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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Candidates find campaigning hard work, expensive

Voters have to hand it to the four candidates running for two seats on the Pleasanton City Council for their stamina, determination and personal commitment.

Win or lose, the candidates in the Nov. 6 municipal election — incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Narum, Joseph Ledoux, Joe Streng and Julie Testa — deserve credit for the hundreds of hours they're spending on the campaign trail.

They're knocking on voters' doors, debating in public forums, shaking hands at Farmers Market every Saturday and, all the while, raising contributions to finance their campaigns.

Mayor Jerry Thorne is also a candidate, seeking re-election to a final term. But running unopposed for the first time, he's taking a break from the strenuous campaign work.

As with others who seek public office, these council candidates willingly disclosed on the state's Fair Political Practices Commission's Form 700 their statements of economic interests, personal information most of us prefer to keep to ourselves.

Now online for everyone to see, this information is really an open book that provides transparency and ensures accountability of candidates' financial interests. This helps ensure they'll make decisions in the best interest of the public and will serve as a reminder of any potential conflicts of interest in issues before the council.

Pleasanton candidates must be U.S. citizens, have no felony convictions and show that they live here, all stated on Form 700. They must report where they work and income (but not income taxes), and list all stocks and bonds of companies that do business in Pleasanton as well as any loans other than their home mortgages.

Just as important are the campaign finance statements, called Form 460, turned in to city clerk Karen Diaz under guidelines established by the FPPC and also posted online.

Most candidate contributions this year have been \$250 or less, only a few at \$500 and only two for \$1,000 or more. Expenditures also have been modest, with the largest payouts going for Facebook promotions, video production, newspaper advertising, yard signs and campaign literature.

In the campaign period from July 1 through Sept. 22, Narum held

the largest war chest among the four council candidates at \$13,722, which includes funds leftover from her last campaign and \$9,424 contributed since July 1.

Among the other three, Streng has accumulated \$8,974, Testa has \$3,315 and Ledoux trails with \$2,675.

Narum had one contribution of \$2,000, that from the Jerry Thorne for Mayor committee, and two separate contributions of \$500 each were made by George McMichael and Rich Reed, her brother.

Three supporters donated \$500 each to Streng's campaign, the most anyone contributed to the candidate. They were from the Jerry Pentin for Council campaign fund, Kathy Soldati, a Pleasanton teacher, and Steven Jensen, who is retired.

Allen Roberts, a developer, and Laurene Green-Homer, an engineer, each contributed \$500 to Testa's campaign, the largest contributions she has received. The top contribution for Ledoux's campaign was \$1,000 from Jeffrey Parrett of Pleasanton.

So far, Streng has spent the most at \$6,690. Much of this went for Facebook posts, video work, the printing of fliers, banners and T-shirts, and copies of precincts lists.

Narum has spent \$5,322, most of it for printed literature, door-hangers and yard signs. These expenditures, common for all candidates, included website design fees and newspaper ads. Half the \$500 cost of sponsoring the final 2018 Concert in the Park on Aug. 31 was donated in-kind.

Testa's expenses to date total \$3,203, including \$1,630 for campaign signs and more than \$400 for campaign fliers and buttons.

In his most recent campaign filing, candidate Ledoux reported charges to his Citibank credit card account of \$1,654 for signs and other materials ordered from Vistaprint in Waltham, Mass., and Build A Sign in Austin, Texas. He also lists a campaign debt of \$2,018.

Voter information guides for both Alameda County and statewide elections have been sent to all registered voters in Pleasanton. Absentee ballots were placed in the mail Monday. Voters can send their completed ballots back upon receipt. But in the current state and federal campaign environment, voters might want to wait until the deadline for mailing, or wait and go to the polls on Nov. 6. ■

About the Cover

State Assembly, Congress, California governor and East Bay Parks director are among the representative positions Pleasanton residents will vote on Nov. 6 — plus some 11 state propositions. Learn more inside, on Page 14. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What would happen if you accidentally forgot your cellphone at home, or left it behind on purpose?



Nicole Morano

Leasing manager

Honestly, I think I would accomplish a lot more because my cellphone is a constant distraction. Between Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook and my other, lesser-known social media accounts that I'm constantly checking, I find it hard to actually get things done.



Paula Winters

Busy mom of three

I can't even imagine. I don't know how I ever lived without it. I mean, what if there were an emergency with one of my children at school, and I wasn't reachable? I don't think I could ever forgive myself. I always have my phone when I leave the house.



Richard Brady

Machinist

I don't think anything would happen at all. Life would go on as usual for everyone. I just might not find out about it right away the way I usually do.



Christine Battaglia

Retired

I don't have a cellphone. I don't even want one. I see how other people are so connected to their phones and tuned out to their surroundings. I don't want to be like that.



Cody Hunter

Graphic artist

I wonder about that sometimes. And I figured out the answer to that one day by having my phone with me but not charged. At the end of the day, after I recharged my phone, I had a few missed phone calls, and I learned about things that had happened during the day a few hours after they had happened, instead of in real time. No big.

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DIGEST

Water rates

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors is scheduled to take its final vote on proposed water rate increases next Wednesday at the board's regular meeting, after much discussion at a series of public community meetings held since August.

The open-session meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the agency administration building in Livermore, at 100 N. Canyons Pkwy. The agenda, which was not released before press time, will be available at www.zone7water.com.

Starry Night

Pleasanton North Rotary is hosting its annual fundraising gala, "A Black & White Masquerade Starry Night," with an evening of dining, dancing, entertainment and charitable-giving Oct. 20 at Castlewood Country Club.

Proceeds support North Rotary's efforts in the community and Tri-Valley nonprofits such as Sunflower Hill and Agape Villages Foster Family Agency.

Tickets are still available to this black-tie optional, masked ball. To register, go to www.pnrfevents.org/a-starry-night.

Jewelry fundraiser

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop on Santa Rita Road is holding its semiannual jewelry event Oct. 19-21, and representatives are encouraging residents to attend to support the fight against cancer. They are also looking for donations of jewelry to sell during the event, including necklaces, bracelets, rings and watches.

Donations are accepted at the shop during open hours at the shop, located at 1989-E Santa Rita Road. Contact Kelley Meno at 462-7374 for more information.

Shepherd's Gate

Shepherd's Gate is throwing a barbecue with bluegrass music next Saturday (Oct. 20) at the Garré Vineyard and Winery's Bella Rosa Event Center in Livermore, the nonprofit's major fundraiser of the year.

The evening features a barbecue dinner and wine plus inspiring testimonies of women who have triumphed over homelessness, domestic violence and addiction at Shepherd's Gate's campuses in Livermore and Brentwood, officials said. During its 30-plus years of serving women and their children, more than 10,000 women have benefited from the faith-based program.

Tickets are \$65 and can be reserved online at www.shepherdsgate.org for the fundraiser, which runs from 5-8:30 p.m. Oct. 20. ■

Another PUSD bond measure?

Possible tax rate extension would help fund crucial projects, staff say

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton Unified School District board discussed next steps for financing of the Measure 11 facilities bond at its first regular meeting of October on Tuesday night, particularly honing in on the possibility of asking voters to pass another \$124 million bond in 2020.

The conversation around the new bond came as district officials started looking to their next issuance of the \$270 million bond approved by voters in November 2016, and as they look forward to 2020 elections. Much

of the discussion revolved around whether it was fair to ask voters for an additional bond, just a few years after Measure 11 passed and when crucial projects like the new elementary school hadn't yet materialized.

"We have to have something more to show to get the community to support this," Trustee Valerie Arkin said when discussing this item at the 3-1/2-hour meeting.

PUSD staff had presented to the board the concept of moving forward with voter polling, not only on the concept of a new bond, but also on a potential project

list for the ballot. They decided to wait until after their upcoming Dec. 18 workshop to move ahead with any such polling, however — board president Mark Miller especially wanted to wait and see what is being decided regarding a new district elementary school, which is the subject of that particular meeting.

Currently, \$199.3 million remains in un-issued authorization, after the district issued its first bond series in October 2017, to be used for facilities, technology and to prepay the district's 2010 certificates of participation (COPs).

Adam Bauer, the consultant who presented the bond-financing item, said that right now the district has debt outstanding from bonds passed in the 1988 and 1997 elections. But this debt is set to be paid off by 2023, meaning that after this time, Pleasanton homeowners would only be paying for the Measure 11 bond, which is \$49 per \$100,000 of their property's assessed value per year.

However, if a new bond were to be issued and the existing tax rate extended, taxpayers would

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ERIKA ALVERO

Walk to School

Students walk and roll to Mohr Elementary School on Oct. 3, one of Pleasanton Unified School District's Walk to School days. On Wednesdays throughout October, district schools will rotate hosting official events, to promote alternative modes of transportation to and from school.

Tri-Valley leaders meet to discuss traffic problems and solutions

2018 Transportation Summit takes aim at congestion

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Regional leaders gathered last week to discuss traffic congestion at the 2018 Transportation Solutions Summit in Pleasanton, and while many solutions were offered, leaders agreed the best way to tackle the issue was through continued collaboration between local municipalities.

Issues panelists discussed included the amount of truck flow

streaming throughout the region, commute times, overflow into city streets, traffic from the San Joaquin Valley and the formation of a regional light rail for commuters.

"It takes collaboration and not just among local governments... If you don't collaborate, whether it is across partisan lines or across regional lines, we will not get the job done," Assemblywoman Catharine Baker said at the forum. "Every

single person on this stage knows how to collaborate, we just have got to spread and multiply it as much as possible."

The event featured a panel discussion and Q&A segment by leaders from across the region, including Baker, BART board member John McPartland, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley (the event's

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HEAD OF THE CLASS

Solorzano making the rounds at Amador

New principal back at the high school level after a Tri-Valley trek

By ERIKA ALVERO

Alberto Solorzano's path to Amador Valley principal is full of "accidents," he said. Starting with his foray into teaching.

