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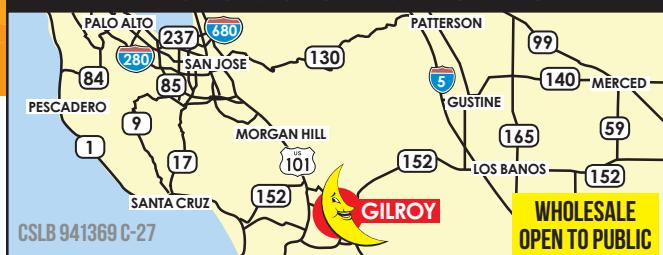
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING



JEB BING

From left: Daniel McVey, Pleasanton City Employees Association, Local 955; Nicole Jacobs; Scott Canfield, Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974; and Nick Albert, Pleasanton Police Officers Association.

## City unions join in benefit to help cancer-stricken colleagues

Members of Pleasanton's police, firefighter and city employee unions joined together last Saturday for a fundraising barbecue benefit in support of two colleagues battling cancer.

Donations from the dinner, which are still being tallied, will go to funding mechanisms set up to help Kyle Henricksen, a 36-year-old Pleasanton Police Department officer who is being treated for pancreatic cancer, and Ben Jacobs, 37, a water distribution operator in the city's utilities division, who started receiving chemotherapy for blood cancer in April.

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association has held other fundraisers for Kyle, including one last November when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer that had metastasized to his stomach lining. That online rally raised \$75,000 in a week's time as Kyle moved his treatment to a self-pay basis at Stanford Medical Center when Kaiser Permanente, his insurer, said it could not handle the treatment needed.

The family also created a GoFundMe campaign — called "Help Kyle Kick Cancer" — which as of this week has raised \$117,205 of its current \$135,000 goal.

Neither Kyle nor Ben were able to leave their hospital beds to attend last weekend's benefit at the Pleasanton Senior Center where both were toasted with wishes of speedy recoveries. Nicole Jacobs was there with Ben's mother Christy Jacobs to represent her husband and thank supporters. Kyle's wife Jennifer had planned to drive in from their home in Manteca, but Kyle's precarious condition kept her with him at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Modesto, where he's being treated.

Jennifer described last week having "a roller coaster of a couple of days," with an emotional let-down when their oncologist determined that Kyle

is not in condition for surgery. That had been a planned procedure to stop the cancer's growth. Just months earlier, biopsies at Stanford were showing his cancerous tumors shrinking.

So, late Sunday, Kyle was transferred back to Stanford for new assessments from that medical center's oncology team.

"Thank you everyone for the well wishes, prayers, good vibes," Jennifer wrote on Facebook Monday. "Please keep them coming and hope that Stanford has some answers/options for us!"

Jennifer spends as much time as she can at the hospital, going home at night to be with their four children: Destani, 19; Alyssa, 18; Zoey, 12; and Cohen, 10.

I also had a chance to talk to Ben by phone from his bed at Stanford Medical Center on Saturday. His news was better. Doctors had just told him that a biopsy of his recent bone marrow transplant showed he is now cancer-free. The procedure started after doctors at Kaiser Permanente in Antioch diagnosed him last April with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS).

Nicole and Ben have three children: Brooke, 11; Betsy, 5; and Bruce, 18 months old. His mother cares for the children when Nicole drives the 62 miles from Brentwood to Stanford.

"She's been my rock," Ben said.

He credits his co-workers in Pleasanton and supporters at the two churches his family attends in Brentwood with the support that gave him the strength to go through the difficult cancer treatments. "At first, they didn't think I was going to make it," he said. "But the good doctors and my faith just kept pushing me. I decided I'm not giving up."

"I put my trust in God," Jacobs added. "My faith, church and support groups helped me all through this. It's been truly amazing." ■

## About the Cover

Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund speaks with a table of first-graders during a classroom visit at Walnut Grove Elementary School last week. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

### If your house does not already have one, would you like to have a man cave/she shed?



**Donna Lim**  
*Dog, book and music lover*

Absolutely. I would fill it up with my books, my music, the 'bestest' chair in the world and all the dogs that could comfortably fit. It would be pure bliss.



**Sue Martinez**  
*Receptionist*

Oh, sure. I already have a built-in bar, which is pretty great, but a she shed would be a perfect place for me to be able to work on all of my craft projects without having to worry about cleaning up all the time while my projects are still 'works in progress.' I could just close the door so that I wouldn't have to see the mess when I'm not crafting.



**Frank Spindler**  
*Retired*

Not really. I don't see a need for one because when we became empty-nesters, we took over our children's rooms to create a home office and a work-out space. Plus, my wife and I enjoy being together most of the time.



**Cody Pressman**  
*Waste processor*

Oh yeah. I'd love to have a place in my house to call my own, where no one can complain that I smell like garbage, and where I could drink my beers in peace without my wife nagging me that it's bad for my health.



**Luann Spindler**  
*Retired*

Well, since I already created my own personal space out of my son's bedroom when he flew the coop, I pretty much already have a she shed. And of course I love it.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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### Forkful downtown

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is presenting its third annual Forkful event, a culinary tour of downtown restaurants and dessert spots, on the evening of Sept. 14.

Attendees will take their commemorative fork to savory and sweet stops across downtown, tasting food while sipping on complementary adult beverages handed out along the way to accentuate the forkful.

A sparkling wine reception will usher in the event at check-in at the Museum on Main. Forkful tastings run from 4-7 p.m., with attendees able to sample at their leisure and determine their preferred route using the program as a guide.

Participants must be 21 years old or older. Visit [www.PleasantonDowntown.net](http://www.PleasantonDowntown.net) for tickets and other information.

### DUSD election

First-year Foothill High School vice principal Malcolm Norrington is running against analyst and school volunteer Catherine Kuo in their hometown of Dublin this fall for the vacant Trustee Area 3 seat on the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees.

The two residents of Area 3, which covers parts of eastern and central Dublin, were the only citizens to file candidacy paperwork during the open nomination period for the Nov. 5 special election to fill the school board seat that's been open since former trustee Dan Cunningham resigned in March.

Kuo, a 20-year resident of Dublin with two children in local schools, has held a variety of school volunteer roles and has professional experience in human resources, business analysis and planning management.

Norrington, a former teacher in Dublin and at Amador Valley High, was appointed this summer as a new vice principal at Foothill. He has more than six years of experience teaching high school and previously worked for 13 years as a police officer.

### Concussions

"The Cutting-Edge Management of Concussion" is the theme of the first installment of a new health care lecture series presented by the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

The ValleyCare Speaker Series will open on Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater with Dr. Paulomi Kadakia Bhalla, a Stanford neurologist and director of teleneurology at Stanford-ValleyCare, discussing the latest research on the diagnosis and management of concussion.

For tickets and other information, visit <https://lvpac.org>. ■

## PUSD board backs youth-driven anti-vaping campaign

Also: Private tutoring policy for teachers, district energy audit, Measure I1 bond sales update

BY JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday night that aims to snuff out flavored tobacco and e-cigarette use among students.

The resolution was presented by a group of local youth and asked the trustees to "call on our entire Pleasanton community to join in support of ensuring student health by refraining from the marketing and sales of tobacco, flavored tobacco and vaping products to young people throughout the city of Pleasanton."

It also encourages to "take all practical and necessary steps to discourage students from smoking including forbidding the use of tobacco products and vaping devices on campuses ... by providing student education and family information on the dangers of tobacco and vaping use."

Pleasanton is the latest Tri-Valley community to try to stem youth vaping.

Livermore recently passed a city ordinance to ban the sale of flavored tobacco, restrict vaping paraphernalia sales and implement a city tobacco retailer license program. That

ordinance is now being challenged by Bay Area e-cigarette manufacturer JUUL Labs, which collected enough signatures for a referendum petition trying to overturn the Livermore City Council's decision.

In April, PUSD staff reported that early intervention programs for some students caught vaping have experienced some success. None who completed the family workshop for tobacco, alcohol or drug offenses during the 2018-19 school year had reoffended for vaping. Reduced suspensions have also been attributed to the workshop.

The district has increased tobacco and vaping education at campuses as well over the past year.

Megan Sloan, a student board representative, said during the discussion Tuesday that "there's always talk on campus" about vaping and that it even happens in local middle schools. "It's really demoralizing when you feel like people aren't making choices that are good for themselves," Sloan said.

One reason some students are taking up vaping, according to Sloan, is

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FILE PHOTO

An athlete competes in the caber toss during last year's Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The annual Scottish fest returns to Pleasanton this Labor Day weekend.

## Celebrating everything Scottish

154th Highland Gathering and Games back at fairgrounds

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Men don't have to wear kilts to the 154th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Fairgrounds this weekend. But it's the one place around here where it wouldn't stand out.

Everything Scottish will be celebrated at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Labor Day weekend, but the weekend is not just for Scots, said Floyd Busby, spokesman for the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

"There is something for everybody," he emphasized, "and everybody that goes has fun."

The gates open at 8 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, with athletics beginning in the grandstand at

8:30. Other activities begin at 10 a.m., and opening ceremonies are held at noon each day in front of the main grandstand.

The fairgrounds will be a cornucopia of Scottish delights — foods including steak pie, fish and chips, British banger, corned beef and cabbage, and scotch egg; five stages of traditional and Celtic rock entertainment; and two stages of piping, fiddling (including a Fiddlers Rally), and Scottish country dancing as well as Highland dancing and Irish step dancing.

"There is so much to do," Busby said. "If you like music, you can go around to the various stages."

Entertainment ranges from a single guitar player to fairly large

groups, such as Albannah, highly percussive traditional musicians that the Caledonian Club is bringing from Scotland.

Animal attractions include more than 20 exotic birds of prey with their handlers, highland cattle resplendent in their long coats, a Clydesdale horse team and sheep-dog trials.

"There are so many specialties, and the falconry and the sheep dog trials — they are really quite fascinating," Busby said.

The Gathering of the Clans will include 100 tents to the left of the main entrance where folks can research their heritage.

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## Livermore downtown election

Council sets initiative vote for fall 2020; referendum looms

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

Voters in Livermore are poised to settle the debate over their city's Downtown Specific Plan more than a year from now, after the City Council opted to place an initiative measure proposing an alternative redevelopment concept on the November 2020 general election ballot.

A decision made during the council's regular meeting Monday night, Livermore voters will be asked to either support the independently created "Central Park Plan" — submitted as part of a citizen group's petition — or oppose that concept in a vote of confidence for the city-approved plan.

"Two goals that we wanted were more open space and more parking and the approved downtown plan has both," Mayor John Marchand said toward the end of Monday's four-hour meeting.

"Somebody talked about with some derision that this was the city-approved plan," Marchand lamented. "That's right, we are the leaders that were elected by this community to develop a plan based on the input ... and who approved the downtown drawing? Who approved the downtown initiative? Was that done in the public? No, that was done by two people. (Our plan) was done by the entire community."

