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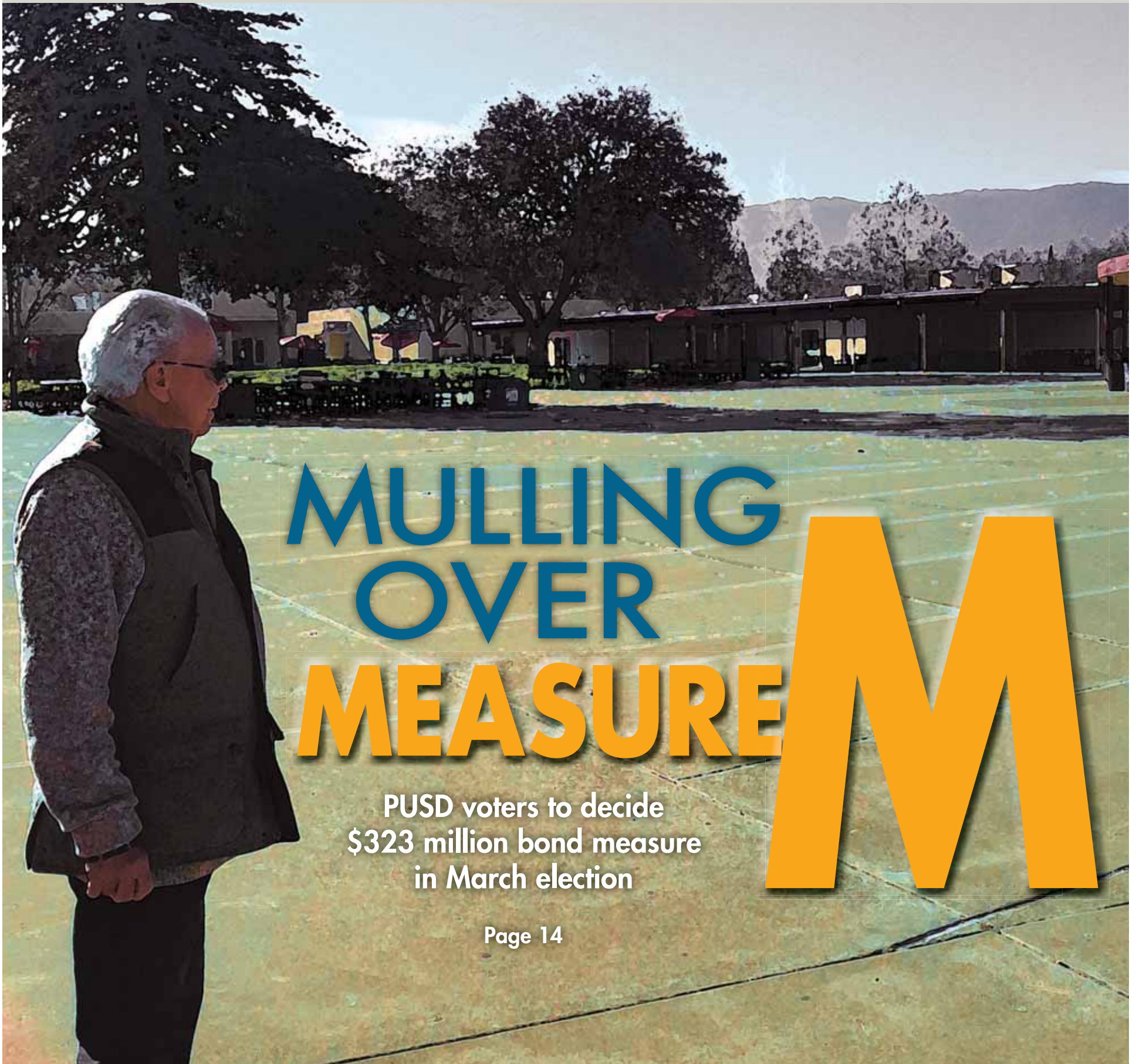
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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Unchained Labs' teams do it their way

Pleasanton-based Unchained Labs is a study in contrasts.

- The executive photos on the webpage look like they were asked to act goofy. They complied.

- The company designs and manufactures machines with names like the Big KahUNA, UNcle, pUNk and LUNatic. They are serious, "big boy" tools.

- In five years, it's grown to \$50 million in sales, mostly to biotech and big pharma companies.

- CEO Tim Harkness says it's a results-oriented company that sets very aggressive timelines for new products. They don't miss deadlines, he emphasizes.

- They also don't require teams to be in the office — work where you want, when you want as long as the agreed-upon goals and deadline are met. They like to laugh and enjoy life.

The company is headquartered in Bernal Corporate Park next to one of its manufacturing facilities. It also has offices in Boston, Belgium, Shanghai and Tokyo.

For founder Harkness, a Pleasanton resident for 10 years, it's his third startup.

He landed the concept for Unchained Labs while riding his mountain bike on Pleasanton Ridge the day after he sold his second company. He'd spent his life sciences career working with proteins, the complex molecules that are the foundation of injectable drugs. He and his team make their equipment to help the researchers more efficiently and effectively learn about the proteins and then manufacturer their products.

He's a huge advocate of building companies in Pleasanton. His two prior firms were headquartered elsewhere, leaving him with an ugly commute. He resolved to fix that issue on No. 3 by locating it where he could ride his bike to work.

It's been a home run. He points out that costs are significantly lower in Pleasanton for both office and manufacturing space; home prices are relatively more affordable when compared to Silicon Valley, and recruiting is easier because it's a counter-commute from anywhere in the inner Bay Area.

The Unchained Labs business model is different.

Instead of starting with an idea

and developing it from scratch, they buy proven existing technology from smaller companies who have sold their equipment to pharma or life sciences companies. The technology has been proven in the marketplace, but the firms lack the capital and the manufacturing, sales and marketing infrastructure to scale it up.

Once a company is purchased — often within the \$5 million to \$7 million range — Unchained teams move quickly to enhance it, add additional capabilities and get it on the market in a short time frame (six to 12 months). The aggressive deadlines sharpen the focus and allow teams to dismiss "extraneous" ideas, Harkness explained.

Unchained put its first product, UNit, on the market just three months after purchasing the technology. It acquired four companies in the first year to lay the technology foundation for the nine products it has released. Once a product hits the market, Unchained teams will start to develop the next iteration with greater capabilities or put together its technology in a new way.

To get a sense of the breezy way Unchained execs communicate with their clients, check out this release:

"UNcle is a mash up of 2 key Unchained Labs tools, joining the UNit's multiplexed stability measurements with the pUNk's sensitive DLS detection. Scientists are now able to get all the size, aggregation, thermal ramp, isothermal and viscosity information they need with one platform, and use way less protein in the process."

Harkness says he expects the company to make one acquisition and release two new products annually. The goal is to grow the top revenue line by at least 15% — the company has grown much more robustly than that through its first five years. Currently 165 people work for Unchained.

They decided on the relaxed approach to set apart their brand, particularly in the startup days.

"When you are small, in the big scheme of the world, you need to have a voice that is disproportionately big. The way you do that is to have a brand that connects emotionally with people. It's my hope that when someone looks at our products and see it, they will have an emotional reaction," Harkness said. ■

### About the Cover

School Board President Steve Maher leads a tour of facilities needs at Amador Valley High School ahead of the Measure M election. Improvements to the school's gym, theater, science labs and general building repairs could be among the projects funded by the new bond, if passed by voters on March 3. Photo by Julia Baum. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu.

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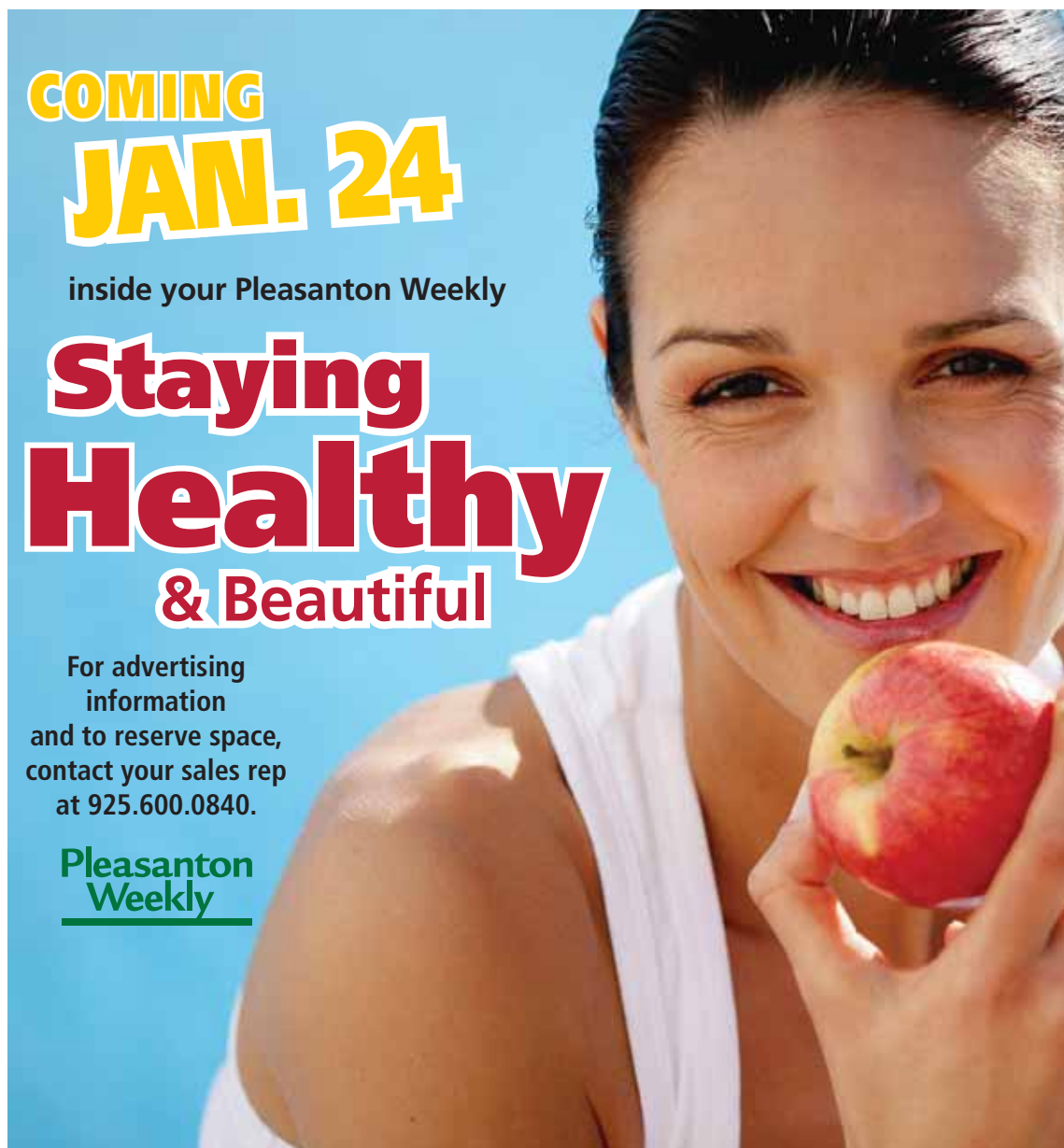
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## When you take vacation time off from work, how do you like to spend it?