Solorzano was working at a soccer camp one summer during his college years, when one day his coach asked him what he was studying. He replied that he was on a track to become a physical therapist.

"He was like, 'Why?' You're great with kids, kids respond to you, you enjoy being around them," Solorzano recalled. "You ever thought about going into teaching?" That conversation changed the trajectory of his life.

Solorzano has now taken the reins at the 2,700-student high school on Santa Rita Road, in the wake of former principal Michael Williams' departure after Williams assumed a position at the district office. He said he feels fortunate to come to Amador at a time when "the foundation's been set," and



Alberto Solorzano

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Valley Children's Museum, down but not out

Dublin grants organization more time to raise adequate funds

By RYAN J. DEGAN

A permanent location for Dublin's Valley Children's Museum is still on its way to the Tri-Valley; it's just going to take a little longer than originally anticipated.

Last August, the Dublin City Council approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the VCM, reserving a spot for a permanent museum in a future 30-acre park near Dublin Boulevard, so long as it could raise adequate funding by July 1 — adequate funding being defined as \$1.5 million of the estimated \$34 million needed. The VCM was unable to reach this goal in time.

Despite the failure to meet the original deadline, the city remains supportive of the project, electing to extend the MOU to Dec. 31, 2019, giving the VCM Board of Directors much needed time to raise the requisite funds.

"They were very gracious," VCM President Ed Duarte said of the council. "The amended MOU turned out to be a single page document that just added two paragraphs, one of them being a restatement of all the conditions in the

original version, and the date has been extended."

The Dublin City Council granted the extension with friendly terms, Duarte said, maintaining the original conditions set from 2017's MOU. The only additions require that VCM staff give the city a series of updates on how fundraising and planning commence over the next year.

Over the next year the City Council has requested six two-month progress reports and one annual update, in order to keep city officials informed on the overall status of the project. The hope is that keeping city officials informed of the project's status will enable them to offer guidance and support when possible. Duarte said his organization also plans to send informal check-in emails to city staff on any developments that occur monthly.

In spite of the organization's struggles, city of Dublin officials remain supportive of the VCM and the opportunities it brings to the region.

"I remain fully supportive and committed to the idea of bringing the Valley Children's Museum to Dublin," Dublin's Mayor David

Haubert told the Weekly.

What will enable the VCM Board of Directors to succeed in its fundraising efforts this time around? Duarte says a more realistically sized and manageable facility.

"We're downsizing the dream, it's not a complete reset, it's not a complete do-over, it's just going to be a downsizing to something more manageable," Duarte said. "It's going to be the same style just a smaller version."

Duarte admits that his organization bit off a little more than they could chew with the original design, as the estimated \$34 million project was slightly unrealistic, he said. By reducing the scope of the project to a more manageable \$10-15 million — although that figure is not yet set in stone — VCM staff are more optimistic of their chances to build a permanent museum.

The original design of the museum is most likely going to shrink in scale, Duarte said, but he is not yet certain what the final product will look like. VCM designers will continue to review the facility and search for reasonable changes over the next few months, he said.



RYAN J. DEGAN

While funds are being raised for a permanent location, the Valley Children's Museum still hosts educational events at its mobile museum site, located at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin.

"We're pretty sure the city likes (the original style), and I like it as a builder," Duarte said. "You have to have an eye-drawing theme that's really attractive and catchy because it's a kids museum."

For community members interested in helping the dream of a Tri-Valley children's museum become a reality, Duarte said what his organization needs most is for local residents to step into leadership roles.

"I would like to see more residents step up to be on the board. We need a larger board, we need a board of about 11 to 13 people and they need to be hopefully equally distributed, say four from San Ramon, four from Dublin, four from Pleasanton, a couple from Livermore. That would be my ideal makeup if I had my druthers," Duarte said. "And we need mover and shaker people as well as worker bee people." ■



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- **Public Hearing:** Adopt a Resolution Levying the Downtown Pleasanton Business Improvement District Assessment for 2019
- Presentation by Tri-Valley Regional Rail Authority on the Valley Link project and consider adoption of a resolution supporting a Multiple Unit system
- Presentation by Zone 7 Water Agency on Water Supply Study Update and Proposed Wholesale Water Rates
- **Public Hearing:** Consider appeals of Michael and Darlene Miller and Chabad of the Tri-Valley of the Planning Commission's approval of a conditional use permit and design review for the operation of a religious institution with a childcare facility/preschool and for site modifications including a playground and terrace for outdoor activities for Chabad of the Tri-Valley located at 3370 Hopyard Road
- Consider restriping Stoneridge Drive at Arroyo Mocho Bridge to facilitate two lanes in both the Eastbound and Westbound directions

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.
Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation by Tri-Valley Regional Rail Authority on the Valley Link project

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Multiple projects coming up for Zone 7 Water Agency

Flood channel repairs, Medeiros Reach updates, Patterson Pass and more

BY ERIKA ALVERO

With the rainy season fast-approaching, the Zone 7 Water Agency has a number of projects on its plate.

Weather is an important consideration for the district, which in addition to serving as a water wholesaler for service providers in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon's Dougherty Valley, also provides flood control in the Livermore and Amador valleys. And just as the district is preparing for the upcoming winter, they are also in the midst of repairs from previous years' storms, along with other projects on their radar.

Some updates include:

Flood channel rehabilitation

The agency has been working to repair flood control channels damaged by heavy storms in winter 2017. The 26 construction sites are located in Pleasanton and Dublin on Arroyo Mocho, Chabot Canal,

Alamo Canal and South San Ramon Creek.

Construction began in June and is set to continue through mid-October. The initial goal was to finish up much of the work by then.

"However, unanticipated site conditions have been encountered and the potential for additional unanticipated site conditions will exist through the end of the project," officials said in a recent statement. "Unanticipated site conditions could mean that additional safety precautions must be taken, alternative equipment or materials are used, and that work will take more time and be more costly than initially anticipated."

Work is now expected to finish by the end of the 2019 construction season.

Chain of Lakes well repair

Zone 7 staff are continuing to monitor and address the Chain of Lakes Well No. 1 site, as they

have noticed "ongoing, noticeable ground settlement and movement towards Cope Lake which is likely to affect the building, and associated chemical and electrical facilities."

Staff say that these issues will require a "detailed design process and construction of a permanent stabilization remedy for the building."

Medeiros Project

In light of research, analysis and community concerns, Zone 7 has decided to split the current Medeiros Project into two separate projects.

The Arroyo Mocho Medeiros Parkway Project has been a widely discussed restoration project along Livermore's Arroyo Mocho, set to take place within a 40-acre area along the Medeiros Reach.

Community members, however, expressed concerns, particularly

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Parents of teen who drowned on campus file claim with SRVUSD

Family contends district did not do enough to ensure student safety

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District has been hit with a claim from the family of 15-year-old Benjamin Curry, who drowned in the San Ramon Valley High School pool in early May.

The claim — which typically precedes a lawsuit — argues that Curry's physical education teacher failed to properly supervise the students in his class, further calling it negligence done with a "willful and knowing" disregard for student safety.

"Mr. (Aaron) Becker's actions show that he was aware of the probable and dangerous consequences of his conduct, and deliberately failed to avoid those consequences," the claim reads. "Additionally (SRVUSD) and its employees failed to properly train, hire and supervise those individuals who were responsible for Benjamin Curry's death."

Prepared by the Curry family's lawyer Andrew C. Schwartz, the claim states that toward the end of class, Curry drowned after Becker had the class tread water for three minutes, not allowing students to touch the pool's ropes.

After extending the exercise for an additional 30 seconds, the claim alleges that Becker failed to notice Curry slip under the water and

drown due to exhaustion and then dismissed the class without noticing Curry was not among the students leaving the pool.

The claim further noted that no lifeguards were present to assist the teacher in monitoring the class of 57 students, and the district did not have adequate policies in place protecting students in school pools.

Released in June, the Contra Costa County coroner's autopsy report and Danville police investigation concluded that the drowning was an accident and not self-inflicted as some initial reports suggested. Police recommended no criminal charges and determined no criminal negligence contributed to the boy's death in the campus pool.

"As class ended, students were seen swimming to the edge of the pool and leaving the pool area. Based on camera angles, it was unclear if (Curry) left the pool with the other students or if he remained in the pool. Video surveillance captured no further activity in the pool area until approximately 1:40 p.m., when fifth-period swim class arrived at the pool area," Danville police officer Kyle Rhoton recounted in the coroner's report, after watching a school video recording of the incident.

SRVUSD officials, who received the claim last week, said they have not had time to review it and are unable to comment on its contents.

Officials did, however, address one aspect of the claim, which stated that the district failed to correct the

false narrative that Curry took his own life.

"As a school district, we were not in a position to comment on an open police investigation into the cause of death. What we did do is encourage our families not to speculate on the cause of death or engage in rumors," SRVUSD spokesperson Elizabeth Graswich said.

Graswich highlighted a letter sent to community members and parents in May by SRVHS principal Jason Krolikowski (Foothill High's former principal), encouraging them to not participate in uninformed speculation.

"We understand that there are many rumors circulating in the community, but we want to discourage students from discussing these rumors since they may turn out to be inaccurate and can be hurtful and unfair to family and friends. We'll do our best to give you accurate information as it becomes known to us," he wrote at the time.

Since the incident, SRVUSD has not offered swimming as a part of their PE curriculum, and pools are currently limited to water sports teams such as swimming and water polo. Additionally, in August the district announced that it would now mandate every pool be staffed with at least three lifeguards when in use, following safety guidelines established by the American Red Cross.

Previous projections indicate that the lifeguard program will cost about \$125,000 for the fall semester. ■

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students with varying needs and performance levels can benefit from many opportunities.

“Amador has been a nationally award-winning school, clearly one of the top schools in the state of California,” he said. “It has already programs and services that are addressing those needs. It’s now my opportunity to see how can we enhance.”

Solorzano grew up just south of Pleasanton in Union City, and attended James Logan High School in the New Haven Unified School District, before moving on to San Francisco State University where he graduated with his bachelor of arts in kinesiology. He later earned a master of science degree from California State University, East Bay in educational leadership.

