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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The fantastic fun of starting a paper

By the end of 1999, the East Bay newspaper world was abuzz: A new publication was about to hit town. I heard the talk, and then I saw the ad: The about-to-launch Pleasanton Weekly was searching for a managing editor.

Pleasanton had charmed me from the time I was growing up in San Jose in the 1950s and my Uncle Earl owned Pinard's Jewelers on Main Street. I'd moved to south Walnut Creek in 1982, but my in-laws all settled in Pleasanton.

I was not really looking for a job, as I was gainfully employed as editor at the Contra Costa Times weeklies, five papers covering cities from Walnut Creek to Benicia, working at the Concord office.

But still. A chance to be in on the ground floor of a fledgling newspaper that focused on one place. To discover the inner workings of Pleasanton, meet new people and join other professionals in this exciting endeavor. And its parent company, which published the Palo Alto Weekly, had an excellent reputation. I sent in my resume.

My interview was soon set up with president Bob Thomas. I left work early to travel down Interstate 680, stopped at the Pleasanton Library to freshen up, then continued on to the Weekly's original office on First Street right off Bernal.

As I was interviewing, a delivery truck pulled up with the first issue of the Pleasanton Weekly — Vol. I, Number 1, Jan. 28, 2000. Everyone rushed out to ooh and aah over this product of many months' efforts. Within minutes, community members were stopping by to view the edition and offer congratulations.

Eventually we settled back down to the interview, and editor Jeb Bing stopped in for a while, too. As Bob explained the mission and talked about all things Pleasanton, I was hooked. I wanted this job! I wanted to help provide the dynamic, idyllic city of Pleasanton with the best possible newspaper.

Soon I had a second interview with Bob and Jeb, and provided more samples of my work and references. The offer letter came late on a Saturday, and I rushed to thrust it into my husband's

hands and say, "Tell me I'm not dreaming."

My first day of work, Jeb and I walked to City Hall where he introduced me to City Manager Deborah Acosta McKeehan and explained I would be covering the City Council meetings. At my first meeting I chose a seat front and center not knowing the TV30 camera focused on that spot; after that, I sat to the side.

In my former job, I had done the layouts, but at the Weekly we have professional designers who make it fun to write as they turn feature stories into works of art. I had never worked in proximity to advertising staff before, but now I witnessed them in action, imperative to keeping the business going.

From office staff to ad reps to design to tech support to editorial to management, the entire enterprise was, and still is, a group effort with a tangible product that residents responded to positively.

Staff members have come and gone in the past 20 years, sharing our personal joys and sorrows as well as the work. Pleasanton has continued to evolve, sometimes for the better (yay, Firehouse Arts Center!), sometimes sadly (goodbye, Tully's). Our office has moved down the street, across from Richert Lumber on Sunol Boulevard.

Twenty years ago, after we proofread printouts of the pages late each Wednesday, they were driven with the computer disk to the printers. Today they are sent electronically.

The staff now also posts news continually online, with a daily Express edition delivering headlines to readers' email inboxes. I currently work part-time as the editor of the Tri-Valley Life arts and entertainment section.

But the excitement has never abated as each week a delivery truck pulls up in front of the office and stacks of the latest edition of the Pleasanton Weekly, hot off the press, are delivered. ■

Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," will appear in the paper on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

About the Cover

The Pleasanton Weekly celebrates its 20th anniversary this week; our first edition published Jan. 28, 2000. Check out a collage of our favorite cover pages from the past two decades, inside on Pages 12-13. Cover design by Doug Young.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you like to read the Pleasanton Weekly?



Kris Moxley
Realtor

It comes in my mailbox every Friday. I really enjoy bringing it into my house and reading it from cover to cover, with a nice cup of coffee. I was one of the first people, 20 years ago, to advertise my Realtor services in the newspaper. I continue to advertise in the Weekly to this very day because people really read this local newspaper.



David Fisch
High tech

90% of the time, I read the Pleasanton Weekly online. But if I'm out and about and see the hard, physical version of it, I grab a copy and sit down and read it. I really enjoy the physical sensation of turning the actual pages of the real, paper, newspaper.



Chris Pescatore
Dentist

I pick up a copy on Main Street every week and sit down with it at Peet's and read it. I really enjoy reading about and keeping abreast of what is going on in our town.



Rick and Amy Decker *Residents*

We read it when it comes in our mailbox every week. And we save all of the issues because (Rick's) mom lived in Pleasanton for over 30 years but recently moved to Placerville. So when we visit her, we bring them, or when she visits us, we take them out for her. She binge-reads them all and is so happy to be able to catch up on all that is going on in Pleasanton.