**Jason DeVries**  
*Computer sales*

I enjoy spending my time away from work having a blast, in high gear, with all of my nearest and dearest family and friends. But I also try to build in time to just enjoy my down time and relax, so that I feel well-rested and look forward to getting back to work.



**Joe Thibodeau**  
*Tech sales*

I try to spend time with my family, primarily in Half Moon Bay, near the ocean. I also try to spend some time just on my own, walking around my own neighborhood and sometimes other places, while listening to interesting podcasts.



**Kerri Lewis**  
*Physical therapist/hand specialist*

When I'm on vacation, and not working, I love to travel. I try to go on group trips with other people who enjoy cycling, skiing and exploring our great outdoors as much as I do. Doing these kinds of activities is also a great way to meet new people and make new friends.



**Andy Obert**  
*Tech VP*

Well, my wife and I lived in Asia for about 2-1/2 years. So on our vacations, we really like to go back there in order to see and catch up with all of the wonderful friends we made. We also like to revisit all of the fabulous places we fell in love with during our time there.



**Michael Kumpf**  
*Health and safety manager*

During my vacation time, I enjoy mountain biking all over the Lake Tahoe area, as well as skiing and traveling and doing any and every kind of sports-related activity with friends.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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

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## DIGEST

### King breakfast

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative is set to hold the 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. fellowship breakfast later this month.

The morning event, which includes a keynote address and handing out the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Awards, is scheduled for Jan. 27 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pleasanton at The Club (7050 Johnson Drive).

The fellowship breakfast will come one week after the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, which the nation will recognize this coming Monday.

Tickets to the Jan. 27 fellowship breakfast are \$40 per person while supplies last. Register online by visiting [www.pleasanton.org/events](http://www.pleasanton.org/events).

### PUSD meeting

Pleasanton Unified School District officials are hosting their third community meeting of the school year, next Tuesday (Jan. 21) from 6:30-8 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road.

The discussion, followed by informal Q&A, will feature an update on Measure 11 and other facilities improvements projects, officials said. Members of the PUSD executive cabinet and Board of Trustees will be on hand for the event, which is open to all community members and families.

### Young innovators

The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group is set to recognize 14 local students "who are fearlessly pursuing their dreams and generating life-changing innovations for the future" as part of the organization's ninth annual Dreammakers and Risktakers Awards luncheon next Thursday (Jan. 23).

NBC Bay Area news anchor Jessica Aguirre will emcee the event, which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. Tickets cost \$65 apiece. Visit [innovation-trivalley.org](http://innovation-trivalley.org) or call 989-0188.

### Make A Difference

The annual Make A Difference Festival is returning this Saturday (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 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. There will also be a safety and emergency preparedness area with special seminars. ■

## Trustees agree to cover large cleaning tab after stomach virus outbreak

Also: PUSD reaches agreement with teachers, mariachi program celebrates Golden Bell Award

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees started its first regular meeting of the new year on Tuesday evening by agreeing to cover professional cleaning services used to sanitize five PUSD sites during a viral gastroenteritis outbreak last fall.

The board unanimously voted to pull \$233,948 from the district general fund for the cleaning invoice.

The hefty bill was racked up beginning in October when reports

began surfacing about "a high number of students who were reporting illness or symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and fever" at Pleasanton Middle School, according to the district.

PUSD notified the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD), who "determined that the illnesses met their definition of viral gastroenteritis outbreak." Student absences at Pleasanton Middle School were significant during the outbreak; attendance rates at the site

fell to 59.89% on one specific date, Oct. 25.

At the direction of ACPHD, district officials adhered to specific guidelines to slow and stop the virus from spreading at Pleasanton Middle as well as Foothill High, Hart Middle, Lydiksen and Hearst elementary schools. The guidelines included "specific cleaning and disinfecting protocol" for specific areas at the sites.

According to PUSD, the outbreak's severity warranted hiring

a professional cleaning service for "needed human power and equipment to meet the clean up and disinfection needs."

The extra cleaning requirements were removed once ACPHD declared the outbreak was under control and absence levels were normal again. Because the district did not know how much work would be needed, Restoration Management Company, the contracted business, was authorized

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New Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Fire Chief Jeff Peters (left) takes the oath of office administered by Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho.

## Peters named permanent fire chief

Lifelong Livermore resident, career LPFD firefighter promoted to full-time role after six months as interim

By JEREMY WALSH

Livermore native Jeff Peters has been appointed as the next leader of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, becoming the fifth permanent fire chief in the joint department's history.

A seasoned firefighter and administrator with three decades of experience in fire service in his hometown, Peters has led LPFD for the past six-plus months as interim fire chief after his predecessor stepped down to take the reins at the Santa Clara Fire Department last summer.

Peters is the first internal candidate promoted to fire chief of LPFD since the two cities' fire

departments merged in 1996.

"I was extremely honored to be chosen to lead the agency I have dedicated over half my life to," Peters told the Weekly after his appointment was announced on Jan. 8. "I am very passionate about providing exceptional service to the two communities we serve, and will do so with a very humble professionalism."

"The six months serving as the interim fire chief was a long interview, but one that allowed the city leaders and myself to confirm the partnership. I enjoyed the acting experience and treated every day as if I was the permanent fire chief," he added.

As for top priorities early in his tenure, Peters said, "My initial focus for the LPFD will be to strengthen the current services we provide to the communities by strengthening their fiscal and operational sustainability. I will lead the LPFD into its next phase of maturity and work with both partner cities to address the needs in an efficient manner."

Peters' permanent promotion formally took effect on Jan. 7, with the cities' officials announcing the news publicly on the following afternoon.

Livermore City Manager Marc

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## Coyote sightings spark concerns

Officials issue safety advisory for Dublin residents

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin officials are warning residents to stay cautious after coyotes were spotted in the area recently.

"It has come to our attention that coyote sightings continue to occur in Dublin," the city announced last week, adding that they contacted the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for advisement.

Coyote sightings in the Tri-Valley aren't unusual; the city fielded reports from multiple residents around town last winter, and a local family's pet cat was killed when a coyote jumped in their yard and attacked it five years ago. The canine species has also appeared in other East Bay communities like Danville and Alamo over the years.

Coyotes are naturally fearful of humans but "have learned to live comfortably alongside people in residential neighborhoods," according to Fish and Wildlife officials, who blamed the presence of coyotes in urban areas on people being careless with food and garbage.

Although coyotes rarely pose a threat to humans, wildlife experts said they lose caution and fear when given access to human food and garbage and might harass or threaten the safety of humans,

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# BART board OKs program to put unarmed police ‘ambassadors’ on trains

Proposal aims to improve safety and security for passengers

In response to concerns about safety on the BART system, the transit agency’s board voted unanimously last week to approve an ambassadorship program in which unarmed officers will ride trains from 2 p.m. to midnight seven days a week, with extra coverage on Saturdays.

The six-month pilot program, which will cost \$690,000, is scheduled to begin on Feb. 10.

The ambassadors will be recruited from the ranks of the BART Police Department’s community service officers, non-sworn personnel who perform a variety of police

services. The ambassadors will receive additional de-escalation and anti-bias training.

“This team will be police employees and trained to provide a sense of safety and security for our riders on-board trains and deter crime,” BART Police Chief Ed Alvarez said in a statement.

“I worked closely with our board members, the general manager (Bob Powers), and police unions to develop a program that is responsive to our riders and is able to launch seamlessly, safely and quickly,” Alvarez said.

BART officials said 10

ambassadors will walk trains in teams of two and will focus their patrols on the most heavily traveled section of the system, the transbay corridor between the 12th Street Oakland and San Francisco Civic Center stations.

During crowded evening commute hours, the ambassadors will increase their coverage areas to other sections of the system, such as from the Oakland Coliseum to Union City and Walnut Creek to Pittsburg-Bay Point portions.

“Our ambassadors will serve as extra eyes and ears on-board trains,” BART Board President

Lateefah Simon said.

Simon said, “It’s a promising, first-of-its kind program at BART that will provide a welcoming presence focused on customer service and curbing inappropriate behavior.”

BART officials said the ambassadors will wear easily-identifiable uniforms that are distinct from those of community service officers or fare inspectors.

The ambassadors will be equipped with radios to report safety and security concerns or biohazards and will also be trained to respond to customers’ questions,

complaints or requests for service.

The ambassadors will observe and report and call an officer when enforcement is needed.

BART Director Debora Allen said, “I am pleased existing community service officers who are vetted, hired, trained and supervised by sworn police officers will be on trains on nights and weekends.”

Allen said, “I’ve been urging BART to add additional layers of security on board trains since I was elected to the board and our vote today is a step in the right direction.” ■

—Bay City News Service



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## Horse rescued from ravine

Alameda County Fire Department crews rescued a horse that fell into a ravine in the Palomares Canyon area of Castro Valley last Friday morning, according to Bay City News Service. Responding personnel were called shortly after 10 a.m. to the scene, where the horse was wedged into a ravine about 15 feet below. It took about an hour to free and extricate the horse, which was then turned over to its owner and a veterinarian, fire officials said.

## COYOTE

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livestock and household pets. They play an important role in the ecosystem by primarily hunting rodents and rabbits for food, but will eat whatever is generally available including garbage, human food and domestic animals.

“Relocating a problem coyote is not an option because it only moves the problem to another neighborhood,” according to Fish and Wildlife experts, who recommend people take these steps to discourage coyote encounters in their area:

- \* Discourage visits from coyotes by making loud noises, chasing them, or throwing rocks or sticks at them; coyotes will become wary of an area if they are hazed enough. If followed by a coyote, make loud noises and throw rocks in their direction. Never attempt to feed or tame coyotes, as doing so could be deadly.

- \* Keep small pets indoors and only let them outside when attended by their owner. Do not leave small children outside unattended.

- \* Be sure to secure your garage and put garbage in tightly closed containers that can’t be tipped over.

- \* Take care to eliminate food and water sources in your yard; do not leave pet food outside, pick up fallen fruit, cover compost piles, and remove or avoid using outdoor sources of water including bird feeders.

- \* Reduce hiding spots by trimming ground-level shrubbery.

- \* Keep rabbits, poultry and other livestock in secure closures.

- \* Motion sprinklers and lights can also help deter coyotes from entering your property.

- \* Coyotes are more active in spring, when feeding and protecting their offspring.

- \* Encourage neighbors to follow these tips.

If you see wildlife behaving aggressively, call the Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region’s business office at 707-944-5500 or the 24-hour dispatch center at 916-445-0045.

Learn more about coyotes at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Coyote>. More information about other nuisance wildlife is available at [www.dublin.ca.gov/99/wildlife](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/99/wildlife). ■

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## Mission Hills slide opens anew

The “big slide” at Mission Hills Park — among the city’s most popular park amenities — reopened to the community last weekend after being closed for renovations for nearly four months. The refreshed design focused on replacing the 30-year-old single slide (which had been difficult to repair and maintain) with two slides side-by-side, an interactive “scramble wall” path to improve accessibility and a new staircase. Mission Hills Park is located at 600 Junipero St.

## Wines & Valentines to benefit Museum on Main

13th annual event to sparkle with wine, dinner and auctions

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Love is in the air as Museum on Main prepares for its 13th annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club, beginning at 6 p.m. on Feb. 7.