The initiative may be joined on the

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# Looking back on lively Pleasanton downtown debate

City Council poised for final adoption of DSP ordinances next week

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Downtown Specific Plan update cycle is coming to an end after more than two years of public debate that culminated in a lengthy public hearing last week in front of the City Council.

The DSP update and associated documents are a comprehensive legislative package focused on city regulations and objectives for all commercial, residential and publicly owned land in the entire downtown area.

Much of the interest among the community has centered on just a few key issues, and the Aug. 20 public hearing was no exception.

Topics such as maximum building heights, new housing, parking solutions, the manner in which the DSP process played out and the future of the current Civic Center site.

Council members gave the green light to the full legislative package following a lengthy — and likely final — public discussion on the 2019 DSP update on Aug. 20. They are due to consider the second reading and final adoption of DSP-related ordinances next Tuesday, according to city spokeswoman Cindy Chin.

Some of the variety of comments offered as part of the council's three-hour-plus hearing last week included:

- "This task force process appears to not have been effective or 'listened to' and I question why we even had a task force and thousands of hours of staff time and paid consultants," said Herb Ritter, a city planning commissioner, DSP Update Task Force member and current Chamber of Commerce board chair (in an email letter to the council).

- "It was a huge disappointment to be told I won't be able to represent the many people who voted for me to do so," recused Councilwoman Julie Testa said before stepping out of

the council chamber. "I would like to say that recusing from this discussion tonight will be a one-time recusal. When the projects within the plan come forward as individual projects, I will not have a conflict.

- City planning manager Ellen Clark: "Although that debate has happened, there have been many points of consensus about the need to preserve and protect downtown, to ensure that new development respects that character and fits in well with our existing buildings, particularly historic buildings, and about bringing more vitality to the downtown, along with improving pedestrian and bicycle amenities."

- "There has been some confusion out there about four-story buildings ... Is there any four-story buildings anywhere in this plan?" Mayor Jerry Thorne asked of city staff, knowing "no" was the answer. "Thank you."

- Opening public comment was task force member Jan Batcheller.

"The process has been flawed from the very beginning," she said in part. "In the past, staff would say we wanted to hear from stakeholders; now it seems stakeholders are considered to have a conflict of interest, when in my view they actually have a vested interest."

- "The right-to-do-business policy that's already in place for new development, if that were to be recognized with a statement ... in the DSP just recognizing that businesses that follow the rules are not a nuisance, it would help us in that recruiting and retaining retail effort," said Bryan Bowers, board president for the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

- "Don't settle for quick solutions," resident Kelly Mokashi told the council. "What you decide tonight may forever change the historic preservation of this city that makes it unique to our surrounding communities. Please, please do your duty to

serve the people of this community."

- "I believe that all input is not equal," task force member Steve Baker said. "The input from the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, which represents approximately 725 members of the Pleasanton community, and the Pleasanton Downtown Association, which represents over 500 businesses in the downtown, needs to be given more weight than the input from two residents."

- Former mayor Tom Pico also called the DSP process "flawed" and promised "there's going to be a war" if city officials try to move the city offices to Bernal Park property.

"(The plan) is built on a sand foundation that says we're going to move the city hall to the Bernal property. And that will never happen," Pico said. "The citizens will not approve an office complex on the Bernal Park. That wasn't our vision."

- "We, over time, have ruined our downtown in the last couple of years," Margo Tarver added. "We shouldn't have three-story buildings out to the perimeter of the property, over-towering a small one-story restaurant. It's just beyond my comprehension what has happened here, and I don't want it to continue."

- Peter MacDonald said, "What this process did not do was focus on creating a downtown habitat in which businesses can be successful, customers can find a place to park and people want to visit."

- "Things have been made more restrictive (by the council); that is something that I regret," resident Isaac Elias said. "I am the pro-housing boogeyman that everyone's scared of. I am in favor of anything that leads to more housing units here in Pleasanton because I am a renter and I am not a homeowner."

- Resident Diane Envent said, "I think we made tremendous progress with your listening to what citizens want in terms of building heights, what they want in terms of looking further at parking, what they want in terms of protecting the Main Street small-town feel as well as on the neighboring side streets, and for limiting residential uses in the commercial area and promoting more active retail, commercial presence."

- "Downtown's still the heart of Pleasanton but unfortunately it feels like it's about ready to suffer a heart attack, or maybe if we move over to the Bernal property a heart transplant," said Scott Miner, the final citizen speaker.

## What's next?

The City Council approached DSP adoption with four sets of actions: two by resolution (one-time approval) and two by ordinance (required two-step process).

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CITY OF PLEASANTON

## New playground at Gingerbread

Gingerbread Preschool students, staff and supporters joined the Pleasanton City Council last week for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome Gingerbread's new play structure, donated by the Friends of Gingerbread. The part-time preschool program provided by the city's Library and Recreation Department operates out of 4333 Black Ave.

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## Zone 7 board discusses Chain of Lakes mining expansion

By JULIA BAUM

A presentation at the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors meeting last week gave those who missed last month's public comment deadline for the environmental review period another chance to share their feedback on the Chain of Lakes mining and reclamation project.

Cemex, the company that owns the 920-acre Eliot Quarry, wants to alter modification plans and mine 100 feet deeper in the Lake B area on the site's west side, which also contains a nearly 150-foot-deep sand and gravel mine pit.

Plans to alter mining operations in the unincorporated Chain of Lakes area between Livermore and Pleasanton include developing a future trail along Vineyard Avenue and building major water infrastructure at no additional cost to Zone 7.

The new reclamation plan also calls for some technical changes like keeping the Arroyo del Valle separate from Lake B — which it currently flows through — and raising the lake level containment by 14 feet to a total height of 369 feet, resulting in less water overflowing into the San Francisco Bay.

Cemex representatives said they hope to restore the Arroyo del Valle at Lake B around the year 2023 as

well. They noted in project documents that the habitat's current state is "highly degraded," "choked with weeds," and "not suitable for protected fisheries." They also mentioned several public benefits tied to the plan like restoring the land to a "near-natural state" and developing a public trail on the south side along Vineyard Avenue.

Arroyo Del Valle would be realigned south of its current spot and Cemex would abandon plans to renew mining in Lake A, which would be handed over to Zone 7 by 2023 for water management. Cemex plans to build a diversion structure there at no cost to the water agency when the transfer takes place.

Mining in both lakes would cease by 2056, under the proposal.

Geologists working on behalf of the company said new groundwater layers in the lake would not be exposed by any mining and did not detect any aquitards in the lake, which are areas in the Earth that restrict groundwater from flowing to other aquifers.

Residents who attended the meeting and board directors Sandy Figuers, Michelle Smith-McDonald and Olivia Sanwong peppered the company with questions for more details about the project's stability analysis,

water quality data and monitoring nearby wells for water levels.

Tamara Reus from Friends of the Open Space and Vineyard commended the planned trail as a much-desired feature for the public during the meeting's open comment portion.

"We're really encouraged to see those trails being included in this project; they've been promised for a long time and people are really wanting to use them," Reus said. "Ultimately I guess everything's turned over to you and want to make sure those will definitely be included as this goes forward and that you will maintain them if the property's turned over to you."

Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor clarified the agency does not operate any recreational facilities and that while facilities such as trails "are compatible with our uses, we do coordinate with external agencies and then they fund and operate the recreational facility."

The Alameda County Community Development Agency, which issues permits for mining activity and reclamation plans on unincorporated land, is currently preparing an environmental impact report. Regulatory permits for the project could be issued within the next one to two years, according to Cemex. ■



MIKE SEDLAK

### Final downtown concert of summer

Another summer of Concerts in the Park will come to an end this evening as The Groove Doctors take to the stage for the final show of the season. Known for playing high-energy hits, The Groove Doctors will perform from 7-8:30 p.m. for crowds expected to fill downtown's Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks. Shown: The Apes rocking out at the PDA's July 26 concert.

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The first resolution, approved Aug. 20, including certifying the final environmental impact report on the DSP update with associated findings, and adopting a statement of overriding considerations, a mitigation monitoring program and a water supply assessment.

The second resolution, also adopted last week, involved rescinding the 2002 DSP and replacing it with the updated 2019 DSP, as well as approving associated amendments

to the city's General Plan, downtown design guidelines and downtown hospitality guidelines.

The first ordinance centered on changes to the zoning designations for certain properties. The second ordinance focused on amending the zoning and transportation systems management sections of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to implement the policies of the new DSP.

Both ordinances were introduced last week and are scheduled for second reading and final adoption at the regular council meeting next Tuesday (Sept. 3). ■

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# CityServe names new CEO

Beitsch-Bahmani coming to Tri-Valley from Fremont-based nonprofit

CityServe of the Tri-Valley officials recently announced the hiring of Christine Beitsch-Bahmani as the local nonprofit's new CEO.

Beitsch-Bahmani is transitioning to the Tri-Valley after working for 12 years as the founding executive director for the Compassion Network in Fremont where she nurtured collaboration among local churches of Fremont, Newark and Union City and the 27 social service agencies housed inside the Fremont Family Resource Center.

"Compassion in action is her motto," CityServe officials said in a statement.

"She has traveled to 8% of the world, working with refugees in Burma, prostitutes in Amsterdam and prisoners in Argentina. She has taught English to monks in Thailand, built 53 homes for the poor in Mexico and cared for hundreds of orphans in Zimbabwe," they said, adding that she also earned a master's degree in leadership from William Jessup University in Rocklin in 2017.

Beitsch-Bahmani is succeeding Gloria Gregory who stepped down in the spring after serving as CityServe of the Tri-Valley's executive director since the organization's founding 10 years ago.

CityServe is a local nonprofit with a vision of caring for those in crisis in the Tri-Valley, coordinating resources among the faith-based community, nonprofits, schools, businesses and government agencies, and connecting volunteers in the community to the nonprofits in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon.

More than half of CityServe's current clients are homeless individuals or single mothers, with senior citizens, veterans, youth and disabled individuals making up the rest. ■



**Christine Beitsch-Bahmani**

—Jeremy Walsh

## SCOTTISH

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"It is a popular feature," Busby noted. "A lot of people didn't realize they had Scottish blood in them but went through there and found out they did."

Mary Queen of Scots and her entourage will roam the grounds as part of the living history element that includes Highland Warriors and invading Vikings as well as period artisans and craftsmen.

Whisky tasting will be available for an additional cost to sample premium Scottish, American and international whiskies, as well as a master class seminar.

Athletic contests will include soccer and rugby, as well as the 45th U.S. Invitational Heavy Event Championships for professional and amateur men and women at the grandstand, including the caber toss, and hammer and stone putts.

"We have a record number of athletes, up in the 80s, and that includes the pros and the amateurs," Busby said. "They come from 22 states and five countries."

Inside the air-conditioned halls are the vendors.

"Primarily they all have something to do with Great Britain," Busby explained.

