorne, DeMersman said.

More than that, they wanted to dedicate a space in the museum where people could come and conduct research using the museum's collection. And soon, the museum will be able to provide access to more of its online collection of photographs and documents as well as genealogical material, according to DeMersman.

Museum board members, staff



CITY OF LIVERMORE

Tri-Valley creek cleanup

Residents and officials across the Bay Area volunteered their time and energy on Sept. 15 for the 34th annual Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest statewide and international effort to clean trash and debris from beaches, bays, creeks, rivers and lakes. In Livermore, volunteers of all ages turned out to remove trash and debris from eight Livermore creek sites. Along the 5.92 miles of Livermore waterways, 257 volunteers collected a total of 2,112 gallons of trash and 264 gallons of recyclables. In Dublin, 153 volunteers collected 5.5 cubic yards of trash and recyclables from five creek locations.

and volunteers joined Thorne family and friends in opening the new Sandi Thorne Research Center last Friday.

"This furthers one of the museum's goals of expanding access to our collection to more people,"

DeMersman added.

The research center will be open on a regular basis during normal museum hours, though making an appointment with museum staff is recommended to facilitate the ease of retrieving materials. ■

City Council approves development impact fee increases

New rate schedule takes effect Jan. 1; cumulative fees go up 18%-49%

By JEREMY WALSH

The city of Pleasanton will be instituting a series of increases to its development impact fees as of the new year, the first overhaul of the city's fee schedule in two decades.

The City Council last month unanimously approved increases almost across the board for the list of fees the city charges to developers to help offset the impacts that new housing and commercial projects have in the areas of affordable housing, transportation and public facilities.

The new cumulative fee totals will go up between 18% and 49% for residential and commercial developments — based on standard project sizes — and the city has established guidelines to ensure the developer fees are reviewed more frequently in the future to avoid another 20-year gap between updates.

"These are significant changes. But that's what we need to fund our infrastructure so the city can have the money to expand the roads, because people are concerned about traffic problems, and so forth," Councilwoman Karla Brown said in support of the new fee schedule before the council vote Sept. 18.

City officials have been working since fall 2015 to update the developer fees, which aim to generate revenue for public projects to help mitigate the impacts new developments have on the community. The efforts included a consultant's nexus study to determine maximum fee amounts and meetings with residents and stakeholders.

The new fee schedule identifies increases in almost all categories, in many cases the maximum allowable fee, and overall, the cumulative fees for Pleasanton are now in line with the average of comparable fees charged by neighboring Dublin and Livermore.

City officials said they found Pleasanton's previous cumulative development impact fees were between 67% and 85% of the average of Dublin and Livermore fees.

For capital facility and transportation fees, all development categories saw increases to the maximum fee amount — the exception being the transportation fee for retail for which city staff recommended the Dublin-Livermore average. The project categories are single-family and multi-family for residential, and retail, office, hotel/motel and industrial for commercial.

At the council's urging, the affordable housing fees were increased above the city staff recommendation to bring Pleasanton's cumulative fee total in line with the neighbors' average — since capital facility and transportation fees were mainly recommended to increase to the maximum amount, the only wiggle room existed in the affordable fee.

The city fees are only a portion of those cumulative impact fees charged to new development in Pleasanton, which also include fees from other agencies such as Zone 7 Water Agency, Dublin San Ramon Services District and Pleasanton Unified School District.

After the city increases, the

cumulative fees for a new single-family home in Pleasanton (at 3,000 square feet) will go up 18% to \$143,781. Less than half of that amount (\$69,389) are city fees; the rest are paid to other agencies.

For multi-family housing, the overall fee will increase by 37% to \$111,628 per 1,200-square-foot unit.

For retail (per 13,070 square feet), the cumulative fee will rise 22% to \$490,170. For office (for 15,250 square feet), the fee will go up 48% to \$614,451, and per 15,680 square feet of industrial the fee will be \$627,029, representing a 49% increase.

The new fees would take effect on Jan. 1, although projects with development applications already submitted (substantially completed) for city review would be grandfathered into the existing fee structure.

"I think it's very generous that the city is looking to people who already have projects partway through and saying we'll extend it, so that nobody is hit suddenly with a big change. Because these are significant changes," Brown said.

For the future, the city will review the fee schedule every five years for possible adjustment, or after major General Plan or Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) changes. The council could also call for a review if Dublin or Livermore update their fees.

There will also annual inflationary adjustment based on Engineering News Record construction cost index. ■

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County allowing pop-up restaurants while it forms regulatory plan

Pop-ups must follow food safety laws, permit conditions of host locations

Alameda County officials have said that they will temporarily stop shutting down pop-up restaurants, as long as they follow food safety laws, while county officials figure out a strategy for issuing permits for the restaurants.

Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Wilma Chan said last month at a Health Committee hearing, "My goal is to find a way to ensure food safety while promoting the growth of small restaurant entrepreneurs."

Chan said, "I have asked our Health Care Services Agency to craft a policy to accomplish this goal."

The pop-up restaurant scene in Alameda County has been in limbo since Aug. 21, when a county health inspector shut down the Korean pop-up Nokni at The Kebabery at

4201 Market St. in Oakland.

But county health officials have now reversed course and said that for now they don't anticipate shutting down pop-ups that otherwise are in compliance with the terms of the food facility permit at their host location.

Health Care Services Agency director Colleen Chawla said her agency is reviewing the law as well as other jurisdictions' policies regarding pop-ups and will come back to the health committee in the near future for a plan and a timeline for implementation.

County officials say they define pop-up restaurants as temporary, un-permitted businesses that operate within the permitted commercial kitchen of another established restaurant. ■

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HEROES

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began treatment for leukemia when she was only 4. She underwent chemotherapy and several surgical procedures for 2-1/2 years at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.

When she was first declared leukemia-free, she began to hold various fundraisers to make life more enjoyable for other youngsters while they undergo treatment at the hospital. Now 16, Sarah has held five annual Be Strong and Give Back Happiness Swimathons, raising more than \$50,000 to benefit the hospital that treated her.

Environmental Stewardship: Bryan Ware and The Crayon Initiative, Danville. Founded by Bryan Ware and his family, The Crayon Initiative has taken great strides to help keep the earth clean, while spreading joy to kids in need by providing them with an endless supply of free art materials.

The group keeps crayons from clogging up landfills when they turn into a waxy sludge that never biodegrades by collecting donated crayons from restaurants, schools and homes across the country. The discarded crayons are melted, remanufactured and distributed

to art programs at children's hospitals across the U.S.

Innovation: Ruchir Baronia, San Ramon. Ruchir Baronia, a junior at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon, created an app that can contact family, friends or police in an emergency.

"The Rescuer" app can be activated by voice or by hitting the volume buttons in a predetermined sequence if speaking is not a safe option. When activated, the app will send an emergency message to your pre-set emergency contacts, along with your GPS coordinates and pictures of the scene.

Rising Star: Meachelle Lum, San Ramon. After her mother's death in 2016, Meachelle Lum started the Lum AVM Organization to continue her mother's legacy of "hope, support and happiness."

With the goal of raising awareness of arteriovenous malformation, commonly known as AVM, and money for charitable causes, Lum has raised over \$90,000 to support causes ranging from brain aneurysm research to scholarships for women and children's charities.

Role Model: Doug Miller, Pleasanton. Doug Miller is a veteran who supports and honors

those who serve and have served our country.

An Army captain and helicopter pilot in Vietnam who later retired as a major, Miller is known for making life better for active duty military members and their families at Camp Parks in Dublin, and for vets through the Army's Wounded Warrior program, East Bay Stand Down and many other organizations. He is also known for his leadership efforts in planning and completing the Veterans Memorial that was dedicated in 2016 in Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery.

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Marshall Kamena, Livermore. Dr. Marshall Kamena has lived a life of public service, serving on the Livermore City Council from 1976-85, including as mayor in 1979-80 when the city selected mayors from the council and again as elected mayor from 2001 to 2011.

The Tri-Valley has benefited from Dr. Kamena's vision and leadership; he is one of the community leaders who, in the early 1970s, put together a plan to start a public access television channel, which is now Tri-Valley Community Television, a government and public education channel serving the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, known to the locals as TV30. ■

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Teacher takes part in selective national program

Orenberg says workshop will have ‘transformational effect’ on her classroom work

BY ERIKA ALVERO

An eighth-grade teacher at Pleasanton Middle School was one of 36 educators selected nationwide to take part in a humanities-focused institute in Massachusetts this past summer.

Katie Orenberg, who teaches history and drama, was chosen from an applicant pool of 328 teachers from across the country to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for Teachers in Lowell, Mass., the nation’s first large-scale planned industrial city.

Orenberg said attending the week-long institute will be instrumental in her teaching going forward.

“Having the opportunity to participate in The Lowell Experience will have a transformational effect on the way I teach social movements and reform in industrializing America,” she told the Weekly.



Katie Orenberg

“I will take back with me, and share with my students, the honor and privilege of ‘spending time with’ the young women and immigrants who worked in these mills, pouring myself into their letters and diaries in the place where they experienced it,” she added.

The NEH Summer Institutes are held at different historic sites in order to allow teachers to study key themes and issues from U.S. history, government, literature, art, music and other humanities subjects in relevant locations. This particular institute, “Social Movements and Reform in Industrializing America: The Lowell Experience,” was held through a partnership with the Tsongas Industrial History Center at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

The workshop included presentations and field studies of Old Sturbridge Village and Walden Pond, allowing participants to look at changes in work, society, culture and the environment between 1820 and 1860, and their effect on reform movements related to labor, women’s rights and slavery.

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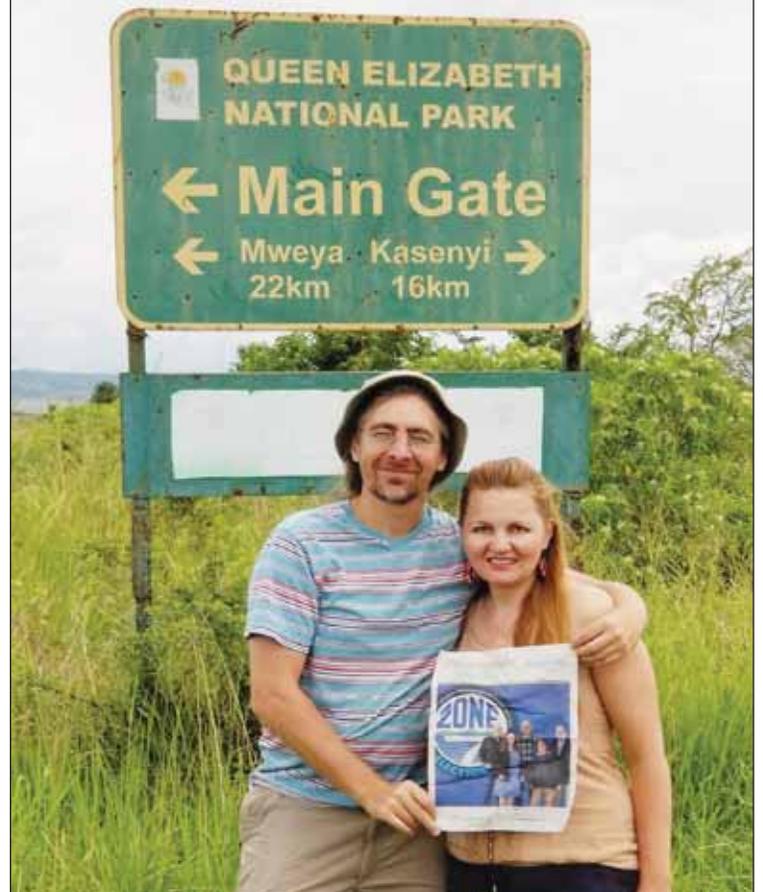
primary sources was a focus.