The night begins with a cocktail hour featuring sparkling wine, a no-host bar and time to bid on the

famous silent auction baskets prepared by museum board members.

The doors to the dining room open at 7 p.m. for guests to enjoy a three-course dinner choice of filet mignon, Covina sea bass or vegetable risotto served with appropriately paired wines.

Between courses, the traditional 2-bit auction will take place, with

guests betting quarters on a variety of small prizes.

"Many guests return year after year for the great food and wine," museum executive director Jim DeMersman said. "But they also love the 2-bit auction, a fast-paced live auction where guests can win prizes for the equivalent of 2 bits, equal to one quarter."

Another fun highlight of the evening, he noted, is the heads and tails game. Players stand and place their hands on their heads or their "tails," and the auctioneer tosses a coin. Those who guessed correctly stay in the game until there is just one person left, who wins half of the pot.

The evening concludes with a drawing for more than a dozen items contributed by community members.

Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at 462-2766.

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MUSEUM ON MAIN

Guests play the heads and tails game at the annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser for Museum on Main, which will be held at Castlewood Country Club on Feb. 7.

## Welcome! Year of the Rat

Lunar New Year celebrations in the Tri-Valley

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The colorful and dramatic lion dance will welcome the Lunar New Year at a free family-friendly celebration at the Bankhead Theater lobby and plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Saturday (Jan. 25) with Chinese cultural demonstrations, as well as food and crafts.

The annual event, hosted by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, honors the Year of the Rat in accordance with the Asian tradition that assigns a different animal to represent each year in the Chinese zodiac.

The traditions will include a festive Community Altar for an opportunity to offer gifts such as fruit, flowers or money for good tidings of health and prosperity in the coming year.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in Livermore.

Stoneridge Shopping Center will also celebrate Lunar New Year the weekend of Jan. 25-26.

At 1 p.m. that Saturday, the East Bay WeDance Team will perform a traditional lion dance, waist drum dancing, a YangGe ribbon dance, Chinese Qi-Pao, Tibet-style dancing and other traditional dances in the Grand

Court. On that Sunday, also at 1 p.m. in the Grand Court, shoppers are invited to a free tai chi class and complimentary tea.

"We're excited to celebrate the Year of the Rat with our shoppers," said Michele Osgood, director of marketing and development. "The dancers will put on a spectacular performance, and the tai chi class is a great way to prep yourself for the week ahead."

Some stores are offering special activities throughout the weekend.

Pacific Pearl shopping center will celebrate Chinese New Year the following weekend, from 1-3 p.m. on Feb. 1. A lion dance will kick off the Year of the Rat, followed by a martial arts exhibition by the Jing Mo School, and dance and acrobatic performances by the Xiaopei Chinese Dance school and company.

There will also be special crafts for kids, photo ops with the day's performers, and a chance to sound a giant gong for good luck. The festivities are free and open to the public.

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# DSRSD moves to prepare for more power shutoffs

Board extends state of emergency declaration as HQ flooding repairs drag on

By JULIA BAUM

A \$250,000 budget hike for electrical improvements at the Dublin San Ramon Services District's Field Operations Facility means the tap will continue to flow for customers in the event of another Public Safety Power Shutoff.

The increase — which will cover the construction contract, staff time and change order contingency — was unanimously approved during the Jan. 7 meeting of the DSRSD Board of Directors.

The \$577,600 project falls under the larger \$8.1 million corporation yard and administration facilities project that began in 2016, when the agency's Field Operations Division moved from a Camp Parks facility to the Commerce Circle location in Pleasanton, just next door to DSRSD's facultative sludge lagoons and the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency pump station.

The existing field operations facility lacks a backup power system, making it susceptible to power outages, according to staff.

“(Field operations facility) is the hub for field operations personnel

and houses the SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) control station and SCADA servers,” staff wrote in district documents. “In the event of a power outage (such as a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff), staff cannot use SCADA to monitor and control the water distribution system.”

Spokeswoman Lea Blevins told the Weekly, “The planned electrical improvements will allow the district to have backup power in the event of PG&E power shutoffs to ensure field operations staff can continue to monitor and control the water distribution system.”

“It was always planned to add this electrical work, and now it's especially going to be useful with the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs,” Blevins added. “Even though it's planned, it's very timely.”

The scope of work includes the design of a backup generator and uninterruptible power supply to support SCADA communications needed to operate the district's portable water distribution system during a power outage. Project costs are split among the water expansion, local wastewater expansion

and local wastewater replacement funds.

The board also signed off last week on extending a state of emergency originally issued when the district office was damaged by flooding two years ago.

Staff have been working out of the district office in Pleasanton since being forced out of their Dublin location in November 2018 due to a leak in the building's fire service line. A state of emergency was declared “to reduce potential further property damage due to water exposure and to minimize the time to restore core business operations.”

Staff said they have been “hampered” by the displacement, including losing the board's customary meeting location, space for large group training, and individual offices for many supervisory staff in need of private spaces for confidential meetings. Customer service functions related to in-person bill payments have also been suspended.

The Dublin office is now on track toward being repaired and should be in better condition than



DSRSD

DSRSD's main office was damaged by flooding in 2018, forcing staff to relocate to their current spot in Pleasanton. The repair project is still ongoing, leading to the board extending the district's original state of emergency status.

before the flooding, according to Blevins.

“There was one to three inches of water throughout the building; it damaged the walls because of the humidity in the air,” she said. “The board approved some additional renovations on top of that because the building is already 25 years old, so they figured it would be best to do while no one's there in the building.”

Staff are looking to move back in the next several months once work is completed, although the exact

date is still up in the air.

“I would say this spring is probably as specific as I can get because it varies on a weekly basis,” Blevins said, noting that some issues like ensuring the building is ADA-compliant have made the timeline fluctuate a bit.

DSRSD will know later this spring exactly how much of their insurance policy will cover the estimated \$6.2 million needed for initial restoration and abatement of the building, as well as design, construction and project management. ■

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### City Council

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
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- Review and discuss January 2020 amendments to Senate Bill 50 (Weiner)
- Consider approval of modifications to the City's Down Payment Assistance Program to increase the maximum loan amount, restructure the loan terms, and adopt a shared appreciation loan policy for repayment
- Consider introduction of an ordinance to amend Municipal Code Chapter 3.28 to add a local preference for Pleasanton-based businesses when tie bids are submitted, and provide a bid calculation preference of five percent up to \$5,000 per transaction for supplies, equipment and trade services; and adopt a resolution with related changes to the Purchasing Procedures and Manual

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov)

### Committee on Energy and the Environment

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.  
Remillard Room, 333 Busch Rd.

- Climate Action Plan update
- East Bay Community Energy update
- Single Use Disposable Ordinance update

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## FIRE CHIEF

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Roberts and Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho, who spearheaded the hiring process and made the final selection together, said Jan. 8 that they determined Peters was the best candidate to lead the department into the future.

“Chief Peters has demonstrated a unique ability to command the complexities of leading a fire department while balancing the dynamics of serving two partner cities,” Fialho said in a joint statement.

“Under Jeff's leadership, I have full confidence our joint fire department will continue to provide first-rate fire service to our shared communities,” Roberts added.

Born and raised in Livermore, Peters began his career as a volunteer firefighter in Livermore in 1990 and was hired on as a full-time firefighter in the city two years later. He remained with his hometown department after Livermore and Pleasanton consolidated fire services in 1996.

Peters has served in nearly every capacity for LPFD, including firefighter, engineer, captain, battalion chief, deputy chief and four years as assistant chief.

That depth of experience led Fialho and Roberts to turn to Peters as interim chief starting last July when then-chief Ruben Torres left LPFD after nearly four years to become fire chief of the

Santa Clara Fire Department.

After a strong audition at the helm, the city managers removed Peters' interim tag this month to make his promotion permanent.

As fire chief, Peters will report to both city managers and each City Council while overseeing services for residents in the two cities.

The LPFD is governed by a JPA board of directors — a subcommittee of city councils — while the city managers of Livermore and Pleasanton serve as the department's joint executive directors. The JPA has allowed for more efficient administration and cost-effective delivery of fire services in Pleasanton and Livermore, according to leaders with both cities.

Peters holds a bachelor's degree in health science from St. Mary's College and is a graduate of Leadership Pleasanton, Legacy Livermore and Alameda County Leadership Academy. He is also a member of the California Fire Chiefs Association, Alameda County Regional Emergency Communication Center Operations Section and East Bay Regional Communications System Authority. ■

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# Baker, sitting supervisor among finalists for clerk-recorder

Six top candidates to interview for vacant Contra Costa County elections chief

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will interview six applicants for appointment to the open county clerk-recorder/elections chief position, including one from their own board's ranks, a former State Assembly member and two high-ranking officials in the Clerk-Recorder's Office.

Those interviews, which will be public, are set for Jan. 21 in the supervisors' chambers in the main County Administration Building at 651 Pine St. in downtown Martinez. Each interview will probably last 20 to 30 minutes, and will begin after the board's Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration, likely in the early afternoon.

The supervisors made it clear Tuesday morning that whomever is appointed will have to be comfortable with taking what they say could become an appointed position in the next few years. It's also possible the clerk-recorder and elections chief roles could one day be separated.

Supervisor John Gioia of Richmond said he sees an "inherent conflict" with an elected official overseeing compliance by other elected officials and candidates. An honest elections process, he said, is "truly the heart and the core of our democracy."

During Tuesday's board hearing, a handful of people implored the supervisors to try to make the elections chief job an appointed one. That change from an elected position to an appointed one would require approval by Contra Costa County voters.

"We know the trouble that campaign finances have caused," said



SAM RICHARDS/BCN FOUNDATION

Former state assemblywoman Catharine Baker is one of six applicants to be interviewed next week to become the next Contra Costa County clerk-recorder.

Suzan Requa, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley, which covers most of eastern and central Contra Costa.

Requa was referring specifically to the troubles of former Clerk-Recorder Joe Canciamilla, who resigned abruptly in late October, one year into his second elected four-year term that ends in 2022.

About a week later, Canciamilla reached a settlement with the state Fair Political Practices Commission on 30 counts of campaign finance violations including using \$130,529 in campaign funds for personal expenses and for filing falsified records to cover it up.

It is Canciamilla's successor whom the Board of Supervisors will select, perhaps as soon as Feb. 4. Gioia said Canciamilla's woes have given the whole Clerk-Recorder's Office a public relations black eye. Both he and Supervisor Diane Burgis of Brentwood said

that is unwarranted, and praised the work of Canciamilla's staff.

That praise was reflected in the supervisors on Tuesday choosing acting Clerk and Recorder Deborah Cooper of Danville and Scott Konopasek, county assistant registrar of voters, of Walnut Creek, to come in for interviews next week.

Also asked to come in for interviews are County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff of Pleasant Hill, former 16th District state assemblywoman Catharine Baker representing parts of Contra Costa and Alameda County; political campaign consultant and former foundation CEO Mark Friedman of El Cerrito; and Kristin Connelly of Lafayette, president and CEO of the East Bay Leadership Council.

Mitchoff, who wasn't present Tuesday, has said she intends only to serve out Canciamilla's term if selected.