He taught physical education and health back at James Logan High, along with coaching boys’ soccer, before getting into administration — also by accident, he said.

“My principal at my final, end-of-year evaluation, asked me, ‘You ever thought of going into the administration?’” he said.

He became a vice principal and then house principal of his alma mater, James Logan, and then was named principal at the district’s Cesar Chavez Middle School. After 18 years in New Haven Unified, he left to assume the post of Livermore High School principal in 2012 — at the behest of his former teaching colleague Kelly Bowers, who is currently the superintendent of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. He would stay there through 2015.

A focus of his tenure at Livermore

was changing the students’ own perception of themselves and their school — they often saw themselves as being less academic than students at their rival Granada High School.

“We’re the mighty Livermore Cowboys, right?” he said. “Kind of re-energizing the school culture, with positivity, positive school messages. Always being there, visible and supporting kids, especially our students that are struggling.”

A few years later, Solorzano’s path took a somewhat unexpected turn when Bowers asked him for a favor. One of the district’s elementary schools was struggling, in need of strong leadership. It was a Title 1 school, meaning that a large portion of the student population came from low socio-economic backgrounds, and had gone through several principals without gaining much “traction,” he said.

So Solorzano acceded to the superintendent’s request and stepped into the principalship at Marilyn Elementary.

“We did some things with interventions, we did some things with pulling the community together,” he said. “Building our first ever PTA at the school site.”

“And then after two years, we won a gold ribbon school award for our intervention program,” he added.

After a few years at Marilyn Elementary, he felt he had seen the full scope of the K-12 experience and was ready to move to a district office. “Not by accident, but by choice,” he joked, in 2017 he took a job in the Dublin Unified School District as director of secondary education, where he served last year.

treatment facilities, so that water can be treated for the cyanotoxins formed by blue-green algae using the latest ozonation technologies, among other project components.

The review found that the project wouldn’t have a significant adverse impact on the environment after mitigation measures. Construction will begin at some point after Zone 7 staff file a Notice of Determination.

Flood Preparedness Week

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He enjoyed his time in Dublin, he said, but he missed being on a campus.

“It’s a town that’s booming in housing,” he said. “It’s booming with more and more families, and more and more students that are entering the school district, and so they’re working fast to build schools and also get the second high school.

“But I did a lot of reflection, and I felt it wasn’t time. It wasn’t time to be away from the school sites, away from the action. And so when Amador Valley became open, I saw it as an opportunity for me to get back where I truly, truly enjoy working, and that’s at the high school level.”

So far, in his first few months at Amador, he’s been working to acquaint himself with the school, students, families and staff, through physically walking the campus along with appearing on weekly TV announcements broadcast through the school.

“If I can always walk into a room, and everybody acknowledges me, then I’m doing my part by being visible and being present,” he said.

His daughter is a junior at Amador — they’d had some long conversations about his prospective post before he had even applied for the job. But she decided that she had well-enough established herself after two years.

Solorzano said he is especially looking forward to working with

teachers, and serving as an instructional coach and mentor.

While Pleasanton Unified administration has seen some turnover recently, Solorzano says that his many years doing the “Tri-Valley walk” shows his investment in the region’s students. His own recent moves within Livermore and Dublin, he said, were done in the name of students, and, in the case of the

elementary school principal post, to help out his superintendent.

“Those are the kinds of things that keeps people motivated,” he said. “They stick around. If you’re part of an organization that believes in you and they want to invest in you, then you would decrease the amount of turnover.”

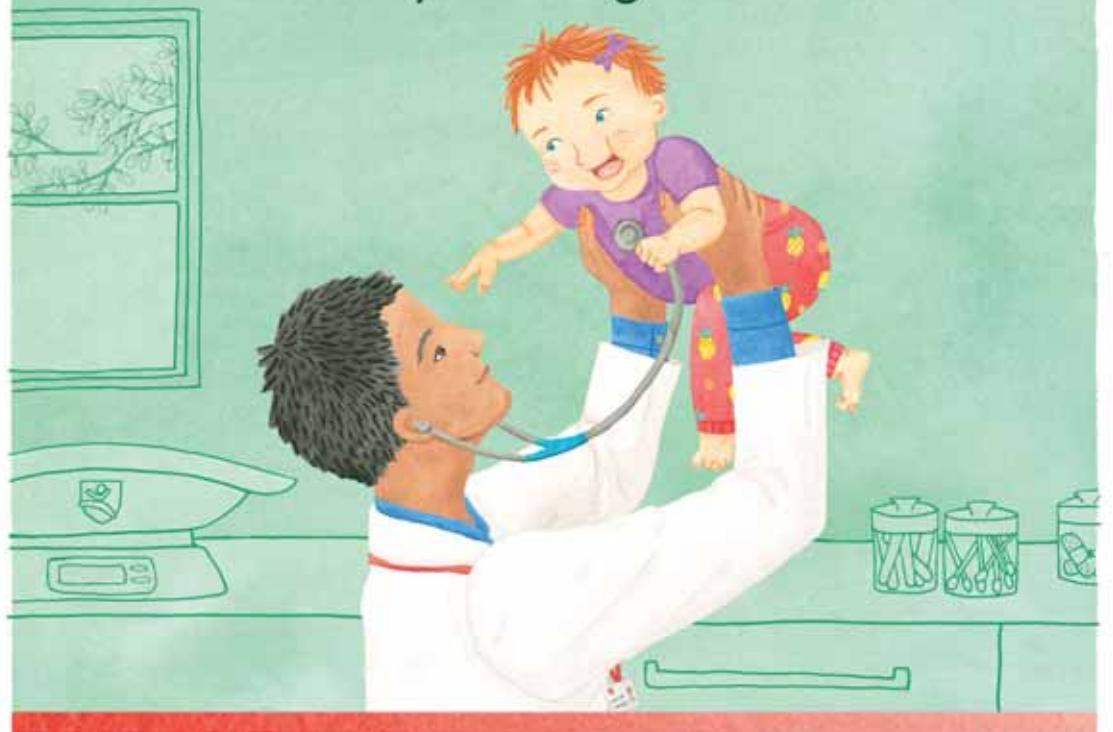
He earns an annual salary of \$153,353. ■

TAKE US ALONG



European adventure: Amador Valley teacher Jennifer Zuanich took 24 high school students and five adults on an educational travel trip to Germany, Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary through EF Tours last summer. Here the group poses in front of the Szechenyi Thermal Baths in Budapest.

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Pleasanton students continue high performance in state assessment

Percentage of PUSD students at or over California standards well above state average

By ERIKA ALVERO

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced this past week the results from the 2017-18 state assessment, results showing that overall Pleasanton Unified students have continued their tradition of excellent performance.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is given to all students statewide in grades 3-8 and 11, and aims to measure student progress in meeting state educational standards.

Students in PUSD achieved results significantly higher than statewide averages in both English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics — with 81% of district students meeting or exceeding ELA standards, and 77% at or above standards in math. State averages of students meeting standards stood at 49.88% in ELA and 38.65% in math; county averages were at 56.05% for ELA and 48.6% for math.

“We are pleased to see another year of strong results reflecting the academic excellence of our students,” said Superintendent David

Haglund in a statement. “These CAASPP scores are one of a number of measures that help inform the District’s work in bolstering success and providing needed supports for every student.”

This was the fourth year of the computer-based CAASPP being used as the state assessment, and the 2017-18 season saw over 3 million students take it. Though the CAASPP includes multiple forms of assessments, the one most commonly administered is the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment.

Pleasanton’s scores remained constant overall from the 2016-17 year, but saw increases for some subgroups. English learners performing at or above standards increased by 6% in ELA and 10% in math; of students reclassified as English learners, an additional 4% met or exceeded state standards in ELA while 1% more did so in math.

For students with disabilities, an additional 1% of students met or exceeded state standards in ELA and another 2% were at or above standards for math.

There is still room to grow,

however, staff said.

“The data suggest that the District should continue to enhance academic supports to close achievement gaps and will strengthen programs that support 11th grade students in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics,” said PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon in a statement.

At the state level, California students saw overall increases as well. The 49.88% of students meeting or exceeding ELA standards was a 1.32% increase from the year before, and a 5.88% jump from 2015; the 38.65% for math was a 1.09% increase from 2017 and another 5.65% from 2015.

“We’re encouraged by what we see, especially since these tests are more rigorous than previous paper and pencil tests,” Torlakson said in his Oct. 2 announcement. “However, we need to make sure all students continue to make progress. We must continue our work to narrow achievement gaps as we raise the bar for our students, and better prepare for them for 21st century college and careers.” ■



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Tri-Valley leaders gathered in Pleasanton to discuss the toughest issues facing regional traffic congestion, and their planned solutions.

TRAFFIC

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moderator), Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne. The Bay East Association of Realtors hosted the event at the Rosewood Commons Conference Center on Oct. 3.

“In the Tri-Valley region, traffic congestion, commute options, cut-through traffic all directly impact the quality of life. Bay East has brought together this group of elected leaders at this exclusive event to share with the public their perspectives on what the future of transportation, and the quality of life, will be like in the Tri-Valley,” said David Stark, public affairs director for the association.

While panelists covered a variety of topics, conversation soon turned to the controversial Assembly Bill 2923, which will allow BART to construct and govern housing units on its land within a half mile of its stations. Many local leaders including Baker opposed this decision, lamenting the loss of control local municipalities will have over the planning of their streets.

“It shows us an example of what government should not do, which is make a problem likely worse,” Baker said. “Instead of collaborating, it’s taking from local agencies that know how to do housing, and giving it to a transit agency which is struggling just to meet its primary mission. We will have to work together and I am eager to lead the way on this, on how we can not only mitigate problems but make sure that the progress that we’ve made locally, (is not) going to go backwards.”

McPartland also viewed concern over the legislation, and said it is unfortunate that large population centers such as San Jose, Sacramento and San Francisco

have made the decision for the Tri-Valley.