Each day ends dramatically with the Massed Bands march-off at 6 p.m. at the grandstand, featuring 35

## 154th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games

**When:** Aug. 31 to Sept. 1

**Where:** Alameda County Fairgrounds

**Cost:** Varies

Children, active military — free

**Info:** TheScottishGames.com

**Other:** Tonight concert at 7:30 p.m. at the San Ramon Marriott, featuring the Marine Band and Celtic entertainment. Tickets are \$20 online or at the door.

pipe bands from the United States and Canada plus the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band Miramar whose musicians will be intermingled with bagpipers.

"Anyone going should try to see the closing ceremonies," Busby said. "All the years I have watched it, I am still thrilled when the single piper goes up and starts playing 'Amazing Grace' and then 600 or 700 pipers and drummers come in. It is quite dramatic."

This is the 26th year for the event to be held by the San Francisco Caledonian Club at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The gathering was first held Thanksgiving Day 1866 in San Francisco, more of a family picnic and athletic contest. It went on to outgrow venue after venue until it landed in the spacious Pleasanton fairgrounds in 1994 where it now draws tens of thousands each year. ■

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Vic's on the market

Downtown Pleasanton restaurant Vic's All-Star Kitchen, a fixture at 210 Main St. for 25-1/2 years, is available to purchase.

Owner Vic Malatesta, in an interview with Weekly columnist Tim Hunt, said that at age 73, he is ready to hang up the day-to-day business operations.

"He told me his wife retired two years ago and fortunately got hooked on the game of golf after he introduced it to her ... Here's hoping he finds the right buyer soon and can join his wife on the golf course," Hunt wrote in his Tim Talk blog last week.

### Plane crash

A single-engine Cessna 120 crashed last week after taking off from Livermore Municipal Airport, according to a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The pilot had just taken off from Runway 25L when the plane went down nearby around 11:50 a.m. Aug. 21, FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said.

The pilot was the only person on board at the time of the crash, and they were transported to a local hospital with moderate injuries.

The crash will be investigated by the FAA as well as the National Transportation Safety Board, and that process typically takes about a year to determine the cause of a crash.

—Bay City News Service

### Fire in Livermore

Fire crews contained a fire outside of a home in Livermore on Monday morning.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department received the call about the blaze at 5:25 a.m. at 2146 Buckskin Road, battalion chief Kurtis Dickey said. A fire from the outside of a home extended into the garage and was contained around 6:10 a.m.

According to Dickey, a gas meter was broken and PG&E had to respond to turn off the gas.

Nobody was injured but the residents of the home were displaced, Dickey said. A fire investigator was called to the scene. No further information was immediately available.

—Bay City News Service

### Baker's new gig

Catharine Baker, the Tri-Valley's former State Assembly member, was recently appointed as president of the Diablo Regional Arts Association (DRAA) Board of Directors.

A previous board member (before her election in 2014), Baker will help lead the Walnut Creek-based nonprofit board during an important time — the Leshner Center for the Arts will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2020. ■

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# One-cent regional sales tax for transit could be on 2020 ballot

BART board hears report from advocacy groups on proposal

Bay Area voters may be asked to approve a one-cent sales tax in 2020 that would fund a wide array of transportation projects and improvements across the region.

The sales tax has been proposed by a coalition of policy advocacy groups, including the Bay Area Council, the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

The coalition has dubbed themselves FASTER Bay Area and presented their plan to the BART Board of Directors at a meeting in Oakland last week. According to their presentation, they project the tax could raise up to \$100 billion over 40 years.

The funds would be dispersed to regional transit districts, including BART, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and others. The policy groups are primarily interested in “big, transformational projects that better connect jobs to housing through a more integrated transit system,” according to a memo by BART General Manager Robert Powers.

That could include regional rail

improvements, including more exclusive right of way for BART and Caltrain, and more express freeway lanes. It would also emphasize closing gaps between transit systems, more fare integration and improvements to transit hubs and stations.

For BART, it could include funding for a new transbay rail crossing to complement the existing Transbay Tube, which is often overcrowded during peak hours. It could also include more mundane upgrades to BART’s existing infrastructure and earthquake safety improvements in the Caldecott Tunnel.

The FASTER advocates cited a 21% increase in commute times in Silicon Valley from 2010 to 2017 and said that was contributing to nearly half of residents responding to a recent Bay Area Council poll saying they were considering leaving the Bay Area.

FASTER has conducted polls that indicate voters are open to raising taxes for regional transportation improvements and that differences in support between funding measures are slight.

But some BART directors had

concerns about the use of a sales tax, which tends to impact low-income residents more and can fluctuate widely in the event of an economic downturn.

“I am really concerned about the one-cent sales tax,” said Director Janice Li, who represents portions of San Francisco, adding that she was disappointed the advocates didn’t present any alternatives.

“I think it would have been more appropriate if you said, ‘here is a list of things that can get us to 100 billion, we think a sales tax is the best way,’ but you didn’t come with that list,” Li said.

Director Rebecca Saltzman, who represents portions of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, agreed, and pointed out that the sales tax may require passage of statewide legislation first. California caps sales tax at 10.25% and Saltzman said some cities have already reached that maximum.

Furthermore, Saltzman argued that a mix of revenue streams would be better than a sales tax, which can be volatile in the event of a recession. Big projects could be forced to be put on hold when revenue plummets.



DUSD

## Blackman sworn in to DUSD board

New Trustee Gabrielle Blackman (right) officially joined the Dublin Unified School District’s Board of Trustees last week, taking the oath of office administered by Board President Amy Miller during a brief ceremony Aug. 20. A senior designer in the architectural industry and the mother of three school-aged children, Blackman won the seat with 70% of the vote in the two-candidate special election June 4 to fill the vacant position representing northeast Dublin’s Trustee Area 4. Among her top goals during the campaign she cited improving DUSD leadership stability, long-range planning, financial management and communication with the public. Blackman’s term runs to December 2020; she is eligible to run for re-election.

“Whatever mix you do, it’s going to be more resilient than just having one type of tax,” Saltzman said.

The sales tax could be on the ballot for all nine Bay Area counties in November 2020. ■

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## SCHOOL BOARD

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to manage anxiety and stress.

"Everything is connected," she said. "Kids are numbing, that's what it is. Kids are numbing because they're stressed ... and I think that's hard to look at, in addition to the fact that they're actually using."

The board roundly supported the resolution.

Trustee Joan Laursen stated she was "happy to support this resolution as a positive step in this effort, but also encourage us to continue working with the city to either strengthen enforcement and actions against businesses selling to our students or talking about whether this is something we want to ban, the sale in our cities (of flavored tobacco and e-cigarettes)."

## In other business

- Near the beginning of the

meeting, Trustee Steve Maher asked to pull and review a consent agenda item concerning teachers tutoring students outside of class.

The policy, one of multiple PUSD policies and regulations currently undergoing review and revisal by the district human resources department, bars teachers from privately tutoring their own students for payment.

Julio Hernandez, assistant superintendent of human resources, said the policy is meant to avoid conflicts of interest and "ensure district resources, public resources are not being used for personal gain" by teachers or local private tutoring businesses that hire them.

Teachers are not prohibited from tutoring for payment outside the district and may offer their services through private businesses, but with limits.

According to district documents, "teachers may not accept any kind

of remuneration for tutoring a student enrolled in any of their classes or directly receiving services by the employee as part of their assignment in the current/upcoming school year or at any time during the previous six months."

The policy also stipulates teachers "must perform this service outside of school facilities and make their own arrangements with parents/guardians for the fees to be charged" and that they "may not use any Pleasanton Unified School District generated materials, assessments or student information as a part of their tutoring enterprise."

The board voted unanimously to pass the recommended policy.

- Pleasanton students presented their research and recommendations to the board about energy use at all 15 PUSD campuses.

During summer, 32 high school and college interns from the local nonprofit Go Green Initiative used

energy benchmarking tools from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and PG&E to examine energy use for every PUSD school and facility site. The entire 106-page report was summarized in a presentation containing data on nine specific findings.

All PUSD schools are eligible for Energy Star certification, and three of them — Hearst, Lydiksen and Walnut Grove elementary schools — had perfect scores. Students urged the district that evening to pursue the certification, noting that Dublin Unified School District has already done the same for most of their campuses.

However, the interns also found 96-year-old Amador Valley High School to be the least energy-efficient campus, which led to them "recommend installing an energy management system for each school and hiring a sustainability director for the whole district to reduce

energy usage and costs" by using the savings from any energy efficient upgrades that are added.

Their final recommendation was to have PUSD move toward using 100% renewable energy.

- An update on the second round of Measure II bond sales was also heard Tuesday; last week the district sold most of its scheduled \$90 million in general obligation bonds within several hours, according to district officials, who partly attributed the district's strong credit rating and high property assessment values to a "very favorable bond market" recently.

With two other school bond measures set to expire in the next year or so, the district is currently in the process of surveying residents about a potential new \$120 million school facilities bond measure that would sustain the current tax rate. Polling started last week and ends Sept. 6. ■

## ELECTION

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ballot by a referendum measure that seeks specifically to overturn a council-approved development agreement with a hotelier for downtown.

Tamara Reus, chair of Protect the Central Park Vote, said her group gathered 8,500 signatures on a referendum petition that supporters would turn in ahead of the Thursday deadline. (The outcome was pending as of press time.)

If those signatures are verified by Alameda County election officials, it could set the stage for dueling downtown plans on the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot — when Marchand is termed out and two regular council seats will also be decided.

During Monday's meeting, the council had the options to instead approve the initiative outright or call

a special election to be held sooner than the 2020 general election. However, the council did not approve the former due to each council member publicly opposing the Central Park Plan, nor the latter because a special election would cost taxpayers an estimated \$639,048 to \$798,810, according to city staff.

City officials and members of the public alike spiritedly debated the merits of both plans on Monday, after reviewing an informative report — referred to as a 9212 report — created by city staff analyzing the Central Park Plan initiative.

"With respect to the 9212 report, I find it to be very informative and accurate. And I would say with respect to that, based off of the 9212 report, that there is no way that the council can adopt the initiative and move forward in any reasonable manner," Councilman Bob Woerner said. "The

summary is we are looking at years of delays ... and at the end of it we get higher costs, less parking and less park."

"This report if you had to come up with a new dictionary entry for defeatism, you might use this report as a citation," countered Doug Mann, one of the residents who claimed the 9212 report was biased in favor of the city's development plan.

Prepared by city staff over the past month, the 9212 report analyzes the merits and pitfalls of the Central Park Plan and compared it to the city's own downtown plan that is currently centered around a 135-room boutique hotel next to the Bankhead Theater.

Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan also contemplates 20,000 square feet for new retail space, a 20,000-square-foot science museum, a 15,000-square-foot black

box theater, 130 multifamily housing units and a new public park named in honor of the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association.

According to the 9212 report, the Central Park Plan centers on a design concept with more flexibility and less concrete planning in its layout.

The report summarizes that the Central Park Plan includes up to 30,000 square feet for retail space, up to 30,000 square feet for a center for science culture and education, up to 30,000 square feet for a black box theater, 84 multifamily housing units, a parking structure located at the city's proposed site for the hotel next to the Bankhead, and a 160-room hotel on the west side of South Livermore Avenue.