Among the 16 hopefuls not picked to move forward were several current and former City Council members in Contra Costa cities, two city clerks, two attorneys and a few other city staffers. Eight of the 22 hopefuls, including Baker, Cooper, Konopasek and Friedman, addressed the supervisors face-to-face Tuesday.

Baker, an attorney who since 2011 has worked in election and political law, is the only of the 22 applicants who doesn't live in Contra Costa County. She lives in Dublin, "a half-mile south of Contra Costa County as the crow flies," she said after Tuesday's hearing.

Her family had been planning a move to Contra Costa after her twins finish high school in 2021, she said, but would make the move sooner if she is appointed clerk-recorder. Elected officials, or people appointed to serve out elected positions, must live in that county. ■

—Sam Richards, BCN Foundation



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## Whiffenpoofs of Yale at Foothill

The country's oldest collegiate a cappella group, the Whiffenpoofs of Yale, will bring their talents to Foothill High School this Sunday (Jan. 19) as part of their world tour. Each year, a group of top Yale University seniors are chosen to perform more than 200 concerts across six continents, singing a mix of old Yale tunes, jazz standards and other hits. Among the 14 performers this year is Pleasanton native Arthur Hwang (top row, center), a 2016 graduate of Foothill and former intern at the Pleasanton Weekly. The Whiffenpoofs' show at Foothill will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday; they are also performing at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland at 7 p.m. that night. For tickets or more information, visit [whiffs.ticketbud.com/pleasanton2020](http://whiffs.ticketbud.com/pleasanton2020).

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## Chamber seeks nominations

Submissions due Jan. 24 for annual awards

"Know someone doing great things in Pleasanton?"

That's what the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is asking local residents and business officials as the organization prepares for its 57th annual Community Service Awards event in March.

Chamber officials are looking for community members to nominate deserving businesses, nonprofits and individuals for five awards: Business Philanthropy, Excellence in Business, Excellence in Service, Distinguished Individual Service and Green Business.

Nominations are due by Jan. 24. Anyone may send in suggestions for the five awards.

"The efforts of these businesses,

organizations and individuals make a real difference in the quality of life for everyone in Pleasanton," chamber officials said.

Nomination forms and descriptions of each award category are available on the chamber website, [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org). Honorees will be recognized at the awards ceremony on March 23.

Nominations may be submitted online at the chamber's website, via email to [susie@pleasanton.org](mailto:susie@pleasanton.org), faxed to 925-846-9697 or mailed to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave., Pleasanton, CA, 94566. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the event. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## BART inks \$798M contract to replace train control system

'This will be a pivotal project in BART's history,' GM says

BART will spend almost \$800 million for a modern train control system its leaders say will enable more trains to run on tighter schedules, and allow for more (and more frequent) service through the Transbay Tube.

Last week, BART's Board of Directors approved a \$798 million contract with Hitachi Rail STS USA, Inc. to design and build the train control system. The new system, to be installed over the next 11 years, will replace the current system installed in 1972.

BART currently relies on a "fixed-block" train control system, which relies on widely spaced signal blocks to denote a train present on a given section of track. The new communications-based train control system can more precisely detect a train's location, which improves reliability and allows for shortened distances between trains. That will allow for more trains on the system at a

given moment, thus more frequent service.

"This will be a pivotal project in BART's history," BART General Manager Bob Powers said in a statement. "Modernizing our train control system will help us to support future ridership in the busiest sections of our system."

Funding for the new train control system is coming from a variety of local, state and federal sources, including \$400 million from Measure RR, approved by voters in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties in 2016 to provide \$3.5 billion in bond funding to rebuild BART's infrastructure. Major funding is also anticipated to come from the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant Program.

The new train control system is one of four major components of BART's Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Project, expected to boost BART's overall capacity by 45

percent, according to Carl Holmes, BART's assistant general manager for planning, development and construction.

The \$3.5 billion project also calls for 306 more Fleet of the Future passenger cars, a maintenance complex for the new train cars and new electrical substations to ensure reliable power for all trains.

"This is critical because our trains are already crowded, and we anticipate the average number of riders who travel Transbay per hour during the commute will jump to 30,000 by the year 2030," Holmes said in a statement.

In addition to the main contract, Hitachi Rail was awarded nearly \$82 million in contracts to design, build and support similar communications-based train control for BART's Silicon Valley Extension. The funding for that project will be provided by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. ■

—Bay City News Service

## TAKE US ALONG



**Holiday break in Australia:** Pleasanton's Smith family took a vacation in Australia earlier this winter over the holiday break. Here, dad Lance and daughter Julia posed with the Sydney Opera House in the background. The white skies were partly overcast but also smokey haze from the terrible bushfires consuming much of eastern Australia.

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## SCHOOL BOARD

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to work on a time and material basis from Oct. 23 to Nov. 21, resulting in the high-priced cleaning tab.

During discussion Tuesday night, Trustee Joan Laursen said she would have approved the added cost to mitigate the outbreak's spread at the time but asked, "Would this typically qualify to call an emergency board meeting to seek the board's approval for an expenditure of this magnitude?"

Superintendent David Haglund said that was an option but since the unusual nature of the situation called for emergency expenditure funds and retroactive approval and the district was acting on ACPHD's direction, "we would've been good either way."

"What we did was apply resources to the directive of the Department of Public Health, obviously because kids were getting sick and so were staff, so we needed to be in a proactive response," Haglund said.

PUSD recently submitted a claim to the East Bay Schools Insurance Group, but Ahmad Sheikholeslami, assistant superintendent of business services, said it's still unverified whether the district's policy will cover it. The district has also prepared an emergency waiver under a material decrease provision to recover state funds that Pleasanton Middle lost due to numerous absences during the outbreak.

There are three situations under state law that permit a school to file an emergency waiver: a material decrease resulting from "fire, flood, impassable roads, epidemic, earthquake, safety hazard, a non-district

transportation service strike, or a military threat," "an unforeseeable closure resulting from a fire, flood, epidemic, military threat, or other extraordinary condition," and "the loss or destruction of attendance records which precludes the preparation of accurate attendance records."

Another waiver was also prepared under the school closure provision for Fairlands, Lydiksen and Foothill, which were all closed during the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs in late October. All three campuses were closed Oct. 28 "as a precaution, as our fire alarms, safety systems and lights were not functional until after power was restored," according to district documents.

PUSD can claim approximately \$50,000 in lost ADA revenue by applying for the emergency waiver. The Board voted to forward both waivers, which must be approved next by the Alameda County Office of Education before they are sent to the California Department of Education for final approval.

### In other business

\* PUSD reached a unanimous agreement with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers for the 2019-20 school year on Tuesday.

Retroactively effective to July 1, 2019, all salaried APT staff will receive an 2.75% increase, and the district will also "apply the value of 0.55% (one (1) day) towards an additional optional day ... for district-directed professional development."

The employee bereavement policy was also updated, and restrictions were added to prohibit administration from asking teachers to "perform any voluntary or mandated activities" during their

duty-free lunch period.

The contract also calls for the establishment of a six-member joint benefits subcommittee, which will start meeting at the end of the month to "explore health and welfare costs, impacts on members, and options, for the purpose of informing future APT negotiations."

\* Several contracts for repair work on the fire-damaged library at Harvest Park Middle School were approved Tuesday. The board ratified several agreements for services related to the restoration project, including a \$1.7 million construction contract with Pre Con Industries Inc.

Rebuilding costs will be covered by the district's insurance policy, and \$140,700 will come from various district funds including for capital outlay projects. Work is expected to start this winter and finish by summer.

\* Audience and board members were treated at the start of the meeting to a musical performance by members of Estrella del Pueblo, PUSD's after school mariachi program.

Appearing in matching black embroidered charro/charra outfits with wide-brimmed sombreros, Estrella del Pueblo performers serenaded the crowd to celebrate their recent recognition by the California School Boards Association, which presented them with the Golden Bell Award last month.

Estrella del Pueblo and PUSD's Local Leaders of the 21st Century were two of only 57 programs throughout California chosen for the 2020 Golden Bell honor. The trustees presented the group with a certificate of recognition that evening to commemorate the occasion. ■

# POLICE BULLETIN

## Ex-Coliseum chief arraigned on conflict of interest charges

The former head of the agency that oversees the Oakland Coliseum complex was arraigned last Friday on charges alleging that he violated conflict-of-interest laws by seeking a fee while negotiating the naming rights of the stadium.

Alameda County prosecutors filed one felony conflict of interest charge and one misdemeanor conflict of interest count against Scott McKibben, 66, of Pleasanton, on Nov. 27 for his alleged illegal activity between Nov. 1, 2018, and June 25, 2019.

McKibben, the former executive director of the Oakland Alameda County Coliseum Authority, sought a \$50,000 payment for helping negotiate a settlement for the Coliseum naming rights with RingCentral, according to a probable cause statement by District Attorney Inspector Thomas Cleary.

The Coliseum Authority's board voted unanimously on May 31 to approve an agreement calling the stadium the Ring Central Coliseum in a deal that called for the company to pay \$1 million a year for the three years and gave it the option to renew the deal for a fourth year.

But the naming rights deal is now being renegotiated in the wake of the allegations against McKibben, who resigned from his post last Aug. 3.

The District Attorney's Office began investigating McKibben last Aug. 16 after the Alameda County Counsel and the Oakland City Attorney's Office became aware of possible violations of government codes and contacted the office.

RingCentral did not pay McKibben the fee after prosecutors notified them of the potential conflict of interest.

At McKibben's brief hearing on

Friday Alameda County Superior Court Judge Delia Trevino ordered McKibben, who's out of custody on his own recognizance, to return to court on Feb. 11 to enter a plea and to get booked, fingerprinted and photographed in the meantime.

But McKibben's lawyer Michael Rains said after the hearing that he has already had discussions with the District Attorney's Office about reaching a resolution in the case "sooner rather than later."

Rains said McKibben "is truly sorry to be in this position" but didn't think he was doing anything improper in seeking a fee to negotiate the deal.

Rains, who is well-known for representing police officers accused of wrongdoing, said McKibben offered to negotiate the naming rights deal because the firm that normally represented the Coliseum Authority in naming rights deals didn't want to participate.

The defense attorney said McKibben "was upfront from the beginning" in telling RingCentral and the Coliseum Authority that he was negotiating as an independent contractor and not as a member of the Coliseum Authority.

Rains said McKibben assumed that the authority knew that he would be seeking a fee for his service if the deal was consummated but said, "That's an assumption that in retrospect he shouldn't have made."

Rains said the deal that McKibben negotiated represented the highest naming rights net payment ever for the Coliseum and his fee would have been paid by RingCentral, not the Coliseum Authority.

He said if the company that normally represented the authority had finalized a similar deal it would have asked for a \$250,000 payment from the authority.

Rains said, "No good deed ever goes unpunished."

Rains said McKibben hasn't previously been in trouble with the law

except for a speeding ticket and being charged criminally "has been a shock and an embarrassment to him."

### In other news

- The new BART police chief began his tenure last Friday amid an announcement about new strategies to increase police presence on trains and reduce crime on the transit system.

Newly appointed Police Chief Ed Alvarez and BART General Manager Bob Powers will join Board President Lateefah Simon on an introductory train ride from the Powell Street station to Balboa Park last Friday morning.

They will be accompanied by a new police officer "train team," which is part of BART's push to cut down on crime and improve the rider experience, according to BART officials.