“The power goes where the money flows. The large municipalities that have the majority of the power are solving their own problems and they are doing it at the expense of the highways and of the Tri-Valley area,” McPartland said. “2923 basically empowers BART to build high-density, high-rise affordable housing, wherever, whenever and however it wants too... Communities need to be vocal and continue to fight and create solutions, so we don’t have to compete head to head with those large interests.”

The leaders were optimistic about other projects though. Thorne confirmed that funding has been secured for the completion of Highway 84, which he says will break ground in 2022, hopefully sooner.

“It’s great because it only took us 30 years to get here,” Thorne said, chuckling. “But that having been said I am really pleased to announce that (Regional Measure 3), that you folks voted for, will complete the funding needed to finish Highway 84 all the way between 580 and 680.”

Thorne added that the securing of adequate funding would not have been possible without the collaboration and support of local officials, in addition to the community of voters.

On a more cautionary note, Thorne maintained that the issue of traffic may spiral out of control if leaders do not install realistic solutions soon.

“I think that if we are not careful, the free economy is going to take care of it for us and companies will not stay here,” Thorne said. “If we keep increasing the cost of housing, if we don’t have enough transit to make things work, we are going to lose our businesses.”

The summit was recorded by TV30 and will be aired tonight at 7 p.m. and Saturday morning at 7 a.m. on TV28. ■

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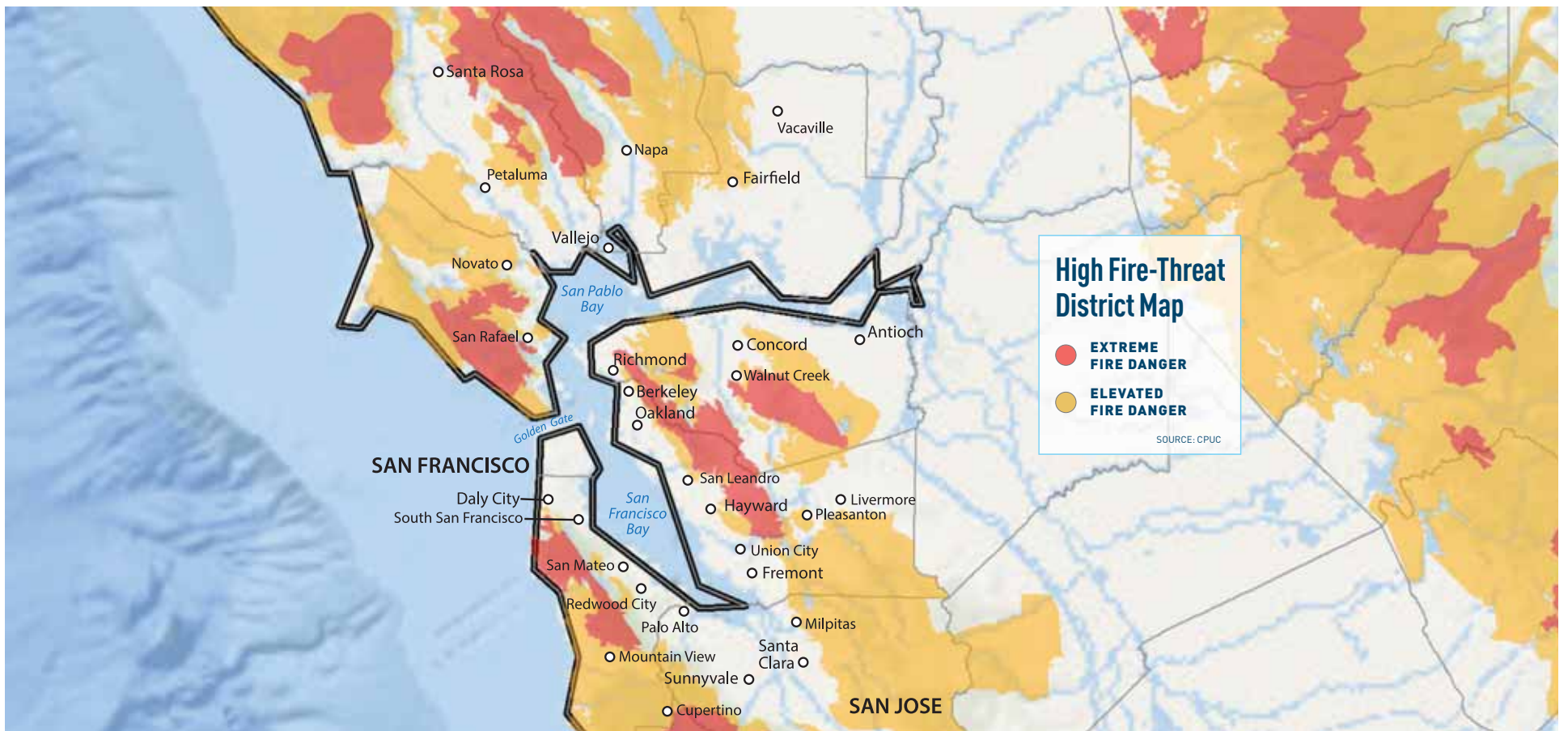
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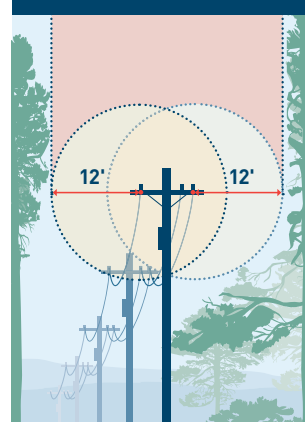
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continue paying their current rate of \$69 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, which would allow \$124 million in bonds to be issued in four series.

Trustees were conflicted on the proposal, as they weighed its pros and cons and considered how the community would react to a new bond so soon after they had approved another one. The fact some of their prioritized projects were not further along could cause voters reluctance, the board acknowledged; however, with rising costs market-wide, the \$270 million from Measure 11 was no longer sufficient to finish the projects listed on the ballot in 2016.

Miller said that as a taxpayer, the prospective new bond should not be taken lightly.

“At the same time, I think what we’re seeing right now is unprecedented, skyrocketing costs to projects that even two years ago seemed feasible,” Miller said. “And may now literally be impossible at the \$270 million level.”

Superintendent David Haglund added, “With a 40% escalation cost, we already know we can’t do for \$35 million what we thought we could do for \$35 million in 2016.”

“But we also know from the community, they want to see these projects completed,” he continued later. “And so what we’re doing is saying: OK, if we want to have these projects completed, then we need these additional resources, and here’s an opportunity that we see that’s not going to cause additional pain. People aren’t going to be writing a larger check — they may be writing a check for a longer period of time.”

The lone public speaker on this item was Kathleen Ruegsegger, a former PUSD board member, who sharply criticized the proposal for a new bond.

“The plan is, people are used to paying it, keep paying the same amount,” she said. “That’s kind of an insult.”

“When talking about bond capacity and assessed valuations, these are more than just numbers. The funds you seek come from families. Some with some of the 200 students that you are sending all over this district. Some who still have their kids in portables because we have not built a new school. Before another dime is spent on this plan, do whatever is necessary to move more swiftly to build a new school,” Ruegsegger added.

In other business

• Trustees received an actuarial report regarding the district’s long-term debt associated with other post employment benefits (OPEB), for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Actuaries who conducted the report updated the board on the district’s liabilities accrued through employees’ OPEB costs, such as health care costs for retirees, and on various options the district has to mitigate their unfunded liabilities.

• The board received an update on the district’s Advancement Via Individual Determination program, more commonly known as AVID, from program teachers and students.

AVID is a nationwide program that supports students academically and aims to close the opportunity gap in college graduation rates among underrepresented demographics. In PUSD, AVID is offered as an elective at all five major secondary sites — 3% of secondary students are enrolled in an AVID elective.

In the 2017-18 school year, of graduating AVID seniors in the district, 29% did not have parents who graduated from college, 12% were enrolled in the free or reduced price lunch program

and 6% were English language learners.

• The board unanimously approved the adult and career education services’ intent to apply for state grant money to be used for new career technical education (CTE) facilities at Foothill High School.

The Measure 11 facilities bond already provides for the construction of a new two-story building near the main entrance of the school that would replace six portable classrooms currently in use, along with funds for two new science classrooms. But staff wanted to apply for an additional \$6 million to enhance these projects, using an equal sum of Measure 11 funds as a matching amount for the application.

“We have an opportunity to grab some money and really make these cutting-edge, 21st century classrooms,” said Glen Sparks, director of adult and career education.

The state’s Career Technical Education Facilities Program provides California schools matching funds for the “purposes of CTE specific new construction, modernization, and/or equipment,” according to the program website. The deadline for this funding cycle is Oct. 19.

At this point, the building is expected to serve the engineering,

information and communications technology, and health sciences industry sectors.

“CTE is not just for students that are going into the trades, or home economics or the culinary arts,” said Beth Cutter, assistant director of adult and career education.

“It includes engineering and biomedical sciences,” and many of the areas that are growing in the Tri-Valley, she added.

The estimated start time of construction for the new project is fall or winter 2019, regardless of whether or not PUSD receives additional grant funds.

• Board members received a report and update on the extended day academic intervention program, which targets students in need of additional support.

About 750 students across the district were served by these interventions during the 2017-18 school year, according to staff.

• Trustees approved a waiver application for Bradley Dennis so that he can serve as a teacher for deaf and hard of hearing students while he works toward his credential.

• The board had been set to receive an annual report on ninth grade math placement, but they moved that item to the agenda of their Nov. 13 meeting. ■



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GENERAL ELECTION 2018

PLEASANTON VOTERS TO HELP DECIDE REGIONAL POSITIONS,
STATE PROPOSITIONS THIS NOVEMBER

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Nov. 6 general election appears as if it will be as closely watched as any other midterm in recent memory, with political lines drawn for critical races across California and the United States.