“Engaging with primary sources in a meaningful and regular way takes the mystery of history and trepidation of not understanding away,” Orenberg said. “Students can see themselves in these stories: People with hopes and dreams; people with flaws; people who achieved wonderful and lasting legacies despite obstacles.”

This is not Orenberg’s first pedagogical research foray — she has also participated in fellowships at Jefferson’s Monticello, Mount Vernon and the Delta Center for Culture and Learning in Cleveland, Miss. She sees seeking out these opportunities as part of her job as an educator.

“Perhaps history itself doesn’t change, but our perception of it certainly can be based on what we learn and find,” she said. “One of the most important things I can do as a teacher is remain a lifelong student and be open to new perspectives. If I want my students to be curious, investigate, and find their own voices, I should be continuously modeling it.” ■

TAKE US ALONG



Ugandan adventure: Ruslan and Natalya Moskalenko visited Queen Elizabeth National Park during their vacation in Uganda. Looking back on the trip, Natalya said, “Uganda is a great country with friendly people and amazing national parks, full of wild life. This was one of our best vacations ever.”

BART

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groups, unions and transportation officials, though the nine-member BART Board of Directors officially took a neutral stance on the bill.

“By signing this bill into law, the governor is sending a powerful message to residents throughout the Bay Area that the same old ‘Not In My Back Yard’ arguments will no longer be able to drown out their voices and calls for more affordable housing,” Grayson said Sunday.

“The current regional housing crisis has shone a bright light on the need to accelerate development, especially in places where a transit infrastructure already exists,” BART General Manager Grace Crunican said in a statement Sunday night.

Since the measure has passed, the BART board will be required to establish zoning standards by July 1, 2020.

In the bill’s text, Chiu argues that BART needs to have some land-use authority in order to develop the most effective transit-oriented housing.

“Transportation services are uniquely tied to land use patterns,” he said, adding that since the district is “governed by an elected Board of Directors,” Bay Area residents have greater input on their decisions compared to other agencies.

But city leaders opposing the measure say that they are the ones who understand and know their communities, and should be in charge of all planning-related issues

and development.

“We know how to build homes here in Dublin,” said Dublin Mayor David Haubert at a press conference on Sept. 17 at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station, in which a host of local leaders gathered to protest AB 2923. “And we’ve done that. We’ve done our part, and we don’t think that taking away our housing and planning authority and ability is the right thing to do.”

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne agreed, pointing to examples of transit-oriented development that the city of Pleasanton has created.

“It’s a problem that does not exist,” he said. “And I believe that local people who live here are the ones that should decide what our local community looks like.”

Baker, who spearheaded the press conference in conjunction with Glazer, said that the cities least affected by the bill were the ones that were “most behind on housing” — San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose. “The communities that are most doing their jobs and meeting their housing numbers are in the Tri-Valley and on this background podium behind me,” she said.

However, BART’s Crunican said that the transit agency wants to continue working collaboratively with cities.

“We have found that working closely with neighborhoods and local elected officials to consider community needs is not only respectful, it’s the most efficient way to get the job done,” Crunican said in her statement Sunday. ■

Pirates of Emerson back in town

Haunted theme park with pirate twist held at fairgrounds

BY ERIKA ALVERO

Shiver me timbers meets ghoulish horror this month in Pleasanton, as the Pirates of Emerson haunted theme park takes over six acres of the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The event, now in its eighth year at the fairgrounds, will be here for weekends throughout the month of October. And once you enter, you can’t escape the spookiness, according to its founder Brian Fields — not like a mall haunted house where you exit and return into commercialized reality.

“When you come out of one of the haunted attractions, you’re still in this dark, haunted atmosphere,” Fields said.

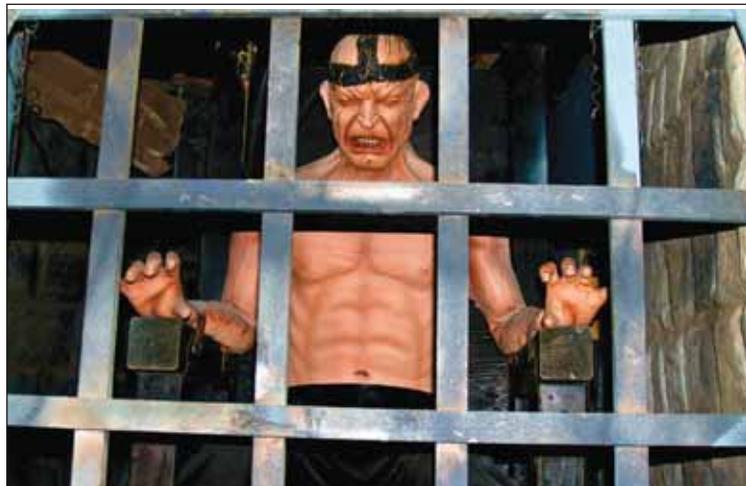
The event officially took root 27 years ago, when Fields and his parents Karl and Patty opened a haunted attraction in their yard on Emerson Street in Fremont, with proceeds going to benefit the Tri-City Homeless Shelter.

It grew and grew to the point where they needed a larger space for the event — leading them to the Alameda County Fairgrounds eight years ago.

Fields isn’t exactly sure how the pirates theme started, but it stuck.

“It’s part of our brand name,” he said.

The park morphs every year,



PIRATES OF EMERSON

The Halloween-season event is pirate-themed, though pirates are just one aspect of the theme park.

but this Halloween season it will feature five haunted attractions (including the trademark “Pirates of Emerson”), along with live music, mazes, a misfortune teller, “frightmares” sideshow, nightly entertainment and more.

Pirates of Emerson opens tonight at 7:05 p.m., and will run weekends throughout the month, with additional openings on Thursdays, Oct. 18 and 25 and on the final two days of October — for All Hallows’ Eve, of course, and the day preceding the holiday.

The event will close at 10 p.m. on Sundays and on Oct. 18 and

30; at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday for the first two weekends and on Oct. 19, 25 and 31; and midnight on Oct. 20, 26 and 27.

General admission tickets are \$35 at the door and \$30 online, with the option for a “Twice Thru” or “Speed Pass” upgrade of \$10. Those who simply want to enter and enjoy the music and spooky fairground ambience can purchase a \$10 “Landlubber” ticket.

Families are advised that attractions may not be suitable for young children. For more information and to buy tickets, visit piratesofemerson.com. ■

PROM

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Junior Prom has recently been held at the Livermore Community Center, and since 2015 has seen an overall cost of between \$34,000 and \$39,000, which includes the venue, the DJ/music, photo booth and snacks and desserts, according to Bull.

The Senior Ball takes place at venues such as the Exploratorium or the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, costing between \$88,300 and \$101,000 per year since 2016, accounting for the venue, charter

bus, photo booth, finger foods and access to the venue's activities.

Last year's ticket prices were between \$90 and \$110 for the junior class dance and between \$170 and \$180 for the senior event, depending on when a student bought a ticket.

This year's Senior Ball is currently set to take place at the SF Academy of Sciences on May 11, as reservations had to be placed about a year in advance, Bull said. The event's contract in place totals \$100,000, though this doesn't include the price of charter buses to transport students to and from the event.

"As it stands now, prices for each Senior Ball ticket would be about \$250, which is an increase of between \$80-\$90 over the past few years," Bull said. Junior Prom ticket prices are unknown at present, since they depend on the chosen venue and other costs.

One option, Bull said, would be to combine together the Junior Prom and Senior Ball into a larger event at the Academy of Sciences, though they are still working to find ways to hold both events separately. The \$100,000 cost estimate would remain the same even with both classes, as

the venue can accommodate a large number of people, according to Jenna Hewitt, the activities director and leadership teacher at Foothill.

"We want to provide opportunities for the student body to have enjoyable experiences as part of the social aspect of high school, but at the same time have to fiscally responsible," Bull added in his letter. "We know there has been a lot of energy around this topic, so please understand that we are trying to best support our student body and allow for events to be affordable for all students to attend."

The practice of combining events is one being adopted by many schools across the Bay Area, Hewitt said.

"Based on a survey that went out last school year, the student population was split just about 50/50 on this idea, which is why we are going back to the drawing board," she said. "We are talking with students, parents, and administration to make an informed decision about how to move forward. Ultimately, we want to make sure that we are creating a more sustainable practice around finances and these events." ■

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Investigators mark anniversary of Sunol cold-case murder

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office recently shined a spotlight on the cold-case killing of Eddie Tse, putting out a renewed call for information to help its long-stalled investigation on the 23rd anniversary of the Sunol gas station attendant's murder.

Tse, 48, was staffing the former Sunol Tree gas station just off the freeway at Andrade Road on the night of Sept. 20, 1995, when two young men entered the store, shot and killed Tse, and were seen fleeing with a large rectangular cash box, investigators said.

The culprits were never positively identified, though suspect sketches have been released.

The first suspect was described at the time as a Hispanic male, late teens to early 20s, standing 5-foot-5 and weighing 120 pounds, wearing a dark ball cap. The second suspect, also a Hispanic male in his late teens to early 20s at the time, was 5-foot-5 and about 120 pounds with dark hair.

Sheriff's Det. Nick Paxton said last

week there haven't been any new developments in the case in recent years. In highlighting the Tse cold case on social media Sept. 20, detectives said they were looking for any details to help breathe new life into the investigation.

Anyone with information related to the case can contact the Cold Case Homicide Unit at 510-667-3661.

In other news

- The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has identified the motorcyclist who died in a solo crash on Interstate 680 in Sunol last week as Michael Jankowsky, 59, of San Jose.

Jankowsky was riding northbound on I-680 near the truck scales just before Andrade Road when the motorcycle went down for unknown reasons just before 10 a.m. Sept. 26, according to Officer Tyler Hahn of the California Highway Patrol. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

The San Jose man was transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where he was pronounced dead later that morning.

Officers are unsure what caused the motorcycle to go down. They are investigating the possibility that Jankowsky suffered a medical emergency right before the crash, but they

are awaiting final autopsy results from the coroner's bureau, Hahn said.

- The federal gun possession trial of the undocumented immigrant who possessed the gun that killed Pleasanton native Kate Steinle in San Francisco in 2015 has been postponed for at least several months while a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a different case is awaited.

Jose Ines Garcia Zarate was originally scheduled to go on trial last Monday in the court of U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria in San Francisco on two federal charges of being an ex-felon and an undocumented person in possession of a gun.