Shivendre Basnet
Restaurant owner

I read the paper when it comes out every Friday. I usually read it while I'm working at the register here at The Everest Momo, so that I know what is going on in and around town and can talk about current events with my customers.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

JDEDZ back

The Pleasanton City Council is scheduled to take up the revised Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone during its regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

Sent back for more environmental review after a lawsuit, the JDEDZ represents the policy and regulatory project that would lay the foundation for bringing a Costco store, two new hotels and other businesses to the north side of town near the I-580/I-680 interchange.

City staff says the new “revised final supplemental environmental impact report” is ready to go, recommending its approval along with the rest of the JDEDZ package. The Planning Commission agreed, endorsing the updated JDEDZ package on Dec. 11.

The council meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 4) at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Mental health talk

Las Positas College on Tuesday is set to host a lecture and Q&A session with Dr. Shashank V. Joshi, a mental health expert and Stanford University professor, speaking on the topic, “Promoting Mental Health in School Settings.”

Joshi is the training director and director of school mental health services in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Stanford Children’s Health.

The speaker event featuring Joshi will run from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 4) in LPC’s Mertes Center for the Arts, Main Theater, Building 4000, in Livermore. There is no charge for admission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by this Sunday at alanhufoundation.org.

The event is presented by Alan Hu Foundation and LPC Psychology Club in partnership with Lyra Ghose of Stanford Medicine.

‘Screenagers’ sequel

Axis Community Health is hosting three, free Tri-Valley showings of “Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience,” a sequel to the film “Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age” that examines the science behind teens’ emotional challenges and the interplay of social media.

“The NEXT CHAPTER provides solutions and tools that can be useful for youth and adults alike. Skills for resilience can truly make a difference in people’s lives,” said Emma Gil, certified health education specialist with Axis.

The first showing is next Wednesday (Feb. 5) at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. Registration requested; RSVP at www.eventcombo.com (search for “Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER”). ■

Measure P asks Livermore voters to decide fate of downtown hotel

Centerpiece of city’s redevelopment plan hangs in the balance on March ballot

By RYAN J. DEGAN

With the presidential primaries stealing most headlines for the upcoming March election, a years-long battle over the future of downtown Livermore will have at least one aspect resolved with Measure P on the ballot.

Placed on the ballot after a citizen-submitted referendum petition, Measure P specifically relates to a development agreement with a hotelier approved by the Livermore City Council last summer that would advance the city’s plan to place a yet-unnamed “wine country hotel” next

to the Bankhead Theater on the east side of Livermore Avenue.

One facet of the lengthy and complex downtown debate, at its most basic a Yes vote on Measure P would approve the downtown hotel agreement while a No vote would deny that project proposal to leave the property available for other redevelopment or even remaining as an open parking lot.

The formal opposition campaign disagrees with the hotel location and size under the city’s plan, preferring an alternate hotel concept for the west side of Livermore Avenue that is key to the opponents’ “Central Park

Plan” initiative scheduled to appear on the citywide ballot in November.

For many voters, the Measure P election on March 3 is seen as a way to endorse either the city’s downtown redevelopment plan (a Yes vote) or the alternate concept introduced last summer (a No vote) — through the lens of the hotel location.

Measure P will be decided by a simple majority.

Proposed for 2205 Railroad Ave., the project locating the downtown hotel next to the Bankhead calls for a three-story hotel consisting of between 125-135 rooms, approximately 1,400 to 2,000 square feet of

conference space, a bar/lounge area, fitness room, pool and a fully or partially public rooftop deck area covering a total area of approximately 70,000 square feet.

The approval of the hotel agreement — to be developed by Presidio Co. and operated by AC Marriott Hotels — has brought significant debate at City Council meetings and other gatherings in Livermore due to it being the centerpiece of Livermore’s long-desired downtown redevelopment

Soon after the council approved

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Supervisor candidates debate

Bacon, Hernandez, Wieckowski share ideas at Weekly forum

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The race to replace retiring Alameda County District 1 Supervisor Scott Haggerty heated up last week when three of the four elected officials vying for the position took to the debate stage to talk the finer points of regional governance at a candidate forum in Livermore.

Presented by the Pleasanton Weekly, the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce and Livermore Indivisible, the public forum brought candidates together at Granada High School in Livermore on Jan. 23 to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing the local community and wider county such as homelessness, traffic congestion, public transportation, infrastructure and the Bay Area housing crisis.

A contest that at least in recent history has not been hotly contested — Haggerty has run unopposed in five of his past six elections — the field is deep this year with four experienced elected officials running for the seat.

Those candidates campaigning for the 1st Supervisorial District are Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon, Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Dublin City Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez and State Sen. Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont), who is being termed out at the state level.