Alvarez served as interim chief since former chief Carlos Rojas retired last spring.

"Alvarez knows the system and has a vision for safety that includes short-term and long-term strategies to grow the department into a fully staffed, progressive agency servicing diverse communities," Powers said in a news release.

In response to concerns riders voiced in surveys and Powers' recent "listening tour" of the system, Alvarez will oversee the implementation of several strategies to make BART safer.

Starting Monday, a new team of 12 police officers are riding trains in pairs and walking station platforms on nights and weekends, according to BART officials.

This is in addition to the unarmed "ambassadors" who will begin riding trains on Feb. 10 and whose mission is to "prevent and de-escalate



Police Chief Ed Alvarez

problems" on trains, according to BART.

The new chief will also evaluate staffing in order to determine if it's possible to assign some officers to remain at key stations during their shifts as opposed to working roving patrols throughout the system.

Also, in part to deter cell phone thefts — especially between Balboa Park and Powell stations — BART plans to increase officer "visibility and engagement with riders," BART officials said.

Alvarez has worked in the BART Police Department for 22 years and grew up in Newark. He says his goal is to "improve engagement between BART police and the public through increased outreach and accessibility," BART officials said.

- Two Clayton men are facing multiple burglary charges, including for crimes in Alamo, after their arrest last week while in possession of stolen property, according to a Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office spokesman.

James Lipston, 57, and Devaughn

Cooper, 25, were arrested just before noon Jan. 8 while leaving a home near the intersection of Kaitlin Place and Court Lane in Concord, according to sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee.

Investigators believe the men are responsible for at least six residential burglaries in Alamo and Orinda. They are being held at the Martinez Detention Facility and are facing five counts each of first-degree residential burglary.

Detectives launched an investigation after they were able to connect a burglary in Orinda to a break-in in Alamo and on Jan. 7 they began surveillance of the two suspects, Lee said.

Investigators found "a large amount of stolen property" during searches of the men's vehicles and homes and believe the pair might be responsible for other burglaries, as well, Lee said.

Cooper's bail was set at \$250,000 and Lipston, who is on parole, is being held without bail, Lee said. ■

—Bay City News Service

## William Dean Melton

September 26, 1934 – January 5, 2020

Bill Melton passed away peacefully at his home in Pleasanton on January 5, 2020, at the age of 85.

At age 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he honorably served his country on the USS O'Bannon during the Korean War.

He leaves his wife (Jo), children (Renee, Keith & Lisa), grand children (Katrina, Jennifer, Jon & Danni), and great-grand children (Parker, Logan & Watson). He was predeceased by his brothers, Richard & Roger.

A special thank-you to Hope Hospice for their caring and kindness.



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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Jan. 10

#### Warrant arrest

- 1:03 a.m. on the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court
- 7:22 p.m. at Black Avenue and Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 8:08 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 11:51 a.m., 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 6:08 p.m., 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:28 a.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

- 10:42 a.m. on the 7800 block of Foothill Knolls Drive

#### DUI

- 8:11 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Kolln Street

#### Domestic battery

- 11:43 p.m. on Ashwood Road

### Jan. 9

#### Theft

- 6:52 a.m., 3300 block of Marsh Hawk Court; theft from auto

- 7:48 a.m., 5300 block of Owens Court; theft from auto

- 9:44 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 9:59 a.m. on the 3600 block of Camelot Court

- 11:29 a.m., 3300 block of Prairie Drive; theft from auto

- 1:32 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 3:41 p.m. on the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle

#### Warrant arrest

- 8:00 a.m. at Bernal Avenue and Palomino Drive

### Jan. 8

#### Warrant arrest

- 9:09 a.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

#### Burglary

- 9:43 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 9:58 a.m. on the 4400 block of Newman Place

#### Theft

- 10:50 a.m., 00 block of Silver Oaks Terrace; auto theft

- 11:46 a.m., 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 6:03 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

#### Embezzlement

- 2:47 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Jan. 7

#### Drug violation

- 1:45 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 10:43 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 12:18 p.m., 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto

- 8:08 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 8:35 p.m., 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway; theft from auto

#### Alcohol violation

- 12:56 p.m. on the 6900 block of Corte Antonio

### Jan. 6

#### Rape

- 8:11 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

## Carole Ann Williams

June 22, 1943 - January 2, 2020

Carole Ann Williams, 76, a 40-year resident of Pleasanton, died January 2, 2020. She was born June 22, 1943 in Youngstown, Ohio. She obtained her B.A. in Education from Youngstown State University. Relocating to the Bay Area, she spent 35 years in education. She loved teaching. She was avid water colorist, lover of nature, whether at the mountains, the shorelines, golf courses or just her own backyard.

She is survived by her husband Dennis Williams of Pleasanton, her son, James Ward, and two daughters, Paige Caron and Jennifer Brons and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers or cards sent please feel free to make a donation in Carole's name to the Alzheimer's foundation:

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# Holiday Fund

## Thank you for your generous donations to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

We have now reached the conclusion of the 2019-2020 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. Over the course of the campaign, 252 donors have contributed \$54,731 to the fund. All of the money raised during the Holiday Fund will be split among 10 nonprofit beneficiaries. This final list of contributors includes donations received and reported on or before Jan. 14, 2020.

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# MULLING OVER MEASURE M

**PUSD VOTERS TO  
DECIDE \$323 MILLION  
BOND MEASURE  
IN MARCH ELECTION**



JULIA BAUM

A new science building could be built on this grassy spot at Amador Valley High School, if Pleasanton voters approve Measure M during the March primary election.

By JULIA BAUM

**T**oo soon, too late or just the right time?

That is the question Pleasanton voters will face when they decide the fate of a \$323 million facilities bond measure for Pleasanton Unified School District in the upcoming March 3 primary election.

A little more than three years ago residents passed Measure II, a \$270 million bond measure — and the community's first in over two decades — that has since been used to fund pre-construction work for marquee district projects like revitalizing Lydiksen Elementary School (on track to break ground next month), replacing the portables and adding new science labs at Hart Middle and Foothill and Amador Valley High schools (starting next fiscal year) and eventually building a new school for grades 4 and 5 on the Donlon Elementary site.

Most of the work crossed off the Measure II project list so far, however, has been understated like adding network infrastructure or security fencing at various campuses, making some locals wonder why or if another bond is needed right now. Approximately \$145.5 million remains to be allocated for the Measure II projects list.

“Now or never” was the answer that the consultants who were brought in last year to gauge the public's reception to another property tax gave to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent David Haglund.

A sample poll conducted in late summer showed support for a new bond was just above the 55% minimum threshold at a lower amount of \$190 million; the consultants predicted this year's presidential race would likely distract voters and suggested acting sooner, prompting the Board of Trustees in November to unanimously place the initiative on the ballot this spring instead.

Labeled on the ballot as Measure M, the initiative has its critics but district officials and a number of PUSD families argue it is needed to

help properly maintain, repair and remodel their aging schools, pointing to PUSD sites and amenities like both gymnasiums at Amador that could use an overhaul.

Currently there is an estimated \$1.1 billion of identified projects on the district's 2018 Facilities Master Plan, including a proposed career-tech high school or STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) expansion facilities.

**‘This is now at the point where we have to do something or who knows when in the future someone comes in and says “this is unsafe, shut it down.”’**

**Bryan Gillette,  
Yes on M co-chair**

Measure M poses this query to voters:

“To upgrade/construct classrooms and facilities to support science, technology, engineering, math, arts/music and accommodate growing student enrollment; improve safety/security systems; replace aging roofs, plumbing/electrical/HVAC systems; and improve access for students with disabilities; shall Pleasanton Unified School District's measure be adopted, authorizing \$323,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, raising approximately \$21,300,000 annually with rates averaging 4.31¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight, audits, and no money for administrators?”

Should more than 55% of Pleasanton residents check “yes” on the ballot, Measure M will usher in a new tax of \$43.10 per \$100,000 of assessed value on residential properties in the district and, according to

PUSD officials, sustain a similar tax rate when two bond measures from 1988 and 1997 expire this year.

A family that owns a home with an assessed value of \$500,000 would pay an extra \$215.50 in taxes annually, and a house in Pleasanton with an assessed value of \$1 million would generate an additional \$431 in taxes each year.

An estimated \$21.3 million annually would be generated by Measure M.



**PUSD  
Superintendent  
David Haglund**

Just like Measure II, the projects that could come to fruition under Measure M vary from simpler objectives like adding covered lunch areas and improving pickup and drop-off zones to more ambitious ones like modernizations of entire school buildings.

But unlike Measure II in 2016, which cited specific projects down to the school-site level, the Measure M resolution features catch-all phrases to describe types of projects eligible for funding — such as “modernize, renovate, replace, re-configure, upgrade and/or construct gymnasiums or related facilities,” as opposed to directly listing Amador or Foothill gyms as specific projects.

The same goes for specific campus modernizations, though Vintage Hills Elementary was cited by school board members during bond deliberations.

Also, while the final approved project list includes budgeted amounts up to \$323 million, there are no cost estimates per project in the ballot measure.

The ballot measure language states that “the final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed,” with listed projects being “completed as needed at a particular school or school facility site according to Board-established priorities.” It also notes “the Board cannot guarantee that the bonds



**From the top left down:** Amador's gym built in the '60s shows signs of wear and tear on its door; Building M has splintered beams that need replacing; and the interior and exterior of both gyms have decaying equipment and peeling paint.

JULIA BAUM

## MEASURE M PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

The board's resolution for Measure M outlines types of projects that would be funded through the \$323 million bond measure. Here's PUSD's synopsis of the key project areas:

- Upgrade remaining roofs and HVAC
- Modernize existing science labs
- Upgrade drop-offs at various sites
- Replace/reseal paving/concrete at schools
- Replace/upgrade playgrounds at various schools
- Upgrade playfields at various middle/elementary schools
- Necessary school building repairs
- Upgrade district wireless network and backbone
- Additional capacity to accommodate enrollment growth
- Covered shelters at various schools
- Replacement/modernization of high school gyms
- Build/update high school theaters.

will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects."

Even if funds are available, there's no guarantee that a project on the list will be realized, but Measure M revenue could only be spent on the types of projects on the list.

This summer PUSD wrapped up the second issuance for \$90 million of Measure II bonds, almost selling out in mere hours. The lightning speed sales and low interest rate were credited to the district's solid credit score, increased assessed values and community stability. As of now, PUSD is ahead of schedule on Measure II, with the final issuance scheduled for next year.

Senior citizens would not be exempt from Measure M, which is slated to fund a number of big-ticket projects like adding a drama theater at Foothill and, of course, the gyms at Amador, according to Board of Trustees President Steve Maher during a recent tour of several PUSD sites.

"I thought every time I came to Amador that I was coming into an archaic building," Maher, who has 40 years of combined teaching and administration experience at PUSD, told the Weekly about his impression of the large gym when he coached girls basketball 20 years ago.

Not much has changed since then, he said, except that the building has deteriorated even further, and

pointed to signs of wear and tear on the walls that he labeled "an embarrassment."

"Personally, a gym is a classroom for me," Maher said. "I think it's an embarrassment; we can't even have a full student body assembly here."

