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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Foss passes the Dublin leadership torch to Smith

If you stopped by the city manager's office at Dublin City Hall last Monday, you would have found Chris Foss at his desk on his final day in that chair.

Instead of taking accrued vacation time during the holidays, he planned to be there to "finish strong." It reflects the passion that has driven his career in public service, the last 20 years of which have been spent in Dublin.

Thinking about his tenure, he summed one part quickly, "I bleed green and always will."

Foss was succeeded on Thursday by Linda Smith, his right-hand person as the assistant city manager during his tenure. She will be only the fourth city manager in the city's history. Rich Ambrose served for 26 years and laid the foundation. He was followed by Joni Patillo, his assistant and Foss, also from the assistant's role. The city will celebrate its 40th birthday in July 2021.

Considering his tenure, Foss cited six balanced budgets in a row and a forecast that has the city fully funded for the next 10 years — that wasn't the case earlier in his tenure. He pointed out that the city traditionally has placed a high value on fiscal restraint and living within its means. He also cited the strong economy and the new businesses that have called Dublin home.

He also made it clear how pleased he was that the City Council had selected Linda to follow him. They've known each other nearly 20 years and worked closely together in her stints as economic development director and assistant city manager.

"She's been the best work partner I've ever had and we've been a team," he said.

On their watch, the major new Kaiser facility was built, the Zeiss Innovation Center approved and the new public safety complex is being built and will open next year.

Foss expects the next five to 10 years to be marked by the same robust growth, particularly downtown where the council has approved a bold plan to reshape the big-box centers and put in new streets with normal-sized blocks. The plan calls for up to 2,500 units in buildings as tall as six stories.

Smith, having worked the plan since it was first adopted in 2011, is perfectly positioned to help the

landowners and the city implement that vision. The initial focus will be extending Golden Gate Avenue on the Hobby Lobby/Target parcel that has multiple owners.

It will be one of two major items on her plate.

The other will be the extension of Dublin Boulevard to connect with North Canyons Parkway in Livermore, giving valley residents another alternative to Interstate 580. It's an expensive and important project with an estimated price-tag at more than \$150 million. The council now has set a definite route so the environmental work can be conducted and funding lined up. Smith said they will do federal environmental review and hope to land some federal funding.

One major challenge will come when the state issues the new regional housing numbers that Smith expects to increase significantly as legislators struggle to push local agencies to meet the housing crisis.

When asked what he was most proud about, Foss cited the team of people he works with and how carefully they select team members.

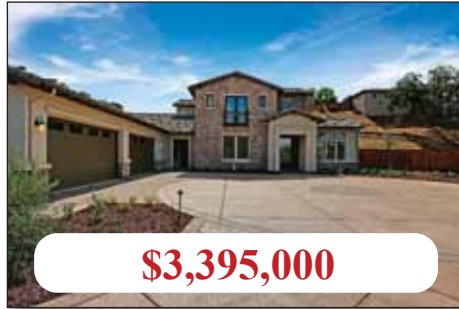
Smith jumped in and pointed out three innovative projects that Foss drove to make a difference. She cited Valor Crossing, a 66-unit affordable apartment development by Eden Housing, that gives preference to veterans. It grew out of a discussion they had after watching a "60 Minutes" piece about homeless veterans and asking what they could do.

The second project was the all-abilities playground built on the Dublin Sports Grounds to accommodate children regardless of disabilities. It's the only one in the Tri-Valley.

The third one solved a huge problem for the school district. The city worked out an agreement so the district could build a new school on land planned for a park. Cottonwood Creek School is there today. The city also has approved a second park site for school district use — moves that saved the district and ultimately the citizens millions of dollars.

What's ahead for Foss — he's not sure, but he knows one thing: After 33 years of spending Tuesday nights at council meetings, he can find something else to do on Tuesday evenings. ■

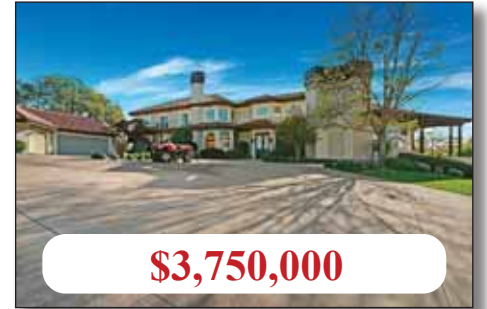
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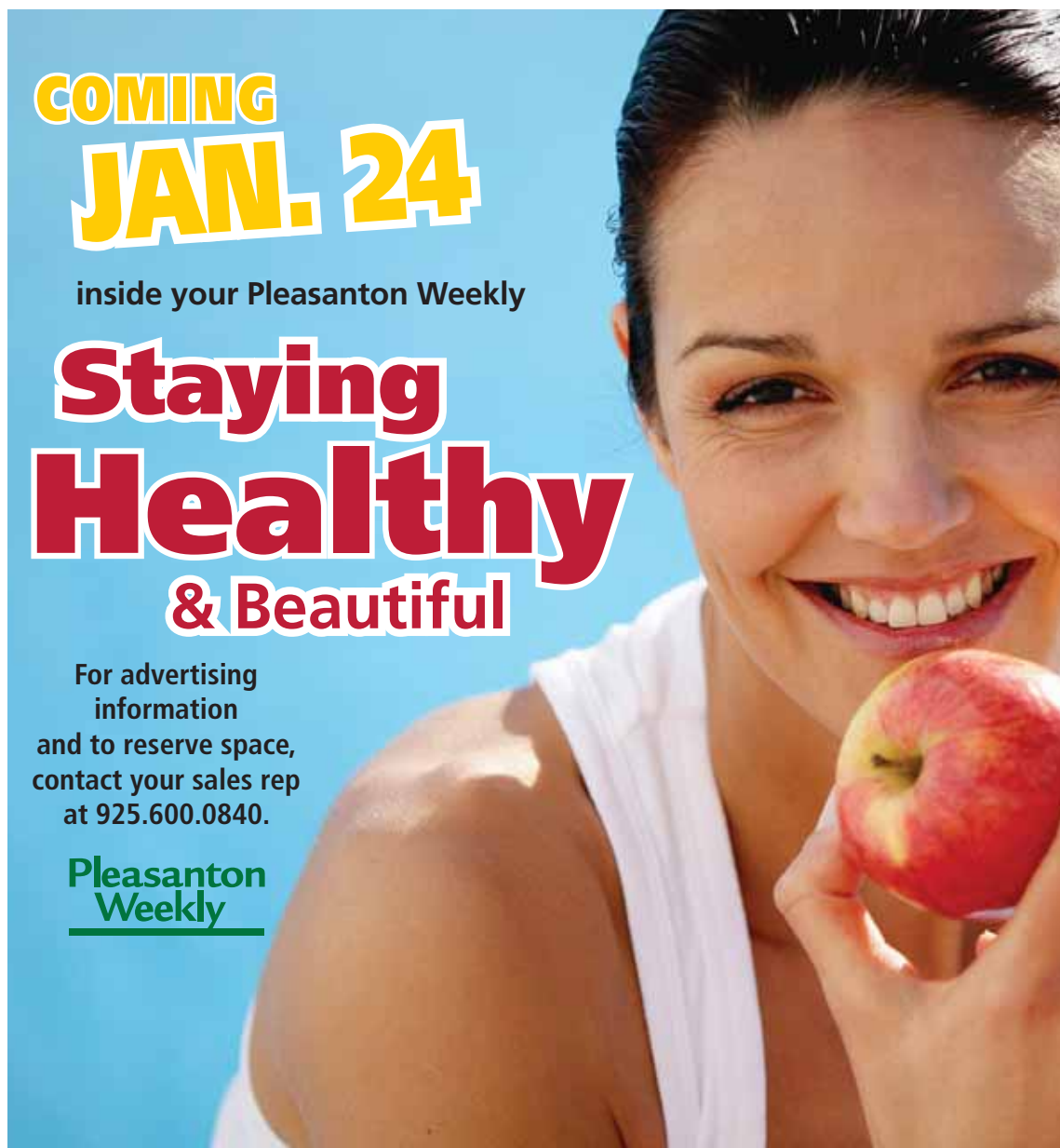
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What do you hope to accomplish in the new year?



**Sarah Gaia** *Well-being coach*

It is a difficult and complicated tightrope to walk, but by taking one careful step at a time and navigating my own course, my goal in 2020 is to figure out how I can best make my interactions with the universe have the broadest and most positive impact on humankind — both in my own community and on a larger, more global scale.



**Bond McCall** *Sales*

I have both personal and professional goals for the coming year. On a personal level, there are a few relationships I'd like to work on. I haven't invested an appropriate amount of time or effort into them, and I would like to rectify that. Professionally, I would like to meet all of my sales goals. And of course a promotion and a raise would be nice.



**Kait Sloane**  
*Quality control*

My goal is to take more time to take good care of myself. My mind, my body, my spirit and my soul. Because if I don't do that, I won't be much good to others.



**Susan Buscher**  
*Artist*

I am hoping to be more concise and succinct with everything I say.



**Harold Goldenberg** *Consumer affairs*

My primary goal for 2020 is to spend as much time with my beautiful family as possible. As my children grow older each year and get busier with their own lives, it becomes more difficult. But we all make the effort and it is so well worth it. Nothing is more meaningful to me than having a close-knit family. We all support and encourage one another to always be and do our best.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Election forum

A forum for Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 1 candidates will be held on Jan. 23 at the Little Theater at Granada High School, 400 Wall St. in Livermore. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with opening statements to begin at 7 p.m.

The candidates forum, hosted by the Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Chamber of Commerce and Livermore Indivisible, is free and open to the public.

Four people with a variety of elected office experience have already announced their intent to run for retiring Supervisor Scott Haggerty's District 1 seat: Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon, Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Dublin Vice Mayor Melissa Hernandez and State Sen. Bob Wieckowski of Fremont.

The District 1 seat represents the cities of Livermore and Dublin, most of Fremont and unincorporated communities, including Sunol.

Moderators will be Gina Channell, publisher of the Weekly, and Jeremy Walsh, editor of the Weekly. Questions for consideration can be emailed to gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com.

### Alberto's reopens

Alberto's Cantina reopened last Friday after being cleared by the Alameda County Environmental Health Department following failed inspections the week before.

The popular Mexican cuisine restaurant and bar on Main Street in Pleasanton "was found to be in good condition with no evidence of vermin, follow-up pest control scheduled, all cleaning, food storage improvements and repair work completed except for a section of cove base repair that is pending," according to Cynthia Bartus, supervising specialist for the county.

Alberto's was red-tagged for a week and a half after failing a routine inspection on Dec. 18 for a major violation of live and dead cockroaches, plus over a dozen minor violations.

### 'Screenagers' panel

The city's Community Education Series is presenting a screening of "Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER" at the Firehouse Arts Center on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

The film "examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and most importantly, what we can do to help our children build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression," city officials said.