The distribution of space for retail, theater, science center and other uses has not been designated in the initiative proposal.

"The initiative allows a vast amount of options and we would have to sort through them, so there is no question in my mind that we are at a restart and there is no clarity being offered. And in fact, to me, we are purposely being confused," Woerner said.

City staff did acknowledge that this amount of flexibility — as well as having only 30 days to conduct the study — made it challenging to review the project, saying: "The initiative leaves many parameters of the project site's development unspecified, which makes a comparative analysis difficult."

The 9212 report further finds that the uncertainty surrounding the specificity levels of the Central Park Plan would result in the development process for downtown essentially restarting, resulting in four years or more of delays as city officials conduct public outreach, prepare a technical analysis and finalize a fixed plan.

Councilman Bob Coomber criticized the Central Park Plan for not adequately considering the finances required to create a downtown plan

saying: "The drawing did not have to take into account the cost of an extra parking structure...We can not afford to put in three big parking structures."

Members in support of the Central Park Plan spoke out in favor of the council declaring a special election to settle the issue as soon as possible, and disregarded the 9212 report, accusing city staff of creating a "propaganda piece" in support of the council's plan.

"The report was clearly written or directed by those who would benefit from attempting to show that the initiative could take and I quote 'an additional four years or more.' Those people are willing to make or attempt to make it sound like it could take that long regardless of facts of logic. Indeed, the report looks at how the city can stretch it out but fails to even consider reporting on how quickly it could be done," said resident Jeff Kaskey, who referred to the city report as a "vendetta document."

While tempers did not flare as high as past council meetings on the city's downtown plan, accusations of threats of violence arose from opposing sides, with Marchand stating that his neighbor had been threatened by a Central Park Plan petitioner.

"Last week a paid signature gatherer threatened to shoot one of my neighbors. Threatened to shoot one of my neighbors. This has been encouraged to get out of control," Marchand said. That was not the sole threat to come out of the downtown debate, with a public speaker stating that they overheard one man threaten another with violence at the last council meeting.

"We have a credibility crisis," Marchand continued. "We need to get correct information out to our community and what were seeing isn't helping. It is turning this community against itself. Neighbors are concerned because neighbors are fighting neighbors ... This is tearing our community apart." ■

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Livermore: Pedestrian fatality prompts call for action

The death of a Livermore woman killed trying to cross a street earlier this month has prompted family, friends and even total strangers to push city leaders to improve safety conditions along the notorious stretch of East Avenue.

A group of supporters of Yaneli Morales turned out to the Livermore City Council meeting Monday night calling for action, and more than 1,300 signatures have been collected on an online petition recommending the city add better lighting, speed bumps and other improvements.

"How many fatalities is it going to take for them to do something about this," organizer Jessica Flores wrote on the online petition.

"This is something that I believe has to get done right away so no other families have to mourn the loss of a loved one just because the council chooses to very well remodel the community center and build more houses but can't fix a couple of our streets with just better visibility and more enhancement with drivers," she added.

Morales, 26, died after being hit by a vehicle while attempting to cross East Avenue about 100 feet east of the Jensen Street intersection just before 8:45 p.m. Aug. 4, according to Livermore police. She had not used the nearby crosswalk at East and Jensen that illuminates when the pedestrian button is pressed.

The driver, whose name hasn't been released, was not cited in relation to the collision, with the pedestrian determined to be at fault, Livermore police Sgt. Steve Goard confirmed on Tuesday.

That stretch of East Avenue is

considered notorious for pedestrian safety concerns by some residents despite the crosswalk beacon at Jensen.

In the petition narrative, Flores acknowledges Morales wasn't in the crosswalk but says she wasn't far from it and lighting throughout that area of East Avenue is "horrible, and visibility in the evening actually gets worse."

"Even though that intersection is 30mph, drivers very well go faster than that, knowing there's a school near, apartment buildings, a church, a store, where pedestrians are always at crossing," Flores said, while also citing other serious collisions near East and Jensen.

Petition supporters (1,376 signatures toward the 2,000 goal, to date) call for the City Council and traffic planners to consider anything and everything "to enhance the safety so no more tragedies happen."

A handful of Morales' supporters, including her sister, spoke to the council Monday during non-agenda comment. Council members told the audience they were precluded from talking about the issue that night because it wasn't listed on the meeting's posted agenda, but they did instruct city staff to bring the matter back for full discussion at a future meeting.

### In other news

- The Pleasanton Police Department promised to pick up traffic law enforcement around Amador Valley High School (including "writing REAL TICKETS") this week as part of ensuring legal driving and parking near the campus during the Santa Rita lot closure, according to a post on the PPD Facebook page.

Key areas include yielding for pedestrians, no dropoffs in the street, parking permit in Jensen Tract, seat belt violations, cellphone use and bicycle helmets, police said.

- Real estate app and brokerage

company Redfin reopened four of its Bay Area offices last week, including its Dublin and Pleasanton locations, just days after a former employee made "concerning comments" about shooting other workers.

"Out of an abundance of caution" the company closed four offices throughout the Bay Area on Aug. 16, according to Redfin spokeswoman Mariam Sughayer, but since then "all impacted offices have now reopened with additional security measures."

The initial incident happened Aug. 9, when "a former Redfin contractor made concerning comments over the phone to a local Redfin manager," Sughayer said. "In response to the comments, we took swift action and worked closely with law enforcement to ensure the safety of our employees and agents."

Dublin police Capt. Nate Schmidt told the Weekly, "Dublin Police does not have a current investigation regarding Redfin" and that he was "not aware of anything the District Attorney is investigating in this regard."

Pleasanton police were in contact with the unnamed ex-employee earlier this month but said they "have no information" on whether charges are being filed by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Meanwhile, Redfin said they "are separately pursuing every available legal remedy."

- Only half of the guns used to commit crimes in Alameda County last year were registered in California and less than 10% were registered to the person who committed the crime, according to a study released last week by District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

The report by the DA's Office covers six years from 2012 to 2018, reviewing data on gun use, sales, possession and theft in the county and looking at every gun used in a crime that was prosecuted by its office in 2018.

Of the 862 guns used in Alameda County crimes last year, only 432, or 50.1%, were registered in California. Only 66 of those guns, or 7.6%, were registered to the person who was arrested for the crime.

In addition, the report found that an overwhelming majority of prosecuted gun cases in the county involved handguns, as opposed to rifles, shotguns or assault weapons.

Another key finding is that there are problems with how state and federal agencies maintain records on

guns that are recovered during crime investigations. O'Malley said her office will work with the reporting authorities to find solutions to the gap in data collection, reporting and analysis.

O'Malley wrote, "An in-depth and critical analysis of gun purchases, ownership, theft and use is vital to furthering the goal of reducing gun violence as well as accidental firearm related injuries and fatalities." ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## Lois Corinne Bass

May 16, 1933 – August 15, 2019

Lois Corinne Bass passed away peacefully with family by her side, at her Parkview home on August 15, 2019 at age 86. Lois is survived by her 2 sons Kirk Bass (Polly) and Jay Bass (Krissi); her 4 grandchildren Ryan (Olivia), Kevin (Katja), Sean, & Laura (Jacob); 3 great grandchildren Arthur, Chester & Emma; her brother Wayne Loucks (Gail) and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.



Lois was born on May 16, 1933 in Conrad, Montana to Cecil and Laura Loucks. In 1934 her brother Wayne was born and soon after the family moved to northern California. Lois graduated Hayward High School in 1951 and soon after met and married her husband Darrell "Sam" Bass. In 1955 she gave birth to her first son Kirk. In 1970 Lois and Sam were blessed with a welcome surprise of another son Jay. Lois was an amazing mother while also having a full time career. Lois worked in the telecommunications department at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory for 43 years before she retired in 1996. Lois enjoyed reading, discovering and trying new food recipes, spending time in her garden with her beautiful roses, attending plays and traveling across the US, Hawaii, Alaska, and many countries in Europe. Any time Lois spent with family and friends was her happiest moments. Lois always looked forward to her trips to Oregon to see her son Kirk's family. Over the last 6 years, every Thursday she looked forward to a standing date with her son Jay. They would get her hair styled, have lunch at Jim's Café, and stop at Meadowlark Dairy for an ice cream frosty. Lois loved her desserts!

Lois was a strong woman, but also a very kind and caring person with a great sense of humor. Everyone who met her gravitated to her and wanted to befriend her. Once Lois moved to Parkview, Jessica (her previous caregiver) continued to visit her every week and they formed a very strong bond. Lois would light up every time Jessica would visit. She was a special blessing in Lois' life and we are so thankful for Jessica, she will forever be part of our family. We are also very appreciative of the care given to Lois from the Parkview care team, where she lived for the past 4 years. We know they loved her as much as we did. Thank you! Lois lived by her motto: "Whatever will be will be, the future is not ours to see."

A Celebration of Life Service & Reception will be held Sunday, September 8th at 1:30pm at Graham Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory.

PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Aug. 25

#### Alcohol violation

- 9:22 p.m. on the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

- 4:38 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Theft

- 1:36 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road
- 3:27 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 4:08 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 4:10 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

#### Robbery

- 1:12 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Elmridge Court

#### Domestic battery

- 9:48 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard
- 11:21 a.m. on Springdale Avenue

#### Drug violation

- 1:15 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Navajo Court

### Aug. 24

#### Burglary

- 9:18 p.m. on the 5200 block of Muirwood Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 3:42 p.m. on the 900 block of Main Street
- 8:44 p.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

#### Auto theft

- 1:13 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 8:03 p.m. at Rosewood Drive and Old Santa Rita Road

#### Drug violation

- 1:24 a.m. on the 3200 block of West Lagoon Road
- 1:26 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 12:15 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

- 5:35 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

- 9:46 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

### Aug. 23

#### Vandalism

- 11:25 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### DUI

- 3:15 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vine Street
- 10:17 p.m. on the 4000 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Theft

- 11:56 a.m., 3700 block of Smallwood Court; theft from auto
- 3:51 p.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard, auto theft
- 4:33 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 7:14 p.m. on the 1600 block of Loganberry Way
- 7:28 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting



# Sitting down with the superintendent

Haglund reflects on PUSD projects and priorities for new school year and beyond

STORY BY JULIA BAUM  
PHOTOS BY MIKE SEDLAK

Superintendent David Haglund has juggled a number of changes so far at Pleasanton Unified School District in 2019 but is keeping one goal in focus for the new school year: simplify and improve what's already there.

"It's not about doing new stuff; it's about doing the same stuff better," he said during a recent sit-down interview with the Weekly at the dawn of his third year leading PUSD.

That means working to close achievement gaps, increasing academic intervention and support, and clearly communicating the district's policies and procedures to the public.

"When we established those goals at the beginning of last year, we formed an organizational work plan, and we did that because the community was asking for transparency in our

actions," Haglund said. "They wanted to know what we were doing to address all of these different things."