The district includes Livermore,

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Rendering of the new E10 campus planned at the Donlon Elementary site, as seen from Denker Drive. The new campus would be for grades 4-5 only, while the current Donlon school would be redesigned as K-3.

Board OKs Donlon redesign plans

Site to split into separate K-3, 4-5 schools

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a design scheme on Tuesday night for the new fourth/fifth grade school that’s being planned on part of the Donlon Elementary School site.

Since December 2018, the trustees and administrators have developed plans and a \$49.5 million budget for a separate site at Donlon — currently called “E10,” as the district’s 10th elementary campus — that will exclusively serve about 500 students in grades 4-5.

The existing Donlon school will convert to a K-3 school with a projected enrollment of about 700 students. PUSD

spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Weekly that the new school will increase the entire site’s capacity to approximately 1,200 students.

Conceptual renderings presented by staff Tuesday evening show the new school will face the corner of Denker Drive and Payne Road, on the backside of the existing Donlon property, and will be separated by a large playfield.

Five buildings will be constructed including three classrooms buildings with shared collaborative spaces, counseling offices and a staff lounge. Administrative offices and student services such as a library and media center, multipurpose room, music room, and covered

lunch area will be housed in two other structures.

All of the buildings will be one story but some rooflines will be raised in certain areas to break up the elevation and add visual interest. The E10 Elementary School Committee, comprised of PUSD staff and Donlon families and neighbors, worked with Campbell-based Sugimura Finney Architects (SFA) to come up with the E10 design plan.

Some modifications were based on that feedback, like adding physical education space with a changing room for special day classroom students, as well as the placement of certain facilities and services. The

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Meet the candidates for Zone 7 Board of Directors

Three incumbents, two challengers vying for trio of seats on March 3 election ballot

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley voters will decide how to fill three seats on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors from among five candidates in the upcoming March 3 primary election.

The top three candidates with the most votes will win the seats outright; there will be no runoff election.

The at-large positions representing Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore for four-year terms are currently filled by directors Angela Ramirez Holmes, Dick Quigley and Sandy Figuers, each of whom is running for re-election. Two challengers are on the ballot as well: Laurene Green and Hugh Bussell.

Zone 7 was also set to hold an election for a fourth board seat, a special two-year term to complete the rest of an unexpired term left vacant by a midterm resignation last year. But Director Michelle Smith McDonald, the Dublin resident appointed by the board last spring to initially fill the vacancy before the election, was the only candidate to file for that two-year position so it won't appear on the ballot, Smith McDonald winning the term unopposed.

Formally known as the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 is a public agency that acts as a water wholesaler for water service providers in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon's Dougherty Valley along with providing flood protection in the Livermore and Amador valleys.

Challenger Green, a hydrogeologic engineer from Pleasanton, told the Weekly that she will use her scientific expertise to "try to bring to a more significant level that we have

clean, safe drinking water." Green holds a master's in civil engineering from Stanford University, and also sits on the city of Pleasanton's Committee on Energy and the Environment.

If elected, Green said she will make informed decisions about things like potable reuse — better known as the process of recycling wastewater for potable use, which Green said doesn't have "the scientific assurance I'd like to see, so I'm not convinced right now" — as well as flood control management and water storage.

Particularly, Green shared her concerns about PFAS, which are chemical contaminants that pose a health risk to humans and have been detected in some local underground aquifers. "We need to find the sources (of PFAS) and remove them, and that's a chore in itself — that's the sort of thing I'd be proposing," Green said.

She also wants to expand Zone 7's water capture and storage capabilities, "which we not only need to do but, relative to climate change, definitely need to."

Bussell is a new challenger as well, but he might be familiar to locals; the Livermore resident ran in the 2014 congressional race as the Republican challenger against Rep. Eric Swalwell. Though Bussell lost that election, the tech industry professional said that he's now running for Zone 7 in the hopes of bringing a different perspective to issues like



Hugh Bussell



Sandy Figuers



Laurene Green



Dick Quigley



Angela Ramirez Holmes

wise water use.

Unlike Green, Bussell wants to "see more of an exploration" of recycling water; he also said flood control management and water storage would be top priorities of his, though maintaining good relationships with various stakeholders should also receive attention.

"Our No. 1 interest is making sure we supply clean water to residents and that we're looking out for them," Bussell said. "We also have to be sure we're fairly allocating the cost of water. People that use potable water have different requirements than those that we give untreated water to — we need to have a fair way of allocating those costs."

The incumbent directors seeking another term this year each told the Weekly that the board needs experienced members with deep knowledge about Zone 7 and its history, needs, priorities, partnerships and various projects.