But on Aug. 24, Chhabria postponed the trial until the Supreme Court issues a ruling in an Alabama case known as *Gamble v. United States*.

The issue in both cases is whether prosecution on similar state and federal charges violates the constitutional ban on double jeopardy, or being tried twice for the same crime.

Garcia Zarate was convicted in San Francisco Superior Court last year on a state charge of being an ex-felon in possession of a gun. He was acquitted of murdering Steinle. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 28

Theft

- 12:53 p.m. on the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:11 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 2:34 p.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
- 6:51 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft of auto

Assault/battery

- 11:48 p.m. on the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Domestic battery

- 9:24 p.m. on Golden Road

Sept. 27

Theft

- 8:11 a.m., 5300 block of Mallard Drive; theft from auto
- 3:10 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 6:59 p.m., 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:33 p.m. on the 3300 block of Medallion Court

Burglary

- 11:50 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Sept. 26

Theft from auto

- 4:13 p.m. on the 400 block of Amaral Circle

Vandalism

- 11:07 p.m. on the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

Fraud

- 9:24 a.m. on the 600 block of Windmill Lane
- 3:28 p.m. on the 3400 block of Gravina Place

Assault/battery

- 8:45 a.m. on the 7200 block of Beaumont Court

Drug violation

- 10:31 p.m. at Owens Drive and Johnson Court

DUI

- 1:40 a.m. at First and Neal streets

Sept. 25

Theft from auto

- 7:36 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Alcohol violation

- 2:41 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 2:57 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

- 7:26 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Sept. 24

Vandalism

- 7:04 p.m. on the 2100 block of Rheem Drive

Weapons violation

- 3:25 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 9:28 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
- 1:43 p.m., 3700 block of Eastwood Way; theft from auto

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Tri-Valley municipal election recommendations

This is a vital local election season throughout the Tri-Valley. Accordingly, the Pleasanton Weekly editorial board is offering the following recommendations for the Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville council races as well as Livermore's health care cost initiative, Measure U. Pleasanton City Council endorsements will follow online early next week and in print next Friday.

Our recommendations are based on the public candidate forums the Weekly co-sponsored, meetings with individual candidates or campaigns, and/or regular news coverage during the election.

Danville

Two Town Council seats are up for election, with incumbents Karen Stepper and Robert Storer facing first-time candidate Ram Namburi.

A community with no term limits, Danville residents seem to value vision, continuity, experience and understanding from its council members.

Storer and Stepper embody those positive attributes, and more.

A 16-year council member also with prior San Ramon Valley school board service under her belt, Stepper remains focused on community planning, improving the downtown (for businesses and patrons), easing traffic concerns, enhancing town parks and smart budgeting. She is also a presence in and for Danville, from representing the town on regional governing boards to leading historical walks to still coaching Mustangs soccer after 35-plus years.

Storer has served on the council for nine years after a successful run on the Planning Commission. An integral part of what makes Danville (as he put it) the best run community in Contra Costa County, he has demonstrated an ability to support efforts by the town government centered on his priorities of public safety, improving downtown, maintaining a strong budget with healthy reserves, protecting hillsides and smart development.

Namburi is a Danville resident who says he wants to make sure the council is listening to the voices of the people, especially on issues of housing developments, downtown, traffic and cell towers. While we applaud Namburi for trying to get more involved with his hometown, he simply lacks the civic experience and depth of knowledge needed of a council member. We urge him to seek a spot on a town commission

or committee, and begin effecting change that way.

Vote Stepper and Storer.

San Ramon

Incumbent Bill Clarkson is seeking a fourth (and final) term as mayor, and the lone challenger is Sanat Sethy, a business professional who also sits on the city's Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Clarkson has been a strong advocate for San Ramon residents for nearly two decades (including his school board tenure), and as he demonstrated at our Sept. 24 candidate forum, he remains full of ideas to improve city efforts in areas of concern for the community such as traffic, retail retention, public safety and development — although we were disappointed with his non-answer on the San Ramon Golf Club zoning question.

Sethy shares many of those concerns and thinks the city should do more to create the sorts of improvements San Ramon's growing — and changing — electorate want to see. Unfortunately at our forum, he showed a lack of deep understanding on several key issues with overly brief responses while also offering few specifics on how he would accomplish his goals in office.

For San Ramon City Council, incumbent Dave Hudson is running against challengers Aparna Madireddi, Sridhar Verose and Sabina Zafar. (Councilman Harry Sachs did not run for re-election.)

We prefer Hudson and Zafar.

Now in his 21st year on the council, Hudson remains an assertive voice advocating for a better San Ramon within the city and the region. He has vital experience on almost every issue for the city while also representing San Ramon on Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the League of California Cities, to name a few.

A technology executive and mentor who previously sat on the Transportation Advisory Committee, Zafar ran for council two years ago and has gained from that losing experience, returning better prepared and ready to ensure positive change on the council. At our forum, she offered deliberate answers on her key priorities for the city and embraced a collaborative approach to achieving San Ramon and Tri-Valley goals.

Madireddi, an Open Space Advisory Committee member, also demonstrated a strong voice at the forum, but some answers were inconsistent or off-point and she seemed to

express an isolationist approach to regional priorities, such as not wanting to rejoin Visit Tri-Valley. The "San Ramon first" mentality is great, except when it comes at the detriment to the city.

Verose, who sits on the Parks and Community Services Commission, has the backing of Clarkson and councilmen Phil O'Loane and Scott Perkins. But his performance at our forum at times lacked conviction and nuance, and we're concerned about his ability to carve out his own, independent voice on the dais.

Vote Clarkson for mayor, Hudson and Zafar for council.

Dublin

Dublin voters face a crossroads election. There are five candidates for two open council seats, plus a sitting councilman is challenging the mayor. Depending upon the votes, there could soon be three new people sitting on the council dais.

Mayor David Haubert is running for re-election to his fourth and final two-year term against Councilman Arun Goel.

We recommend citizens re-elect Haubert. He's been endorsed by three other council members, four school board members, the Tri-Valley mayors and others, and has led the council well during a time when residents have been rightly concerned about overcrowded schools and traffic congestion to say nothing of the pace of development.

Haubert, who previously served on the school board, suggested the city to give the school district \$70 million of city-owned land for two schools. The council agreed and that's a unique city-school district partnership in the state that resulted in Cottonwood School opening this fall and preserved \$100 million in bond funds for a second high school in East Dublin.

For City Council, we prefer long-time school volunteer Jean Josey and Navy language specialist/consultant Shawn Kumagai.

Candidates Jing Firmeza and Bobby Khullar both want to slow down housing significantly. They, along with Goel, argue Dublin is going in the wrong direction. Perennial candidate Shawn Costello is also on the council ballot.

Josey has impressed with her commonsense approach to problem-solving as well as her commitment to using a series of measures to alleviate congestion at school sites and a focus on economic development. She has a long record of volunteer leadership in the schools.

Kumagai stresses he will listen and strive to bring the community together, an approach that will serve Dublin well.

Vote Haubert for mayor, Josey and Kumagai for council.

Livermore

Mayor John Marchand is also seeking his final term in office with term limits, and he faces local resident Joshua Laine, a military veteran who owns Valor Winery here in the Valley.

Marchand is the leader Livermore needs for the next two years.

Marchand was poised, direct and informative at our Sept. 20 candidate forum, offering salient views on a range of topics such as support the council's downtown plan, traffic and transit improvements, combating homelessness and city pension liabilities.

Laine, on the other hand, appeared under-informed about most issues facing Livermore residents and the city government. And even more, he has done little to differentiate himself from Marchand's positions on other important issues such as downtown or homelessness.

This is an important City Council race as it marks the final at-large election before shifting to district-based council elections in 2020. Sitting Councilman Steven Spedowski isn't running for re-election, meaning at least one seat is guaranteed to change.

Incumbent Bob Woerner stood out at our forum, as he does from the council dais, with in-depth insights and strategies for how to address a variety of issues facing Livermore. We were particularly impressed with his responses on the downtown plan, Measure U's faults, pensions and public safety.

Of the three challengers, Patricia Munro has our support. A sociologist who's held leadership roles in her Jewish congregation and with Livermore Shakespeare Festival board, Munro appears focused on collaboration to achieve community goals. She offered a strong perspective at our forum for her priorities of transportation, smart growth, Stockmen's Park and helping vulnerable populations.

Alan "Brent" Siler also demonstrated an assertive voice and a willingness to ask the tough questions of city staff and the public, but we wonder if he's overly critical of a city that's operating well in many ways. Criticism for criticism's sake can sometimes prove obstructive.

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LETTERS

Women need a champion!

Dear Editor,

As I sat in my kitchen watching Dr. Christine Ford bravely testify, I was absolutely dismayed to see the male Republican senators on our nation's Judiciary Committee working so hard to destroy a woman who is trying to speak up for herself and for all women.

My takeaway? We have no choice but to elect strong Democratic women in November at every level who we can consistently depend on to champion the rights of women.

That's why Rebecca Bauer-Kahan gets my vote for Assembly, today more than ever.

—Stephanie Sandberg

Re-elect Kathy Narum

As a small-business owner in Pleasanton, I am one of many who provide services and conveniences that make our city such a wonderful place to live. Working directly with them as clients also gives me a personal opportunity to hear what they are saying about the business climate in Pleasanton. And one of the key topics I hear about is traffic.

Traffic has a significant impact on many local businesses that make deliveries and service calls. Sitting in traffic costs small businesses time and money, so we need city leaders able and willing to collaborate with regional partners to alleviate vehicle congestion.

Regional solutions include extending BART to Livermore since we know people are commuting to Pleasanton in order to park and then ride BART — which makes it a challenge for Pleasanton residents to find parking to do so themselves. We should also complete the widening of Highway 84 as soon as possible, and consider adding HOV lanes to 680-north to reduce the cut-through traffic.

Kathy Narum is already working on regional transportation matters, and I believe she is the only candidate for City Council who can broker these types of deals. As the

past chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, I know how important regional partnerships are and I think the Chamber made a smart choice in endorsing Kathy Narum. She has my vote.

—Todd Moberg

Streng, Narum for council

As a member of the Human Services Commission, I greatly respect those who are dedicated to serving our community. That's why I'm voting for Joe Streng and Kathy Narum.

Joe has a long track record of service to Pleasanton. During his nine years on the Park & Rec Commission, he delivered new parks and amenities, expanded our trails and made our streets safer. He also played a significant role in developing long-term plans for our Parks and Community Services Department. I've known Joe personally for more than a decade, and I admire his positive outlook and love for our hometown.

As the incumbent, Kathy also has a distinguished record of service to Pleasanton, including terms on the Park & Rec and Planning commissions. She has a deep understanding of the issues and works tirelessly to get things done.

Both candidates make it a priority to listen to residents with a genuine ear and work to make Pleasanton the best city for all residents. Let's make sure both Kathy and Joe have the opportunity to continue to serve our community.

—Janeen Rubino-Brumm

Re-elect Baker

With all of the arguing about politics this time of year, I think it's important to commend our leaders who do their job well.