A panel discussion will follow the screening. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend with their children, age 11 and up. ■

## Dublin community rocked as teens killed in crash on Foothill Road

Twin brothers, friend die on Christmas night; two others in car seriously injured

By JEREMY WALSH  
AND RYAN J. DEGAN

Three Dublin High School students died and two other teenagers were seriously injured in a solo-vehicle crash on Foothill Road in Pleasanton on Christmas night.

Javier Ramirez and twin brothers Mark Anthony Urista and Michael Angelo Urista, each 16 years old, were pronounced dead at the scene after their vehicle struck a power pole and a large tree not far from the Castlewood Drive intersection around 10 p.m. Dec. 25.

The other two teens in the car — Dublin High student Samantha Vargas Arceo and Jared Reynoso, the Uristas' cousin — sustained major injuries and remain in the hospital.

The violent fatal crash sent shockwaves throughout the Tri-Valley community, which joined for an emotional vigil at Dublin High on Sunday to remember the lives of the departed boys, show support for the survivors and pull together for one another.

Hundreds of residents held one



Mark and Michael Urista



Javier Ramirez

another, wept and heard loved ones tell stories about Ramirez and the Urista brothers.

"I am extremely shocked because I didn't recognize as to how much of an impact they had on the

community as a whole, all three," Ana Reynoso, the twins' mother, said during a tearful address at the candlelight vigil.

"I definitely believe that we have always been folks who have been about community and told (the boys) to pay it forward, al-

ways help everybody that's around you and always makes sure to leave people better than how you found them. I think they did an amazing

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## State recognizes depot renovations

Governor's Historic Preservation Award for Livermore project

By JULIA BAUM

A carefully preserved piece of Livermore's past will be honored with the 2019 Governor's Historic Preservation Award at a special ceremony in Sacramento later this month.

The Livermore Railroad Depot relocation and rehabilitation project is one of five recipients considered "a significant achievement in preserving the heritage of California, worthy of the only official preservation award presented by the state," according to Livermore Downtown Inc.

"Livermore Downtown Inc. has a special love for this building as it housed our offices for five years while we protected it from further decay for its relocation and renovation planning. This announcement is a great Christmas present for we fans of Dolly the Depot," the organization said in a statement.

The Governor's Historic Preservation Awards "recognize meaningful achievements in historic preservation through increased public awareness, appreciation, and support for historic preservation throughout the state." The depot's restoration is one example of the type of work acknowledged every year since the state first presented the awards in 1986.

The depot was built by Southern Pacific in 1892 and operated until the early 1960s. The rail line was later abandoned in 1976 and the tracks were removed. The depot continued to serve as a restaurant, real estate office, and dance studio until the city purchased the building in 2007.

The structure underwent "a



LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN INC.

The Livermore Railroad Depot relocation and rehabilitation project will be the recipient of a 2019 Governor's Historic Preservation Award in Sacramento on Jan. 22.

unique endeavor that restored the dilapidated building to its historic context as a transit ticketing office and waiting area," using historic preservation standards set by the U.S. Department of the Interior. A deep dive into historic documents helped ensure rehabilitation work was historically accurate before the depot made the half-mile move in 2017 to its current spot at 2500 Railroad Ave.

Many of the depot's original features were "meticulously restored," including the original "Livermore" sign, redwood exterior siding, wood-framed doors and windows, portions of the beadboard walls, the original telegraph, and a donated historic clock.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand noted how "the timing of this award is particularly significant as 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city of Livermore. It is no coincidence that 2019 is also the 150th

anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad."

"The railroad and our train station were the reasons that Livermore thrived and neighboring communities faded away. Our beloved train depot was the key to the success of Livermore," Marchand said. "This is why it was so important for our community to restore the depot as well as the depot's historical context by returning it to the railroad tracks; ensuring that it would once again serve Livermore as a train station."

The city of Livermore and several Tri-Valley organizations including the Livermore Heritage Guild and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority helped organize the project, which was funded with a variety of sources, including \$2.5 million in federal grant money.

The Governor's Historic Preservation Awards will be presented at a Jan. 22 special event in Sacramento. ■

## Pleasanton legislative update

Council talks new laws, pending bills with Bauer-Kahan

By JEREMY WALSH

The State Legislature is set to reconvene after the winter recess on Monday, and the Pleasanton City Council recently received a recap of relevant legislative work in Sacramento from city staff and the Tri-Valley's Assembly member, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

The hour-long discussion last month featured an overview of outcomes of key 2019 bills on which the council took a formal position, reflections from the Orinda Democrat on her original legislation during her freshman year and a look ahead at topics expected to dominate the lawmakers' hearings in 2020 — likely led by housing.

"The conversation I'm pushing really hard with the Bay Area caucus and my colleagues is a much larger focus on the jobs-housing balance question, and not thinking of our region as this nine-county megaregion where you build a giant campus on the Peninsula and then you expect us to build the housing and just putting more and more people on the road heading in one direction," Bauer-Kahan said during the Dec. 3 council meeting.

"We have to rethink that because it's breaking people here — our quality of life is suffering, and our environment is suffering because those people are all sitting in traffic," she told the council.

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job," she added. "They have impacted everybody."

During the cold and wet evening Sunday, friends and family members spoke about the lives of the boys, said prayers and thanked the community for its show of support.

"This is one of those things you never expect to go through and then knowing that all of these people are here with you through this is kind of like makes you feel ... it makes it a lot easier to go through. It's still such a tough situation, but having people kind of makes me feel better," the Urista boys' cousin, Geovanni Lopez, told the Weekly.

Lopez also asked for community members "to send positive thoughts and prayers" for his cousin Jared, who remains in a coma after the crash.

**'In times of grief, one of the most human things we can do is to come together as a community to support each other.'**

**Maureen Byrne**  
Dublin High principal

Vargas Arceo is still in the hospital as well, but family members said at the vigil that her condition had improved.

"In times of grief, one of the most human things we can do is to come together as a community to support each other and hold each other close," Dublin High principal Maureen Byrne said to the crowd on Sunday night.

Dublin Unified School District officials said extra grief counselors and staff members will be made available when students return to school from their winter break next Tuesday.

"Our hearts are absolutely broken for our students, families and Dublin High School staff. This is a devastating loss to our community and it is important that we remember to take care of one another during this critical time," DUSD



RYAN J. DEGAN

Hundreds attended a vigil held at Dublin High on Sunday to remember the lives of the three students who died in a Christmas night crash.

Superintendent Dave Marken said in a statement last week.

"Our entire community is mourning the loss of three Dublin High School students whose lives were taken much too soon," Marken added. "We'd like to share our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our students and let them know they are in our thoughts during this difficult time."

Supporters of those involved in the crash have launched GoFundMe pages to raise funds for the families and survivors; the campaigns had generated more than \$120,000 combined between the three separate webpages as of Monday night.

Meanwhile, the circumstances of the triple-fatal crash on a narrow stretch of Foothill Road in unincorporated Pleasanton remain under investigation, according to Officer Tyler Hahn of the California Highway Patrol.

For many current and former Tri-Valley residents, news of the crash has brought to mind other fatal collisions on Foothill Road from over the years and rekindled conversation about traffic safety conditions on the road that winds through both well-populated and rural portions of Pleasanton down to Sunol. The crash on Christmas occurred on the portion of Foothill that runs next to a golf hole on Castlewood Country Club's Valley Course.

The situation unfolded just before 10 p.m. Dec. 25 with a vehicle with five teenage occupants traveling southbound on Foothill Road just north of the Castlewood entrance road, Hahn said.

According to a witness statement



RYAN J. DEGAN

The vigil was emotional, with attendees offering support for one another.

and evidence at the scene, the vehicle crossed into the northbound lane of Foothill Road for unknown reasons and then struck a power pole and a large tree on the side of the road, Hahn said. The force of the crash flipped the vehicle, ejected two of the occupants and trapped three others inside the vehicle.

Three of the occupants, including the driver, were pronounced dead at the scene, Hahn said. The two other passengers were transported to a local hospital with major injuries.

The CHP has not publicly identified who was driving, but Hahn said all occupants were under 18 years old.

The cause of the crash remains unconfirmed, but initial investigation indicates alcohol was not a factor, according to Hahn. Speed may have been a factor, but officers had not yet been able to talk to the surviving passengers to obtain information.

The power pole was severed at its base and upended, causing the transformer to rupture and spilling approximately 20 gallons of mineral oil on the roadway and adjacent dirt shoulder, according to Hahn. An active power line was also arcing near the roadway when officers arrived.

The downed pole caused a power outage in the area. That portion of Foothill Road was closed until late the next afternoon for the utility repairs.

Anyone with information about the crash can call the CHP Dublin Office at 828-0466. ■



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## Visit Tri-Valley hires next CEO

Farhad had led Solvang Visitors Bureau

By JEREMY WALSH

Longtime tourism marketing professional Tracy Farhad has been selected as the new CEO for Visit Tri-Valley.

Farhad, who has worked as executive director at the Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau for the past 14 years, will begin her new role in the Tri-Valley on



Tracy Farhad

Monday, succeeding retiring CEO and president Barbara Steinfeld.

"My family and I are very excited about making the Tri-Valley our new home and look forward to discovering all that the destination has to offer," Farhad said in a statement. "It is such an honor to be taking on the position of CEO of such a highly reputable team and dedicated Board of Directors."

Farhad will remain focused on destination marketing for Visit Tri-Valley, the tourism promotion organization representing Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville that receives key funding from the \$2.25 assessment on hotel rooms

in the four communities.

She will lead its efforts to create awareness of the Tri-Valley as a tourism destination and booking weekend sporting events that generate hotel patrons, according to Visit Tri-Valley officials.

"With a strong focus on digital marketing and social media campaigns, Visit Tri-Valley also targets the Bay Area for weekend getaways and works with representation in China and the UK to bring international visitors and media here," they said.

Farhad has worked in marketing for tourism in California for nearly the past two decades, most recently at the visitors bureau for the small city of Solvang, a tourist destination known for its Danish village downtown and surrounding wine industry just off Highway 101 in Santa Barbara County.

Prior to that, she was employed as cultural tourism and membership

manager at Visit Santa Barbara.

Officials counted among her career successes earning her organization a national "Preserve America Community" designation, leading a year-long centennial celebration, serving four years as the Amgen Tour of California time trials, and significantly increasing occupancy and bed tax revenues.

Farhad's marketing initiatives include international travel trade outreach from Denmark to China, as well as launching Restaurant Week, LGBTQ traveler education workshops and a Community Crisis Plan.

She has served on a number of boards, such as Santa Barbara Performing Arts League, DMA West Association & Foundation and as president of the Central Coast Tourism Council. She also earned an Ambassador of the Year award from the local chamber of commerce. ■

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## PUSD enters 2020 with improved credit rating

Standard and Poor's upgrades district from 'A+' to 'AA-'

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District ended 2019 on a high note with an improved 'AA-' credit rating from Standard and Poor's, mirroring another recent credit score upgrade.