Those efforts have included a series of community meetings to facilitate open dialogue with families, students and neighbors, and sharing more informative materials on the district website — the district's five organizational goals that were established a year ago among them.

With a large shift in key PUSD cabinet positions over the past year, Haglund said that keeping those objectives in mind are helping to stabilize transitional periods at the administrative level.

"When this year came around and we were going to have a new assistant superintendent of teaching and learning ... there was a whole lot of nervousness about what changes bring," Haglund said. "New people means

new directions, right? I had to share with my leadership team at our symposium in August that, no, that's not what we're doing this year. We're staying focused on our five goals and we're pushing deeper. We're not going to start a bunch of new stuff just because there's new people. We're going to get better at what we're currently doing."

With the recent retirement of former superintendent of educational services Odie Douglas and the departure of former deputy superintendent Micaela Ochoa for the College of San Mateo, and new principals or vice principals at each of the three high schools, plus leadership changes at several elementary and middle schools, Haglund said some of the changes were expected.

"You want your folks to be able to take advantage of both those types of things — retire when you're ready and go take new opportunities when those



PUSD Superintendent David Haglund listens closely to a group of students at Walnut Grove Elementary School (top), a day after meeting with the Weekly for an interview at the start of the school year (bottom).

are available to you. You don't want to hold people hostage with regards to that," he added.

It also gave the district the chance to internally recruit for new principals and other administrative roles while simultaneously testing their systemic robustness. "The board communicated to me early on that they had an interest in really trying to develop our people and promote from within, and when you do that ... you also have to fill those positions of the people that are backfilling," he said.

"You haven't necessarily done a lot of turnover, you've grown as an organization so people who were teachers become assistant principals, people who were assistant principals become principals, people who were principals become directors," the superintendent added. "That's an indicator of health in an organization — very, very different than when you're seeing people leave the organization to go take jobs elsewhere."

The reopening of Amador Valley High School several weeks ago while construction has been underway on new solar panel structures and reconfiguration of the Santa Rita Road parking lot tested the district's organizational strength in real world ways.

After rising early Aug. 12 to help with traffic control around the front of the school, Haglund said he has been "very pleased with the way things have gone and very appreciative of the partnership that we've had with the city" to stem congestion and parking problems.

That being said, "the project's not done yet so there's plenty of other opportunities for frustration — football games, open house. Those are all going to be new things that the parents and the students are going to have to struggle through."

But until workers meet or beat the Oct. 15 completion date, plans are in place to open the field on the backside of Alisal Elementary so families can park and walk across the street to football games at Amador.

"The good news is that we're ahead of schedule," Haglund said, adding "our 90% date was Oct. 15 and we're confident we're going to beat that."

PUSD is also bumping up its effort to give Pleasanton's youth more chances to collaborate, and even spearhead, on certain issues. One new initiative that Haglund said would be handed over to students this year is a resolution that will call on the city of Pleasanton to take a harder stance on e-cigarette sales to minors.

"(City Manager Nelson Fialho) and I talked, and we talked also with the Liaison Committee about the idea of allowing that energy, the focus on e-cigarettes, to come out of the (city's) Youth Commission," he said. "We're getting the city's Youth Commission ... to develop the plan and propose it, so that it's a solution coming from students as opposed to a solution coming from adults."

It's an idea rooted in the

district's mission to see students "make a better world," according to Haglund. PUSD's integrated waste management policy, which largely came from students last year, is one example of the type of drive that the district aims to instill.

"If we don't give them the responsibility and the opportunity to push on those things, then we're not really giving them the skill set they'll need to go out and do that," Haglund said. "It's really empowering our young people to push forward policy that's meaningful to them. You'll probably see a number of initiatives like that this year that are coming from the students to the board."

Just last week PUSD closed its second issuance for \$90 million of Measure 11 bonds, which nearly sold out in three hours. Haglund attributed the swift sales and low interest rate to the district's credit rating, community stability and increased assessed values.

With two earlier bonds expiring within the next year or so, the district is set to gauge the community's receptiveness toward continuing the current tax rate a potential new \$120 million facilities bond measure with a survey in the coming weeks. Some property owners may not like the idea, but Haglund insisted "there's two ways to look at this particular opportunity."

"One is that in two years, the tax rate related to the earlier measures, that \$20 falls off the tax rolls in 2021 and '22," he said. "When you're going through the closing out of a bond, you have a pretty limited time to be able to decide are we going to ask the community to extend the taxing authority or not. The survey's going to tease out hopefully whether or not people are supportive, the community's voters, are supportive of the idea of continuing that tax rate with a new bond."

That support could depend on how some suggested projects are received by polling participants. More than \$550 million in various items such as replacing the Amador gym or adding a new performing arts theater at Foothill High that didn't make the Measure 11 project list will be included in the new survey.

"They're going to ask a number of different questions in the poll and we'll be looking at a number of different metrics to determine whether or not this is the right time," Haglund said. "It's not a single question, if you know what I mean, so they'll be talking about whether it would be worth passing a new bond, if it meant replacing the Amador gym, as an example ... Those are all things the community has been asking us to do."

Ultimately passing a new bond measure to the voters is a decision that the Board of Trustees will have to make, "so all I can do is bring a ton of different information to them so they can make a decision, and it's got to be a decision that they each can support," according to Haglund.

The superintendent said that helping the community "understand how schools are funded and the difference between how we've chosen to fund them in Pleasanton and how districts like San Ramon (Valley) or Dublin have funded their schools" is also important, given the varying levels of investment in each community.

"We each get roughly the same amount of money from the state, which is reflective of the general property taxes that are paid, and when you look at the surrounding Bay Area districts and the taxing rates, we're third from the bottom — and when that 2021 amount drops off, we will be the bottom," he said. "I believe that the community values their schools more than that, so what are the questions that the board's going to want to answer."

"They're going to want to know, does the community understand the need, that's No. 1," he continued.

"Question No. 2 is, does the community believe that we have the capacity to address the needs, given the funding. Are we going to do what we say we're going to do?"

"And the third question is, is the community ready to invest in the schools in a way differently than they've invested in the past? I think those are the kinds of things that the board's going to be looking at in the results of the survey."

The survey results are still a ways off but Haglund already has an answer for the second query: "If I have a goal ... it's that we walk through this year with tighter alignment between what we say is our mission and vision and what we do every day when we walk across campuses or into classrooms." ■

## PUSD's five organizational goals:

- 1** To ensure ongoing implementation of research-based assessment strategies that focus on student academic growth and are leveraged to help close achievement and opportunity gaps, as evidenced by CAASPP, district assessments and other metrics.
- 2** To improve multi-tiered system of supports (RTI 2 and PBIS), including intervention and enrichment, as evidenced by California Dashboard and internal data sources.
- 3** To strengthen district board policies and administrative regulations which will ensure clarity of direction for staff, as evidenced by board actions and other data sources.
- 4** To build our professional learning community through strengthening employee recruitment, development, and retention strategies to ensure continuity of a high-quality workforce, as evidenced by hiring data, professional development participation, and exit surveys.
- 5** To improve overall customer service ratings and stakeholder perceptions of the district and of each school within, as evidenced by the ratings on the annual Benchmark Survey.



During his site visit at Walnut Grove, Haglund interacted with first-graders during classroom activities (top) and watched as teacher Linda Bury led a lesson (bottom).



## BANKHEAD THEATER — SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

New season  
opens Sept. 7  
with brilliant gala  
and concert

CHARLES PAUL AZZOPARDI

Momix: Viva comes to the Bankhead Theater on Oct. 19, combining dance, music, outrageous costumes and inventive props for an astonishing multimedia experience.



RAYMUND ISSAC

Broadway star and Disney legend Lea Salonga is appearing in May but her show is already almost sold out.

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

**C**ue the acrobats, the tenors and the comedians. The 2019-20 season at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore has something for everyone.

“Variety is the key for us because we have a broad constituency to cater to, a lot of different ages and interests, from dance to rock ‘n’ roll to opera,” executive

director Scott Kenison said. “You name it, we’ve done it.”

Kenison books acts for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, which presents top-name entertainment in addition to regional groups such as Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, the Amador-Livermore Symphony and Livermore Valley Opera, arts events and cultural fairs.

“Most performances, I’m to be found in the lobby and almost every time there is a show, people will come up to me and say who they’d like to see,” Kenison said. “If it is within our price range, we make it happen.”

To put together a season, he attends the annual Western Arts Alliance Conference, which showcases available entertainment. He also seeks out acts he wants for the Bankhead and, if they are planning other shows in the area, they may add the Bankhead to their schedule.

The theater is currently closed to have environmentally friendly carpet installed, thanks to the “Green the Bankhead” project reaching its \$500,000 funding milestone. It will reopen Sept. 7 when the new season kicks off with the Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala, a dinner reception and performance by Matthew Morrison and the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

Kenison was proud to announce special acts this year that are selling quickly, including Broadway star Lea Salonga, who appears May 8.

“She was the original Miss Saigon in London and New York, and she’s terrific,” Kenison said.

Another coup is “So You Think You Can Dance LIVE 2019,” which has won 16 Emmy Awards and will be at the Bankhead on Nov. 29.

“It’s sort of a big deal,” Kenison said. “They usually play in much larger theaters, but there’s no better place to see

something like this.”

Lonestar and Phil Vassar are joining forces to present “Holiday and Hits” on Dec. 9.

“They are a high-ticket item,” Kenison noted. “One of the things I’ve been trying to do is increase the budget we’re using for some of the artists. But it’s selling, and selling well.”

Mostly Kosher, performing jazz and klesmer music, will perform Dec. 22, the first night of Hanukkah.

Crawdad Republic will entertain on New Year’s Eve.

“It’s a local band — a made-in-Livermore show — and for the last three years it has done a New Year’s Eve show,” Kenison said. “We will have a dessert reception and a champagne toast.”

Ticket prices depend on the cost of the acts, and \$145 is the top price this season, a bargain compared to other venues that draw top names, Kenison pointed out.

The Bankhead now offers \$20 tickets for each show.

“The entire last row of the theater is \$20. Often if a show is not selling and we can afford to release more, we do,” Kenison said.

The theater seats 500 and is a favorite with performers, he added.

“It’s a beautiful theater, and we take really good care of them,” Kenison said. “It is important for us they want to come back. We’re here to open the doors for them when they arrive, and we have a crew of people ready to work.”

Another new act will be the Four Italian Tenors on Nov. 17, performing opera arias as well as popular hits.

Hyprov will be an evening of improv under hypnosis Oct. 4, using 20 members of the audience.

Mesmerizing dance troupe Momix performs Oct. 19.

Preservation Hall Jazz

### ‘Open Mike Night’

StarsDay, the open mike night started in June, from 6-9 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the side outdoor courtyard of the Bankhead Theater, has been extended through October. Musicians, singers and other acts should arrive at 6 p.m. to be assigned a time slot based on space available. Admission is free, and beverages and snacks are for sale from concessions. The Bankhead house band, Force of Magic, also performs at each event.