I am a constituent of Catharine Baker's, and I had an issue that had gone unresolved and I had been ignored and stonewalled for weeks. I finally reached out to her office and I am so grateful I did. I was listened to, taken seriously, and it was made very clear to me that the assemblywoman genuinely cared about the people she represented.

Sometimes it gets lost in all of the bickering, but one of the most important things of a representative's job is to help their constituents. Catharine Baker takes that job seriously, I am grateful she is our State Assembly member, and she deserves to be re-elected.

—Michelle Langhart

Vote Julie Testa for council

Voters of Pleasanton, please wake up. Vote Julie Testa for City Council.

I lived most of my life in a quaint small town similar to Pleasanton. We loved our charming, and friendly, small town. I'll never forget the day we woke up and looked around at the skyscrapers towering over us. Traffic was suddenly unbearable, we asked who let this happen, and wondered if someone got paid off.

We realized too late that the quality of life that we had valued was gone, and that we had let it happen. We were not paying attention to who was representing us in our then small town of ... Walnut Creek.

You have the chance to elect a slow growth representative. Vote Julie Testa for Pleasanton City Council; don't make the same mistake Walnut Creek made.

—Linda Dow

Narum, Streng have my vote

Pleasanton's current library is a beautiful, useful building, but it is not well-equipped to meet the city's library and community center needs.

Surrounding communities enjoy spacious printed and digital information media centers with ample meeting rooms, quiet research areas and even cafes to get a bite to eat on a study break. I see residents of all ages visiting the Dublin and Livermore libraries, and enjoying a wide array of services. I believe the residents of Pleasanton deserve a comparable facility.

I attended the Pleasanton Weekly candidate forum for City Council, and I was impressed by the positions of Kathy Narum and Joe Streng on the library issue. Both advocate for a sensible, phased

approach to build a new library on the Bernal property, and use the existing library as a new City Hall.

With their plan, the current library building continues to be a community asset long into the future, and taxpayers continue to benefit from the investment we made in that exceptional structure. In my considered opinion, this is an excellent use of public resources to achieve the level of amenities and community gathering space so many residents support.

Kathy Narum and Joe Streng have my vote.

—Sandy Piderit

Proud to endorse Narum

Pleasanton residents deserve clean, safe drinking water, and that won't happen by accident. Thoughtful planning, sound science and forward-thinking public policy will be needed to ensure our infrastructure and water treatment methodology provide healthy tap water now and in the future.

At a time when water utilities across the United States are grappling with aging water infrastructure, California water utilities must also prepare for drought. What does this mean for Pleasanton? This means we must continue to support our ongoing water supply reliability studies so we can prioritize investments in projects that best match our community's needs.

The water issues ahead will require leaders who understand science, listen to the community, and care deeply about the health and well being of Pleasanton residents.

As a Zone 7 Water District director, I have the distinct pleasure of working with Kathy Narum who serves on our City-Zone 7 Liaison Committee. Her engineering background affords her the analytical aptitude to evaluate reports and studies, and her stalwart commitment to water security for Pleasanton makes her an exceptional advocate.

I am proud to endorse Kathy Narum for City Council.

—Olivia Sanwong

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The fourth candidate, Planning Commissioner Neal Pann, understands issues related to land-use and design, but his answers at the forum raised concerns about his depth of knowledge outside the planning sphere.

Vote Marchand for mayor, Woerner and Munro for council.

Measure U

On the ballot in Livermore, this initiative aims to overhaul health care in that city by limiting medical care prices charged by providers to 15% above "the reasonable cost of direct patient care" — and it tasks

the city government with making sure that happens with each patient at every provider, large-scale or small, in Livermore.

The measure is spearheaded by the Service Employees International Union, United Health Workers (SEIU-UHW), whose only membership in Livermore is at Kaiser Permanente (and notably not Stanford-ValleyCare). The opposition campaign features a diverse coalition of health care providers, hospital staff and volunteers, Livermore civic leaders, and more.

We share the strong opposition expressed by the editorial board of our sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly — whose city is the only other Bay Area community facing this same

ballot question.

As they wrote, "The proposal is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

"Not only will it fail to help consumers and create perverse incentives for medical centers to cut staffing levels, but it will also saddle the city with the need to hire a staff of experts to analyze and oversee the charges being made by almost all medical professionals, including individual practitioners, dentists and orthodontists ...

"No city is equipped to regulate health care providers, and it is hard to conceive of any court upholding the constitutionality of local control over what local health care providers can charge for their services."

Vote No on Measure U. ■

MEET THE PLEASANTON CANDIDATES

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTING STARTS MONDAY; VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCT. 22

BY JEREMY WALSH

The general election season is in full swing.

Voter information pamphlets and sample ballots have been mailed to Pleasanton's 43,309 registered voters.

And Monday is the first day for those registered to vote by mail by sending their completed ballots to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office. You can also drop off ballots at the 24-hour vote-by-mail collection stand in front of Pleasanton City Hall. Early voting will also be offered starting Monday at the registrar's office in Oakland at designated times.

Then again, voters can also wait to cast their ballots at their designated polling places on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, to make sure they have all the last-minute, up-to-date information on candidates.

For those not yet registered to vote, that deadline is Oct. 22 — while Oct. 30 is the last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot.

The Registrar of Voters' Office is also recruiting poll workers for Election Day. Information on those sign-ups, as well as voter registration, polling places and more, can be found at www.acvote.org.

The Nov. 6 ballot for Pleasanton voters will feature a plethora of regional, state and federal candidates, plus a variety of statewide ballot measures — which the Weekly will spotlight next week.

For now, the spotlight is shined on the Pleasanton city positions.

There are two spots up for election on the Pleasanton City Council, and at least one is guaranteed to change hands after Councilman Arne Olson opted not to seek a second term.

The mayoral seat also appears on the ballot, with Mayor Jerry Thorne as the only candidate listed. Nobody filed to challenge Thorne, who is running for his fourth and final two-year term. In fact, 2018 marked the first time Pleasanton has an uncontested mayoral race since the city switched mayor from an appointed position to a directly elected one in 1986, according to city officials.

Still, the mayor election had to remain on the ballot because there is a contested City Council election. And a varied candidate list it is.

Incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Narum is facing

two election newcomers, Joe Streng and Joseph Ledoux, along with a familiar candidate, Julie Testa.

Narum is seeking a second full term on the City Council. A former member of the Planning and Parks and Recreation commissions, Narum first joined the council in May 2013 by winning a special mail-only election to fill the council seat left vacant when voters elevated Thorne to mayor. She was re-elected to a full four-year term in November 2014.

Streng, the first challenger to file for the election, also has Parks and Recreation Commission experience, serving 2009 as an alternate before two terms as a full member from 2010 to earlier this year. An Amador Valley High School graduate, Streng works full-time for eBay in San Jose.

Testa is another former city commissioner, serving on the Human Services Commission from 1995 to 2007, in addition to leadership posts with Tri-Valley REACH and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She has been a longtime community advocate, often present at city and school district public meetings, and she challenged Thorne for mayor two years ago.

Ledoux looks to bring an outside perspective to the council, having no prior city commission or committee experience in his time as a Pleasanton resident. He is no stranger to public service professionally, however, working the past 12 years as a Berkeley Police Department officer.

The council candidates elected come November will have their share of key issues to tackle over the ensuing four-year term: the Downtown Specific Plan update, relocating the Civic Center to the Bernal property, private projects like Costco, Spotorno Ranch development and possible Stoneridge Shopping Center site changes, east side planning, police and firefighter union negotiations, Stoneridge Drive and Sunol Boulevard freeway ramp improvements, water availability, city pensions and as always, reacting to new state and federal legislation — just to name a prominent few.

To help Pleasanton voters learn more about the candidates, their motivations and their priorities, the Weekly asked each to submit a 300-word statement to readers about their campaigns for office. The mayor is included too, even though unopposed, because he's on the ballot. ■



JOSEPH LEDOUX

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

As your council member, I will bring a fresh and energetic perspective to the City Council. I have spent nearly half of my life dedicated to public service with 12 years as a police officer, and previously, a police dispatcher and reserve firefighter. I believe in public service, and the accountability and transparency that comes with it.

We moved to Pleasanton to begin our family, and I am committed to ensuring that others have access to the same opportunities for their children as I have for mine — an excellent education in a safe community.

I have degrees in international business (B.S.) and criminal justice (M.S.), and I believe that my unique experience lends itself well to serving Pleasanton's diverse community as we move forward.

I believe that we need to be mindful of our planned future growth. As our community grows, we need to ensure that critical infrastructure keeps pace. We have an opportunity to plan our future, with schools, open spaces and public buildings that will last generations, while maintaining our small-town charm.

I'll not only advocate for our schools, but leverage my public safety experience to focus on keeping our children safe in our schools and our residents safe in their homes and neighborhoods.

Public safety is paramount, and Pleasanton has enjoyed an impressive amount of community approval with regard to our public safety efforts. I am committed to fostering this ongoing partnership to help address the growing regional crime trends and make Pleasanton the safest community in our region.

While our current council has made real progress on many fronts, I believe that a fresh perspective is needed. I believe my background and education makes me uniquely qualified to serve you, the citizens of Pleasanton, and I hope I can count on your support!

For more information, please visit ledoux4you.com.

COVER STORY



KATHY NARUM

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION TO CITY COUNCIL

I've been honored to serve as your council member for the past five years, but there is more work to be done.

My husband and I have lived in Pleasanton for more than two decades. I have raised our daughters here, settled my mom into retirement, managed a thriving commercial property business, and served this city for much of that time.

I served on the Planning Commission for six years and the Parks and Recreation Commission before that. Experience matters, and I've had the benefit of a wide range of civic service over the years, and I hope I can count on your support to continue to serve this great community.

I've witnessed firsthand how a city such as ours can improve the kind and quality of life for all its residents, and I'm committed to preserving what works and making improvements where needed. In meeting neighbors throughout the city, I keep hearing about what makes Pleasanton a safe, stable and satisfying place, and I'll work hard so we can continue to take great pride in calling Pleasanton our home.

Over the next four years, I will continue to work on our council priorities and will also focus on:

- Maintaining our high quality of life by working hard to ensure we retain our small-town charm as we inevitably evolve as a community.
- Providing fiscal sustainability through a balanced budget, a prudent rainy day reserve and a plan to pay down the city's unfunded pension obligations.
- Focusing on environmental improvements, such as expanding our recycled water program and implementing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to create more and safer alternative modes of travel.

There is still much to be done, and I'd be honored to have your support and vote on Nov. 6.

For more information, please visit www.kathynarum.com.



JOE STRENG

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

My family moved to Pleasanton in 1980, and I'm a proud graduate of Amador Valley High School. My wife, Elizabeth, also graduated from Amador and is a lifelong resident.

I've actively served our community for more than 12 years, starting with the Bike, Pedestrian and Trails Subcommittee, followed by two terms as a Parks and Recreation commissioner. During this time, I've earned a reputation as a flexible consensus builder who serves with optimism and enthusiasm.

During my time on Park & Rec, including two terms as chair, we delivered many valuable amenities to the city, including two phases of Bernal Community Park, Cubby's Dog Park at Bernal, an expansion of the Pleasanton Tennis Park, and Stoneridge, Rotary and Harding neighborhood parks.