While many eyes in the Bay Area will no doubt be glued to out-of-area contests, Pleasanton voters can have their voices heard on the range of representative positions and state propositions on their ballots. Offices such as State Assembly, Congress and California governor, and ballot issues like gas tax repeal, another water bond and veteran housing funding — to name a few.

Then again, one of the talking points in town has been what is not on the local ballot this time around.

Voters do have two Pleasanton-specific elections to decide this November, with mayor and two City Council seats on the ballot. (The Weekly profiled the city races in last week's print edition.)

Also scheduled for regular election this fall were two positions on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees, but the election was canceled after only sitting trustees Joan Laursen and Mark Miller filed candidacy papers.

No contested election — when the number of candidates equals the available seats — has been a familiar occurrence for the school district over the years. It was most recently the case in 2012, 2006, 2004 and 2002.

Incumbents Laursen and Miller, who have been reappointed for new four-year terms after going unchallenged, each elaborated on individual priorities for their term ahead in recent interviews with the Weekly.

Laursen said she is honored to have the opportunity to serve a third consecutive term on the school board.

"One of my top goals as your trustee is to continue to provide the stability in leadership that is critical not only for recruiting and retaining quality staff, but is necessary for sustained growth in student learning," said Laursen, who also works full-time as a budget analyst for the nearby Castro Valley Unified School District — which is led by former Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

"I strongly support staff training to integrate technology tools, more project-based learning, and social-emotional learning so all students



Joan Laursen

gain the necessary skills to be successful in the global economy," she added.

Laursen pointed to competency-based learning and fiscal stewardship as her other leading priorities.

"I am very interested in competency-based education and believe that the availability of technology combined with our excellent teaching staff has us poised to really begin exploring the concept," she said. "It is an exciting time to be in education."

"Finally, as a financial analyst, I am committed to ensuring that we not only maintain our fiscal health, but make continuous improvements in transparency and accountability," Laursen said. "This is increasingly important as we build out the Facilities Master Plan made possible through the community's support of the bond measure (in 2016)."



Mark Miller

Miller expressed optimism about the district's position now and the direction it is headed for the next four years, though he acknowledged there is also work still to be done.

"In addition to our world class teachers and staff, we have innovative yet responsible leadership, bond funds with which to enhance learning environments and reduce school overcrowding, and

a cohesive governing board," said Miller, a senior manager (enterprise architecture) for Chevron Oronite who is entering his second straight term on the school board.

"We are fiscally well managed, and we offer comprehensive programs to ensure college and career readiness. But we are far from perfect," Miller added.

He listed four key priorities for his upcoming term, all of which he said are "necessary for our students to reach their highest potential, and for them to make a better world."

"1. Ensuring we are attracting and retaining the best instructors, staff and administrators. 2. We fulfill our promise to the community to execute our bond as efficiently and responsibly as possible," Miller said. "3. We continue the evolution of our learning strategies and techniques to meet our changing world realities, and 4. We continue to build trust with our parents and community."



Catharine Baker

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Now it's time to focus on what is on the extended ballot.

Pleasanton voters will join neighbors in surrounding communities in helping decide runoff elections for State Assembly District 16, Congressional District 15 and Alameda County Assessor, along with the Ward 5 seat on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors.

State Assembly: Residents throughout District 16 should be well aware of this race — assuming they check their mailboxes.

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-Dublin) is running for her third consecutive term representing the Tri-Valley, Walnut Creek and Lamorinda communities.

Baker has held tightly onto a key seat for the Republicans in the Democrat-laden Assembly. Still,

her record in office includes working with legislators on both sides of the aisle, such as fellow Tri-Valley representative, State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda).

Challenging for the Assembly seat is Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a Democrat from Orinda.



Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

An attorney and law professor, Bauer-Kahan has school volunteer and nonprofit service experience, but the Assembly position would mark her first elected or local government service time.

Baker won the primary election by a comfortable margin (56.6% to 43.4% over Bauer-Kahan), but voter turnout tends to be larger in general elections.

Accordingly, the campaigns have kicked into high gear with less than a month to go.

The main issues so far — so say the campaign fliers filling voter mailboxes across District 16 — are the Republican's record on women's health rights, environmental protection and gun control. The Baker campaign cites her voting history as progressive and bipartisan, while Bauer-Kahan backers argue the incumbent hasn't demonstrated enough consistency.

The candidates delved into those issues, and more, at the Weekly's Assembly candidate forum last month at Congregation Beth Emek. The video can be viewed on PleasantonWeekly.com.

U.S. House of Representatives: Incumbent Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) is being challenged by political newcomer Rudy Peters (R-Livermore) in his bid for a fourth consecutive term representing District 15, which runs from Livermore to the east, Hayward to the west, San Ramon and Castro Valley from the north and Fremont to the south.

A former Dublin councilman and Alameda County prosecutor, Swalwell has been a rising member of the Democratic Party at the state and national levels since taking office in 2013 and is now



Eric Swalwell

one of the most visibly outspoken critics of President Donald Trump — so much so that this summer he acknowledged considering a presidential run in 2020.

Swalwell said his priorities for his next congressional term would be jobs and the economy, family issues, veterans, seniors and transportation.

Peters, who has never held elected office but previously served on the city of Livermore Human Services Commission, is a Navy veteran and owner of AARD Solutions, Inc., a systems engineering firm geared toward the U.S. intelligence industry.

Among his top campaign goals, Peters lists strong economy, affordable health care, fiscal responsibility, immigration solutions and public safety.

Swalwell dominated the three-candidate primary in June that set the stage for the November showdown, finishing with 70.5% of the vote compared to Peters at 26.2%.



Rudy Peters

County Assessor: In the runoff to succeed retiring Alameda County Assessor Ron Thomsen are Newark real estate tax attorney Phong La and Alameda resident Jim Johnson, who is chief of the Assessor's Assessment Services Division.

La finished first in the four-candidate primary with 38.86% of the vote, with Johnson in second at



Phong La

24.88%, in the race to become the elected official charged with determining the taxable value of all land, improvements, and business and personal property in the county.

La said his focus as assessor would be fair and accurate taxation while implementing fresh ideas to simplify and improve the assessment process for residents and commercial representatives.

Johnson, who has worked for the office for 26 years, including the past 10 as assessment services chief, points to his experience with assessment management and an ability to make decisions free of political motivation.



Jim Johnson

EBRPD: Longtime Director Ayn Wieskamp is being challenged by small business owner Dev Gandhi to serve as Pleasanton's representative on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors.

In addition to Pleasanton, the Ward 5 seat covers Dublin, part of Fremont, Livermore, Newark, Scott's Corner and Sunol.

An EBRPD board member since 1999, Wieskamp is a former member of the Livermore City Council and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, in addition to being a former public school teacher.

A Fremont tech entrepreneur, Gandhi says on his campaign website that he was inspired to run in order to help address problems he's seen at East Bay parks, namely Mission Peak.

Others to watch: Two other local boards that affect the Tri-Valley have seats up for grabs this fall, though neither appears on Pleasanton residents' ballots.

Five candidates are running for

two board seats up for election for Dublin San Ramon Services District, which provides water and wastewater services to Dublin and parts of San Ramon as well as sewer service to Pleasanton by contract. But Pleasanton residents do not vote because the city is outside of the district's official boundaries.

Pleasanton's positions on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District board weren't up for election this year, but the district's Board Area 3 seat is being contested Nov. 6.

STATE OFFICIALS

U.S. Senate: Four-term incumbent Democrat Dianne Feinstein is facing a challenger from within her own party, Kevin de León, a state senator from Los Angeles.

Governor: Outgoing Democrat Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom is running against San Diego business executive John Cox, a Republican. The two squared off for their only scheduled debate of the campaign earlier this week.

Lt. Governor: Another two-Democrat contest, former U.S. Ambassador to Hungary Eleni Kounalakis (who finished first in the primary) is matched against State Senator Ed Hernandez (D-San Gabriel), the second-place candidate in the primary.

Secretary of State: One-term Democrat incumbent Alex Padilla faces Republican attorney Mark P. Meuser, who is from Walnut Creek.

Attorney General: Incumbent Xavier Becerra, a Democrat appointed last year after predecessor Kamala Harris' election to the U.S. Senate, is running for a full term against retired South Lake Tahoe Judge Steven Bailey, a Republican.

Controller: Incumbent Democrat Betty Yee is being challenged by Republican Konstantinos Roditis.

Treasurer: Board of Equalization Chair Fiona Ma (D) is running against businessman Greg Conlon (R).

Insurance Commissioner: A familiar name, former insurance commissioner Steve Poizner, who served 2007-11 as a Republican, is on the ballot for another term, now without party preference. He faces State Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens).

Superintendent of Public Instruction: A non-partisan position, State Assemblyman Tony Thurmond from Richmond and Marshall Tuck, the runner-up for this seat four years ago.

Board of Equalization: Vying for the District 2 seat vacated by Ma are San Francisco County Supervisor Malia Cohen (D) and Silicon Valley realtor Mark Burns (R).

STATE PROPOSITIONS

There are 11 state propositions on the ballot, though the labeling goes to No. 12 because the original Proposition 9 — a proposal to split California into three — was removed from the ballot by the



JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton voters can drop off their completed vote-by-mail ballots in this box outside City Hall at 123 Main St. through Election Day.

California Supreme Court.

Prop 1 would authorize the issuance of \$4 billion in bonds for housing programs and veteran home loans.

Prop 2 would allow the state to use revenue from the Prop 63 millionaire's tax for \$2 billion in bonds for homeless prevention housing.

Prop 3 asks the voters to authorize \$8.877 billion in bonds for water-related infrastructure and environmental projects.

Prop 4 would authorize \$1.5 billion in bonds for children's hospital projects, including construction, renovation and equipment.

Prop 5 would change the process for how tax assessments are transferred for home-buyers who are 55 years old or older, or are severely disabled.

Prop 6 would repeal the fuel tax and vehicle license fee increases approved in 2017 as well as require public votes on any such increases in the future.