Bryan Gillette, co-chair of the Yes on M campaign, concurred with Maher, adding that he toured the gym in November when it was raining and "thought it would be lousy for the tour, but the weather showed where the leaks are."

The larger gym, which was built in the 1960s, shows its age on exterior doors with splintered areas along the bottom and old wood-paneled walls that have holes in them once occupied by electrical outlets. A deteriorating piece of sound system that appears to be no longer used remains inside on its walls, and the carpet on some is torn.

Both men said features like the chipped concrete steps just outside the smaller gym and the peeling paint on the exterior of both buildings are more of the evidence they think will tip voters in favor of Measure M.

The state of Amador's gyms isn't the only reason Maher is backing Measure M; he said there's outdoor lunch shelters needed at many schools, and troublesome gophers have turned the playfield at Pleasanton Middle into what he called "Gopher City" and might require a turf overhaul.

Foothill also lacks a theater for musicals and stage plays while the one at Amador has enough problems that students regularly use off-site venues like the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton or the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The 90-year-old Amador Theater is actually owned by the city of Pleasanton but Gillette said there could be a partnership opportunity to renovate the upper balcony, which has been closed off since last year because of a fire escape issue. The sudden closure increased pressure on the privately funded annual Foothill-Amador joint musical production to sell enough tickets and do more fundraising than usual.

"This is now at the point where we have to do something or who knows when in the future someone comes in and says 'this is unsafe, shut it down,'" Gillette said.

Maier said PUSD could use Measure M to acquire matching funds from the state for some projects and



Foothill High School has been the recipient of some infrastructure upgrades using Measure II revenue, as this sign posted out front indicates. PUSD said the passage of Measure M would enable them to also build a drama theater that the school has lacked since opening in 1973. JEREMY WALSH

any money saved "could go into other refurbishing."

A "strong economy," "opportunity to leverage state bonds" and overall goal to "maintain continuity and focus on facilities" are also among the top reasons cited by the Yes on M campaign and its supporters for passing another bond tax now.

But former PUSD trustee Kathleen Ruegsegger said district administration has their timing and priorities wrong and, with some major projects still outstanding, that they haven't proven themselves.

"It's too soon; they have not spent the bulk of the \$270 million they already have," Ruegsegger said. "With that what they've spent, they've yet to add one square inch of new capacity at a time when over 200 kids are getting sent to other schools. Lydiksen was a bad priority; they should've started with the addition of Donlon."

She said that while buying Macbooks for staff was understandable, the \$1 million purchase of 7,000 Chromebooks for students using Measure II revenue was unnecessary and mismanaged.

"To just flat out purchase and not figure out the actual need was a mistake," Ruegsegger said. "The (so-called) 'Sycamore fund' was set up to handle technology planning and has over the years been raided. It's been paid back, of course, but they lost all of the interest they could've built over time, and that might have been able to pay for what they just did with the bond money."

Money also figures strongly in Ruegsegger's resistance to Measure M; she argues the \$323 million figure on the ballot doesn't include the interest that brings the total financial obligation to \$661 million. With the \$540 million payback for Measure II, taxpayers would face a total \$1.2 billion in debt liability, according to Ruegsegger.

That's an amount that former Pleasanton City Council member Kay Ayala said seniors can't afford.

"Measure M is premature and passed by the school board in the

**'I'm not saying never. I do think there is a need and that they will need more money, but they have a lot more to prove.'**

**Kathleen Ruegsegger,**  
Former PUSD trustee

height of the holiday season when no one was paying attention," Ayala said in an email. "Past superintendent (Rick) Rubino assured me in 2016 that the elementary school would be built if Measure II was passed. The measure passed and not one square foot of classroom space has been produced and much of the bond hasn't even been issued. At a total cost of \$14,000 for every person in Pleasanton, seniors can't afford another tax increase."

"I'm not saying never. I do think

there is a need and that they will need more money, but they have a lot more to prove," Ruegsegger added. "They need to add capacity at the elementary level before they come back to the community and ask for more. I supported the last bond; I was happy to support it because they put adding capacity into the plan."

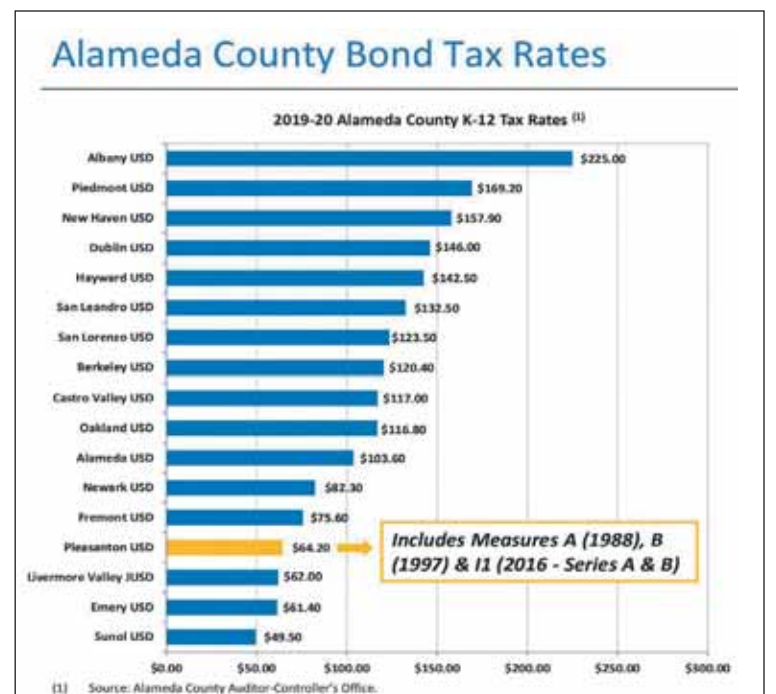
Ruegsegger also shared concerns about the ballot language being "sufficiently vague that they can pick and choose projects and called out specifically that they don't have to do specific projects they say they're going to do, even if they have the money to do it."

In the past year, some Amador community members have said their support of a new bond measure would hinge on the promise of building a new gym.

If Measure M passes in March, Maher said he intends to fulfill that promise, as well as one that he's personally made: "One thing I promised to do was do away with portables," he said. ■



Design rendering shows concept for new campus for grades 4-5 at the Donlon Elementary site, a project to be funded via Measure II. PUSD



Bar chart compares bond tax rates for properties within each Alameda County local school district in the 2019-20 school year (per \$100,000 of assessed valuation). If Measure M passes, the rate in Pleasanton would go up to roughly \$90 as of 2022, once the two oldest prior bonds drop off. PUSD



## Melodies to bring comfort at end of life soothe singers as well

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Barbara Monsler has always liked to sing. And she found a new purpose for her voice 10 years ago when she discovered Threshold Choir.

This special organization, with chapters across the country and around the world, sends out small groups of singers to serenade a person who is on the threshold of life and death, to honor them through shared song.

"I read about Threshold Choir and thought, 'Oh, my goodness,'" recalled Monsler, who lives in Pleasanton. "I had sung for other church members as they were dying, and I felt it was something I could bring to people."

Threshold Choir was started by Kate Munger, a Marin resident, who recalled caring for a friend dying of AIDS in 1990.

"I did housework all morning and was terrified when the time came to sit by his bedside," she remembers on [www.thresholdchoir.org](http://www.thresholdchoir.org). "I did what I always did when I was afraid; I sang the song that gave me courage. I sang it for 2-1/2 hours. It comforted me, which comforted him."

It took another 10 years for Munger to fully develop the idea — and the computer skills — to begin Threshold Choir. The first gathering, of 15 women, was in El Cerrito in March 2000.

"It is compassion made audible," noted Monsler, who belongs to the Diablo Valley Singers, centered in Walnut Creek. "Presence, being there, is important. And we bring comfort as we are able, through our voices."

Relatives or caregivers usually request the

choir, and two to four singers go to bed-sides as is appropriate in each case.

"Each group has its own repertoire of songs, little meditations," Monsler explained. "They are mostly quite short so we sing a phrase many times, such as, 'Peace be with you,' and 'Breathe easy, rest well.'"

Monsler, a soprano, sang in her church choir from the third grade on, she said, in a suburb of Milwaukee. She and her husband Michael moved to California in the mid-1970s, and to the San Ramon Valley in

**'As we seem to bring comfort and peace to our client, we are also bringing it to ourselves.'**

—Barbara Monsler,  
Threshold Choir singer

'86. They were among the first residents in Stoneridge Creek, the senior living community in Pleasanton, when it opened in July 2013.

When Monsler's mother was not doing well, she would sit with her and she began to sing, mainly music from a CD called "Songs for the Inner Child."

"Those were the songs I started singing to my mom because they were in my head," Monsler recalled. "As my dad was getting closer to the end, I sang for him."

She remembered leaving him in Wisconsin to return to California.

"I sang for him because I wanted him to

have that last impression of me," Monsler said.

One frequent Threshold Choir song shares the thought that it is all right to go, "your memories are safe with us," Monsler said.

"Most of the songs offer generic comfort," she added, "about resting and breathing. Songs that acknowledge you are on a journey."

Monsler's chapter of Threshold Choir holds four rehearsals a month, one on Wednesday afternoon, one on Saturday morning and two in the evenings.

"There are a lot of opportunities to practice so we can know our songs," she said. "Our whole repertoire is something close to 400 songs."

Referrals came from its website or from hospice groups. Some people with a personal connection will make a request.

"I've sung to several people through my church community," said Monsler, a choir member at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Danville.

"Relatively late in my life, I got my masters in marriage and family therapy," she said, and her practice was in Danville. "I focused on elderly issues."

Threshold Choir attracts many people who are used to giving back to others through their professions.

"Many members of the Threshold Choir are nurses and other counselors with healing practices," Monsler said. "Many of us are retired but not all."

Clients are usually older but not always. Occasionally choir members sing for newborns who are at risk.



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Barbara Monsler finds peace and fulfillment through singing with Threshold Choir.

"As we seem to bring comfort and peace to our client, we are also bringing it to ourselves," Monsler said. "We come out at peace — and, often, strangely energized."

Monsler has serenaded residents at CreekView, the health center adjacent to Stoneridge Creek.

"I feel like this is my ministry," she said. "I am contributing to the world something I feel is appropriate. This is something I can do."

When Monsler was asked if someday, when she is on her journey across the threshold, she would like someone to sing at her bedside, she replied, "Oh, yes, absolutely. Music is a big part of my life." ■



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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Steinle case: A complete miscarriage of justice

With the news last week that a U.S. magistrate has dismissed the family's lawsuit against the federal government, the Kate Steinle case continues to be a disheartening display of injustice.

Imagine you're walking along a pier in San Francisco, a bullet comes out of nowhere and someone is killed — your child, your significant other, your friend or yourself. The story grabs national headlines, even becoming a presidential campaign talking point.

And nothing happens. No one is held accountable, criminally or civilly. No new laws on the books inspired by this preventable tragedy.

Unfortunately, despite all of the cable news spotlight and chatter from politicians, it's looking more and more each day like that will be the outcome here. No true justice for Steinle and her family.

The story is all too familiar in Pleasanton by now. The Amador Valley High alum then living in San Francisco was fatally shot at 32 years old when a bullet struck her in the chest while walking on Pier 14 with her father on July 1, 2015.