I'm particularly proud of my contributions to the development and adoption of the Park & Rec Master Plan and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. These plans have already delivered meaningful improvements to our community and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Moving forward, our city faces issues that will require cooperation and leadership. We've taken steps to prepare for our pension obligations, but more needs to be done to ensure our long-term financial stability.

Managing traffic around and through Pleasanton requires a regional approach to develop solutions, as well as local action to make sure our streets are safe for everyone. And our city needs to deliver a variety of carefully planned housing solutions to keep up with a growing need. I see these issues as opportunities to continue to maintain our high quality of life, not threats.

Pleasanton is not only the best place to live in the Bay Area, but one of the best in California and the United States. I'll work hard to keep it that way.

For more information, please visit www.joestreng.com.



JULIE TESTA

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

As your City Council representative, I will stand for residents, not special interests. We have a responsibility to preserve what we value in our community.

I will protect our small-town character while also considering impacts on schools, traffic, water and quality of life. I will support slow growth policies; meet state mandates, but not more; and then work to ensure our infrastructure keeps up with growth.

- Support slow/smart growth policies.
- Preserve our historic downtown from massive housing projects.
- Tackle long-term city debt.
- Create awareness that drinking recycled sewer water is not a safe option.
- Stand up to state overreach to maintain local control.
- Collaborate with the school district to address expanding enrollment.

I support a new library/community center. I do not support destroying useful city buildings or our current library, which can be repurposed. Costs to demolish and build on the Bernal site is estimated at a staggering \$200 million.

The current plan is to rezone the existing library/civic center site to add a massive housing/office project. This is a tremendous expense to taxpayers, with many costly, negative impacts, offering limited benefit to Pleasanton citizens.

Pleasanton has reopened discussions regarding using recycled sewer water for drinking water, toilet-to-tap. This is not a conservation effort; it will support additional housing. I cannot support residents accepting the cost and risks of contamination until science has proven it's safe.

My husband and I raised our family in Pleasanton. A 30-year resident, I have a lengthy and diverse record of service: Pleasanton city commissioner for 11 years, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) director and Resources Education Activities Community Housing (REACH) director.

I've served on numerous Pleasanton committees/task forces. I've attended statewide meetings to control high-density housing in Pleasanton. I would be honored to serve as your Pleasanton City Council member.

For more information, please visit www.JulieTesta.com.



JERRY THORNE

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS MAYOR

It has been my great honor to serve you as your Mayor, council member, and Parks and Recreation commissioner for a total of 23 years of service.

We have accomplished much together, including an increase in our rainy day reserve to 22% of the general fund and completion of a plan to reduce impacts of future increases in pension liability.

However, we must focus on the future to improve and protect our high quality of life. To accomplish this we must:

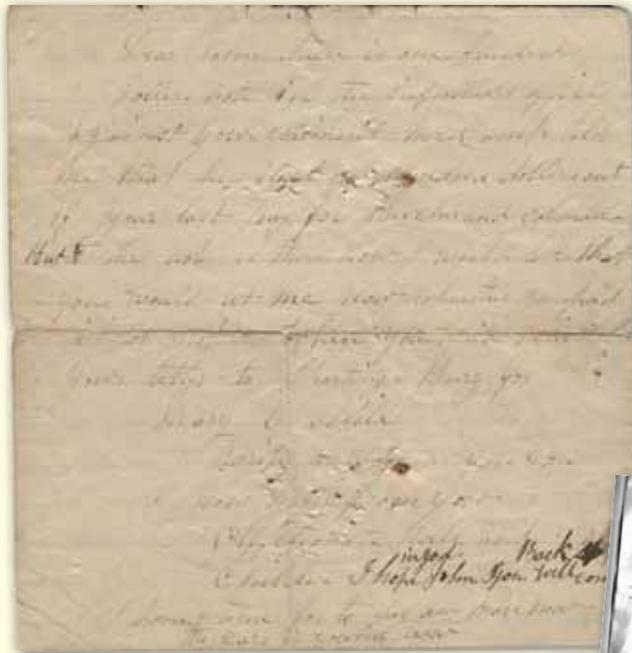
- Ensure that all land-use decisions are sensible and sustainable without exposing ourselves to legal action by outside sources or the state.
- Advocate for local control of local land-use issues with the State Legislature.
- Find new ways to help PUSD preserve the quality of our schools.
- Complete and implement a comprehensive Downtown Specific Plan.
- Advocate for sufficient water infrastructure and resources.
- Ensure that traffic generated by development is mitigated.
- Complete the renovation of our Pioneer Cemetery.

Results-oriented leadership has been the key to my success in the private and public sectors, and I am committed to this philosophy. Remain Pleasanton Proud! Re-elect Mayor Jerry Thorne.

For more information, please visit www.jerrythorne.com.

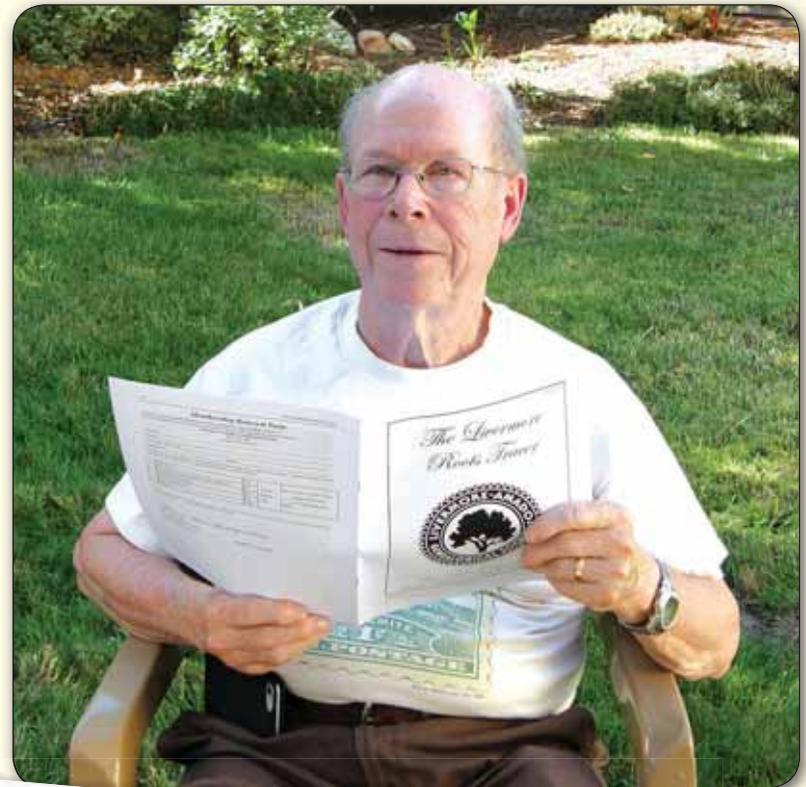
Finding your roots

Tri-Valley Heritage Happenings help folks find family histories

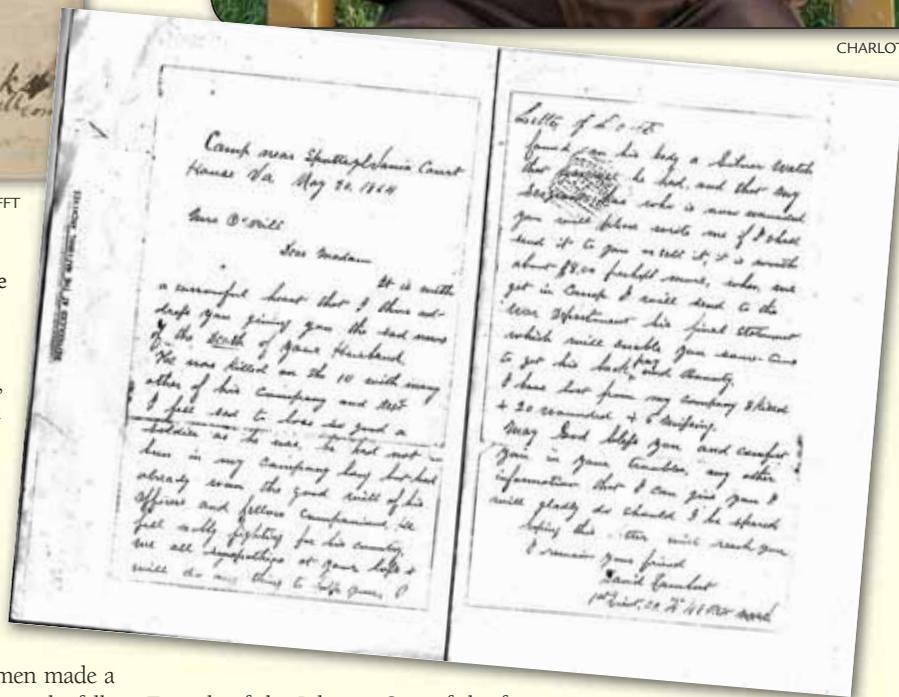


CHARLOTTE E.H. LOFFT

Patrick Lofft used this 1864 letter from his great-grandmother Mary O'Neill to her husband in researching his ancestors. It was returned to her after he was killed in the Civil War.



CHARLOTTE E.H. LOFFT



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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI
Patrick Lofft started to wonder in college about the origins of his seemingly unique last name. He had to spell it for everyone; no one had heard of it.

"My father had said we're Irish, and I had to find out why we had this name," Lofft, 79, recently recalled.

His quest for his origins almost 60 years ago led to him becoming a genealogy researcher all his life and a lecturer. Since moving to Pleasanton in 2000 from the East Coast, Lofft has been an active member of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society and editor of its newsletter, "The Livermore Roots Tracer."

And his name? Lofft learned that his great-grandfather who did indeed come from Ireland was illiterate. His surname was "Lough," which means lake, but in entering the United States, it was recorded as "Lofft."

Patrick Lofft traced another set of paternal great-grandparents, Mary and John O'Neill, to County Wicklow, Ireland. They came to America in 1858, acquired acreage in Pennsylvania, and had three daughters.

John enlisted in the 49th Regiment of the New York State Volunteers in 1864 and was killed four months later, at the age of 34, in the battle at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia.

Lofft gleans from a letter Mary wrote to John that she was already suffering depression, and during his research he unearthed records from the Dixmont Insane Asylum near Pittsburgh that stated she was admitted in 1871. She died in 1883.

"It is so interesting to know where your people come from and the stories behind them," Lofft said.

"My mother's line is in Germany. That was

real easy," he added.

His maternal great-grandfather, Adam S. Witzel, who was born in Dieburg, Hesse, Germany, married Theresia Neubeck on March 31, 1851, and came to America two months later, where they had eight sons and five daughters.

At the age of 77, as Witzel was losing his eyesight, he took a trolley to Niagara Falls in 1902 and walked into the river. Some men made a chain to stop him before he went over the falls and one managed to grab his coat, according to a newspaper report.

"His fingers caught the cloth but he could not hold on and the man in a twinkling had disappeared in a smother of foam and spray," reads the story.

"He was somewhat depressed," Lofft said. "The story was that he enjoyed reading and he wasn't able to do it anymore — they didn't have cataract removal surgery."