KEITH DIXON

The Four Italian Tenors are coming to the Bankhead for the first time Nov. 17, performing opera arias as well as popular hits.

Band is Nov. 11.

“Also Stanford Valley-Care is having a speaker series this season,” Kenison said, “with talks on strokes and recovery, super bugs, and how to deal with concussions (Sept. 12).”

Returning acts include Los Lonely Boys, coming Nov. 15.

“This Tex-Mex band was here a couple of years ago,” Kenison said. “They are already selling really well.”

The Choir of Man from the United Kingdom is returning Jan. 27, creating a pub as part of their show.

“They all sing and play instruments, and one thing that was really great last January was they invited members of the audience onstage to have a beer with them,” Kenison said.

Cirque Mechanics comes with its “Menagerie of Mechanical Marvels,” including a rotating tent frame for strongmen, acrobats and aerialists, on Feb. 9.

The Tap Pack from England, who combine cool tap dancing with smooth vocals, a live jazz band and lively onstage banter, performs March 28.

Comedy shows will again include the San Francisco Comedy Competition on Sept. 20; Second City from Chicago, March 20; and Capitol Steps, May 1.

In the spring, folk legend Arlo Guthrie will perform, April 24.

Tickets went on sale May 1 for Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center members, and in the middle of June for the general public.

“This year we did double what we did last year on the first day of sales, which was great,” Kenison said.

Patrons who book more than five shows get 10% off, and members get 15% off. Membership, now at 900 and climbing, costs \$125 per household.

The Bankhead is continuing its film series this season, with “Royal Wedding,” “South Pacific” and “High Society.” Tickets are \$5.

But it's the live performances that make the theater sizzle.

“Something special happens when there is a living person in front of you, performing for you and the people around you,” Kenison said.

For all the listings or to buy tickets, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org); go to the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore; or call 373-6800. ■



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Mostly Kosher will perform jazz and klesmer music Dec. 22, the first night of Hanukkah.

## Garden club turns 35

Celebration to feature special gardening moments from past

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Join members of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club as they take a walk down memory lane to celebrate their 35th anniversary.

The group was founded in 1984 by six women who loved to garden, and it has grown into an active 200-member club that serves the Tri-Valley with camaraderie, informational meetings, and by maintaining some public gardens.

The celebration will take place at the club's regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, and visitors are welcome. The program will feature a narrated slideshow and an exhibit that organizers say “is sure to entertain and allow us to revisit moments of the past.”

Past members and officers will be honored guests that evening.

Among the club's many projects are the following:

- Sensory Garden next to the Senior Center
- Hansen Park Rose Garden
- Rose bushes in a Livermore park
- SeedShare, assembling seed packets from members' gardens to give out free to the public at libraries
- Arbor Day
- Camp Arroyo Children's Organic Garden
- Eden Garden in Livermore, which grows fresh,

organic food for those in need

- Penny Pines collections to sustain national and urban forests
- Annual Plant Sale
- Garden Angels, helping members who are temporarily unable to keep up their gardens.

Monthly meetings host speakers; in October, Mark Whittman, a longtime environmental activist, will speak on “Creating Living Soil.”

The club's special interest programs include edible gardening, floral design, a monthly lunch bunch, garden sharing and tomato tasting.

For more information, visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org). ■



MICHELLE SUSKI

Last year's club co-presidents, Lois Barber (left) and Dolores Bengtson, prepare for the annual plant sale.

## Foundation ready for Party Palooza

‘Sip, Shop, Golf, Paint, Eat and Drink’ to support cancer patients

By JEREMY WALSH

The stage is set for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation's 11th annual Party Palooza fundraising drive of special events from now through December to support grants for Tri-Valley residents experiencing cancer treatment.

The fun starts all day today with “Happy Delights Inaugural Day,” where the owners of the new restaurant at 2771 Hopyard Road will donate 20% of their proceeds today to the foundation.

Other popular events are returning throughout the Party Palooza, including Dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, the Sip and Paint night, and the SWing for Cancer Therapies Golf Tournament.

A locally based nonprofit, the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation supports cancer patients and the cancer community by providing acupuncture, acupressure, therapeutic massage and other complementary therapies that make a difference in the quality of their lives.

Through its decade-plus of active involvement in the Tri-Valley cancer community, the organization serves as a resource to connect

beneficiaries to additional resources that help with day-to-day support to alleviate the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation.

Special events like those during Party Palooza are vital to helping the foundation generate funds to provide grants for local cancer patients to experience the complementary healing therapies often not covered by health insurance, as well as offer personalized navigation and education.

The full event schedule is:

- Happy Delights Inaugural Day in Pleasanton, today.
- Sip and Paint Art Class in Livermore, Sept. 9 (sold out).
- Sip & Shop Experience in Pleasanton, Sept. 19.
- SWing for Cancer Therapies Golf Tournament at Castlewood Country Club, Oct. 3
- “The After Party” evening reception (after tournament), Oct. 3.
- A Passage to India: Diwali Nite, Oct. 12.
- Dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard in Livermore, Oct. 28.
- 11th annual Soups of the World in Pleasanton, Nov. 2.
- Holiday Bartender Night at Auburn Lounge (Danville), Dec. 2.

Space is limited for each event and they often sell out, so foundation officials recommend purchasing tickets as soon as possible. For more information, visit [www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org](http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org) or call 866-862-7270.

### Board of Directors

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation recently announced a new member joining its Board of Directors: Hilary Strain.

A Pleasanton resident and volunteer with the foundation's Ragin Cajun gala in recent years, Strain works as the chief financial officer for Wing Venture Capital (no relation to foundation president Sandra J. Wing, officials noted).

“Hilary was inspired to join the board as a result of her work with the foundation, and a desire to do more with the organization in its mission to bring assistance to cancer patients in the Tri-Valley,” officials said.

In addition to Wing and Strain, the foundation's board consists of secretary Wende Amerie, treasurer Kim Smith, director Dr. Rishi Sawhney, director Dr. Emily Abe and director Margaret Miner. ■

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## Labor Day origin a far cry from a fun day off

Ah, Labor Day. A three-day weekend full of barbecues and fun in the sun. The unofficial end of summer. Baseball's pennant races are in full swing; football season is just a week away.

Few people reflect on, or even know, the origin of the holiday, which was the horrendous abuse of employees in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Labor Day became a national holiday in response to the "Pullman Strike," a railroad workers' strike in 1894 that seriously hindered travel in the Midwest for months and was a turning point in U.S. labor law.

George Pullman housed his workers in a "company town,"

where they paid rent to live in company-owned housing and bought necessities at the "company store," where they paid with vouchers in advance of paychecks. A depression hit in 1893 and Pullman laid off hundreds of workers and cut pay, but he didn't lower rent or change pricing in the company store, leaving many in perpetual debt.

Workers went on strike; Pullman refused to negotiate. Uprisings were brutal and bloody, leaving 30 dead and many more injured. After a few months of the strike that affected travel throughout the U.S., the federal government had to step in to end it.

While things improved over the next five decades, substandard working conditions and the company-town situations continued in some states and industries.

A Tennessee Ernie Ford song, "Sixteen Tons," recorded in 1946, was written about life in a coal-mining company town in Kentucky.

The line "You load 16 tons and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt" came from a letter written by the song writer Merle Travis's brother John. Another line came from their father, a coal miner, who would say: "I can't afford to die. I owe my soul to the company store."

Labor disputes continue today,

but workers' lives have improved dramatically. Now companies respect human resources and are proud to be among the best places to work. For example, Workday, headquartered in Pleasanton, ranked fourth on Fortune's 2019 list of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, which "recognizes U.S. companies with exceptional workplace cultures." Cisco, another of Pleasanton's large employers, ranked sixth on the list.

So while you're flipping burgers on the grill, playing cornhole and generally saying farewell to summer 2019, also reflect on how much better workers have it today. ■

## LETTERS

### Sunol pavement overlay

Dear Editor,

In 2000, I widened Sunol Boulevard from Richert Lumber to 680. The city and the surrounding Sycamore neighbors demanded we use a special AC Paving mix, rubberized asphalt, to keep the traffic noise down to a minimum.

I see today that the city is overlaying this special pavement with a cheap sand and asphalt coating intended for parking lots. We spent millions to widen this roadway, add signals and landscaping, and

somebody just ruined this expensive asphalt. I'm not happy about it!  
—Mike O'Malley

### Signature gatherers respectful

The Livermore petition people are not at all aggressive. The city doesn't seem to care what the people need or want. We don't have sufficient parking now.

Upon what are you basing your comment that petition people are aggressive? I have had contact with many of the people that you are

calling aggressive. Not one was aggressive. Fake news, or did you hear of one incident and you are lumping everyone together?  
—Charlotte Williams

### Senator Glazer

Probably he won't even remember me; I, however, do stand up and vouch for Senator Steve Glazer.

I had a problem with Franchise Tax Board a few years back — they would not even hear me out. I approached Sen. Glazer's office, and someone from his office resolved

the issue in less than one week.

I thanked him via email. However, as he seeks re-election, I would support him because he was helpful to me.

—Naveed Khan

### What's your opinion?

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Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2018/19
- Consider Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2020/21 Housing and Human Services Grant (HHS) Program Statement of Priorities and Evaluation Criteria

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Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Amador football opens with strong win at Antioch

Tough loss for Foothill, but plenty to build upon for season

There are two ways a high school football coach can look at the non-league schedule for his team.

One, you can schedule three cream-puffs, almost always leading to three easy wins and perhaps establishing confidence for your team as you head into the regular league season.

But does that really prepare your team for the task of playing in a league like the East Bay Athletic League, one of the tougher leagues in Northern California?

That thought leads to the second way to schedule non-league — get three tough games, thus allowing for your team to be fully ready for the grind that is the EBAL.

For Amador Valley coach Danny Jones, the answer was easy — the latter.

The Dons opened the season last Friday with a 30-22 win over an always-strong Antioch program on the road. Next up is a tough Milpitas team and then the Dons close the three-game, non-league campaign with a game against traditional power Campolindo.

“We schedule schools like Antioch because that’s where we need to be, at their level,” Jones said. “We have good kids — resilient kids and we need those games to get ready.”

For a first game of the season, Jones and his staff got just about everything you want out of a game to get ready for the league season.

First and foremost, there was the win against a quality and respected program, something that will look good on the Amador resume when the North Coast Section playoff seeding rolls around.

But it was how the Dons got the win that trumps everything else.

Antioch can be an intimidating place to play and the players found that out even walking on to the field.

Then Antioch came out and got the first score, taking a 6-0 lead. Amador answered right back with a big kickoff return from Eric Hunter III to take a 7-6 lead.

Amador moved that out to a 23-6 lead in the fourth quarter before Antioch rallied to cut it to 23-22 with six minutes to play in the game. Prime spot to fall apart for the Dons.

The players were cramping, and

Jones had to use all his 55-player roster at the point. But as Jones pointed out, it’s a resilient group.