Prop 7 would allow the State Legislature to adopt permanent daylight saving time, if the federal government doesn't object.

Prop 8 would require kidney dialysis clinics to issue refunds to patients or their insurance payers for revenue above 115% of the costs of direct patient care and health care improvements.

Prop 10 would allow local governments to regulate rent on any form of housing.

Prop 11 would require private-sector emergency ambulance employees to remain on-call during work breaks. It would also require employers in that field to provide specific trainings and cover certain costs of mental health services for employees.

Prop 12 would ban the sale of meat from animals that are kept in confined spaces smaller than specified sizes. ■

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

LPD warns of opioid overdoses after teen deaths

Livermore police are warning residents about the dangers of opioids after two teenagers died in the city last week in what investigators believe were drug overdoses.

Police wrote in a Facebook post on Oct. 2 that the deaths of the two teens were possibly accidental opioid overdoses, and that investigators are looking into possible links between the deaths.

More details about the cases, which occurred on separate days and at different locations, were not immediately released.

Police said many prescription drugs are being infused with fentanyl and being sold on the street to unsuspecting users, and the unpredictability in the resulting drug products can dramatically increase the risk of a fatal overdose.

Police said toxicology results will determine whether fentanyl or other opioids contributed to the two recent deaths.

Livermore police patrol officers are equipped with Narcan, a drug that serves as an antidote to opioid



PPD

Coffee with a Cop

The Pleasanton Police Department met with residents in a less-formal setting last week as part of National Coffee with a Cop Day. Here at the Amador Center's Starbucks on Oct. 3 were (from left) School Resource Officer Michael Rossillon, community and public relations coordinator Shannon Whitaker, School Resource Officer Matt Harvey and DARE Officer Keith Batt.

overdose, since they are often the first emergency responders to arrive at the scene of an overdose.

Anyone with information about the two recent deaths is asked to call Livermore Police Department at 371-4777.

In other news

- An Alameda County sheriff's sergeant has been charged with four felonies for the alleged illegal and secret recordings of juvenile suspects in an interview room in March, prosecutors said last week.

Sgt. James Russell was charged with four counts of eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications for his alleged actions at the Eden Township sheriff's substation on March 15, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The allegations against Russell came out in August when the county public defender's office provided evidence of the recording of confidential conversations between juvenile suspects and their attorneys.

The public defender's office obtained body camera footage of a conversation between Russell and Lt. Timothy Schellenberg in which Russell said he has been recording conversations between attorneys and clients.

When the district attorney's office learned of the recorded conversations, the cases of those juveniles were dismissed. Prosecutors are still reviewing all other cases submitted by the sheriff's office since the start of 2018 to see if more will be dismissed.

Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said the sheriff's office is aware that charges have been filed against Russell, who has been placed on administrative leave.

Russell is set to be arraigned on Oct. 17 in Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland.

Eavesdropping on confidential attorney conversations is a felony under California law punishable by up to three years in prison. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 3

Burglary

■ 4:09 p.m. on the 3500 block of Milleford Court; residential burglary

Theft

■ 2:34 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Oct. 2

Theft

■ 1:47 p.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Blvd.; shoplifting

■ 4:38 p.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive; theft from structure

■ 7:19 a.m. on the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue; theft of auto

■ 7:21 a.m. on the 3700 block of Grillo Court; theft from auto

■ 8:50 a.m. on the 3300 block of Norton Way

■ 8:33 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

■ 8:20 a.m. on the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road; commercial burglary

■ 12:54 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Vandalism

■ 9:53 a.m. on the 700 block of Sylvaner Drive

Drug violation

■ 2:43 a.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Domestic battery

■ 12:20 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Oct. 1

Fraud

■ 9:33 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

■ 7:20 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Graffiti offense

■ 11:30 a.m. on Laguna Creek Lane at West Lagoon Road

Sept. 30

Graffiti offense

■ 10:58 a.m. on Valley Avenue at Koll Center Parkway

Theft

■ 12:22 a.m. on the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; theft from auto

Sept. 29

Theft

■ 2:09 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:06 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:44 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 7:29 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Assault/battery

■ 5:50 p.m. on Owens Drive at Hopyard Road

Domestic battery

■ 2:19 p.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

Sept. 28

Theft

■ 12:53 p.m. on the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 1:11 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

■ 6:51 p.m. on the 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 the 5100 block of Golden Road

Fraud

■ 2:34 p.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

■ 3:23 p.m. on the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive

Sept. 27

Theft

■ 8:11 a.m. on the 5300 block of Mallard Drive; theft from auto

■ 3:10 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 6:59 p.m. on the 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; residential burglary

Sept. 26

Theft

■ 4:13 p.m. on the 400 block of Amaral Circle; theft from auto

Vandalism

■ 11:07 p.m. on the 3700 block of Stanley Blvd.

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. on Owens Drive at Johnson Court

DUI

■ 1:40 a.m. on First Street at Neal Street

Sept. 25

Theft

■ 7:36 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Alcohol violation

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

Drug violation

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

DUI

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

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. on the 3700 block of Eastwood Way; theft from auto

Domestic battery

■ 10:11 a.m. on the 5900 block of Corte Cerritos

DUI

■ 5:38 a.m. on the 4000 block of Stoneridge Drive

Sept. 23

Alcohol violation

■ 9:40 p.m. on the 800 block of Rose Avenue

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Vote Narum and Streng for Pleasanton City Council

Nov. 6 will mark an important election throughout the state and nation, and to an extent here in Pleasanton as well where voters will decide two regular City Council positions.

Incumbent Kathy Narum and challengers Joseph Ledoux, Joe Streng and Julie Testa are on the ballot, a race made even more significant by the fact at least one seat is guaranteed to change with Councilman Arne Olson not seeking re-election.

We think Narum and Streng are the right community leaders to guide the City of Planned Progress through the next four years.

A valuable and effective advocate for Pleasanton, Councilwoman Narum is a no-brainer for re-election. With by far the most experience of the candidates, Narum's standout service resume includes the city's Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and currently the Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force, as well as regional posts such as Zone 7 Liaison Committee and Alameda County Transportation Commission.

She has been a collaborative council member who also maintains her own voice, asking the

tough and important questions of city staff and consultants. She focuses on the right goals such as fiscal sustainability, environmental improvements and quality of life, and her record on the council demonstrates her commitment to seeing those priorities through.

Streng impressed as an active member of the Parks and Recreation Commission until terming out last April, taking part in some of the most important, recent parks efforts including Cubby's Dog Park and Bernal Community Park Phase II. He has shown an ability to be a confident decision-maker but also eager to listen to city staff and/or residents — recall he and the commission revisiting new Tennis Park court locations.

Though we often like to see more direct city planning experience, Streng has worked on master plan efforts with Parks and Rec and the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Subcommittee. As a commuter to Silicon Valley, he also is keenly aware of issues that face many residents on an everyday basis (locally and regionally), and he wants to work collaboratively to solve them.

Testa is a longtime, fervent community advocate and participant in the public process, both as a city

commissioner (Human Services, 1995 to 2007) and as an informed citizen speaker at city task force, commission and council meetings — school board, too. She also learned well from her 2016 mayoral bid, running a more measured campaign for council this time around.

She shares concerns close to the minds and hearts of many Pleasanton residents, but we hoped to hear from her — as a voice for change — more specific strategies for solutions to her priorities such as slowing growth, reducing school overcrowding and easing traffic. Pointing out a problem isn't always enough. We are also concerned about her adamance against restarting east side planning soon (which must at least be considered) and her still offering no public position on Costco after all these years.

We commend Ledoux, a dedicated Berkeley police officer with 12 years on the force, for wanting to expand his influence to effect change in his hometown, with goals including public safety improvements, creating cohesive community and representing the young family's voice within the city government.

His top priorities are no doubt shared by many in town, but with

no prior Pleasanton service experience and few city meetings attended, his depth of knowledge on key issues is only scratching the surface. We hope to see Ledoux pursue a city commission post to develop that experience. We also note that though he says he would be able to participate in Pleasanton police union negotiations and other matters despite being a Berkeley police union member, we're not sure we share his confidence of absolutely no conflict of interest (real or perceived).

We'd also like to briefly single out our support of Mayor Jerry Thorne, who is appearing on the ballot unopposed. Over nearly 25 years of city service experience, including the past six as mayor, Thorne has proven himself a strong leader on the dais and a devoted presence in the community — well-deserving of a fourth and final term as mayor. ■

Correction

Last week's Tim Talk column, "Crucial Dublin council race hits final month," incorrectly stated that Arun Goel was an active member of Dubliners United. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

LETTERS

Ignore the lies; re-elect Baker

No one likes the negative side of politics, but what I've seen from Bauer-Kahan's campaign shows she seems to relish in it. The only card she plays is trying to attack Baker's record with baseless claims that she's a gun-loving, woman-hating, polluter.

If you take a minute to look at her voting record, which Baker displays on her website, you'll see she is anything but.

When a candidate resorts to distorting the truth, it's usually because that's the best they've got. If that's the best that Bauer-Kahan has, we deserve better than that. We deserve a leader that has delivered for our community and aligns with our values. That leader is Catharine Baker.

—Brie Davenport

Support for Joe Streng

I'm a teacher at Amador Valley High School and a 24-year resident of the city of Pleasanton and appreciate how important our schools and our city are to each other. We need City Council members who

will continue to foster this cooperation and seek opportunities to ensure our students are supported both in school and in the community.

I am confident Joe Streng is the kind of person who can maintain and grow this relationship. Joe Streng has learned much and brought much to the table in his time serving the city, first on the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee and then on Parks and Recreation Commission. He's a strong advocate for safe routes to schools, and he's open to creative programs to promote student health and wellness.

Joe Streng is a proud Amador Valley graduate who loves this community, understands the value of supporting our schools and continues to serve the city. For all these reasons and more, I am proudly voting for Joe Streng for City Council and encourage others to do the same.

—Tony Dennis

Automobile speeding is out of hand!