The rating report found that the district's "financial management practices and policies have improved," and that upgrading from an 'A+' to a score of 'AA-' was supported by their "strong and stable budgetary performance" this past year.

District officials said the recent findings follow "years of balanced budgets for PUSD built on conservative assumptions and planning for economic uncertainties." Earlier this year the district also received an upgraded credit rating from Moody's — AA with a positive outlook — and a clean annual audit of Measure II expenditures.

The report also stated that "based on unaudited fiscal 2019 results, the district anticipates

realizing a 1.7% operating surplus. Management notes the surplus was driven by conservative budget assumptions and salary savings."

"We're proud that the district's strong fiscal stewardship is translating to credit rating increases which will support our ability to get lower interest rates that represent savings to the Pleasanton taxpayers," Superintendent David Haglund said in a statement. "We continue to appreciate the overwhelming support from our community and will continue to keep their best interests at heart as we serve as fiscal stewards for our students and future generations."

Standard and Poor's also shared suggestions to help further raise the district's credit: "We could also raise the rating if the district is able to obtain more revenue diversity outside of state-aid revenues, such as a parcel tax and foundation or basic aid status, decreasing its exposure to potential state funding volatility." ■

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# Judge approves billions for PG&E settlements

Utility company says bankruptcy milestone reached

A federal bankruptcy judge in San Francisco recently approved two settlements totaling \$24.5 billion between PG&E and victims of 2017 and 2018 North Bay wildfires caused by electrical equipment failures.

The agreements approved by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Dennis Montali on Dec. 17 include \$13.5 billion for fire victims, including survivors of dozens of people who died in the fires and others who lost their homes, and \$11 billion for insurance companies that have already paid claims.

Montali announced his decision

at the end of a daylong hearing, saying, "There are tens of thousands of people who just want to go about their lives."

Lawyers said during the hearing that there are 70,000 claims pending against the San Francisco-based utility.

The approvals enable PG&E to continue with a proposed financial reorganization plan to exit bankruptcy court. The utility is seeking to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy by a June 30 deadline to be eligible for a new fund established by the state Legislature to cushion utilities' liability for future wildfire

claims.

PG&E filed in January for the Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, which enabled it to freeze its debts and proceedings in lawsuits while developing a financial plan.

It said in a statement Dec. 17, "Today marks an important milestone — the bankruptcy court has approved our settlement agreements resolving all major wildfire claims. This brings us one significant step closer to getting victims paid so they can rebuild their lives.

"As for our overall plan of reorganization, we remain engaged in active and constructive dialogue with stakeholders," PG&E said.

Montali said a group of PG&E bondholders remains free to advocate a competing financial plan. That plan also includes a similar \$13.5 billion for victims for losses not compensated by insurance companies.

The settlement between PG&E and lawyers for wildfire victims originally included a provision that Gov. Gavin Newsom must find that PG&E's reorganization proposal meets the requirements of AB 1054, the law that created the wildfire fund.

But on Dec. 13, Newsom announced he believes the plan lacks the management and financial changes needed to provide "safe, reliable, and affordable service."

On the eve of Dec. 17's hearing, PG&E and lawyers for the victims filed a settlement amendment withdrawing the requirement that Newsom must approve the reorganization plan.

Frank Pitre, a fire victims' lawyer who argued in favor of the settlement, told Montali Dec. 17 that Brown's disapproval and the jeopardy to the settlement "reopened all the wounds" for the victims.

"They thought they had a deal, then they didn't have a deal," he said.

Settlement approval would "finally give these folks some kind of confidence that there is light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

Also on Dec. 17, Montali ruled that families of victims of the 2016 Ghost Ship fire at an Oakland warehouse, in which 36 people died, could go ahead with civil lawsuits in Alameda County Superior Court against PG&E and other defendants including the city of Oakland and the building owners.

The trial is set to begin on May 26 on 53 wrongful death and personal injury lawsuits, including lawsuits by the families of 33 people killed in the fire.

PG&E spokeswoman Kristi Jourdan said PG&E has not accepted liability for either the Ghost Ship fire or the 2017 Tubbs Fire in Sonoma and Napa County, in which 22 people died, but said that "claims related to those fires will be resolved as part of this settlement."

"We've seen no evidence to date that would lead us to believe that our facilities were the cause of the Ghost Ship fire," she said.

Cal Fire has concluded that the Tubbs Fire was caused by a faulty private electrical system in Calistoga, but a group of fire victims has claimed that PG&E was responsible.

Cal Fire and PG&E have agreed that the most deadly fire, the 2018 Butte County Camp Fire, in which 85 people died, was caused by a broken hook and resulting arcing of electrical wires on a nearly 100-year-old transmission tower in eastern Butte County.

In another development on Dec. 17, the California Public Utilities Commission staff announced a proposed \$1.675 billion settlement with PG&E over the 2017 wildfires and the Camp Fire.

Under the settlement, which must be approved by the commission after review by an administrative law judge, the utility would be barred from obtaining \$1.625 billion for wildfire-related costs through increased fees to customers, and would contribute \$50 million for system enhancements and public outreach.

The agreement covers costs related to the 2017 wildfires in Butte, Calaveras, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Sonoma, and Yuba counties as well as the 2018 Camp Fire. ■

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### After a stroke

Stanford's Dr. Marion Buckwalter will lead "The Aftermath of Stroke: Improving What Goes Right and Preventing What Goes Wrong" — the first installment of the 2020 ValleyCare Speaker Series next Thursday evening at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

Presented by the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the seminar will see Buckwalter discuss her research on neuroinflammation and stroke recovery and review ongoing studies.

An experienced neurosurgeon, professor at Stanford and co-founder of the Stanford Stroke Recovery Program, Buckwalter has published more than 65 works and presented at the World Economic Forum.

The session is set to start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 9). For tickets, visit lvpac.org or call the box office at 373-6800.

### Religion Chat

The Tri-Valley interfaith community is hosting its monthly Religion Chat next Wednesday (Jan. 8) evening at Lynnewood United Methodist Church.

The discussion topic will be, "Most faiths tell us to be kind to the stranger; how does your faith respond to 'the other'?" One of the lead speakers will be Rev. Henry Kim of Lynnewood.

The Interfaith Interconnect forum will run from 5-6:15 p.m. Wednesday. Doors open at the church at 4444 Black Ave. at 4:30 p.m. The event is free-of-charge and open to all.

### Park makeover

May Nissen Park in Livermore recently reopened to the public with a magical new makeover.

The 12.2-acre community park at 685 Rincon Ave. now sports a fairytale motif, complete with a "Jack and the Beanstalk" walking trail, large flower shade structures, daisy art, an oversized xylophone, and reading nooks that both reflect the storytelling theme and invite children to curl up with their favorite fantasy novel.

New pavement, adult exercise equipment, and a jungle gym for small children round out the park's updated amenities.

### Donate prom dress

Local nonprofit Prom Dress Pop Up has been partnering this winter with Stoneridge Shopping Center to collect donations of gently used prom dresses, shoes and accessories for teenagers in need.

The effort is spearheaded by Alamo resident Carly Glasson, the 18-year-old founder of Prom Dress Pop Up and this year's recipient of the Simon Youth Foundation scholarship.

Donations are being collected through Jan. 31 at Simon Guest Services in the Nordstrom wing. The items will be distributed at a pop-up event in February. ■



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### Cultural showcase at Firehouse

The Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department is set to host "2020 Pleasanton Celebrates with Traditions of Many Cultures" from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. next Sunday (Jan. 12) at the Firehouse Arts Center. The annual event will feature interactive displays representing the cultures of Serbia, Korea, Vietnam, Russia, China, Malaysia, Armenia, Japan, India, USA, Native Americans and Mexico. A full-stage production will begin at 2 p.m. with performances across the many cultures.

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# DUSD acquiring land for new high school for \$38.3M

Residents can suggest ideas for school name via online survey

By JULIA BAUM

A planned second comprehensive high school in the city of Dublin is closer to realization after Dublin Unified School District recently reached a \$38.3 million settlement to acquire the 23.46-acre site eyed for the future campus.

DUSD began pursuing the land located between Central Parkway and Chancery Lane, near Dublin Boulevard, via eminent domain last fall but a dispute with the owner over its market value delayed the process until early December.

“The board is very excited to close the 2019 year one significant step closer to accomplishing its new comprehensive high school,” district officials said following the Board of Trustees’ unanimous approval of the settlement at its Dec. 17 meeting.

The deal comes after more than a year of negotiating with the property owner, and puts the district closer toward completing their goal of building a new high school on the property.

A court date was scheduled to settle the matter in late January but both parties reached an agreement during a pre-trial mediation several weeks ago.

Superintendent Dave Marken said the settlement eliminates “one of the last major hurdles in a project that will benefit the entire Dublin community,” and allows the district to take ownership of the land without any further court proceedings.

DUSD will pay the owner \$38.3



Dublin Unified School District reached an agreement recently to acquire 23 acres here to house the city’s future second comprehensive high school.

million for the site — “an amount representing the approximate halfway point between the district’s and property owner’s respective final pre-trial appraised values of the property,” according to the district. The district will then receive rights to access and possess the property, allowing them to immediately start testing the soil and move forward with building the new high school.

“The delivery of a second comprehensive high school will address one of the greatest challenges our district and community has faced in recent times,” Board President Dan Cherrier said. “With the purchase of the property now worked out, we are one step closer to turning the dream of a second comprehensive high school into a reality.”

The \$258.2 million future school will house approximately 2,500 students once construction is completed.

A library, three-story academic tower, student union, administration building, visual and performing arts classrooms, gymnasium and other athletic facilities will be built during the first phase, estimated to cost about \$166.6 million. Measure H will fund \$158.8 million of that and the remaining \$8.2 million will come from developer fees.

The second stage includes another three-story instructional building, a maintenance building, theater, basement, more performing arts classrooms and concessions, bleachers, concessions and

a pressbox. Funding from a \$290 million bond measure on the March 2020 election ballot is expected to support the school’s completion. Students could start attending the new school by fall 2022, when the first phase of work is scheduled to finish.

Earlier this year DUSD formed a naming committee in anticipation of the future campus, and is currently soliciting the community for potential names for the school.

“Like Dublin High, Dublin’s second comprehensive high school will be a significant landmark in the city,” officials said. “Your contributions could have an impact on Dublin and its students for generations to come.”

Suggestions must meet certain criteria; DUSD’s policy allows naming or renaming schools “in recognition of individuals, living or

deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the city, community, state, or nation, or who have worldwide significance,” “to depict areas of curricular concentration or reflect special concepts or approaches to education,” or “in recognition of the geographic area in which the school or building is located.”

To propose a name, visit and fill out the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/sdosab4> by Jan. 17. The naming committee will review and provide three suggested names to the superintendent, who will forward to the board. At least two public hearings will be held by the board before deciding the name of the school.