In celebration of National Family History Month, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society is holding five public outreach events in October at the Pleasanton and Livermore libraries to help others locate their ancestors. People should bring whatever information they have about their grandparents' names and where they lived in the years 1940, 1930 and 1920. It is also recommended they bring a flash drive or a laptop to save any pertinent documents they find.

"We sit down with people and help them research," Lofft said.

To get started tracing one's roots, he explained, several internet sites are good, and libraries have databases, including ancestry.com in Pleasanton paid for by

Friends of the Library. One of the first things he advises is to collect all of the family's surnames and go to the nearest Mormon church.

He highly recommended going to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple in Oakland.

"Its Family History Center is just fabulous," Lofft said. "There are lots of volunteer docents there to help."

He also noted that one of its precepts is no proselytizing and it does not accept donations.

"But you really have to get back to the hometown library to find things, not everything has been scanned," Lofft said. "You need to look through newspapers and vital records. The best stuff is back at the home village."

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, founded in 1977, usually offers its outreach events twice a year, in April and October.

The society has about 150 members, Lofft said, and each monthly meeting draws about 30 or 40.

"Last time we heard a fellow talk about his Hungarian roots," he said.

The group's members believe in working

together to improve everyone's understanding of their ancestors and their connections to historical events.

"My wife's ancestors trace back to the Colonial Era," Lofft said. "But back to Europe is very difficult to trace, unless they came on one of the famous boats — such as the Mayflower." ■

Trace your roots

What: Searching for Family History
Who: Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
Where: Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.: 1-5 p.m. this Sunday; and from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 11 and 18
Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore St.: 2-5 p.m. Oct. 10 and 17
More information: www.L-AGS.org

Ghost Walk includes spooks

Museum on Main offers the spirit of Halloween season

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Downtown Pleasanton has a haunted reputation, which is explored by Museum on Main each October as it leads tours to Main Street's most notorious sites.

A volunteer team of ghost hosts leads groups on the tours, and actors play the roles of various spirits around town. The family-friendly evening tour takes two hours and draws people from throughout the Bay Area.

"Ghost Walk is a unique experience and has successfully brought the haunted side of Pleasanton to 'life' through the stories and experiences collected from psychics, ghost hunters and shop workers over the years," museum director Jim DeMersman said. "Ghost Walk is more spooky than it is scary. It's not a haunted house type of program where people jump out to scare you."

Teen improv performers from Pleasanton's Creatures of Impulse troupe portray some of the apparitions.

"They are so fun playing the many roles of the downtown ghosts and we are pleased they will be back again this year," DeMersman said.

Approximately 1,200 people take the Ghost Walk each year, and advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 20, 21; 27 and 28.

Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$13 for



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Creatures of Impulse students portray the ghosts at Prim during a Ghost Walk.

children 12 and under. Purchase at the museum, 603 Main St., online at www.museumonmain.org, or telephone 462-2766.

Ghost Walk tours take place rain or shine, so dress appropriately. Costumes are highly encouraged. ■

All about succulents

Expert to share worldwide varieties with garden club

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club's October meeting will focus on "Succulent Tidbits from Around the World."

Guest speaker Peter Beiersdorfer will introduce plants from far-off places, including the Rhine Valley of Germany, the Swiss Alps, the Cape Floral Region of South Africa, the highest mountain of Spain, the badlands of Argentina, and islands off the coast of North Carolina. Each region

has its own specialty, such as aeonium forests, sea of flowering bulbs, creepy cacti, wildflower meadows, the world's largest quiver tree forest.

Beiersdorfer has been specializing in and growing succulents for more than 25 years. When he takes a break from his physicist duties, he travels the world to explore succulents. He also contributes to the shows and sales of five cactus and succulents clubs in Northern California, as well

as to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America's annual show at the Huntington Garden. He will bring some of his plants for sale.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. next Thursday in the multipurpose room at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Visitors are welcome.

For information about the club and its activities, visit www.lavgc.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Meet Albert Einstein

Beth Emek presents renowned physicist

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Albert Einstein will be at Congregation Beth Emek next weekend.

Character actor Duffy Hudson will offer his true-to-life portrayal of the German-born theoretical physicist, exploring his personal life as well as his major scientific accomplishments, at 7:30 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 13).

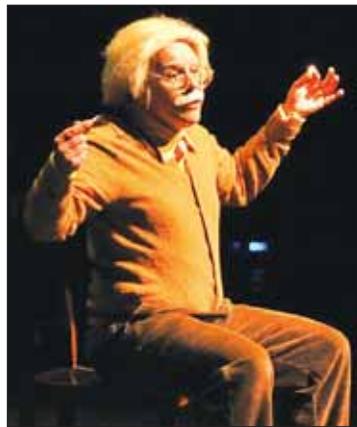
"We will also be asking Hudson to touch upon Einstein's life in Europe during pre-World War II years and about his decision to remain in the United States when Hitler came to power," said Jennifer Amiel, coordinator for the event.

Hudson has visited the area many times for performances as Edgar Allen Poe, George Burns and Dr. Seuss.

"These kind of character performances always intrigue people," Amiel said. "With a great character performance like Hudson's, the audience feels like they've met a person from history. It can be a very powerful experience to connect with history in a more personal way."

After the performance, everyone can visit with "Einstein" and enjoy refreshments.

Congregation Beth Emek is



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Duffy Hudson as Albert Einstein.

located at 3400 Nevada Court. Buy tickets at www.bethemek.org. Suggested donation is \$10 per person; students are free. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Photos sought for Bankhead exhibit

Show to explore 'Passageways, Boundaries, Transitions'

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) is calling for entries for a photography show it is sponsoring with the Bankhead Theater from Nov. 6 to Jan. 7.

The theme of the show is "Passageways, Boundaries and Transitions," and photographs can be literal or

metaphorical, depicting a physical, emotional, mental or spiritual landscape within the theme. Photographs are neither limited in subject matter nor to any particular process.

The deadline for digital entries is Oct. 15. The show will be judged by Mark Citret, and monetary awards

will go to the photographers whose images best express the theme. For more information and the entry form, go to www.livermoreartassociation.org/call-for-artists-.html.

A reception will be held 1-3 p.m. Nov. 17. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Take part in Day of the Dead

Library offering exhibit space to honor loved ones

The Pleasanton Public Library is looking for 20 individuals or groups to pay homage to an ancestor by creating an "ofrenda" in his or her honor as part of a community celebration of Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead.

An ofrenda is a type of altar with objects of a loved one who has died.

The Pleasanton celebration will be at the library's large meeting room rather than the cemetery, where it traditionally takes place in Mexico, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 27, and 1-4:30 p.m. Oct. 28.

Applications for exhibit space, available on a first-come, first-served basis, are due by 9 p.m. Oct. 24 at the library reference desk.

Ofrendas may include table

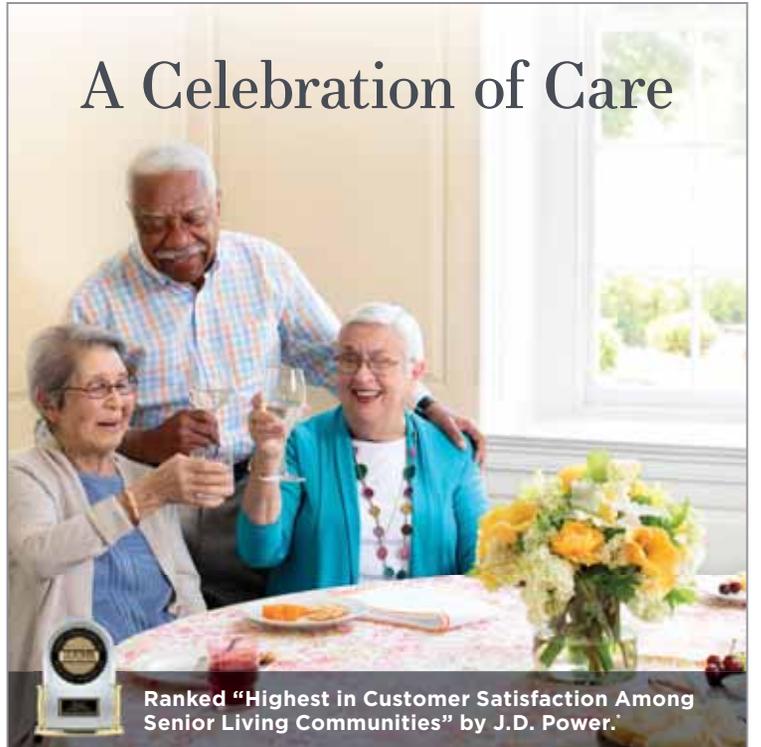
coverings, photographs, artificial food, objects of personal significance, artwork, sugar skulls, decorations, toys and skeletons. No real food is allowed except fruit with a peel or unopened containers. The library will provide a 28-inch-by-60-inch table and six battery votive candles.

Besides the ofrendas on exhibit honoring loved ones, the celebration will include refreshments, performances, crafts, music and a photo booth. Those with ofrendas are encouraged to spend time at them to answer questions about the person being honored.

This is the library's fifth annual Dia de los Muertos celebration. It is free and open to the public. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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Sports

PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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Foothill water polo wins Pleasanton tournament

Also: Both volleyball teams post victories; cross-country Falcons star in Santa Rosa

The Foothill boys water polo team won the co-hosted Amador Valley/Foothill Tournament last weekend.

Thanks to victories over Kennedy (16-5), Alameda (15-10), Washington (12-11 OT) and Amador Valley (13-9) in the final, Foothill accomplished its best tournament record in five years.

Standout games in the Amador/Foothill tournament were matchups against Alameda and Washington.

Against Alameda, senior Ryan Weiglein led with 5 goals, 1 assist and 4 steals, while Dylan Weiglein

had 4 goals, 1 assist and 1 steal, Williams had 3 goals, and 4 assists, sophomore Eugene Kruger had 2 goals, 1 assist, 1 steal, junior Sanjay Menon had a goal and an assist.

Against Washington, scoring was led by Williams with 6 goals, 1 assist and 2 steals, followed by Ryan Weiglein with 4 goals, 1 assist and 2 steals, plus he scored the sudden death game-winner to clinch the game.

Kruger and junior Jesse Goodman added a goal apiece, while senior Dylan Weiglein added 3 assists, 3 steals and 7 additional caused turnovers.

For the tournament, standouts included junior Ryan Xu (1 goal), senior Camden McFarlane (3 goals), Goodman (4 goals), Kruger (8 goals) and Menon (6 goals).

Amador volleyball

The Dons traveled to face Carondelet on Sept. 25, pulling out a thrilling 23-25, 25-13, 14-25, 25-23 and 15-12.

The Dons were down 21-14 in the fourth set but rallied when the offense came to life. Sarah Rieble had 5 kills and the Dons outscored the Cougars 11-2 to force a fifth set.

In the fifth set, the Dons continued to rely on their strong offense and timely defense provided by Summer Reeves, Abby Swindale and Lauren Melvin.

Outside hitters Mahlia Jackson and Rachel Malmrose finished with 16 and 10 kills, respectively. Jackson also had a double-double with 12 digs to go along with her kills.