While the growth of our city has been astonishing over the last few years, our traffic situation has not.

As we have just been ranked the 7th "Best Place to Raise a Family in California," this traffic issue is of even greater concern.

The main concern is the speed at which too many are traveling. We are all very busy, getting kids to school, soccer, swimming lessons, etc., as well as getting ourselves to and from work.

However many of our side streets are now becoming freeways, with folks racing to wherever.

We have lived on the infamous Kamp Drive section that runs north-south between Mohr Avenue and Stoneridge Drive with the traffic circles that were supposed to slow traffic, but are a joke. That street is a shortcut from Valley to Stoneridge to get to the outlet mall or to Livermore and beyond. People drive that section at 50 mph to sometimes 55 mph, in both directions and we have seen accidents there that were non-existent even a few years ago. (To the city of Pleasanton: We need speed bumps on that road).

However with that said, it would be great for all of our fellow Pleasanton residents to remember that while it's a great place to raise our families,

our kids need your help to SLOW the HECK down, before we have a tragic accident on one these streets.

—Michael Ridout

In support of Catharine Baker

I want to commend the East Bay Times for its endorsement of Catharine Baker in the 16th Assembly District race. I appreciate that it called out Bauer-Kahan for making several misleading statements about Baker.

Dishonesty in politics is running too rampant and we need leaders we can trust. Moreover, when Bauer-Kahan was called out on her false statements, her reply was an uninspiring, "That's what I was told."

We teach our children to do their own research, and it is certainly reasonable to expect the same out of someone who wants to represent us in the Assembly. I simply won't vote for someone who will distort the truth to win an election just because that's what they were told to say.

The Times nailed it: "voters deserve better" than Bauer-Kahan. Please vote for Catharine Baker.

—William Weber

Big band celebrates

40 years

Head to Yoshi's for
cool night of jazz

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



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Top: Jazz trombonist Dave Eshelman is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his Jazz Garden Big Band at Yoshi's on Monday night. Left: Musicians (l-r) Bob Kenmotsu, Jeanne Geiger and Rich Lee perform with the Jazz Garden Big Band.



When Dave Eshelman was 6 years old, he couldn't wait to get his hands on a trombone.

"I grew up in Illinois and had an older brother and sister in the band," Eshelman, 70, recalled. "I had to wait until the third grade to get in."

The good news was that the town was so small that the young kids joined the high school musicians to comprise the band for football games, parades and concerts.

From there, Eshelman's life has followed a rhythm built around music, to California and beyond and back again to keep the beat at colleges and to found Dave Eshelman's Jazz Garden Big Band in 1978. A Pleasanton resident for 11 years, the trombonist/composer/teacher invites everyone to a gala concert at Yoshi's in Oakland on Monday to celebrate the band's 40th anniversary.

"People who love big band and want to hear some of the top freelance players in the Bay Area should come by," Eshelman said.

When he was 10 years old, his family moved to Palo Alto where, he noted, music was a priority.

"I picked up some other instruments, too," he said. "Drums, bass piano, baritone horn."

He went to college at University of Miami and began to compose.

"I was really lucky to get some of my early pieces published in the '60s," he said. "There was a market for school bands."

He emphasized that he always wrote music for his bands, and if it were picked up commercially that was fine, too. Now his compositions

are played throughout the world, by professionals as well as at schools.

"Someone sent me a tape once of a Japanese elementary school group playing one of my tunes on their classroom instruments," Eshelman said. "It was classic."

He also played freelance gigs. Performers like Bob Hope and George Burns used to hire musicians locally to back them up.

"I was able to play these types of gigs in Miami, then in Los Angeles, wherever I lived," Eshelman said.

**'It's the musicians who
bring my music to
life — and this current
edition is the strongest
band ever.'**

Dave Eshelman,
Band founder

During his college summers, he would return to California and put together a band to do concerts in the park. His bands were also good vehicles for his compositions.

Then he returned full time, first to teach at Los Angeles City College. He moved back to the Bay Area to teach at San Jose City College

then ran the jazz program at Cal State Hayward for 22 years, retiring in 2007.

"Playing the baritone horn got me into the Democratic Convention in San Francisco, with Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro. They put together freelance musicians into a military concert band. At the time it was a 30-piece band," he said, recalling the 1984 event.

He also played in the 49ers Jazz Band at the games.

"We had a four-hour call, we played an hour before the game," he remembered. "I did it through the '80s — the best time to be there."

He assembled the Jazz Garden Big Band mostly with South Bay musicians. As he thought about names, he noted that his San Jose City College band had performed in the city's Rose Garden and thought the word "garden" was the perfect analogy for people with a lot of talents and skills. Plus the name sounded inviting to jazz newcomers.

Then it was time to perform.

"I found this little upscale restaurant and approached them," Eshelman recalled.

The Jazz Garden Big Band premiered at Eulipa on First Street in San Jose.

"I remember that night so vividly because we were so jam-packed in there," Eshelman said. "It was really a great night, partly because of the intimacy."

The band has recorded five CDs and performed at dozens of Bay Area venues during the past four decades. Members come and go but the instrumentation, with 17 players, has been consistent.

"We've been playing on and off," Eshelman

said, adding with a laugh, "We've been through periods of regularity."

Monday's 40th anniversary concert at Yoshi's begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19.

"Yoshi's is one of the premier jazz clubs in the world," Eshelman said. "They sell tickets online in advance and have quite a lineup of people every night."

Eshelman describes his band's music as "progressive mainstream jazz, that is interesting to jazz lovers and accessible to newcomers."

"Audiences love our music. We've had a great reaction," he said.

The Yoshi's website quotes Dave Nathan from All Music Guide: "Conductor, trombonist, arranger, and composer Dave Eshelman has become one of the foremost champions of creative and modern music in the United States. The Jazz Garden Big Band must be considered a leader in the formation and presentation of big band music in the modern creative vein."

The evening also will celebrate the band's former members.

"There is always a turnover in personnel in bands," Eshelman said, "and seven of our members have passed on."

"It's the musicians who bring my music to life — and this current edition is the strongest band ever," he added.

Dave Eshelman's Jazz Garden Big Band will also perform at the Freight & Salvage in Berkeley on Dec. 3 with the Jazzschool Studio Band.

In the meantime, Eshelman recommended the Bay Area's jazz radio station, "Cool 91 FM." "KCSM is a national treasure," he said.

And the beat goes on. ■

ArtWalk in Livermore

Family celebration of visual, performing, cultural arts

ArtWalk, a community celebration of the arts, will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Livermore tomorrow with hundreds of handmade and original works displayed by their artists, ranging from contemporary to classical, abstract to realism, pottery to jewelry and mixed media.

Most artwork can be purchased and those who buy more than \$200 in art, jewelry, crafts or other products at ArtWalk are eligible to enter a special drawing for a hand-painted wooden box filled with select local wines.

The celebration will also feature live music throughout the downtown area and dance groups, arts demonstrations, and crafts for children. The works will be clustered throughout downtown parks, sidewalks, galleries, wine bars, restaurants and shops.

To help everyone see everything at ArtWalk, bicycle rickshaws, powered for the day by All Together Mobile



ANDREW EDWARDS

The ArtWalk in Livermore is a chance to visit with artists about their creations.

Bike Rentals, can be used to visit all the parks and participating galleries. Visitors also can participate in Recycled Rodeo, a hands-on community art project for all ages that will create temporary sculptures using recycled materials.

Inside the lobby of the Bankhead Theater will be an exhibit, "The Art of Drama," curated by Bothwell Arts Center. The exhibit features more

than 60 works that express the concept of drama as seen through the eyes of local artists and will be on display through the end of October.

The ArtWalk, now in its 17th year, is run by the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., which is operated by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Visit bothwellvpac.wixsite.com/Artwalk for more information. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Remembering World War II

Milt Feldman, 94, and his wife Renee were special guests recently at the world premiere at Stoneridge Creek of a documentary featuring his experiences during World War II when he was a German POW, "A Soldier's Dream: The Milt Feldman Story." Nearly 400 people attended to honor Feldman and the other 93 World War II, Korean, Cold War and Vietnam War veterans in the senior living community. "I'd like to leave this documentary as a legacy to my family and others, so that these things will never be forgotten," Feldman said.



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Classic Film Musicals at the Bankhead

Series proving popular with movie-goers

The Classic Film Musicals Series continues at the Bankhead Theater with MGM's "Showboat," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24. The star-studded classic was released in 1951 with big dances and songs including "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" and "Ol' Man River," with Kathryn Grayson, Howard Keel and Ava Gardner.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, Judy Garland and her three sisters are caught up in the excitement of preparing for the 1904 World's Fair in "Meet Me in St. Louis," from 1944. Garland sings the iconic "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to her youngest sister, played by Margaret O'Brien.

The musical fun continues in 2019 with "American in Paris," "Singin' in the Rain," "Easter Parade" and "Shall We Dance."

The series, presented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, is a chance to see films on a larger screen with good acoustics the way they were intended. The evening includes a newsreel and cartoon of each era. Fresh popcorn, drinks and movie theater treats will

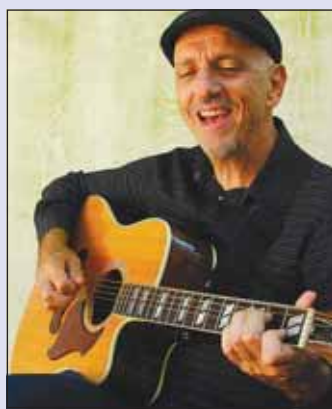


be available for sale.

The past movie showings were well-attended, and in a follow-up survey, everyone praised the nostalgic, upbeat experience.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. Tickets are \$5 each; visit lvpac.org or call 373-6800. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Understanding the world

South African-born musician and writer Toby Tobias will give an uplifting and engaging program from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Tobias, author of "Journey from Johannesburg: One Man's Struggle to Find Freedom for the Rest of Us," will tell stories and sing original songs to share his life story from apartheid-ruled South Africa to conflict-torn Israel and then to the United States. The free event is intended to help everyone explore ideas that enhance world understanding through music and songs.