For more information on the future comprehensive high school project, visit <http://bit.ly/DUSD-Future-CHS>. ■

## EBRPD warns of wild mushroom dangers

Annual advisory coincides with rainy season

East Bay Regional Park District officials are warning people to beware of the deadly mushrooms that crop up every rainy season.

Two of the world’s most toxic mushrooms, the Western destroying angel and the death cap, both grow in the Bay Area and are common in the region’s parks.

“Both of these toxic mushrooms can be lethal to humans and pets if consumed,” said park district naturalist Trent Pearce. “They are mostly associated with oak trees and can be found growing anywhere oak roots are present.”

The plants contain amatoxins that can damage the liver and kidneys in mammals.

Symptoms typically take up to 12 hours to appear after the mushrooms are consumed and start as severe gastrointestinal pain, progressing to the liver and renal failure if immediate treatment isn’t

provided, according to the park district.

The death cap is a medium or large mushroom that usually has a greenish-gray cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem and a large white sac at the base of the stem.

It was introduced to North America on the roots of European cork oak trees and is slowly colonizing the West Coast, park officials said.

The Western destroying angel is also a medium or large mushroom that has a creamy white cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem that fades as the plant grows and a thin white sac at the base.

It is a native California mushroom, according to the park district.

Other toxic mushrooms that can be found in the Bay Area include the Galerina and Lepiota species. ■

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**Tri-Valley REACH** (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special adults of the Tri-Valley) offers education programs, activities, resources and housing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

**ValleyCare Charitable Foundation** plans to use its contribution from the annual campaign to help fund state-of-the-art health care technology, facilities, various clinical programs and services at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

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# City of Dublin, U.S. Army reach 'first-of-its kind' deal

## Camp Parks will save money using city-contracted services

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (better known as Camp Parks) will save taxpayer money by using janitorial, pest control and solid waste services contracted by the city of Dublin, in what's been called a "first-of-its kind agreement in the San Francisco Bay Area," officials with the public agencies said.

The \$775,377 contract was approved at the Dec. 3 Dublin City Council meeting, and includes an administrative fee to cover vendor oversight and management by the city.

Tri-Valley Janitorial, Amador Valley Industries and Advanced Integrated Pest Management will provide services "at a lower cost and better standard of performance than the Army was or could contract for those services on its own," according to city officials.

Such public-public partnerships — also known as an intergovernmental support agreement (IGSA) — have become more common in the Department of Defense since they first received statutory



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The Dublin City Council and U.S. Army recently reached an agreement for Camp Parks to use city-contracted services, a deal expected to save taxpayer dollars for both agencies.

authority by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013. IGSA arrangements are a way for military bases and neighboring communities to share cost savings, cost avoidance, and better performance.

The city of Dublin and Camp Parks have partnered on projects before — the Camp Parks History Center is one notable example — by using memorandums of agreement (MOAs), but "this is the first

IGSA and is a tremendous step forward in codifying the relationship between the two organizations," the city said.

Camp Parks, which operates as a mobilization and training center for the U.S. Army in central Dublin, including battlefield simulation and military intelligence, has been an important part of the Tri-Valley since 1942. ■

—Julia Baum

## LEGISLATURE

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Bauer-Kahan also fielded questions from council members on housing and other topics.

"One of the concerns that we hear a lot from our constituents is that the state continues to want us to build housing but is not willing to chip in on the infrastructure. Do you see the state changing direction at all?" Mayor Jerry Thorne asked.

Bauer-Kahan pointed to Gov. Gavin Newsom's veto of Senate Bill 5 — legislation she and the Pleasanton council supported that would have provided up to \$2 billion in annual state funding for affordable housing, but that the governor rejected citing fiscal constraints.

She also acknowledged discussions are already underway in Democrat circles in Sacramento to continue moving toward reducing development impact fees to spur new housing projects.

"For them to start to take away the fees that help support our schools and infrastructure is not the direction we should be going in, and I think it is a giveaway to developers, to be frank with you, and a takeaway from the cities," Bauer-Kahan said.

On the housing front, the assemblywoman said she expects debates to pick up again very soon about SB 50, a bill by San Francisco Democrat Sen. Scott

Wiener that aims to spur rapid housing development by relaxing standards for some residential projects and overriding local zoning regulations near transit corridors and job hubs.

The legislation, which was reclassified as a two-year bill after its introduction in 2019, has been criticized by many suburban leaders as pushing an unfair "one size fits all" approach to housing solutions.

The Pleasanton council took a formal position to oppose the original SB50 unless amended and Bauer-Kahan said she'd continue to advocate against the bill. Wiener's legislation has also recently received opposition from some local leaders and advocates in big cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In all, of the 2,625 bills introduced by the State Legislature in 2019, the City Council took a position on 26 of them — 16 of which were housing bills. Eight were signed into law, 17 became two-year bills and one was vetoed.

Of the housing bills that Pleasanton tracked closely and were ultimately passed into law, a handful focused on easing development standards and regulations on accessory dwelling units (ADUs), also known as "granny units." State leaders see new ADUs as a way to increase the affordable housing stock.

Others had to do with streamlining the public review process

for new housing developments. City staff honed in on SB 330, a new law that sunsets in 2025 with provisions such as a new "preliminary application" process, a limit of five public hearings or less and a ban on any general plan or zoning changes (including voter initiatives) that would reduce or eliminate the ability to construct housing.

Bauer-Kahan gave a brief rundown of her original legislation from the year, with 10 of 13 bills making it to the governor's desk. Those signed into law covered topics such as the procurement process for local public agencies on transportation projects, gun violence prevention and food allergen safety. The only bill vetoed aimed to support preservation of Tesla Park outside Livermore.

Looking ahead to 2020, Bauer-Kahan said that in addition to housing, key issues she'll focus on include state funding for the Valley Link project, support for fire suppression and prevention, and the future of PG&E.

Niccolo De Luca, senior director of the Tri-Valley municipalities' consultant firm, Townsend Public Affairs, also highlighted important legislative topics for the next year.

With housing at the top, the list included emergency preparedness, PG&E bankruptcy, vaping, mental health funding, developer impact fees, Proposition 13 reform and a proposed "Drought, Parks and Climate Change Bond." ■

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Left: Holding up the welcome banner for the Make A Difference Festival coming Jan. 18 are organizers (from left) Bruce Bird, Julie Esetline, Interim Police Chief Craig Eicher, W. Ron Sutton, Robyn Morgan and Ken Mano. (Photo by Ryan J. Degan). Below left: Sutton hosts a booth for several community projects, including World Walk to Wellness. (Photo by Michelle Suski). Below right: Education director Sarah Schaefer shares the many programs offered at Museum on Main. (Photo by Michelle Suski)

### Emergency preparedness

Seminars are scheduled as follows:

- 11 a.m. — SKIP (Safety Kept in Place) training by Eden Information and Referral
- 11:30 a.m. — SKIP training
- Noon — Camping at Home: Emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, by CRIL
- 1 p.m. — SKIP training.



# Get Connected Stay Connected

Make A Difference Festival to focus on volunteering along with wellness, emergency preparedness

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

When Pat Sowa was new in Pleasanton a couple years ago, she was looking to make connections. She read in the newspaper about the Make A Difference Festival occurring each January and decided to stop by. “I had moved to Northern California from Southern California and I didn’t know anybody and needed something to do,” Sowa recalled. “I loved to cook, saw the world ‘kitchen,’ and thought that might be a good spot to be.”

She approached the booth of Open Heart Kitchen, the nonprofit group that feeds the hungry seven days a week at multiple locations in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

“They were so friendly,” Sowa said. “I was looking for a good purpose, and it all fell into place.”

The Make A Difference Festival is being held on Jan. 18 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., where dozens of volunteer groups will set up booths from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event previously took place at the library, but this year’s venue allows for more offerings.

“Because the library’s community room is temporarily housing city offices, this year’s festival is moving to the Senior Center, which gives us more room,” explained W. Ron Sutton, president of the local nonprofit Make A Difference, Today & Always, which produces the event.

“That is why we are adding sections on wellness, and safety and emergency preparedness.”

The expanded festival is well timed in January to help residents fulfill New Year’s resolutions to live healthier; to become prepared for an emergency; and to volunteer in the community.

The event always presents a unique chance for residents of all ages to look over volunteer opportunities, talk to those who work with them and see what fits. Organizations run the gamut, from helping other people to animals to the environment and more.

“The Make A Difference Festival provides an easy way to ‘get



MICHELLE SUSKI

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club member Surjit Kaira and president Jeri Stark explain to prospective members the many community service projects of the club.

connected and stay connected’ to our community,” Sutton said. “We will have nearly three dozen organizations seeking volunteers for a wide variety of community service projects that will be of interest to adults, families and teenagers.”

“You can find out in advance

each group’s mission statement by visiting [www.mad4p.org](http://www.mad4p.org) and clicking on ‘festival,’” Sutton added.

Sutton noted that while volunteering in the community is important, so is time spent with family. Participants will be able to sign a banner with a vow for 2020:



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE SUSKI

Above: Hundreds of visitors find meaningful volunteer opportunities at the Make A Difference Festival, which is being held this year at the spacious Senior Center. The extra room will allow new sections on Wellness and Safety & Emergency Preparedness. Left: A young visitor to the 2019 festival learns about raising a puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind-Tri-Valley Puppy Raisers.

### Making a difference

The following nonprofit groups will be represented at the festival:

- ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Programs
- Alameda County CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates)
- Alameda County Fairgrounds
- American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- American Cancer Society
- Asian Pacific Islanders American Public Affairs
- Assistance League of Amador Valley
- Blankets for Kids
- City of Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department
- Culinary Angels
- Drivers for Survivors
- Go Green Initiative
- Guide Dogs for the Blind-Pleasanton Puppy Raisers
- Hively
- JustServe
- Kids Against Hunger
- Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club
- Love Never Fails
- Lynnewood United Methodist Church
- Museum on Main
- NAMI Tri-Valley (National Alliance for Mental Illness)
- Northern California Special Olympics
- Open Heart Kitchen
- Pleasanton Community of Character Coalition
- Pleasanton Lions Club
- Reins in Motion
- Senior Support of the Tri-Valley
- Stanford-ValleyCare Auxiliary
- Sunflower Hill
- Tri-Valley Haven
- Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Valley Children's Museum
- Valley Humane Society.

"I pledge to spend 50 hours of community service and another 50 hours with my family."

The new wellness section will include a chance to learn about weekly "walk 'n' talk" sessions with World Walk to Wellness and to get nutrition ideas from Juice Plus. Stanford-ValleyCare will have information about its health services, and there will be representatives from Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), HERS Breast Cancer Foundation and Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, which provides different options for cancer patients.

The safety and emergency preparedness area will have 15 displays that include how to create a 72-hour emergency kit; making an emergency communications plan; packing up food, medical supplies, cash and important

documents; caring for family mementos, and more. Representatives from Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Pleasanton Police Department will have informational handouts, as will the American Red Cross.