Two days later, the Dons swept Livermore 25-12, 25-12 and 25-21.

The Dons offense was led by Rieble and Kaitlyn McFall. Rieble, a UC San Diego commit, had 17 kills. McFall, the Dons' player of the match, had 7 kills.

Setters Helen Xiao and Colette Wogsland combined for 33 assists to set up the Dons offense. The defense was led by Jackson and Jillian

Piscotty bobblehead supports ALS research

A new, limited-edition Stephen Piscotty Oakland Athletics bobblehead has been released, with a portion of the proceeds set to benefit the GoFundMe created by A's Community Fund to support the ALS Therapy Development Institute in memory of Stephen's mother. Gretchen Piscotty, a longtime Pleasanton resident and retired Foothill High secretary, died May 6 after battling ALS. The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum is selling the Piscotty bobblehead (officially licensed, made by FOCO) for \$40 each, plus \$8 shipping, with \$5 from each purchase committed to the GoFundMe. To learn more, visit www.BobbleheadHall.com.



BOBBLEHEAD HALL

Wittenauer with 12 digs apiece.

Foothill volleyball

The Falcons ran their East Bay Athletic League record to 11-1 with a pair of wins last week.

They opened the week beating Livermore 25-20, 25-22, 25-10. Highlights came from Ishana Ram: 31 assists, 11 service points; Haley Roundtree: 10 kills, 2 blocks;

Riley Francis: 7 service points, 4 kills; and Emma Collins: 5 service points, 2 digs.

Next up was a 25-27, 25-11, 25-23, 25-21 win over Dougherty Valley. Highlights were Ram: 44 assists, 13 service points; Emily Haskell: 30 digs; Grayce Olson: 21 kills, 13 digs; and Naya Williamson: 20 service points, 7 kills.

Over the weekend, the Falcons were in the loaded Oak Ridge Tournament and posted a 2-3 mark. Highlights were Ram: 117 assists, 27 service points; Haskell: 63 digs, 24 service points; Olson: 55 kills, 17 service points; and Roundtree: 31 kills, 12 blocks.

Foothill cross-country

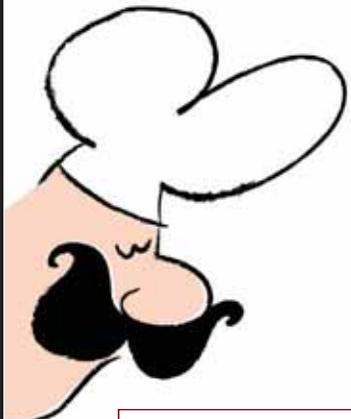
Foothill went to Santa Rosa for the 40th Viking Opener hosted by Montgomery High.

The Falcons had a great day, led by Haven Decker with a time of 13 minutes and 33 seconds on the hilly, two-mile course. Sydney Cohen turned in a 14:02, followed by senior and team captain Kate Battaglia with a 14:10.

The freshmen boys took fourth as a team. The sophomore boys finished third led by Prithu Kachare (ninth) and Arjun Subramanian (12th) also took fourth. Chad Linke took seventh in the Open Boys with Quentin Hoang finishing 12th.

The senior boys, led by Russell Sullivan, took first place. Sullivan won the race with a time of 9:56. Shrey Shah turned in a strong performance taking sixth with 10:16, with Pranav Poominathan rounding out the top three Falcons in 36th in 11:38. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores, game highlights and photographs for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.



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Theatre

BEDTIME THEATER Bedtime Theater, especially for ages 2 thru 7, presents a performance of Pete G Magic at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 in the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Children can come in their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal. Milk and cookies served after the performance. Go to SanRamonPerformingArts.com for tickets and more information, or call 973-3343.

Concerts

FLEETWOOD MASK Fleetwood Mask performs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Road, San Ramon. Celebrate the Arts with Fleetwood Mask -- The Ultimate Tribute to Fleetwood Mac. Celebrate the Arts is a benefit concert for the Arts Foundation and the Foundation Scholarship Fund. The San Ramon Arts Foundation has encouraged, supported and funded the Arts in San Ramon since 2001. Visit SanRamonArts.org for tickets.

A CELEBRATION OF LEONARD BERNSTEIN A Celebration of Leonard Bernstein is presented by The San Ramon Symphonic Band at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 in the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. For tickets and more information, go to SanRamonPerformingArts.com or call 973-3343.

Festivals & Fairs

IGNITE 2.0 The second annual IGNITE! Event will be returning to Pleasanton with innovative arts and technologies on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Ave., and the surrounding streets between Division and Railroad. Food trucks will be on site. For more

information or to see a full listing of the entertainment and vendors, visit firehousearts.org/programs/ignite.

DOGTOBERFEST Dogtoberfest returns to celebrate all things canine at 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Robert Livermore Park, 491 Loyola Way, Livermore. Enjoy dog demos, festivities, beer/wine/food garden, dog vendors and rescues, a pet costume contest, and more. Pre-register at larpd.org or call 373-5700.

Talks & Lectures

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED At 6:45 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 11 at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill Banquet Room, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. Republican women and men are cordially invited to hear Special Guest Speaker Malcolm McGough, CEO of Election Integrity Project California, speaking on the importance of cleaning up election fraud in California. Call Jo Molz 846-6155 / Cell /Text 367-6155 or email rjm911@sbcglobal.net. TVRWF members \$30.00/Guests \$35.00. trivalleyrepublicanwomenfederated.org.

Fundraisers

PACE FOR PEACE EVENT Tri-Valley Haven's Annual Pace for Peace Event will be at 8 a.m. (7 a.m. check-in) on Oct. 6. on the Arroyo Mocho Trail in Livermore. Proceeds benefit the Domestic Violence Shelter, counseling services, 24-hour Crisis Line and Legal Clinic. To register, or for more information visit trivalleyhaven.org or Runsignup.com.

9TH ANNUAL WHEELS FOR MEALS RIDE TO FIGHT SENIOR HUNGER The Wheels for Meals Ride and Cycle Event to fight senior hunger will be held at 9 a.m. on Oct. 13 at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. There are three new routes to choose from. The post-

ride celebration begins at 11 a.m. with live entertainment, and family-friendly activities. Register today to secure your spot. For sponsorships and exhibitor booth opportunities, email Marisa@feedingseniors.org. Volunteers go to signupgenius.com. Some of these volunteer roles require specific skill sets and are not for the general public.

DISCOVERY SHOP NEEDS JEWELRY DONATIONS The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets, rings and watches for its semi-annual jewelry event to be held Oct. 19 to 21. Help make a difference in the fight against cancer. Donations are accepted at the shop during open hours Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 12-5 p.m. The Discovery Shop is located at 1989 E. Santa Rita Road. Please contact Kelley Meno at 462-7374 for more information.

CYCLING 4 VETERANS Announcing the Fourth Annual Cycling 4 Veterans (C4V) ride at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. A veterans and military support event, featuring three epic rides for 30 miles, 55 miles and 115 miles. Visit cycling4veterans.com for more information. 30 mile ride is \$50, 55 mile ride is \$65 and 115 mile ride is \$85.

A NEW HOPE-A FUNDRAISER FOR TRI-VALLEY HAVEN A New Hope Fundraiser for Tri-Valley Haven from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Admission price is \$5 cash at the door and additional donations will be accepted throughout the event. All proceeds go towards Tri-Valley Haven and their mission to protect local residents from abuse.

Family

CHARACTERZ KIDZ FAMILY GAME NIGHT This Family Fun Night is free for all ages, starting at 6 p.m., on the first Friday of every month at Characters Cafe, 5424 Sunol Blvd. KIDZ get a free hot cocoa or chocolate milk. Bring a game to share or play one of ours.

FOOD PANTRY AT VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH The Food Pantry at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr. is open from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings to serve anyone who needs food. We have been serving the families in the Tri-Valley for over 10 years. No proof of residency is required, just come and get a couple of bags or more.

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE HOUSING WORKSHOP Free Housing Workshop at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 in Building 1600, Room #1602, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Workshop will include topics, Are you homeless? Being evicted? In a crisis home situation? Or just having trouble finding housing? The Las Positas College CalWORKS program is hosting this workshop for students facing these types of challenges, featuring guest speakers

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet joyful Jayda Marie

A 7-year-old American pit bull, Jayda Marie is so friendly and outgoing that her wagging tail is almost a hazard! This is a happy free spirit who is everybody's friend, or at least wants to be. This is the sort of dog who leans against people she likes, and happily rolls on her back for a belly rub. She is intelligent, confident and friendly to all. She's looking for new partners in her adventures. Meet joyful Jayda Marie at the East Bay SPCA Dublin. To learn more, visit eastbayspca.org.



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who specialize in this area. Get tips to increase your chances of finding housing. Lunch provided. eventbrite.com/e/las-positas-college.

Support Groups

AL-ANON AND ALATEEN Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. Contact 277-7661 or help@AlanonTriValley.org. Go to AlanonTriValley.org. Pleasanton.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group meets Wednesdays, from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit nami-trivalley.org, or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, (714) 296-3444.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND From 1 to 3 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, the Livermore Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets for any visually impaired or blind person. Call Carl at 449-9362.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP From 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month, at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, join us to learn more about this common movement disorder. For more information visit eastbayet.com, call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

GRIEF WORKSHOP The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us for our Fall Workshop at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, beginning on Sept. 6 and ending on Oct. 25, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Pre-registration is required. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information.

Seniors

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., to have your eye glasses and sunglasses cleaned and adjusted by

a representative from Sears Optical. For more information call 931-5365.

PHOTO CLUB The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY From 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. every Friday at Haps Original Steaks and Seafood at 122 West Neal St., we meet for lunch. Learn more about us online at pnr-rotary.org. Public Relations Contact Stacey Blaney, 872-4036, email stacey@denalidatasystems.com or call 519-0669.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB At 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. we have our dinner meeting. Join us and learn the many ways the Lions are making a difference in our community. For more information visit pleasantonlionsclub.org or call 872-7552.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME Join us from 12 to 1 p.m., on Thursdays at The Corrie Center, 7950 Dublin Blvd, 3rd Floor Conf. Rm., Dublin. All welcome. Improve public speaking, communication and leadership skills. Toastmasters.org. HaciendaTM@gmail.com, 398-3257.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GARDEN CLUB MEETING The Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club's Oct. 11 meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. The club meets the second Thursday of each month. Visitors are welcome. For more information, go to lavgc.org.

Schools and Education

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING The PUSD Board Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the District Office Board Room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

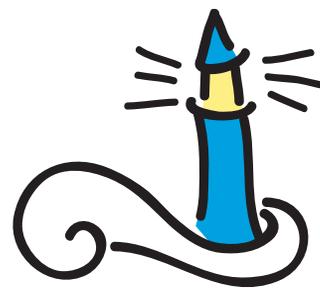


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Barrio Fiesta welcomes all

The third annual Filipino Barrio Fiesta takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Sunday at the Bankhead Theater Plaza, 2400 First St., in Livermore. The free family-oriented celebration will include Filipino food, games, music and dances, historical exhibits and a community mapping project that traces the history of the Filipino people in the United States. The event, with the theme "Trinity of Past, Present and Future," is free, sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and the Livermore Fil-Am Organization. October is Filipino American History Month. At noon, there will be a speech by Robyn Rodriguez, head of the Department of Asian American Studies at UC Davis.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

METRO TOWING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.:548831
The following person(s) doing business as: Metro Towing, located at 7063 Commerce Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): QAIS FAIZI, 609 S. Tradition St., Tracy, CA 95304. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein August 27, 2018. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: QAIS FAIZI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 14, 21, 28, & Oct. 5 2018).