College presents 'Arcadia'

Comedy explores chaos and its underlying order

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Las Positas College Department of Theater Arts will explore the nature of evidence and truth in the context of modern ideas about love, attraction, mathematics and physics in Tom Stoppard's play, "Arcadia." It will play at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays from Oct. 19-28 at the Black Box Theater in the Mertes Center for the Arts.

Set in Sidley Park, an English country house in Derbyshire, Arcadia takes place in both the early 1800s and 1990s and showcases the activities of the home's current residents — two modern scholars — juxtaposed with people who lived in the home more than a century before.

Stoppard uses concepts of the chaos theory to reveal the underlying order to seemingly random events. In 2006, the play was named one of the best science-related works ever written, by the Royal Institution of Great Britain. The New York Times called it Stoppard's "richest, most ravishing comedy to date, a play of wit, intellect, language, brio and emotion."

The Las Positas performance is directed by Titian Lish and stars Alfonso Jesus Gonzales (Valentine Coverly), Carter Creamer (Augustus Coverly), Celia Reddoch (Chloe Coverly), Elijah W. Maycon (Gus Coverly), GenevaMay Colcol (Thomasina Coverly), Jack Petrin (Septimus Hodge), John Ruzicka

(Jellaby), Jose Nicholas-Fernandez (Richard Noakes), Kaitlin Bailey (Hannah Jarvis), Kody Forbes (Bernard Nightingale), Kyle Burgess (Ezra Chater), Raymond Borden (Captain Brice) and Veronica Valenti (Lady Croom).

Tickets are \$10-\$15. Visit laspositascollege.edu/theater/events.php or call (650) 424-1120. ■

College expands music department

Eight new instructors have been added to the Las Positas College Music Department.

Three of the newcomers have joined the brass faculty: trumpeter Mario Silva, trombonist Will Baker, and hornist Sadie Glass.

In the strings department, two faculty members have been added: violinist Rebecca Wishnia and cellist Jessica Ivry.

Two newcomers in the percussion faculty are Michael Downing and Vinnie Rodriguez.

And Las Positas College has added one new member to its woodwind faculty, bassoon instructor Katie Brunner.

Each of these new instructors currently performs and teaches throughout the state and brings a vibrant performance and instructional career to their new position.

Haugen scholarship deadline Nov. 12

The Community of Character Collaborative invites high school seniors in Pleasanton to apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship.

Long-time Pleasanton Unified School District board member Juanita Haugen inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative. In her honor, annual \$1,000 scholarships recognize students who have strong records of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character, exhibiting Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Self-Discipline.

An award will be presented to a student in each of Pleasanton's three high schools. Applications are being taken for Foothill and Amador Valley high school students, due Nov. 12. Village High School awards will



Juanita Haugen

be presented at a later date.

Applications and guidelines are available online at www.CommunityofCharacter.org. Selections will be announced in late November. ■

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MIKE SHAFFER

Amador Valley's Brett Severance knocks down a Granada pass.

Dons set for NCS playoffs while Falcons miss key offensive players

Also: Both Foothill, Amador girls volleyball teams win matches

It has been an interesting football season thus far for the Pleasanton high schools.

Seven weeks into the season, the teams are mirror opposites of each other. Amador Valley sits at 5-2 overall, while Foothill is at 2-5. Both teams are coming off losses, as the Dons fell 35-23 to Granada and Foothill lost 14-3 to California.

With the five wins, the Dons are pretty much set for a North Coast Section playoff berth regardless of what happens the rest of the way out.

"You want to win every game and that Granada game was something we pin-pointed," said Amador coach Danny Jones. "But we are happy with 5-2. We have truly been getting better every week. We just have to get better up front on both offense and defense. If we do that, we can be pretty good."

Foothill has not been as bad as the Falcons' record indicates. They were right there with San Ramon Valley

and California before giving up late scores that made the final score look worse than it was.

Life has not been easy for the Foothill offense and quarterback Bryce Lombardi, as the Falcons have been without three of their top offensive weapons in Peter Montini, Ryan Stemplinger and Max Masajlo.

"We're getting exponentially better each week," said first-year Foothill coach Greg Haubner. "Those guys being out has caused the offense to struggle, but it's a great group of kids and they are always working hard."

Foothill girls volleyball

The Falcons won a pair of EBAL matches last week, to move to 13-1 in league and 21-5 overall.

The week started with a 25-13, 25-20, 25-16 win over Monte Vista. Highlights came from Ishana Ram (36 assists, 4 aces), Naya Williamson (9 kills, 12 digs), and Haley Roundtree (9 kills, 2 blocks).

Next up was a thrilling 24-26, 25-12, 25-23, 25-20 over California. This time Foothill was led by Grayce Olson (season high 33 kills, 9 digs), Ram (66 assists - season high, 11 service points), Emily Haskell (32 digs - season high, 10 service points), Savannah Caires (10 kills - season high, 5 blocks), Auguste Kersulyte (7 kills, 6 service points).

Amador girls volleyball

The Dons rolled to a pair of wins last week.

The first match was a straight set blitzing of San Ramon by 25-22, 25-18 and 29-27 scores.

Mahlia Jackson and Sarah Rieble led the Amador attack with 12 and 11 kills apiece. Junior Sophia Moore had four kills to go along with three blocks. Senior Helen Xiao paced the offense with 33 assists. Xiao also added 10 digs for a double-double.

Game two was 23-25, 25-15, 25-11, 25-20 win over Dougherty Valley.

Jackson registered her 6th double-double of the season for the Dons with 10 kills and 12 digs. Jackson nearly had a triple-double with nine aces. Other Dons contributing to the offense were Rieble and Rachel Malmrose with 12 and six kills, respectively.

Amador boys water polo

The Dons split games last week, knocking Dougherty Valley and losing to San Ramon.

In the win over DV, goals were scored by Noah Freeman (4), Jack Kost (2), Devon Kost (2), Josh Freeman (1) and Ethan Braga (1).

Luke Neely, Will Bosse, and Jack Bessiere all added assists.

Later in the week, the Dons dropped a match to San Ramon

Valley. Goals were scored by Jack Kost (2), Noah Freeman (1) and Josh Freeman (1).

Foothill cross-country

The Falcons took part in the Scott Bauhs Invitational and turned in some big performances.

Earning spots on the all-time bests list were seniors Russell Sullivan (15:09) and Shrey Shah (15:36). Also turning in strong performances were Prithu Kachare and Arjun Subramanian.

Haven Decker (21:04) and Sydney Cohen (21:06) turned in a strong showing for the varsity girls. Overall, the boys varsity team placed third, and the 10th grade girls team placed fourth, led by Dounya Besh, Aoife Kennedy and Iris Hur. ■



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Music

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. An evening of inspiring family entertainment. For tickets and more information, go to SanRamonPerformingArts.com or call 973-3343.

Festivals & Fairs

IGNITE 2.0 IGNITE! will be returning to Pleasanton, from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Bring the whole family to this free community event. Food trucks will be onsite. For more information or to see a full listing of the entertainment and vendors, visit firehousearts.org/programs/ignite.

DOGTOBERFEST Join the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to celebrate all things canine at 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Robert Livermore Park, 491 Loyola Way, Livermore. Festivities include 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

HOPE HOSPICE FACING END OF LIFE ISSUES CLASS Facing End-of-Life Issues and Handling Grief and Loss, from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. To help family caregivers plan for this time, Hope Hospice is offering this free class.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS OCTOBER 20 MEETING Author and editor Audrey Kalman will discuss "Seeking the Muse: Connecting with Your Creative Self in an Age of Distraction" at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Four Points Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Check-in at 1:30 p.m. Cost for CWC adult members, \$14; adult non-members, \$18. E-mail reservations@trivalleywriters.org by Oct.17 to register.

Fundraisers

9TH ANNUAL WHEELS FOR MEALS RIDE TO FIGHT SENIOR HUNGER Beginning at 7 a.m., on Oct. 13 at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, the Wheels for Meals Ride and Cycle to fight senior hunger will be held. There are three new routes to choose from. The post-ride celebration begins at 11 a.m. and includes a delicious

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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.

SUNFLOWER HILL AT THE STABLE CAFÉ Esther Hall, owner of the Stable Cafe at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave., is giving our special needs community members the opportunity to learn restaurant skills. Please join us for breakfast on any of the following dates: Sunday, Oct. 21 Sunday, Nov. 18 or Sunday, Dec. 16. Make reservation for an available day (CASH ONLY). Please arrive during the time frame selected and note that the food ordered will not be free. No credit cards accepted. eventbrite.com/e/sunflower-hill-at-the-stable-cafe.

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Family

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE HOUSING WORKSHOP Free Housing Workshop at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, at Las Positas College, 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? This workshop is for students facing these types of challenges, with guest speakers who specialize in this area providing tips to increase your chances of finding housing. Lunch provided.

HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT The Annual Halloween Scavenger Hunt will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, while supplies last. Children 10

years old and younger are invited to come in costume and pick up instructions from the starting location outside of the Museum on Main at 603 Main St. Children have to solve the clue in order to find the next downtown location, where they will be given a small goodie or treat. Email events@pleasantondowntown.net for more information.

ANGST DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING - COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES The Community Education Series presents the documentary film "ANGST" at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. This film explores anxiety, its causes, effects and what we can do about it. For more information call 931-5359 or amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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Highest sale reported: \$2,015,000
Average sales reported: \$1,133,182

Dublin (Aug. 20-27)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$648,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,135,000
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1290 LAKEHURST ROAD, LIVERMORE



3 bd/2 ba, 1,330+/- sqft, 8,211+/- lot sqft
\$765,000

39 SILVER OAKS COURT, PLEASANTON



5 bd/6 ½ ba, 6,490+/- sqft, 1 acre lot
\$3,850,000

1312 GREENWOOD ROAD, PLEASANTON



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
























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