Cal Ewanich came through with a 70-yard kickoff return for a score and the lead was up to 30-22.

“They kicked it away from Hunter, and Cal came up with the big play,” the coach said.

From there Amador stopped Antioch on the next possession, got the ball back and ran out the clock. Adversity, perseverance and resiliency were all on display in the first week of the season.

“Our motto is we need all 55 kids,” Jones said. “We had some guys go down, but others were there to step up.”

#### Foothill football

While Amador was able to build a lead, then hold off a late surge, the same could not be said for Foothill.

In a “home” game held at cross-town rival Amador’s stadium because of Foothill’s field renovations, the Falcons looked solid building a 20-6 lead over San Leandro with six minutes left in the game. Then things went south in a hurry as the Pirates rallied to tie the game in the final minute of regulation before going on to score the lone touchdown in overtime for a 28-20 win.

It was a disheartening loss for Foothill as this was a game the Falcons should have won — and honestly needed to win. A couple turnovers, coupled with the Foothill defense being unable to contain San Leandro quarterback DJ Bryant, was the ultimate undoing.

There were some signs for optimism for the Falcons, who are coming off a 2-8 season.

First there was the return of Pete Montini, the all-purpose star for Foothill. A threat both catching and running the ball, the senior missed last year with an injury and having him back opens the Foothill offense.

The return of Montini, who scored a pair of touchdowns, opened it up for players like Max Masajlo, Joshua Anderson, Jayden Payne and Justin Craven. That in turn helps quarterback Bryce Lombardi.

It was a tough loss to open the season, but the type of game that can give the Falcons optimism moving forward. ■



TRI-VALLEY KARATE

### Martial artists earn summer medals

Athletes from Tri-Valley Karate in Pleasanton took home medals from competitions this summer, including the Northern California Karate Championships in Yuba City, the IKF Sacramento Tournament, the Okaigan International Karate Tournament in Cupertino and the American Junior Karate League Tournament. Shown: Top finishers and coaches from the NorCal tournament in Yuba City were (back row, from left) Kailash Chander, Zenil Koovejee, Sai Gautum Chippada and Sensei Sanjit Mandal, and (front, from left) Vid Mirchandani, Sid Mirchandani, Sarina Mandal, Neela Mandal and Kaylin Koovejee. Not pictured: Roshni Balajee and Ashwin Prakash.

## Nominate 2019 Tri-Valley Heroes



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- A look to Pleasanton’s future
- Pleasanton’s 125th anniversary
- Historic homes honored
- Arts & Entertainment
- Recreation & Outdoor Activities
- Non-Profit Organizations

## Concerts

**THE GROOVE DOCTORS** The Groove Doctors are bringing high energy hits to Concert in the Park at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30 at Delucchi Park on First Street.

**JAZZ AT INKLINGS** Erik Jekabson (trumpet), John Burr (piano), Matt Finders (bass), and Leon Joyce (drums) return for a concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, at the Inklings Event Room, 530 Main St.

## Festivals & Fairs

**38TH ANNUAL HARVEST CELEBRATION IN LIVERMORE VALLEY WINE COUNTRY** On Sunday Sept. 1, Livermore Valley wineries celebrate the exciting crush season and 38 years of the Harvest Wine Celebration. Each winery hosts activities including wine tasting, arts, crafts, and music. Tickets include wine tastings, commemorative Livermore Valley Wine Country GoVino glass, wine discounts and activities. Go to [lwine.org](http://lwine.org) to view all of the participating wineries, activities, and other details.

**154TH SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES** From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, The 154th consecutive Scottish Highland Gathering and Games takes place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave.

## Religion

**SEPTEMBER RELIGION CHAT** The September Religion Chat will be held from 5 to 6:15 p.m. on Sept. 11, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. The facilities will be open at 4:30 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. This event is free of charge and open to all. The

discussion topic will be, "How Does Your Faith/Congregation Address Environmental Concerns?" Our speakers are Matt Gray from the Catholic Community of Pleasanton and Rev. Ronald Culmer from St. Clare's Episcopal Church.

## Talks & Lectures

**TRI-VALLEY'S AMAZING WILDLIFE** Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12 in the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Ray Rychnovsky will present "The Tri-Valley's Amazing Wildlife." He will share photographs of egrets, herons, hawks, deer, ducks, and other animals he has observed at Shadow Cliffs, Stoneridge Creek Park, and other locations. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library.

## Fundraisers

**PYP CHARITY ON TAP 2019** At 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 8, at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., join the Pleasanton Young Professionals for an afternoon of food, music, games, silent auction, and more. All proceeds to benefit the Makers Space at Sunflower Hill. The Makers Space at Sunflower Hill Irby Ranch will be a hub for creativity, exploration, skills development and coaching for neurodiverse adults living in the community and for those who participate in the membership plan living in the greater Irby Ranch community.

**HOPE 100 GOLF MARATHON** The Fifth Annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon is now accepting player registrations. Join Hope Hospice

for a fun and challenging day where you will be completing 100 holes in one day, all for a great cause. The event takes place on Sept. 30 at Castlewood Country Club, Castlewood Drive. Each golfer commits to raising \$2,500, with net proceeds benefiting Hope's patient care and grief support programs in the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. Register at [hope100golfmarathon.com](http://hope100golfmarathon.com). For registration questions or sponsorship inquiries, contact the Hope Hospice Development Department at 829-8770.

**LEADERSHIP PLEASANTON ALUMNI BREAKFAST** Come celebrate with us as we kick-off another Leadership Pleasanton program year. Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast buffet, reconnect with your fellow classmates, and help welcome the Leadership Class of 2020 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Double Tree by Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive. The cost is \$20. All proceeds benefit the Leadership Scholarship Fund.

**TVNPA CELEBRATES FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY** The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA) is hosting a fundraising dinner to celebrate the organization's fifth anniversary. The event takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 12 at Blue Agave Club, 625 Main St., and will feature live music from LK Project, a silent auction and raffle. The event is open to the public and tickets are \$100 each. For more information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities, and to purchase tickets, visit [tvnpa.org](http://tvnpa.org).

## Family

**URBAN CYCLING 101 DAY 1: CLASSROOM WORKSHOP** At 10 a.m. on Sept. 21 in the Amador

## TAKE US ALONG



**Anniversary in Paris:** Erik and Mary Molitor visited Paris earlier this summer to celebrate 20 years together. Here, they posed with the Weekly in front of The Eiffel Tower.

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

Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave., this fun and entertaining workshop teaches basic rules of the road; how to equip your bicycle, fit your helmet, transport a bike on transit, and avoid crashes by using simple and safe techniques. No bike is required. Free bike lights for all attendees. Day 2 of the workshop will be held in Dublin.

## Dance

**LIVERMORE SCHOOL OF DANCE SUNSET SOIREE** Livermore School of Dance presents our 8th Annual Sunset Soiree from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Bring your own picnic dinner and chairs and enjoy a great evening outside while watching the beautiful sunset in Downtown Livermore. Our feature presentation will be the Livermore School of Dance Jazz Company performance. The show includes Jazz, Modern, Musical Theater, Tap, Hip Hop and Contemporary Lyrical styles of dance with popular songs of today and some added classics. Admission is free.

## Food & Drink

**FORKFUL** From 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 join us for our third annual Forkful event in downtown Pleasanton. This unique self-paced tasting experience will allow event guests to stroll through downtown stopping at over 15 participating locations to taste their perfect forkful of food. Upon arrival, each event guest will enjoy a sparkling wine reception at check in where they will receive their commemorative fork and event program to guide them through the tasting experience. You must be 21 and older to participate in this event. This event is rain or shine; no refunds.

**THE 8TH ANNUAL TASTE OF PLEASANTON RESTAURANT & SHOP WALK FUNDRAISER** From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 24, visit over 18 participating shops and restaurants to enjoy a fantastic variety of

small bites and beverages while strolling and shopping downtown. This fundraiser benefits projects and charities supported by the Pleasanton Lions Club. Ticket availability for the Shop Walk is limited. Please redeem your ticket(s) for a Passport at our Will Call office on the event route at 312 St. Mary Street Suite A.

**TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS BBQ 2019** At 6 p.m. on Sept. 18 in Barone's Backyard, 475 St. John St., The Chamber's Business & Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC) invites you to its annual BBQ. The event is open to the public. This is a great opportunity for current elected officials to network in a social setting with the business community.

## Support Groups

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR TEENS** Hope Hospice is pleased to offer grief support groups for children and teens at no cost to residents in the Tri-Valley and neighboring East Bay communities. Groups meet at our Dublin office during the school year on the first and third Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. The next session is Sept. 5, through May 21. Consistent attendance is recommended to foster camaraderie and trust, but a specific start date is not mandatory. Call 829-8770 or email [griefsupport@hopehospice.com](mailto:griefsupport@hopehospice.com). A parent or caregiver must remain on-site while the youth is attending group, and Hope offers a support group for parents/guardians that runs concurrently.

**FALL GRIEF WORKSHOP** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us for our Fall Workshop at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 5 and ending Oct. 24 at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Pre-registration is required. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.



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old enough to join the league or just can't commit each week. If you are not registered in the PASS league, please bring an ID and you will need to sign a waiver. Cleats and shin guards are necessary to play.

## Teens

**SPECIAL SCREENING OF "ANGST" RAISING AWARENESS AROUND ANXIETY** "Angst" is being presented on three separate evenings in Sept., Oct., and Nov. at venues in the Tri-Valley. The showings will be on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.; on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at The Vine Cinema, 1722 First St., Livermore, and on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts and Education, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. Registration is requested. RSVP at eventbrite.com by searching for "Angst."

## Government Meetings

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING** The City Council holds regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m., in the Council Chamber at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Council meetings are open to the public, and your comments are always welcome. Contact the City Council at 931-5001 or citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov for more information.

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## Seniors

**TRAVEL TRAINING FOR SENIORS** Individualized travel training provided by the City of Pleasanton, will give you one-on-one instruction on how to access public transportation, such as WHEELS, BART or Pleasanton Paratransit Service. Call our travel trainer, Shellie Gianotti at 931-5372 to schedule an appointment.

## Sports

**SOCCER MIXERS** At 1 p.m., from Aug. 25 to Dec. 8, at Sports Park, Field Number 9. There will be no games on Sept. 1, 29 and Dec. 1. White and dark shirt. The cost is \$5.00. Come out and play soccer. For those who can't find a team, not

## Health & Wellness

### AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH

**REPRESENTATIVE** From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6 in the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., a representative from Axis Community Health will be at the library to answer your questions about the services they offer and also about Covered California. Contact Yu Tao at 931-3400 ext. 4 for more information.