PARK PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 548568
The following person(s) doing business as: Park Properties, 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yvette S. Helmers, 648 Division St., Pleasanton, CA 94566; George E. Helmers, 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Park Properties, a Married Couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant Yvette S. Helmers, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 21, 2018 (Pleasanton Weekly, September 14, 21, 28, October 5 2018).

RELIANNZ
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 549953
The following person(s) doing business as: Reliannz, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ann Alderete, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant: Ann Alderete. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 21, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19)

La Escuelita
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 550035
The following person doing business as: La Escuelita, 706 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Paola Corzo, 706 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Paola Corzo, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Paola Corzo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Sept. 24, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018).



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New data shows slow Bay Area housing production

MTC: Imbalance highlights region's 'housing crunch'

New data shows that Bay Area housing increased by only 14,900 new units in 2017, less than 30% of the number of new jobs in the region during the same period, according to data released by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The number of new housing units, mostly apartments and condominiums, was much less than the 52,700 new jobs estimated by the California Employment Development Department to have been added in the nine-county Bay Area last year.

The imbalance highlights the region's "housing crunch" and reinforces its position as one of the nation's most expensive places to live, MTC officials said.

Other findings show that permits for single-family homes have stagnated since 2008 while multifamily units like apartment buildings have nearly doubled to 15,000 in 2016 from 8,000 units in 2009. Multifamily housing accounted for 70% of the 21,000 units permitted by Bay Area municipalities in 2016.

The data is part of the Vital Signs initiative by the MTC and ABAG that monitors the region's progress toward reaching key environmental, transportation, land use and economic policy goals. More information on housing production data and other findings can be found at vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov.

—Bay City News Service

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 2-17

Pleasanton

2109 Alexander Way S. & K. Garje to V. Logysetty for \$825,000

2138 Alexander Way K. Downs to S. Heroor for \$880,000

3337 Arbor Drive W. & C. McNaught to M. Matuszak for \$1,315,000

125 Barias Place Kontech USA to J. Tong for \$1,169,000

274 Birch Creek Drive P. Tiernan-Stahler to Laughton Trust for \$720,000

3006 Bolero Court Brewer Trust to Li Trust for \$745,000

1558 Calle Enrique P. & G. Janovetz to B. Yu for \$810,000

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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Danville

4 BEDROOMS

4 Heartland Ct. **\$1,699,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Joel & Cindy Engel 580.5106

Discovery Bay

2 BEDROOMS

5705 Cutter Loop **\$420,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Maria Gilotte 408.772.6152

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS

4681 Mangrove Dr. **\$816,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Sean Jolley 621.4063

4 BEDROOMS

6848 Brighton Dive **\$849,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462.7653

Fremont

4 BEDROOMS

5500 Beau Court **\$1,099,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Janice Habluetzel 699.3122

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS

207 Heligan Lane #4 **\$625,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980.0273/519.8226

3 BEDROOMS

168 Gillette Place, Unit 102 **\$749,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Esther McClay/Tim McGuire 462.7653

2841 Hoya Commons **\$790,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 John Ledahl 989.4994

1290 Lakehurst Road **\$765,000**
Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462.7653

4 BEDROOMS

5875 Arlene Way **\$1,029,000**
Sat 1-4 Cindy & Gene Williams 918.2045

59 Riverstone Common **\$948,800**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980.3561

5 BEDROOMS

801 Placenza Street

Sun 1-4 Kim Grass **\$1,126,000** 510.304.9543

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

5375 Black Avenue #4 **\$710,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley 519.9080

1416 Calle Enrique **\$709,500**
Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846.6500

2240 Segundo Court, #2 **\$494,500**
Sun 2-4 Sally Martin 998.4311

3 BEDROOMS

7350 Ashwood Ct. **\$999,888**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Brigitte Huntemann 260.2508

2657 Calle Alegre **\$1,280,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea & Earl Rozran 858.4198

49 Golf Road **\$1,325,000**
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

4 BEDROOMS

6848 Brighton Dr. **Call for pricing**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462.7653

520 Bunker Lane **\$1,979,000**
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

2423 Pomino Way, Ruby Hill **\$2,250,000**
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980.0273/519.8226

5 BEDROOMS

528 Bunker Lane **\$2,395,000**
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

3229 Flemington Court **\$1,199,000**
Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 998.3398

8227 Moller Ranch Dr. **\$1,850,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Mark James/Tim McGuire 216.0454

387 Mullin Court **\$1,799,000**
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785.7777

4228 W. Ruby Hill Drive **\$3,695,000**
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980.0273/519.8226

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2 BEDROOMS

2221 Kilkare Rd. **\$499,999**
Sun 1-4 Natale Bianco 200.5119



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6016 Corte Calera R. & A. Reilly to J. Xu for \$1,278,000

3880 Eastwood Court E. & C. Moniz to U. Edwards for \$1,340,000

1933 Fiorio Circle C. & L. Stone to Y. Kim for \$868,000

2501 Glen Isle Avenue K. & M. Bellon to A. Karan for \$1,130,000

199 Junipero Street D. Rae to S. Espiar for \$870,000

971 Madeira Drive S. & D. Hoffman to V. Capote for \$1,200,000

2739 Milani Avenue H. Li to J. Thomas for \$1,250,000

134 Mission Drive Harris Trust to Y. He for \$626,000

3433 Norton Way #9 A. Hossain to Y. Zhang for \$506,000

1698 Orvieto Court Woo Trust to U. Gurram for \$2,334,000

2474 Pomino Way Adams Trust to J. Pujari for \$1,950,000

1592 Ramblewood Way D. Daly to M. Meda for \$1,276,000

3106 Snowdrop Circle M. Rusli to A. Jayanthilal for \$1,165,000

4111 Torino Court A. Nair to A. Thoppil for \$850,000

3813 Vine Street Silva Trust to C. Hutchison for \$575,000

3899 Vine Street Proctor Trust to D. Boyer for \$625,000

3043 Bolero Court G. Besser to D. Guan for \$857,000

4432 Del Valle Parkway O. & O. Loktev to M. Bedford for \$687,000

1505 Elderberry Court J. & N. Falcone to J. Graziadei for \$2,470,000

1939 Foxswallow Circle E. Bringhurst to T. Wattal for \$1,500,000

6266 Garner Court G. & E. Lombardi to M. Natti for \$967,000

4156 Georgis Place A. Singh to J. Modi for \$680,000

6167 Homer Court W. Tse to S. Muthupandi for \$945,000

1131 Laguna Creek Lane Hughes Trust to Desai Trust for \$2,128,000

1615 Laguna Creek Lane X. Fan to Y. Lin for \$2,157,500

1736 Magnolia Circle A. & A. Simays to S. Murugesan for \$930,000

4420 Muirwood Drive M. Stroy to Dunkley Trust for \$1,237,000

5079 Rigatti Circle Lee Trust to Dunkley Trust for \$1,225,000

4143 Rockingham Drive R. & R. Lemson to N. Kalnin for \$1,140,000

2255 Segundo Court P. & M. Glogovac to C. Killion for \$520,000

3757 Selvante Street J. Takhar to P. Dasari for \$2,550,000

3681 Shenandoah Court D. & K. Bentley to S. Subbiah for \$976,000

Dublin

6946 Amador Valley Boulevard W. Clark to Clark Trust for \$565,000

7175 Calistoga Lane Warmington Associates to A. Thampi for \$981,500

7179 Calistoga Lane Warmington Associates to S. Saxena for \$1,000,000

8471 Cavalier Lane G. & A. Cross to P. Abolghasem for \$782,000

7786 Crossridge Road Shand Trust to G. Inbarajan for \$1,030,000

3245 Dublin Boulevard #126 J. Mann to Y. Cho for \$650,000

4329 Fitzwilliam Street J. Yen to V. Pulimi for \$740,000

5206 Fortezza Court R. Li to K. Mustafa for \$1,540,000

5205 Gali Court S. & R. Peshave to J. Chung-Han for \$1,035,000

5772 Hillbrook Place Scott Trust to J. Okeeffe for \$1,100,000

10708 Ian Lane L. Martellacci to J. Gouveia for \$638,000

3984 Millbury Court Bryant Trust to A. Sindhar for \$1,200,000

6837 Sage Court S. & M. Williams to V. Mehta for \$835,000

6191 Shadow Hill Drive A. Perez to S. Unnikrishnan for \$1,015,000

6986 Stagecoach Road #H S. Singh to D. Treible for \$625,000

5617 Walnut Street P. & D. Neal to A. Bansal for \$1,195,000

3644 Branding Iron Place M. Zielinski to H. Singh for \$840,000

3675 Branding Iron Place K. & N. Patel to S. Bhutani for \$804,000

6301 Bray Court S. & E. Gredell to R. Sathianarayanan for \$750,000

7655 Catalan Court N. & N. Emmerling to P. Mittal for \$1,115,000

8002 Crossridge Road D. & L. Pratte to S. Huang for \$990,000

7682 Gardella Drive Lindevald Trust to D. Venkatakrishnan for \$948,000

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3881 Highpointe Court S. & B. Khunti to S. Kuppa for \$1,400,000

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11333 Rolling Hills Drive K. & M. Kubinski to M. Reddy for \$1,135,000

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Average sales reported: \$1,141,404

Dublin (Aug. 2-17)

Total sales reported: 31
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Livermore (Aug. 2-17)

Total sales reported: 69
Lowest sale reported: \$343,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,015,000
Average sales reported: \$884,710

Sunol (Aug. 2-17)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$1,500,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,500,000
Average sales reported: \$1,500,000

San Ramon (Aug. 17-29)

Total sales reported: 28
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\$850,000
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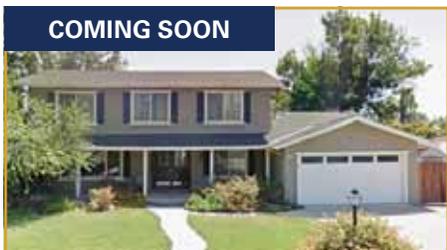
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Answer: There is a lot of confusion about "AS IS" contracts. While every seller wants to sell their house "AS IS", meaning they don't have to pay for any repairs, the contractual process can be a bit tricky. The basic Purchase Agreement (CAR version, which is almost always used) is essentially an "AS IS" contract in that the seller is not obligated to do any repairs to the property, other than making sure it has smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and water heater strapping. Otherwise, the seller is under no obligation to complete any repairs, and is perfectly within their rights to refuse to do any. However, the contract also provides the buyer the opportunity to inspect the property, and request any repairs they would like the seller to ...

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