The man charged with Steinle's murder was acquitted of all serious charges by a San Francisco jury on Nov. 30, 2017, not guilty findings that sent shockwaves through Pleasanton.

We criticized the verdict with restraint at the time in an Editorial that urged, "Let's channel our frustration" — hoping Steinle's death and the inhumane verdict could somehow inspire positive change. Oh, were we wrong.

Looking back, three key points seemed to define the criminal investigation:

- The gun was held by Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, a middle-aged, undocumented Mexican immigrant with multiple felony convictions and deportations in his past (and who had been released from San Francisco Jail custody weeks earlier under the city's sanctuary policy once local prosecutors opted not to file charges for an outstanding drug warrant).

- The gun was the secondary duty weapon of an out-of-state U.S. Bureau of Land Management ranger, who placed the firearm in a backpack under the seat of his SUV while in San Francisco with his family. The vehicle was broken into and the gun stolen four days before the shooting (though not by Zarate).

- The fatal bullet actually ricocheted off the ground before striking Steinle in the chest.

After following the case, it's almost impossible to believe Zarate



Kate Steinle

wasn't found guilty and incarcerated for an extended period. First-degree murder seemed like a long shot, but surely second-degree murder was proven, or at the very least manslaughter.

San Francisco prosecutors argued Zarate intentionally fired the gun in his possession, but the jurors instead took to heart the far-fetched story presented by the defense.

The public defender contended Zarate found a bundle of cloth under a bench, picked it up, felt like something was wrapped inside and then suddenly, bang. He then realized it was a gun that fired, so he fled the area and tossed the gun in the Bay.

Even if you believe that's how he obtained the gun, by happenstance in that instant, it was unreasonable to conclude this gun just went off of its own volition, firing toward a crowd while in Zarate's hands but not caused by him. It's also difficult to believe a man with that history of felony convictions wouldn't know a gun as soon as he felt it.

But the prosecution (having no witness to Zarate pulling the trigger) didn't do enough to counteract the tall tale, and the jury bought it.

The jury did find Zarate guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm, but a California appeals court last September tossed that verdict because trial Judge James Feng failed to instruct the jurors on "momentary possession" doctrine that could have absolved him.

Make no mistake: The only person who was in the wrong place at the wrong time that day was Kate Steinle.

That's also true of the federal ranger, though some question criticizing him.

Society depends on all gun owners to be responsible with their weapons in the interest of public safety; for law enforcement officers it should be paramount.

Bad things can happen when guns get into the wrong hands.

But on that day in 2015, BLM Ranger John Woychowski tried to casually hide a federal firearm, not in a secured lockbox, but stuffed in a backpack under the seat. A loose backpack in a car attracts criminals in many communities, even Pleasanton, but especially in a big city like San Francisco.

That's not to imply the ranger was in any way criminally responsible for Steinle's death, but his poor decision

— his professional negligence — directly contributed to it.

Steinle's parents, Jim Steinle and Elizabeth Sullivan, tried to hold the federal government responsible for the ranger's actions. Unfortunately, on Jan. 6, U.S. Magistrate Joseph Spero dismissed their lawsuit, ruling the gun theft was too far away in distance and time for the BLM to be held liable for causing the shooting.

We disagree, and believe the Steinle parents should have had their full day in court.

Of course, we also thought they should have been given the chance to argue their case against the city of San Francisco and former sheriff Ross Mirkarimi over the sanctuary city policy culpability, but Spero tossed that part of the parents' claim back in 2017.

With Steinle's slaying generating so much national attention, there was hope the case would result in legislation to help prevent such tragedies in the future.

Members of both political parties talked the talk, but failed to walk the walk.

The House of Representatives in June 2017 passed "Kate's Law," a Republican bill to increase punishments for criminal offenders who re-enter the country illegally after deportation. It was a largely partisan vote, though 24 Democrats, including local Rep. Eric Swalwell, voted in favor.

But the legislation never advanced out of the Republican-controlled Senate.

Kate's Law seemed like a commonsense bill to us; we're disappointed in never gained traction.

As did a bill reintroduced last July by northern Tri-Valley Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord), legislation also inspired by Steinle's death to mandate all federal agencies to implement rules to help prevent law enforcement officers' service weapons from being lost or stolen.

DeSaulnier's bill has failed to advance in the Democratic-controlled House.

The lack of legislative action is hard to fathom, especially since now-President Donald Trump invoked Steinle's death and her memory as a rallying cry for his immigration policy and border wall proposals on the campaign trail before his election in November 2016.

It appears those words were little more than a talking point to stoke the fire. When the Republicans pulling the strings really want something done during the Trump era, they find a way.

At least he has talked about the

case. Democratic candidates were hardly considering serious policy changes inspired by Steinle in the presidential race four years ago, and it's hard to imagine her name even crossing the minds of any Dems vying in the 2020 campaign (unless you count the four months Swalwell was a declared candidate).

Zarate has been scheduled for a trial in federal court this month on two criminal charges of being an ex-felon and an undocumented immigrant in possession of a gun in relation to the Steinle case. Forgive us if we expect nothing more than time-served or some other slap on the wrist.

Kate Steinle's case is among the most disturbing miscarriages of justice, from top to bottom, for Pleasanton in the nearly two decades that the Weekly has been in publication.

We're sorry, Kate. We're sorry we couldn't do more to help your story effect change. We're sorry your adopted hometown, your state and your country didn't do more for you and your family. Then again, sorry only goes so far. ■

## LETTERS

### RE: Last week's Tim Talk

Tim Hunt, I live in the Stoneridge neighborhood. I read with interest your report ("Tim Talk: Shaping new neighborhood around Stoneridge Mall" on Jan. 10) on all of the possible upcoming changes to the mall, housing in south parking and the Office Max center on Springdale Avenue.

I take extreme exception with your description of the "under-performing" shopping center. It is not under-performing!

All businesses have lost their leases and the center is a ghost town. We can see the writing on the wall. This has been planned for years. The Encore dance lost their lease years ago for what reason? Then the blood bank took the space and now they are gone.

Encore had a extremely wonderful costume rental department that we all sorely miss. Did you know that the owners had to sell all of the precious costumes as they had no space in their other store in Walnut Creek? So sad.

No, this center was always busy and vibrant. This is all calculated by owners and/or developers. I especially miss my personal liquor store for a quick bottle of wine and the dear owner, Benny.

Call it what you want, progress or greed, but please never call it "under-performing. That is an insult to the many businesses that have served us well.

—Joanne Eddy

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### All Pleasanton rivalry basketball games tonight, for better or worse

Also: Amador girls soccer continues impressive start with three wins last week

Tonight will mark the first meeting between crosstown rivals Amador Valley and Foothill on the basketball court.

And thanks to the ... (well, stupid-ity is the best word regarding the East Bay Athletic League schedule makers), the boys and girls games will be played on the same night, at the same time, at opposite locations.

That's right friends, the boys will be playing at Foothill and the girls at Amador Valley. Both games are set for 7 p.m. The boys will be preceded by the JV and freshman games, while the girls will have but a JV game.

I wrote about this a couple weeks ago, but this is a boneheaded move. There is declining interest amongst the student bodies at the high school level about supporting their sports teams, but make it a crosstown rivalry and the kids will be there.

If the girls played Thursday and the boys played Friday, there would be great, emotional crowds for both games. As it is now, the student body and fans of basketball in the community are forced to make a choice, which isn't fair to either program.

The girls teams will enter the game both with losing records, as the Dons are 6-8 overall and the Falcons at 3-12. Despite that, it promises to be a good one as both teams are well-coached and work hard all the time.

Both teams had games Tuesday night.

On the boys side, you appear to have a situation with a pair of teams both currently heading to postseason berths.

Amador enters the week 11-5 overall and 2-1 in EBAL play. Foothill is 10-6, but 0-3 in league.

The Falcons, as mentioned below, started EBAL play with the gauntlet of San Ramon Valley, De La Salle and Dublin, while the Dons opened with Dublin, then followed with Granada and Livermore.

Dublin is the lone common opponent at this point, with the Gaels beating Amador 71-26 and Foothill 87-66.

Make sure to get out to one of the games tonight as both should be exciting and entertaining!

#### Amador girls soccer

Last week was a busy one for the Amador girls, with the team playing three games the week of Jan. 6.

In the first game, the Dons took on the Livermore Cowboys at home, emerging with a decisive 5-1 win.

Entering halftime with a 2-0 lead after scores from Kennedy Mayo and Noelle Marceno, the Dons dominated the second half on the strength of goals from Maddie Benson and two more from Mayo for the hat trick. Maille Smith, Marceno and Benson all

had assists.

On Jan. 9, the Dons took on Amador alum Tessie Wagner-Pease's Granada Matadors, coming away with a 3-1 victory.

After falling behind 1-0, Marceno equalized with an assist from Benson, and Mayo knocked in one off a Maggie Nostrand assist at the end of the half. A Smith header in the second half from a Penny Murphy free kick capped off the scoring.

In their third game of the week, on Saturday, the Dons prevailed 4-1 in Brentwood against the Liberty Lions.

They again gave up an early score but netted four unanswered goals for the road win. Marceno, Benson and Mayo scored in the first half, with Bella Mayo concluding the scoring in the second half.

Mayo, Kate Derham and Benson contributed assists, while the Dons defense contained a scrappy Lions offense. Amador finished the week moving its record to 6-0-1.

#### Foothill boys basketball

The Falcons opened the EBAL season with a brutally tough three game stretch, dropping all three games.

In the first game, Foothill fell 61-47 to San Ramon Valley. Dylan D'Amico had 13 points for Foothill, with Nick High adding 10 for the double-digit scorers for the Falcons.

Two nights later the Falcons dropped a 63-37 decision to De La Salle. Josh Valentine had nine points, with D'Amico adding eight and Nick High seven to round out the top scorers.

Finally, Saturday night Foothill fell 87-66 to Dublin. High had 15 to lead Foothill with Anirudh Murugesan chipping in 11. ■

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Amador Valley celebrates a Noelle Marceno goal against Granada.

KATE REEDY

## Musicals

**MAMMA MIA! AT THE BANKHEAD** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is presenting the sunny and funny musical set to the hits of ABBA, "Mamma Mia!" opening Jan. 18 at the Bankhead Theater. The show will run through Feb. 2, with Saturday performances at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. plus a Saturday matinee on Feb. 1. Tickets are \$21-\$39. Call 373-6800, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org), or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

**WEST SIDE STORY IN PLEASANTON** Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre is bringing "West Side Story" to the Firehouse Arts Center, opening Jan. 25. "West Side Story" will run through Feb. 9, with performances at 8 p.m., Fridays (Jan. 31 and Feb. 7) and Saturdays (Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and 8); and at 2 p.m. on two Saturdays (Feb. 1 and 8), and two Sundays (Jan. 26 and Feb. 9). Added by popular demand are Thursday performances at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 and Feb. 6. Tickets are \$25-\$46. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

## Women's March

**TRI-VALLEY WOMEN'S MARCH** Join us for a women's expo, rally and march in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote. Saturday, January 18 from 12-4 p.m. at the Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

## Concerts

**THE YALE WHIFFENPOOFS** Enjoy an afternoon matinee featuring smooth ballads, jazzy solos, and timeless oldies from the world's oldest and most renowned collegiate a cappella group. Concert is 2 p.m. Jan. 19 at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road, Pleasanton.