### SEMINAR: MEDICARE BASICS & MEDICARE OPTIONS

From 10 to 11 a.m. on Sept. 12 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave., we will hold a seminar on Medicare. If you are turning 65 this year and have questions about Medicare, this seminar is for you. Our number one goal is to guide you through this process in a simple,

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# Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**Blessed Beauty 925** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 561817  
The following person doing business as: Blessed Beauty 925, 239 Main St., Suite D, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Serina Martinez, 2821 Shadow Glen Dr., Modesto, CA 95355. This business is conducted by Serina Martinez, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Serina Martinez, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 1, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019).

**The-Thomas-Collection** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 561997  
The following person doing business as: The-Thomas-Collection, 3465 Dublin Blvd., #410, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Thomas T. Thomas, 3465 Dublin Blvd., #410, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Thomas T. Thomas, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Thomas T. Thomas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 7, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2019).

**LearningMint Inc.** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 562283  
The following person doing business as: LearningMint Inc., 11501 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 200, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: LearningMint Inc., 11501 Dublin Blvd., Ste. 200, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by LearningMint Inc., a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Harish Bhat, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2019).

**Peking Restaurant** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 562205  
The following person doing business as: Peking Restaurant, 4510 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: GK Unlimited International Inc., 4510 Las Positas Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by GK Unlimited International Inc., a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: George Li, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 12, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2019).

**Livermore Downtown Arco** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 562204  
The following person doing business as: Livermore Downtown Arco, 216 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Mimi & Daughters LLC, 1862 S. Terracina Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Mimi & Daughters LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 4, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Harsha Ganazla, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 12, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2019).

**Law Tech** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 561835  
The following person doing business as: Law Tech, 3327 Sorrel Downs Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Charlotte D. Salomon, 3327 Sorrel Downs Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Charlotte D. Salomon, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Oct. 12, 1995. Signature of Registrant: Charlotte D. Salomon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 1, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2019).

**New World Music Academy** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 561560  
The following person doing business as: New World Music Academy, 4430 Willow Road, Suite M, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Music N Beyond, Inc., 178 Nanterre St., Danville, CA 94506. This business is conducted by Music N Beyond, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Amit Sachdeva, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 25, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2019).

**Spirit Pilates** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 561518  
The following person doing business as: Spirit Pilates, 4409 Valley Ave. Apt. O, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Michaela Caroline Lien, 4409 Valley Ave. Apt. O, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Michaela Caroline Lien, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 14, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Michaela Caroline Lien, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 24, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2019).

**Introvert Dragon** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 562551  
The following person doing business as: Introvert Dragon, 4237 Tamur Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Courtney Metz, 4237 Tamur Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Courtney Metz, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Courtney R. Metz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 20, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2019).

**Zachary's Chicago Pizza** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 562532  
The following person doing business as: Zachary's Chicago Pizza, 3917 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94610, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Zachary's Chicago Pizza, Inc., 5801 College Ave., Oakland, CA 94618. This business is conducted by Zachary's Chicago Pizza, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Kevin Suto, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 20, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2019).

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**1129 Rosamund Dr** **\$1,699,000**

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### SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (July 22-26)

**Total sales reported:** 16  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$569,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,300,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,170,500

Dublin (July 22-26)

**Total sales reported:** 12  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$339,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,775,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$954,500

Livermore (July 22-26)

**Total sales reported:** 24  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$375,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,565,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$750,000

San Ramon (July 22-26)

**Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$560,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,410,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,040,000

Source: California REsource

### HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 22-26.

#### Pleasanton

**4318 1st Street** G. & C. Larson to Greenan Dev LLC for \$1,517,500

**2471 Bay Meadows Circle** J. & M. Walker to R. & G. Dhy for \$815,000

**3037 Boardwalk Street** D. & R. Sims to S. & N. Kumar for \$1,275,000

**7520 Canyon Meadow Circle #G** E. Alexander to C. Hearn for \$569,000

**7680 Cottonwood Lane** L. Stein to S. & E. Elias for \$1,156,000

**3939 Eilene Court** G. & E. Sullivan to P. & S. Nilose for \$1,063,000

**4174 Garatti Court** Jones Family Trust to Kandi Living Trust for \$1,312,000

**2970 Garden Creek Circle** S. Ramakrishnan to M. & S. Joseph for \$1,045,000

**5130 Genovesio Drive** A. & R. Baran to C. & K. Wong for \$1,122,000

**6609 Hansen Drive** D. & W. Thomas to L. & R. Tang for \$1,270,000

**1473 Kolln Street** M. & J. McCullough to L. & T. Baird for \$908,000

**1585 Poppybank Court** Ruben Living Trust to A. & A. Whitney for \$2,300,000

**631 Saint Francis Way** S. & K. Wagner to D. & T. Thomas for \$750,000

**5825 Sterling Greens Circle** G. Abercrombie to S. & A. Jain for \$1,310,000

**3853 Stratford Court** Sutton Family Trust to Awujoola Living Trust for \$1,185,000

**750 Sunny Brook Way** Casby Family Trust to H. & H. Kuo for \$2,120,000

#### Dublin

**6977 Atlas Peak Drive** C. & L. Phillips to T. & R. Sidhu for \$1,520,000

**7905 Bristol Road** S. & D. Lebarre to H. Xu for \$825,000

**7002 Corinth Court** C. & B. Lane to B. & S. Na for \$839,000

**8458 Davona Drive** Quaiattini LLC to M. & O. Ham for \$780,000

**3385 Dublin Boulevard #208** D. Leyvas to X. Chan for \$339,000

**11573 Fenwick Court** Calhoun Family Trust to C. Truong for \$1,070,000

**2730 North Kilbride Lane** Ikegami Family Trust to R. & V. Nayyar for \$1,240,000

**6381 Monterey Way** I. Ashiq to F. & S. Dionida for \$799,000

**4302 Panorama Drive** S. Mahadevan to R. & V. Karanam for \$1,085,500

**4630 Sandford Court** Jakkula Trust to S. & S. Gundewar for \$805,000

**4878 Viento Court** J. & M. Lee to S. & N. Tumurugoti for \$1,775,000

**3987 Windsor Way** Th Wr-8 Venture LLC to K. & S. Bhatia for \$1,415,000

#### Livermore

**1182 Brookdale Lane** J. & T. Sorenson to K. Gee for \$732,500

**5341 Celeste Avenue** Berchem Family Trust to E. & K. Brown for \$800,000

**844 Cherokee Drive** Boddy Living Trust to J. & C. Odonnell for \$750,000

**876 Cole Common** V. Vijayaraj to J. Rojo for \$659,000

**1510 Corte Reina Common** Sherrick Living Trust to S. & S. Llamas for \$725,000

**576 Debra Street** P. & R. Roof to K. & B. Privari for \$850,000

**1254 Deep Creek Road** Enriquez Family Trust to M. & R. Tolani for \$1,176,000

Source: California REsource

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**6842 Brighton Drive, Dublin**  
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**2341 Greenberry Court, Pleasanton**  
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Offered at \$1,139,000



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WITH  
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**6397 Calle Altamira, Pleasanton**  
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 1,956± SqFt | 7,981± SqFt lot  
Offered at \$1,149,000



PENDING

**1471 Maple Leaf Court, Pleasanton**  
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 2,788± SqFt | 7,800± SqFt lot  
Offered at \$1,589,000



SOLD

**1401 Elliot Circle, Pleasanton**  
2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,345± SqFt | 5,314± SqFt lot  
Sold for \$849,000



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**3836 Appian Street, Pleasanton**  
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**4304 W Ruby Hill Drive – Pleasanton – \$2,799,000**  
Spectacular home in Ruby Hill with breathtaking panoramic views of Mt. Diablo, vineyards and the hills. This home is a must see! Recently completed updating including, new Master bathroom featuring over-sized shower with designer custom tiles & fixtures, & dream walk-in closet with custom cabinetry. This beautiful home embodies the Ruby Hill Lifestyle!



Open House Saturday 1-4

Cindy Gee

**8213 Regency Drive – Pleasanton – \$2,288,888**  
Resort Style Living at its best! This home has the most expansive great room with an incredible remodeled Gourmet Kitchen with Granite tops. This 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath features the Master downstairs with views of the Pleasanton Ridge and the lovely yard, sitting area, and cozy fireplace. Close to BART, shopping, award winning schools, Historic downtown Pleasanton.



Gina Piper

**53 Golf Road – Pleasanton – \$2,150,000**  
Gorgeous & meticulously maintained home nestled on one of Castlewood's most desired streets. The unique floor plan features three bedrooms & a Jack-and-Jill style bathroom on the ground floor. The spacious master feels like a private sanctuary & includes a luxurious bathroom with dual vanities & an oversized walk-in shower. Short drive to historic downtown Pleasanton, 580,680 and the ACE train.



Open House Sat & Sun 2-4

Cindy Gee

**1129 Rosamund Drive – San Ramon – \$1,699,000**  
Gorgeous Executive home like new updated and ready to move in!! Lovely views of Mt. Diablo and the valley below from 2 covered patios including lovely stamped concrete areas and a Balcony off the Master bedroom with views!! Huge kitchen with large granite island, open to the large great room, and lovely dining room. Come see the gorgeous home!



Linda Newton

**2426 Kobio Street – Livermore – \$1,499,900**  
This highly desired Acacia model in the Alden Lane neighborhood has 6 large bedrooms & 5.5 bathrooms. Each bedroom has an adjoining full bathroom. Downstairs you have a large In-law Suite with an abundance of built-in cabinets, mini kitchen, full bathroom, walk-in closet, and access to the backyard. The beautiful circular staircase makes a grand entry!



Linda Newton

**741 Hattan Drive – Livermore – \$685,000**  
A wonderful combination of beautiful comfort and simplicity! A lovely single story home with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, vaulted ceilings, & beautiful Luxury Vinyl Wood Faux Flooring. Gorgeous fireplace surround and dining room chandelier for that touch of ambiance. Lush landscaped yards, spacious backyard with 2 patios and large grass area, great for relaxing or entertaining! Home Sweet Home!



Gina Piper

**4101 Cortina Court – Pleasanton – \$680,000**  
Lovely townhouse in the highly sought-after Siena neighborhood. This lovely unit features 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, an attached 1 car garage and private balcony. The kitchen overlooks the spacious family room and dining area. This great location is also within walking distance to BART, Whole Foods and Hacienda Crossings.



Jennifer Branchini

**2828 College Avenue – Livermore – \$615,000**  
Wonderful townhouse in the heart of Livermore. Welcome home to this comfortable open floor plan. Many features including cozy living room with fireplace, spacious kitchen with breakfast bar and dining area. Fabulous upstairs master suite with walk-in closet, large master bath with dual sinks and tile flooring. Upgraded and move-in ready!

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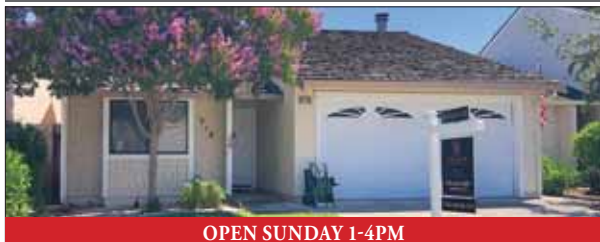
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