Free seminars will be held throughout the event on two subjects:

- "Camping Out at Home" — presented by CRIL.
- "How to Prepare for an Emergency" — by Eden Information and Referral.

Sponsors of this year's event are the Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department, ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Projects, Hively, Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative, and Karlsson & Lane.

The festival is free, and everyone is invited to attend and learn about volunteering and more. The first 500 to arrive will receive tote bags from Stanford Health

Services. People can contribute canned food at the site, a collection added when organizers heard that the Alameda County food bank is running low.

Another fun feature will be a police car and an armored rescue vehicle for families to explore.

Make A Difference had its roots in President George H.W. Bush's plea in the late 1980s for "a thousand points of light," encouraging people to volunteer in their communities, Sutton said. This led to Make A Difference Day, the nation's largest day of service, being established in 1992 on the fourth Saturday of each October. Locally, Sutton organized a Clean Up the Arroyo event.

"But this conflicted with (Pleasanton's) band day," recalled Sutton, "so we moved it to the weekend before."

It soon became apparent that January was a better time for a

day of service locally, and Sutton's community service efforts are now organized under the nonprofit group, Make A Difference, Today & Always. Its programs include the Fourth of July celebration and the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards in addition to the Make A Difference Festival each January.

"It is probably the single best opportunity to see a wide range of ways to get connected with the community, all in one spot at one time," Sutton said. "It is the volunteer event of the year."

"The timing is good, too, in January," he added, "when people are thinking about how they might serve."

"I believe that people want to be active, to do something," Sutton said. "It's about people who wanted to 'Get Connected and Stay Connected,'" which is the theme of the festival.

The volunteer organizations

consider the annual event their best chance to recruit help.

"It goes back to getting connected," Sutton said. "I love people discovering how they can find a way to serve that meets their needs and the needs of the organization."

This is what happened with newcomer Sowa, who now goes three days a week to help out Open Heart Kitchen.

"I've met such nice people, I've met friends," Sowa said. "I just enjoy every minute I'm there."

"Volunteer people are special," she added.

Sutton emphasized that the volunteers are the fortunate ones.

"People have said, 'You're nice for giving.' And I said, 'It makes me feel good. Isn't that selfish?'" he shared. "I love when people can find things they love to do, and it uses their talents and goodwill." ■

## Steinway makes debut

New piano begins career at Bankhead with Saint-Saëns

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A new Steinway concert grand piano officially made its debut at the Bankhead Theater on Dec. 7 when Livermore-Amador Symphony performed its “Winter Dreams” concert, which included the “Carnival of the Animals” by Camille Saint-Saëns. This piece includes two pianos in the full orchestral score, and the new Steinway was one of the two grand pianos used.

Internationally acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu, who has performed at the Bankhead Theater multiple times, assisted in the selection of the new piano. He played several pieces on each of five possible instruments, which were judged on sound and performance quality, and the Steinway Concert Grand Model D was selected.

The Bankhead hosts dozens of performances each year requiring the use of a piano — from classical to rock, jazz and other musical genres. Given the high level of use and replacement cost, rather than purchase the new piano outright, its lease agreement allows for replacement with a new instrument in seven years.

The new piano replaces an earlier Steinway model that was purchased by Jean King as a donation to the newly opened Bankhead Theater in 2007. The list price for



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Internationally acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu, shown with donors Jo Ann Koopman (left) and Linda Tinney, and (seated) Scott Kenison, executive director of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, lent his expertise in selecting a new grand piano for the Bankhead Theater.

the new piano is \$176,300, but the old piano was traded in and a price for a seven-year lease was negotiated.

Initial funding for the new Steinway came from donors Linda Tinney and Ron and Jo Ann Koopman, which allowed the piano to be delivered in time for the

concert. A Bankhead Piano Fund has now been created to raise money to cover the ongoing costs of the piano lease, tuning and maintenance.

For more information on the fund or to make a donation, contact Steve Glavan at 583-2304 or sglaven@lvpac.org. ■

## MAMMA MIA!

### ‘Mamma Mia!’ at the Bankhead

ABBA hits backdrop for fun Greek romance

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is presenting the sunny and funny musical, “Mamma Mia!” opening Jan. 18 at the Bankhead Theater.

Set to the hits of ABBA, “Mamma Mia!” is the humorous story of a young woman’s search for her birth father on the eve of her wedding at her mother’s hotel on a Greek island paradise. Her quest brings three men from her mother’s past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

The production is produced by Kathleen Breedveld, who is also the director along with Brian Olkowski. Musical director is Sierra

Dee-Rankin; choreography is by Meghan Hornbacker. Lead parts are Annemarie Martin as Donna; Robert Lopez as Sam; and Jillian Abney as Sophie.

The show will run through Feb. 2, with Fridays and Saturdays performances at 8 p.m., and Sundays matinees at 2 p.m. plus a Saturday matinee on Feb. 1. Tickets are \$21-\$39. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

For more information about Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, go to [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## ‘Refresh’ your life in 2020

Resolutions — an optimistic way to start the year off right

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Hit “refresh.”

The start of a new year gets us excited to do just that, although perhaps not with a simple keystroke.

Exercise more. Eat healthier. These are the top two New Year’s resolutions, but perhaps goals should be less ambitious.

Make the bed every day. This sounded like a good organizational tool until recent studies showed that beds should not be made — rather, bedclothes should be pulled down all day to give the bedding a good airing. Who knew?

Eliminate fats from your diet. For years we were urged not to eat fats, and, indeed, lowfat foods became an industry. Now it turns out that only trans fats are bad for you; polyunsaturated and mono-unsaturated fats are good for you; and saturated fats are somewhere in-between, according to Harvard Health. A good New Year’s resolution is to learn more about fats this year, then resolve to eat the right ones in 2021.

Here are a few simple suggestions for this year:

- Perform random acts of kindness
- Go a day without checking email, Facebook or other online addiction
- Read a book a month
- Clean your cellphone regularly to rid it of the 25,127 bacteria per square inch it allegedly carries (for comparison: Doorknobs have 8,643 bacteria per square inch, per Utah’s StateFoodSafety.com). Use the wipes provided at stores for grocery carts.
- Volunteer (see story, Page 12)
- Get prepared for an emergency (see story, Page 13)

Doesn’t it feel good to make resolutions? Let the glow take you at least through January. That will be one book read, one day free from email, and many acts of random kindness performed.

Are you discouraged that your resolutions never last long? Here is one that is eminently doable — drink more water. Start right now and raise that glass: Here’s to 2020! The year we began to hydrate properly. ■



STEPHEN SCHAUER

## Bluegrass with attitude

Special Consensus, known for its “bluegrass with attitude,” is returning to the Firehouse Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Jan. 17, coming straight off its 2019 Grammy nomination for Best Bluegrass Album of the Year. Special C is celebrating four decades of bluegrass in classic vein, with a modern edge, spotless vocals and boundless energy. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



FENTON KRAMER

### Wreaths Across Pleasanton

Some 100 volunteers gathered to place Christmas wreaths on the more than 600 military veterans' gravesites at adjoining Pleasanton Pioneer and St. Elizabeth Catholic cemeteries on Dec. 14. Held in the spirit of the national Wreaths Across America effort, the Pleasanton event was organized and led by Venture Crew 937, a co-ed branch of Boy Scouts of America. Supporting organizations and businesses included Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, American Legion Post 237, The Lions Club, Trinity Lutheran Church, Home Depot and various local Christmas tree sales locations.

## Eco-floral designers to speak at garden club

Topics to focus on beauty and sustainability

Eco-floral designers Armando De Loera and Adam Schindler from Rose and Thorn Design will be at next week's meeting of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club, presenting "Bloomed This Way! Beauty and Sustainability Together as One."

Rose and Thorn Design, which is California Green Business-certified and based out of San Francisco, has designers who have taken floral design to the next level and want to share their eco-friendly knowledge, experience and beautification with the world.

De Loera plans to cover several topics:

- Household hunt — repurposing household items as a decorative design element.
- Garden scents — blossoming fragrance expression in floral arrangements.
- Pop of color — evoking emotions using colorful California-grown flowers.

Six floral designs will be created during the program.

Rose and Thorn Design has won state and national competitions and exhibitions held at the



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Eco-floral designers Adam Schindler and Armando De Loera from Rose and Thorn Design will create six floral designs at next week's meeting of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club.

De Young Museum, Saks Fifth Avenue and the annual Oakland Tulip Exhibition.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. next Thursday (Jan. 9) in the multipurpose room at Alisal

Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Everyone is welcome. For more information about the club, visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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### It's still beating ... in Pleasanton

The Heart of Rock and Roll, a tribute band for '80s super-group Huey Lewis & The News, will kick off the new year with two shows at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton, next Friday (Jan. 10) and Saturday (Jan. 11) at 8 p.m. The seven-man band delivers high-energy rock while playing all of the Huey Lewis hits — including the song that inspired the tribute's name. Tickets cost \$25-\$35. Go to [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org), call 931-4848 or visit the Firehouse box office at 4444 Railroad Ave.

# Four teens selected for Haugen scholarships

High school seniors lauded for exemplifying community values

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Community of Character Collaborative has selected four high school seniors to receive this year's Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships in recognition of their community involvement.

The teens will be honored at a luncheon in May along with other people actively working for the benefit of others, displaying the characteristics of compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity and self-discipline.

## Trinity Chang

Trinity Chang is a senior at Foothill High School; her parents are Sophie Liu and Eric Chang, first-generation immigrants from Taiwan. Chang credits her parents with instilling in her the core beliefs of "work hard, be grateful and give back."



Trinity Chang

After she struggled in high school to find a healthy balance between school and life, Chang founded the "Safe Haven," a club where everyone

can feel comfortable and discuss issues important to them. She is an advocate for mental health, and has spoken at the school district summer leadership symposium and PPIE's Fall Gala, advocating for mental awareness and education on campuses.

This past summer, Chang served as an intern for the Go Green Initiative, working with the school district and city to help the community become more eco-conscious. She is also co-president of Foothill High DECA, co-president of the Foothill National Honor Society Chapter, a commissioner on Pleasanton's Youth Commission and principal cellist of the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra.

## Alexander Chen

Alexander Chen, a senior at Foothill, is also a first-generation American, the son of Ke Chen and Yuan Liu.

Chen came to believe in the power of determination and self-discipline after developing a sudden-onset stutter in childhood, and he is the founder of "A Free Voice," a regional stuttering support and advocacy organization. He is also a vice president

of the Foothill Model United Nations team, which he joined to improve his public speaking skills.

Through this work, Chen has realized that he wants to help those in need. In response to the 2018 Parkland shooting, he became one of the main student leaders of the Foothill walkout as well as the Tri-Valley March for Our Lives and is a gun reform activist.