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**TOWN HALL WITH REP. SWALWELL** Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) is holding his first district town hall of the year next Thursday (Jan. 23) at 7 p.m. in the student union at Dublin High School, 8151 Village Pkwy. in Dublin. The presentation will include a recap of House of Representatives' goals in 2019 (such as minimum wage, protecting democracy, LGBTQ equality and gun violence) while looking ahead to what's coming in 2020.

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**4TH ANNUAL PARENTING FORUM** Dare To Parent Differently. A conversation with Julie Lythcott-Haims for Parents, Teens & Young Adults. Feb. 1, 2020, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

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Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

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**PLEASANTON SOLE MATES** The Sole Mates meets at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., for a 2.5 to 3 mile walk at a moderate pace. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

## Teens

**TEEN JOB FAIR** A Teen Job and Career fair will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Boulevard. Free. Participants should bring a resume and wear professional attire. Call 973-3200 or email [parks@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:parks@sanramon.ca.gov). San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon.

**DREAMMAKERS AND RISKTAKEES** Join NBC's Jessica Aguirre for this thrilling salute to students from school systems in the Tri-Valley and Las Positas College, who are innovating the future as they fearlessly pursue their dreams. Event set for Jan. 23, 11:30 a.m. in the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton.

## Community Groups

**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 [lhusted@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhusted@sbcglobal.net). The cost is \$15 for workbook. Open to all. Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton.

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## PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/E. SCHOLZ

### Meet Megan

Valley Humane Society's 2020 resolution is to find this spunky tortoiseshell a home. Megan is their longest-term resident; she came into their care in April 2019. The nearly 3-year-old domestic short-hair continues to entertain the volunteers with her youthful antics and playful tendencies. She hasn't met a toy she doesn't like! Meet Megan at Valley Humane, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org) or call 426-8656 for more information.

**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. 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.

## Health & Wellness

**2020 DISCOVER DIABLO FREE HIKES** Save Mount Diablo's series of free guided hikes. Hikes series will begin on Jan. 25. RSVP online: <http://bit.ly/Discover-Diablo-Hikes-Calendar>.

## Volunteers

**FREE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC** Get help in getting a domestic violence restraining order from 10

a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of every month, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza Dublin. No appointments necessary, just drop-in. This a free, confidential service. For more information about the services provided, please call Tri-Valley Haven at 449-5847 ext. 2606. Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

**LITERACY/ESL VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING** Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program needs volunteer tutors to help adults improve their English skills. Training event on Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, fluent in American English and familiar with American culture Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton.

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## Bay East honors best in local real estate from 2019

Realtor association hands out annual awards at Inaugural Gala

By JEREMY WALSH

The Bay East Association of Realtors joined together last week to recognize some of its most outstanding members for achievement during the past year.

The annual awards, presented during the Pleasanton-based association's 2020 Inaugural Gala at Casa Real on Jan. 10, were given to real estate professionals who demonstrated high ethical standards and professionalism, active community involvement and a high level of service during 2019.

The awards included Realtor of the Year, Rookie of the Year, the Outstanding Leader Award and the John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award.

The gala also saw the local trade association inaugurate its 2020 leadership team.

With headquarters on Koll Center Parkway in Pleasanton and a satellite office in Alameda, Bay East is a trade association serving more than 5,500 residential and commercial real estate professionals in the region.

The association honored the following members with its 2019 awards:

**Realtor of the Year**

Carl Medford, with Keller Williams Benchmark, took home the Realtor of the Year award for demonstrating the highest level of integrity and commitment to Bay East and the real estate profession.

A Bay East member since 2001 who has served the past five years on its MLS Committee, Medford is a licensed general contractor, a frequent speaker about real estate issues, a featured author for Inman.com and writes the "Real Estate Reality" columns in the Castro Valley Forum and San Leandro Times.

He also serves on the Board of Directors for Streets of Hope, an international charity that provides support for children in need.

**Rookie of the Year**

The Rookie of the Year award went to Frank Quismorio, from Realty Experts in Fremont.

Quismorio just started his real estate career after 30 years in a management position with a major telecommunications corporation. He has participated in events for the Bay East Young Professionals Network, the Filipino American Real Estate Professional Association and the Asian Real Estate of America.

He will serve as the 2020 vice chair of the Tri-Cities Marketing Committee.

**Affiliate of the Year**

George Johnson with Cherry Creek Mortgage received the Bay East 2019 Affiliate of the Year Award in recognition of the time,

money and resources he contributed to support the real estate profession.

Johnson served on the Bay East Affiliate Committee, is involved with the Women's Council of Realtors and Tri-Cities Marketing Council, volunteers at the Fremont Festival of the Arts, is an active member of the Newark Graffiti Abatement Team and supports the Newark Memorial High School's theater and choir programs.



**George Johnson**

**Outstanding Leader Award**

Otto Catrina, of Catrina Real Estate in Castro Valley, earned the Outstanding Leader Award, which is given to a past-president of the association who continues to pursue the vision of excellence in the name of Bay East.



**Otto Catrina**

A Bay East member since 2002, Catrina's leadership journey began in 2006 when he joined the Professional Standards Committee and became active with the Central County Marketing Group. He has since served as a Bay East officer and president, as well as holds positions with the California Association of Realtors (CAR) and National Association of Realtors.

Catrina speaks on a regular basis about leadership opportunities and responsibilities to audiences across the country and is a candidate for the 2021 CAR president-elect.

**John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award**

Ed Gomes, from Pride Properties in Livermore, was honored with the John A. Deadrich Distinguished Service Award.

Named in honor of Bay East's first president, the annual award is given to a Bay East member who exemplifies the self-sacrifice, vision and accomplishments of the greatest leaders who have shaped the real estate profession.

Gomes is a longtime Bay East member who has held leadership positions for more than a decade, including serving on the Professional Standards and Strategic Planning and Multiple Listing committees. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2017. He also currently serves on the CAR Board of Directors. ■



**Ed Gomes**



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*Coming Soon*



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- 4341 Bevilacqua Court** E. Mortera to Murtagh Living Trust for \$953,000
- 2602 Calle Morelia** Hall Family Trust to H. & J. Dreisbach for \$1,345,000
- 3806 Cheshire Court** Berck Trust to R. & M. Lee for \$1,170,000
- 628 Palomino Drive** Greenblatt Family Trust to P. & S. Chakraborty for \$770,000
- 15 Shore Drive** C. Liard to S. & K. Das for \$940,000
- 6519 Singletree Way** B. & R. Allen to A. & G. Thomas for \$1,030,000
- 4100 Veneto Court** J. Hu to C. & Y. Hsieh for \$658,000

Sunol

- 2527 Kilkare Road** R. Cuellar to T. & T. Nguyen for \$255,000

Dublin

- 7921 Crossridge Road** A. & W. Garrity to R. & M. Garrity for \$975,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #340** S. Huang to Tcf Home 1 LLC for \$570,000

Livermore

- 1045 Auburn Street** P. & J. Martinez to E. & S. Bialoglovski for \$1,050,000
- 799 Berryessa Street** C. Hodge to P. & A. Sistla for \$775,000
- 2048 Galloway Common** B. Jones to C. & M. Hunt for \$570,000
- 866 Hazel Street** L. Wescott to L. & G. Brown for \$740,000
- 1976 Helsinki Way** Mitchell Living Trust to V. & A. Castelli for \$850,000
- 187 Lloyd Street** Mginley Trust to T. & T. Do for \$774,000

- 1117 Marigold Road** D. Lundin to B. & B. Osborn for \$610,000
- 3971 Portola Common #4** D. Augustine to V. Iota-Herbel for \$665,000

San Ramon

- 3025 Ascot Drive** Scheidtmann Trust to L. & M. Coons for \$1,428,000
- 11 Bath Court** M. Coons to A. & K. Kilian for \$1,020,000
- 75 Burgos Court** Schaefer Family Trust to J. & S. Gonzalez for \$1,185,000
- 90 Caravan Place** Casey Trust to L. & I. Chyou for \$1,160,000
- 231 Cliffcastle Court** J. & M. Bandaru to N. & A. Ismailzada for \$1,675,000
- 146 Coralflower Lane** Lopez Living Trust to Warrington Hayward LLC for \$785,000
- 52 Foster Drive** L. & H. Naima to Chowdhury Trust for \$1,465,000
- 54 Hazelnut Court** J. & G. Blount to D. & Y. Polyulya for \$1,081,000
- 6064 Hedgecrest Circle** Smith Trust to Sousou Family Trust for \$1,040,500
- 736 Lakemont Place #6** Victor Trust to Rgt Legacy LLC for \$795,000
- 2546 Marsh Drive** D. Grago to S. & M. Kang for \$1,170,000
- 3222 Montevideo Drive** A. Tate to H. & K. Silva for \$1,175,000
- 3237 Montevideo Drive** P. Lsf9 to P. & M. Sundarajan for \$1,029,000
- 2018 Mornington Lane** S. Rajagopalan to M. & B. Silveira for \$1,250,000
- 199 Rosario Court** N. & M. Spatcher to A. & D. Crosby for \$740,000
- 3318 Rutherglen Drive** A. Vaidyanathan to S. & S. Muthuswamy for \$1,352,000
- 15 Saint Michael Court** R. Syms to V. & S. Krishnasamy for \$895,000
- 301 Salem Court** Henderson Family Trust to M. & R. Syms for \$1,220,000

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- 886 Old Oak Rd** **\$1,550,000**  
Sat/Sun 2-4 3 BD/2 BA  
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- 546 Starling Ave** **\$799,999**  
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- 2095 Eilene Dr** **\$1,238,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 4 BD/3.5 BA  
Cindy Gee 963.1984
- 2277 Vineyard Heights Ln** **\$2,288,000**  
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Pleasanton (Dec. 2-13)

**Total sales reported:** 7  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$658,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,345,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$953,000

Sunol (Dec. 2-13)

**Total sales reported:** 1  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$255,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$255,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$255,000

Dublin (Dec. 2-13)

**Total sales reported:** 2  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$570,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$975,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$772,500

Livermore (Dec. 2-13)

**Total sales reported:** 8  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$570,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,050,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$757,000

San Ramon (Dec. 2-13)

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$740,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,675,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,165,000

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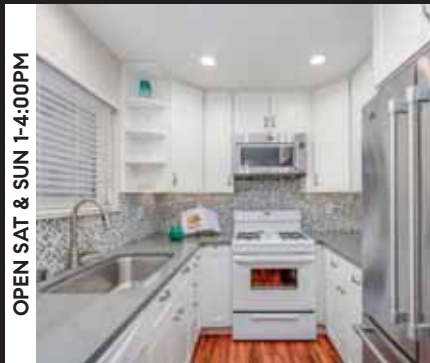
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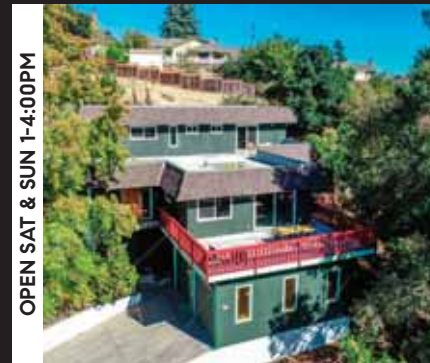
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