Chen is also editor-in-chief of the Foothill newspaper, The Talon Times, an emergency room volunteer at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare hospital, and a varsity water polo player. Also, intrigued with the biological origins of his stutter, he has interned with the UC San Diego Research Scholars Program, the UC Davis Young Scholars Program and the Stanford Summer Institutes of Medical Research.

## Olivia Ferrari

Olivia Ferrari, a senior at Amador Valley High School, is the daughter



Alexander Chen

of Jason and Diane Ferrari. She attributes her compassion for those with special needs to her neighbor, Dylan, a nonverbal quadriplegic whom she has known since she was 5, and she has joined "Night to Shine," a prom-like event for those with special needs.

At school, Ferrari and her old friends always invite new friends and even strangers to sit with them at lunch, making their table a safe haven where all are accepted. She also passes out sunflowers to those at school who look like they could use some sunshine.

Ferrari's other volunteer activities include knitting hats for premature babies, Adopt a Family, raising donations for a local NICU, Hively, Open Heart Kitchen, Kids Against Hunger, Wreaths Across America and Blankets for Kids. She also has participated in the French Honors Society, Ukulele Club, Girl Up Club, Botany Club and held leadership positions since elementary and middle school, including in youth programs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## Jessica Luan

Jessica Luan is also a senior at Amador Valley, and her parents are



Olivia Ferrari

Shaofeng Luan and Jing Wu. Jessica was born in Rolla, Mo., and noted that although small it fostered a thriving multicultural community.

When Luan started high school, she noticed that food scraps, paper, plastic bottles and all the trash were thrown in the same gray bin. Concerned, she joined the Environment Club, Local Leaders of the 21st Century, and the school's Green Team and has learned that students can shape school policy and enact change. She overcame her fear of public speaking to promote environmental issues.

Luan holds a black belt in taekwondo; has conducted pharmaceutical science research at the University of Iowa on optimizing gene delivery for bone cell growth; is a junior volunteer at Stanford-ValleyCare hospital; and a four-year member of the girls' golf team.

She said she is grateful to her parents, who left their homes and native tongue to provide a life better for their children, and feels a sense of responsibility to be a good role model for her younger siblings, Ari and Max.

The scholarships were created in memory of Juanita Haugen, founder of the Community of Character collaborative, who was a former president of the school board and also active in the California School Boards Association. For more information, visit [www.CommunityOfCharacter.org](http://www.CommunityOfCharacter.org). ■



Jessica Luan

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## 'Art & Wine Intertwined'

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley residents have one final chance to catch "Worth a Thousand Words" at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore this weekend, before the exhibit that melds together the written word and visual arts disappears for good.

"Art & Wine Intertwined," a free event this Saturday, marks the end of the collaboration between Livermore's poet laureate Cynthia Patton and Anne Giancola, visual arts manager for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, which features original artwork paired with poetry for one last time.

A poetry walk will offer "a very special tour" of the exhibit while poets read their works by the art that inspired them, and there will be a special display featuring poetry from winners of the city of Livermore's Teen Poet of the Month contest. Handbags made from upcycled book covers and a child's dress made from book pages also add interest, and many pieces will be for sale during the event.

A demonstration of the ancient art of calligraphy by artist Weiting Chuang and live music by



"Rinse and Repeat," by Owen Aurelio.

jazz group Mombo Combo sets the mood for wine tastings from Eliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, and Steven Kent Winery.

"Art & Wine Intertwined" is on Saturday from 1:30-3:30pm at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. For more information, visit [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org). ■



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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Dublin memorial honors fallen deputy on somber anniversary

Dublin Police Services has paid tribute this holiday season to an Alameda County Sheriff's Office deputy who while responding to a robbery in progress in Dublin 21 years ago.

A Christmas tree and wreath in the lobby of department headquarters, both adorned in blue, during December served as a memorial to Deputy John Paul Monego, who was the first law enforcement officer slain in the line of duty in the city's history.

"Twenty-one years ago today, Dublin Police Deputy John Paul Monego was killed mercilessly in the line of duty. Let us never forget the ultimate sacrifice that he made, and the young family he left behind, while serving our community," DPS said in a post on Twitter on Dec. 12,



CITY OF DUBLIN

Wreath displayed at Dublin police headquarters pays tribute to Deputy John Paul Monego, who was killed in the line of duty in Dublin in 1998.

the anniversary of Monego's death.

Monego, a 13-year sheriff's office deputy assigned to DPS, responded to a 9-1-1 hangup at the Outback Steakhouse on Regional Street near Interstate 580 late at night on Dec.

11, 1998 — but unbeknownst to Monego, the hangup call had actually come during a strong-arm robbery with hostages in progress.

Monego was the second deputy to arrive on scene; the first deputy had gone inside the restaurant to investigate but she was overpowered by three robbers, who then took her gun, according to the "Officer Down

Memorial Page," which honors law enforcement personnel killed on duty nationwide and retells their stories.

As Monego approached the front door, an armed robber opened fire through a glass window, striking the deputy in the chest just above his protective vest. As Monego fell, the shooter walked outside and shot the deputy five more times at close range.

The robbers all fled the scene. Monego was transported to a local hospital but was pronounced dead shortly after midnight on Dec. 12, 1998.

The culprits were later arrested after a short pursuit. Each would be convicted of various counts at trial.

Monego was 33 years old and lived in Brentwood with his wife Tammy and 18-month-old son Dominic at the time of his death, according to city officials. The longtime deputy had been assigned to DPS — as part of the city's police contract with the sheriff's office — for just under a year when he was killed, the San Francisco Chronicle reported at the time. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Herman Paul Lewis Jr

August 18, 1932 – December 22, 2019

On December 22, 2019, Herman Lewis, Jr. passed peacefully in his sleep. Born in Oakland on August 18, 1932, Herman developed a strong work ethic from a very early age while assisting his father during the Depression era. He also developed a rebellious spirit in order to overcome an education system that did not understand his severe dyslexia at that time. This experience did not impact his enthusiasm for learning which he maintained throughout his life. He especially enjoyed nature and cataloged many of the birds and wildlife he encountered in the Bay Area outdoors. He later volunteered for animal organizations and assisted rescuing local strays that he found as well as attempting to have the city post warning signs on busy rural roads to protect the many wild turkeys.



Another of his passions was physical fitness; from his self-taught understanding of fitness that began during his teens, he eventually set a weightlifting world record for his weight class. After serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, he became a successful barber known for not only his skill but also his stories.

Never one to want to be stagnant, he eventually utilized his knowledge of physical fitness to build a successful health food business which he ran until his retirement. Widely known by many, especially in Pleasanton, for his unique philosophies and wisdom, he was truly a one-of-a-kind individual to anyone who met him.

He was preceded by his daughter Sherlee and is survived by his wife Nancy, son Vincent, and nephew Herman.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 9 at 4:00pm-8:00pm at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St, Pleasanton. The memorial service will be on Friday, January 10 at 10:30am at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at <https://www.tvr.org/> or their mailing address, P.O. Box 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

PAID OBITUARY

## Lasting Memories

An online directory of obituaries and remembrances.

[PleasantonWeekly.com/obituaries](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/obituaries)

## Judith Frances Farro

March 9, 1940 – December 12, 2019

Judy went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 12 after a short illness. Her last day was in the company of her loving family.

Judy was born and raised in Oakland, California. She went to St. Elizabeth's grammar and high schools and graduated from Providence College of Nursing with an RN degree. Judy lovingly cared for her patients for 48 years, 33 years at Providence Hospital and 15 years at Washington Hospital.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents William (Bill) and Lorraine Hansen and grandson Kaden Farro.

Judy was married to her loving husband Donald (Don) for 58 years and had four sons, Stephen, Kenneth (Laura), Brian (Shelley), Ricky (Tamarra), with 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Judy's brother Thomas (Patty) Hansen and their children were constant people in her life. Her nieces and nephews and cousins were always close to Judy also. She will be greatly missed.

Judy was active in her faith as a communion minister and daily mass attendee at The Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

There will be a celebration of life for Judy on January 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Elizabeth Elementary School, 1516 33rd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601, [www.saintelizabeth.us](http://www.saintelizabeth.us)



PAID OBITUARY

# POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

## Dec. 24

### Theft

- 7:28 a.m., 4400 block of Sandalwood Drive; stolen auto recovery
- 9:12 a.m., 5000 block of Foothill Road; auto theft
- 2:47 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:08 p.m., 100 block of West Neal Street; theft from auto

### Burglary

- 6:49 a.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 7:04 a.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

### Trespassing

- 10:51 a.m. on the 4900 block of Forest Hill Drive

### Vandalism

- 6:15 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

## Dec. 23

### Theft

- 8:08 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto
- 9:53 a.m., 3100 block of Chardonnay Drive; auto theft
- 4:56 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 5:31 p.m. on the 1200 block of Ridgewood Drive
- 9:02 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from structure

### Burglary

- 10:01 a.m. on the 7600 block of Flagstone Drive
- 10:49 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

### Fraud

- 6:10 p.m. on the 3600 block of Kirkcaldy Court

## Dec. 22

### Robbery

- 8:32 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Drug violation

- 2:21 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:58 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:39 p.m. at Valley and Bernal avenues

### Theft

- 5:16 p.m., 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; bicycle theft
- 8:31 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

### Assault/battery

- 1:24 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### DUI

- 1:23 a.m. on the 1500 block of Hopyard Road

### Vandalism

- 3:56 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

## Dec. 21

### Theft

- 3:59 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 4:16 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:08 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

### Robbery

- 8:11 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Vandalism

- 4:34 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Drug violation

- 10:18 p.m. on the 5900 block of Parkside Drive

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## GUEST OPINION

BY HEATHER COOLEY FOR CALMATTERS

# California can solve its water shortage with the water we have. Here's how

California is at a water crossroads. We can continue our costly, 100-year-old pattern of trying to find new water supplies, or we can choose instead to focus on smarter ways of using — and reusing — what we already have.

With a population projected to top 50 million by mid-century, a booming economy and a changing climate, there is no question we need to shore up our water systems. But we don't need an all-of-the-above strategy that sacrifices affordability and environmental health. Just like with energy, we must focus on the solutions that are better for our planet and pocketbooks.

The cheapest water is the water we save.

Californians have made real strides to conserve over the past several decades. San Francisco and Los Angeles use the same amount (or less) water today as they did 30 years ago, despite substantial growth.

And farmers have dramatically increased economic output over

the last 30 years while using the same amount of water — effectively producing more food and income for every drop of water.

But far more can be done.

Research from the Pacific Institute found that appliance and fixture upgrades, leak repair and landscape changes could reduce urban water use by up to 5 million acre-feet annually — enough water to supply more than 13 million families for a year.

On farms, precision irrigation and other water-wise practices could reduce water use by 6 million to 7 million acre-feet annually while maintaining food production and farmer income. This untapped potential for water efficiency should always be our first step towards water security.

There are also new, innovative sources of local supply.

Less than 20% of urban wastewater is being reused. There are still more than a million acre-feet of treated water we could reclaim to meet local needs. Water reuse opportunities can be found across the

state, but are especially important in coastal areas, where waste(d) water is discharged into and pollutes estuaries and the ocean.

Urban runoff is another viable local option. Our cities were designed to remove rainwater to reduce flood risk, literally flushing freshwater down storm drains. Rain gardens, green streets, and parks can help us catch and store more rain.

While gray infrastructure like pipes and pumps will continue to play an important role in our water system, green infrastructure can turn urban spaces into a sponge that allows water to sink into the ground to replenish underground aquifers for later use.

Water efficiency, reuse and rainwater capture not only save money compared with costly sources like seawater desalination, they also save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which will be key for avoiding unmanageable climate impacts.

Water conservation during California's last drought saved enough

electricity to power the cities of Berkeley, Burbank and Santa Cruz for a year. Less energy use means less power plant pollution, helping California achieve our clean air and climate goals.

There are other benefits to consider as well. Reuse reduces the need to divert water from streams already stressed by rising temperatures and shrinking snowpack and can curb ocean pollution associated with sewage outfalls. Plants used to soak up runoff also filter out oil, fertilizer and other chemicals before they reach our water supply. And, of course, green spaces help to cool and beautify communities while providing a place for people to enjoy the outdoors.

California has a chance to model what a truly resilient water system looks like, combining nature and technology to make the most of every drop and dollar. Just as we are doing in the energy sector, we should be focusing on no-regrets water projects that make economic and environmental sense.

As state leaders work to meet Gov. Gavin Newsom's call for a 21st century California water plan, I urge them to focus on sources that are both cost-effective and climate smart. ■

*Editor's note: Heather Cooley serves as director of research at the Pacific Institute, [hcooley@pacinst.org](mailto:hcooley@pacinst.org). She wrote this commentary for CalMatters.*

## LETTERS

### RE: 'The cost of traffic calming'

Dear Editor,

There is another solution to the "traffic calming" on Bernal ("The cost of traffic calming," Dec. 13, 2019) that was not mentioned in the cover story.

This solution costs nothing, can be implemented immediately, requires no construction to demolish or permanently alter property, uproot animal habitats or eliminate valuable heritage trees, and in fact was accomplished quite recently and quite successfully.

That proposal is to open the middle lane of First Street to southbound traffic in the mornings during rush hour and thus channel traffic away from Bernal Avenue altogether.

Pleasanton residents will recall that this middle lane-opening measure was implemented for many weeks on First Street this summer to enable construction. This proposed solution is simple, it has been proven to work, is costless and it

can even be eliminated during summer months when morning traffic is lighter.

It optimizes use of under-utilized, five-lane First Street, over two-lane Bernal Avenue, no one is inconvenienced, and it postpones construction decisions until the Downtown Specific Plan arrives with its currently unknown elements.

—Douglas Herz

### Vote Yes on Measure P to build Wine Country Hotel

I wholeheartedly support a "Yes" vote on Measure P on March 3 to build the Wine Country Hotel now adjacent to the Bankhead Theater, part of the already approved downtown plan in Livermore.

This 130-room, high-quality destination hotel is just what the city needs to support the downtown restaurants and arts district, and attract visitors to dozens of area wineries. I am very excited to see the progress being made to the approved plan, which will also feature a science

center, a black-box theater supporting diverse arts organizations and a spacious Stockmen's Park.

Voting Yes for the Wine Country Hotel will provide the downtown with 99 extra parking spaces, and 130 units of desperately-needed affordable units for our local workforce. It will attract people to the many wonderful performances at the Bankhead Theater. The approved plan is the result of a multiyear collaborative effort involving many community members, local businesses and organizations, and city officials who ran on, and were elected, supporting this plan.

Let's all join together and continue moving this project forward.

—Larry Lagin

### Downtown Livermore

We have been here since 1964. Livermore is a fabulous town. We love it, and we are about to love it

even more.

Downtown has needed attention for a very long time and our mayor, City Council and city staff have done everything right.

They have studied all options in depth from every possible angle. They have taken tremendous input from stakeholders, residents, our downtown businesses, our wonderful wine country businesses, and experts in the know. We gave our elected officials a huge approval rating in the last election because they are doing everything right.

We mustn't be distracted by a small group of people whose ideas would change our town forever. This is the moment we have waited for. This is when we should all come together and celebrate the progress and applaud the proposed Bankhead hotel because it is just what we need and it doesn't destroy the wonderful character of our great town.

—Kathleen Streeter

### Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on issues related to the primary election until 5 p.m. Feb. 23. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this winter, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to [editor@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:editor@pleasantonweekly.com).

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**Prost!** These longtime Pleasanton friends really got into the spirit during Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany earlier this year. Pictured are Don and Kelly Errigo, Paul and Jill DiPiazza, Tom and Teri Spivey, Gary and Lisa O'Neal, Tim and Kathy Soldati, Dan and Janeen Brumm, Danny and Monica Hobbs, and Herb and Cathy Ritter.



**Mission to Bolivia:** Trinity Lutheran Church and Valley Community Church sent a mission team to Cochabamba, Bolivia this summer to share Vacation Bible School program with the children of Niños con Valor — an organization with homes for children who have been orphaned, abandoned or removed from dangerous situations. NCV was created to respond to the gaps in the childcare system in Bolivia.



**Swiss Alps:** Camille and Timothy Krukiel went to Montreux, Switzerland this fall, enjoying the nice warm weather for their stay at the Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, which overlooks the breathtaking view of Lake Geneva with the Alps in the background. Montreux is a beautiful peaceful traditional town known for its microclimate and the Montreux Jazz Festival.



**A lake view:** Pleasanton resident Debbie Nappo spent three weeks in Italy and Germany with cousin Sharon Albertoni from Petaluma. While visiting family and enjoying the sites on Lake Como, they decided to Take Us Along!



**Outside the castle:** Owen, Gina, Cameron and Peter Cold took the Weekly to Malahide Castle in Ireland during their European vacation, which also included stops in Barcelona and London. This castle was one of the longest-occupied castles, from 1185 to 1975.



**Cruisin' past the tower:** Gail James and Jeanne Keller enjoyed many sites in Paris, including a cruise down the Seine River that passed by the Eiffel Tower.



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### EBAL must rework scheduling for boys and girls basketball

Also: Finals run for Foothill boys; young martial artists compete in Puerto Rico

As the first of the year arrives, so does the beginning of the East Bay Athletic League basketball season.

I recently had a talk with one of the girls varsity coaches and was told there was discussion in the coaches' meeting about how the EBAL scheduling should be put together.

For years the girls played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the boys taking the court on Wednesdays and Fridays.

It worked, and worked well. Everyone from the school was able to see the boys' and girls' games, and it allowed the two teams to support each other. Then someone came up with the idea that the girls deserved to play on the same nights as the boys' games with the games taking place at opposite sites.

The Diablo Foothill Athletic League tried another plan where the boys and girls varsity teams played at the same site with the girls playing first and the boys followed, for the first half of the season. In the second half, it changed to the boys first then the girls.

Both didn't work.

When the boys played first, half the crowd would leave following the boys' game, and it wasn't a pretty site.

I have sat numerous times in the gym and watched at least half the crowd vacate after the boys. It's depressing and it's not fair to the girls.

The girls' teams deserve their own nights for their games, much the same way the boys do. Support would climb for both teams and make for a more festive atmosphere. In the changing demographic of the local high schools, it's tough to get students out to the games. Everything possible needs to be done to make it work.

The DFAL style of scheduling was recently discussed by the EBAL girls coaches and it's the wrong move. Each program should have their own night where you start with the freshmen, followed by the junior varsity and then the varsity. It's how you build pride in a program.

The scheduling needs to go back to girls on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the boys playing on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you want, switch at the halfway point and let the girls play Wednesdays and Fridays and move the boys to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Both teams work hard every day, and both deserve the spotlight on their own. It's not fair to throw both

teams on the same night.

#### Foothill boys basketball

The Falcons won a pair of games to get to the finals of the Tim Cole Memorial Tournament at American High in Fremont, but then dropped a thrilling double-overtime game 65-59 in the finale.

Josh Valentine had 17 for Foothill in the finals, with Garret Hill and Nick High finishing with 12 points each. Dylan D'Amico rounded out the double-digit scorers with 11.

In the first game of the tournament, the Falcons beat Fremont High of Sunnyvale 62-52 behind 21 points from D'Amico, with Valentine adding 11 for Foothill.

In the semifinals, the Falcons got by Washington 57-49 behind 19 points from Hill. High added 15, while Valentine and Anirudh Murugesan had 10 points each.

Valentine and D'Amico were named to the All-Tournament Team.

#### High school hockey

Amador trotted out former players on Dec. 23 when the Dons hockey program held its Purple vs. Golf game at Dublin Iceland.

It was a pickup style game that



MANDY NEVIN

Dylan D'Amico, an All-Tournament selection for Foothill, drives to the basket against Fremont.

was played with no checking and no scores being kept and a fun time was had by all.

#### Youth martial arts

Pleasanton's Kokua Martial Arts Fitness Academy sent 12 students to Reno to compete at the League XV Finals in the fall.

Kata Division champions were Jacob Herrera, Violet Thornburgh and Isabella Dominguez. Kata division runners-up were Caleb Wong, Tiana Chen, Jason Herrera, Zach Lee, Colin Chua and Eli Thornburgh.

The Sparring Division champions were Caleb Wong and Noah Wong. The runners-up were Jacob Herrera, Jason Herrera and Caydence Johnson. Tiana Chen finished third in sparring. Kaleb Chua, Amri Johnson, Zach Lee also competed in sparring.

Two Kokua Martial Arts Fitness

Academy students, Alexis Aying (15 years old) and Mayalanni Erediano (14) competed at the World Association of Kickboxing Organization (WAKO) Caribbean and Central American Kickboxing Championships on Dec. 14-15 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Aying won a gold medal in the 13-15-year-old female 55 kg point fighting division. Erediano won a gold medal in the 14-16-year-old 47 kg point fighting division. Aying and Erediano also fought in the USA vs. Puerto Rico female 13-16-year-old tag team fight, beating Puerto Rico 11-8. ■

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

### Supervisors vote to sell county's share of Coliseum site to Oakland A's

\$85M purchase price allows county to pay off debt from 1995 stadium renovation

In a potentially historic move, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last week to sell the county's half ownership of the 155-acre Coliseum complex to the Oakland Athletics baseball team for \$85 million.

The county and the city of Oakland have jointly owned the Coliseum complex since 1964, but county leaders decided in 2015 that they wanted to sell their share in the property so they could get out of the sports business and focus on their core mission of providing social services.

The county has been in talks with the city since 2015 about selling its share to the city, but the talks broke down in February.

The Board of Supervisors voted

April 23 to authorize negotiations with the A's about selling its share to the team, but the city filed suit Sept. 27 to try to stop the county from doing so.

However, the Oakland City Council voted last month to drop the lawsuit and enter into exclusive negotiations with the A's to sell the city's share of the Coliseum to the team.

The A's, who currently play at the aging baseball stadium at the Coliseum site, are pursuing a plan to build a new baseball-only stadium at the Howard Terminal waterfront site north of Jack London Square that would be ready for the 2023 season.

The baseball team simultaneously wants to redevelop the Coliseum complex into a site that could include

a large park, housing and businesses.

The A's will put down \$5 million immediately as a deposit, which will remain in escrow for 190 days while the county conducts a due diligence period before the deal is finalized.

The A's will pay \$10 million a year to the county until 2023 and \$15 million a year from 2024 to 2026. The A's also will pay the county's \$5 million annual tab for operating costs at the Coliseum.

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley said the purchase price will allow the county to pay off its debt on the 1995 renovation of the Coliseum that the city and county used to lure the Raiders to return to Oakland from Los Angeles.

Miley said the deal will help keep

the A's in Oakland, as they're now the last pro sports team in the city, as the Golden State Warriors moved to San Francisco earlier this year and the Oakland Raiders plan to move to Las Vegas next year.

After the vote on Dec. 23, A's President Dave Kaval said, "This is truly an historic day. We've worked all year to get to this day."

Kaval said the A's are in talks with the city of Oakland about either buying the city's share of the Coliseum property or entering into a joint venture with the city for managing the property.

He said the A's are eager to also finalize their plans to build a stadium at the Howard Terminal site and "get a shovel in the ground" there.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty said the vote to sell the county's share of the Coliseum site is "kind of sad" and "bittersweet" because it marks the end of an era, but he also said "it's the right thing to do" because the county can now focus on providing services to the communities it serves.

Most of the people who spoke at the board meeting said they support the county selling its share of the Coliseum property, but Bishop Robert Jackson of Acts Full Gospel Church, senior pastor L.J. Jennings of Kingdom Builders Christian Fellowship and pastor Lawrence Van-Hook of the Community Church in Oakland said they're concerned that the A's plans to develop the Coliseum site could continue a trend in which many black people are leaving Oakland because they can't afford to live in the city any more.

Jennings said, "When we really think about selling public land, we need to be concerned about those individuals currently in this city and how it will affect how they are able to remain in this city."

Kaval said the A's are committed to building affordable housing at the Coliseum site to prevent the displacement of black people and also said there will be "robust" community benefits as part of the deal. ■

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News

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**THE HEART OF ROCK & ROLL** The Heart of Rock & Roll: A Tribute to Huey Lewis and the News. Two shows: Jan. 10 and 11, at 8 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center. Award-winning Southern California-based 7-man tribute band in high-energy concert experience. Set list includes: "The Power of Love," "I Want a New Drug," "Heart & Soul," "The Heart of Rock & Roll" and a lot more. Reserved Seat Tickets: \$25-\$35. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave., in downtown Pleasanton.

## Health & Wellness

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** From 4-5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, at Kindred Hospice, 4120 Dublin Blvd., we have a grief support group facilitated by a bereavement specialist. It can be a great space to remember your loved one and look to creating your "New Normal." Kindred Hospice Main Office, 4120 Dublin Blvd. Suite 105, Dublin.

## Seniors

**FALL PREVENTION EXERCISE** An exercise class focusing on strength and flexibility meets from 10:15 to 11:10 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Other benefits are improved health and well-being, more stamina, energy and a decrease in the likelihood of falls. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

**PLEASANTON SOLE MATES** The Sole Mates meets at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior

## PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

### Sweet Prince

Prince is a young adult pit mix who was surrendered to the shelter with his sister after spending most of his young life chained in a backyard. That did not deter Prince's love for people and a sweetness that is so endearing. He truly is becoming a star at the shelter with all volunteers. Prince is available for adoption through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Meet him at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Call 803-7040 to learn more.

Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., for a 2.5 to 3 mile walk at a moderate pace. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

**BOOKS AND COFFEE** From 10:15 to 11:15 on the second Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., join us as we get together to discuss books, have a cup of coffee and make new friends with the staff from the Pleasanton Library. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

## Home & Garden

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) will host Rose and Thorn Design, noted floral designers, to present "Bloomed This Way! Beauty and Sustainability Together as One" at the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at Alisal School in Pleasanton, 1454 Santa

Rita Road. Guests are welcome. For information, visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org). Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

## Community Groups

**FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY** Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at FA meetings. FA is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience and mutual support, are recovering from the disease of food addiction. If you are suffering please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 3311 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. The program is free. Visit [foodaddicts.org](http://foodaddicts.org) for more information. Food Addicts in Recovery, 3311 Pacific Ave, Livermore.

**GRIEF WORKSHOPS** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708. St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

**TRI-VALLEY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP** Those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis, plus their care partners, meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us to hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs. There is no cost. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton.

**WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GRIEF RECOVERY** Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Class and Support Group Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 18 thru March 21, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. Contact Linda Husted at 833-9013 or [lihusted@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lihusted@sbcglobal.net). The cost is \$15 for workbook. Open to all. Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton.

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Civic Arts Commission**  
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**Youth Commission**  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
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**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
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This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 15-27.

### Pleasanton

- 3914 Blacow Court** C. & D. Michniuk to P. & N. Katkoria for \$1,250,000
- 7730 Canyon Meadow Circle #C** R. Emoff to L. Lasit for \$425,000
- 4113 Garibaldi Place** B. Yang to V. & A. Priyadarshi for \$900,000
- 2489 Heatherlark Circle** Mccole Living Trust to Mod & Associates Inc for \$500,000
- 1279 Lozano Court** S. Ma to J. & V. Wadhwa for \$2,535,000
- 3643 Olympic Court** Z. Wang to Z. & X. Huang for \$999,000
- 1545 Loganberry Way** G. Hettwer to A. Rose for \$750,000
- 8213 Regency Drive** S. & A. Thompson to J. & D. Fairhurst for \$2,230,000
- 3087 Tonopah Circle** Ahuja Investments LLC to S. & S. Banerjee for \$660,000

### Dublin

- 3373 Cydonia Court** Ajlouny Family Trust to M. & D. Su for \$1,175,000
- 11382 Dillon Way** J. Lane to B. & S. Mankar for \$1,096,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #213** O. Chang to S. & K. Chung for \$575,000
- 11402 Winding Trail Lane** A. & R. Boragno to A. & R. Lewis for \$775,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #240** Kanelos Family Trust to B. Dadia for \$555,000
- 5870 El Dorado Lane** Brookfield Wilshire LLC to T. Chen for \$814,000
- 5203 North Forestdale Circle** K. Chun to H. & Y. Doshi for \$1,165,000
- 7758 Georgian Oaks Court** C. & P. Weber to J. & G. Kaur for \$1,245,000

- 6603 Maple Drive** S. Gottlieb to Gakari Family Trust for \$810,000
- 4723 Sandyford Court** Wong Trust to S. & R. Ulla for \$748,000
- 6542 Sierra Lane** C. & R. Troia to B. & E. Williams for \$792,000
- 4405 Talle Way** D. & T. Warren to A. & H. Kapadia for \$1,010,000
- 3715 Whitworth Drive** H. & S. Popat to B. & M. Bajaj for \$695,000
- 3605 Whitworth Drive** S. Chodagiri to T. & A. Vishnoi for \$760,000

### Livermore

- 793 Caliente Avenue** M. & M. Schell to A. & F. Arsenault for \$740,000
- 761 Hayes Court** R. Mercer to M. Coito for \$780,000
- 1970 Helsinki Way** C. & A. Cuneo to T. & R. Chen for \$840,000
- 904 Loyola Way** Tolentino Living Trust to Y. & H. Pham for \$955,000
- 566 Morgan Common** Sirva Relocation Credit LLC to M. & R. Garcia for \$590,000
- 187 Northwood Commons** T. Mccombs to D. Bracamontes for \$500,000
- 479 Ridgecrest Circle** T. Fernandez to S. & A. Wahab for \$859,000
- 502 Sandalwood Drive** H. & A. Aziz to S. & R. Ostrowski for \$835,000
- 5342 Carnegie Loop** Persson Trust to C. & W. Klatt for \$1,160,000
- 520 Emerald Street** V. Willis to A. & F. Ahmad for \$780,000
- 6159 Forget Me Not** M. & P. Best to R. & K. Brown for \$610,000
- 1178 Glenwood Street** Vallerga Trust to M. & N. Mahrour for \$990,000
- 344 Martin Avenue** Biehl Family Trust to Y. & L. Luo for \$675,000

- 2868 Mint Common** D. Lama to C. & W. Fernandez for \$785,000

### San Ramon

- 8985 Alcosta Boulevard #181** A. Wierda to Y. & W. Mok for \$499,000
- 9450 Alcosta Boulevard** D. Squire to B. & S. Chintakayala for \$1,005,000
- 1154 Arrowfield Way** L. & D. Weiss to V. & S. Ayyannagari for \$1,175,000
- 604 Burney Creek Place** K. Cheng to S. & Y. Kuang for \$1,041,500
- 334 Cindy Court** G. Abbott to Aveson Trust for \$969,000
- 162 Copper Ridge Road** K. & B. Osborn to J. Fang for \$480,000
- 239 Cullens Court** K. & J. Barron to Rajesh Family Trust for \$1,450,000
- 3079 Hastings Way** N. & B. Adair to N. & R. Shrivastava for \$1,390,000
- 909 Linda Vista Drive** S. Banerjee to B. & T. Hu for \$1,065,000

- 3336 Montevideo Drive** Bank Of New York 2005-59 to Community Equity Group Inc for \$724,500

- 200 Norris Canyon Place #C** P. Joshi to E. & B. Wilson for \$595,000
- 112 Paddington Court** J. Choi to M. & M. Imam for \$1,227,000
- 81 Tahoe Court #200** S. Morgan to C. Tang for \$625,000
- 6066 Tigerside Way** Tsai Trust to V. & X. Xiong for \$1,185,000
- 9005 Alcosta Boulevard #202** L. Lemke to W. Huang for \$464,000
- 3200 Carpenter Way** A. Gemignani to R. & R. Janga for \$1,175,000
- 203 Compton Circle #A** S. Horton to P. & M. St.Clair for \$420,000
- 3649 Crow Canyon Road** N. & J. Murphy to J. Kolko for \$605,000
- 149 Madora Place** V. & L. Andico to L. & L. Chockalingam for \$990,000

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Nov. 15-27)

**Total sales reported:** 9  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$425,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,535,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$883,000

### Dublin (Nov. 15-27)

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$555,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,245,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$839,428

### Livermore (Nov. 15-27)

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$500,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,160,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$796,785

### San Ramon (Nov. 15-27)

**Total sales reported:** 22  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$420,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,200,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$993,340

Source: California REsource



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