Figuers, who has been on the board since 2008, and served 12 years before then in the '80s and '90s, said he brings that and decades of hydrogeology experience. Figuers is the current board president and sits on the ad hoc, finance and water resources committees.

"The water business over the last

eight years has changed dramatically from outside forces, and because I've been on the board so long, I'm able to see some of the background of what these changes are being driven by, and some of the potential good points and pitfalls that are occurring from these changes," Figuers said.

"I can understand the internal workings of the basin as well as understand the internal workings of the State Water Project" that Zone 7 receives their water from, he added. "I'm the technical guy on the board. I want to remain on because you need all of these viewpoints and right now I'm really the only technical guy on there."

First elected in 2004, Quigley is another veteran of the Zone 7 board who decided to give it another shot.

"I thought about not running; I gave it a lot of thought, but I thought I had unfinished business," Quigley told the Weekly. "There are several very new and inexperienced board members in there, really good folks, and ... I know how long it took me to learn about water."

The former board president added, "I really believe water is a way to keep our eyes on the ball for a better quality of life," and that he wants to diversify Zone 7's water portfolio and be better prepared for droughts.

"I've followed the opportunities for storage; locally, in the valley, we have two opportunities, in my opinion — Lake Del Valle and

the Chain of Lakes," Quigley said. "Those are two current pieces of landscape that we have the ability to put more water in."

The network of non-vehicular trails along the Arroyo Mocho and Del Valle that connect Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, and securing funding for various water projects are just a few of the items that Quigley said he's proud to have helped lead or support while on the board. Quigley also sits on the Zone 7 administrative and finance committees.

Ramirez Holmes, who served as president a little more than a year ago, joined the board after being elected in 2012. The Pleasanton resident owns a campaign consulting firm, serves on the ad hoc, finance and liaison committees, and is also well known for her nonprofit work.

Ramirez Holmes is running for re-election and said she also will ask to remain on the finance committee to "ask those tough questions and be sure the agency stays accountable."

She said her "most proud project has been the increased transparency with the public" by broadcasting meetings on cable access television, for example.

"I think those things have been really critical for increasing trust with the public as an agency, and I feel that's been a priority, my role as a board member, and I will continue to do that, hopefully," Ramirez Holmes said.

"It's a really important piece to ensure trust with our public but also with our retailers," she added. "When I first came on the board, Zone 7 did not have a very good relationship with retailers. I am very happy to say those relationships have improved, and our regular liaison meetings are a piece of that." ■

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multipurpose room will be strategically placed next to the service road to allow easy for pick up, drop off and loading during after-hours and weekend events.

A lot of student services like counseling offices were also moved from the administration area and placed by the classrooms after further input, according to Jocelyn Martinez, one of the lead designers.

"One key element that staff talked about was not excluding those individuals that need that extra help and sending them to the admin, and creating this environment where everyone feels welcome and it's part of the classroom core," Martinez said. "Everyone feels united, like a part of the team." ■

The PUSD trustees commended security details such as making sure the classroom windows aren't placed too low and that the playfield can be fully closed off to separate the two campuses.

Measure 11 bond revenue will fund the project, though an additional \$6.34 million for traffic mitigation or the kids club expansion cost is not included in the budget at this time. The project now moves into design development before it will be submitted for review to the Division of State Architect by fall.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for summer 2021, with the school opening for the 2022-23 school year. Gannon said students may need to be temporarily relocated while construction is underway but that the district will "work to minimize impacts for our school communities." ■

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Former Rep. Pete Stark dies

Legislator represented Pleasanton, East Bay during 40-year tenure in Congress

Former U.S. Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, who represented Pleasanton during parts of his four decades in Congress, died last Friday at his home in Anne Arundel County, Md. He was 88.

Tributes came in over the weekend from government officials in remembrance of Stark, who was a congressman from 1973 until January 2013.

"My sympathies go out to the Stark family. He was such a prominent voice for the communities of the East Bay and ably represented our interests over a lifetime of public service in Congress," Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho told the Weekly.

"Congressman Stark dedicated his life to defending every American's right to quality, affordable health care," U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) said in a statement. "Personally and professionally, I was proud to work with Pete to pass the Affordable Care Act, which stands as a pillar of health and economic security in America today."

Born Nov. 11, 1931 in Milwaukee,

Wis., Stark served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1957 and earned a master's degree from the UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business in 1960. In 1963 he founded Security National Bank in Walnut Creek, which eventually had branches in several cities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and still exists today.

Originally a Republican, Stark — a strident opponent of the Vietnam War — became a Democrat. As a congressman, he was often blunt, and made controversial and sometimes indelicate statements. But his fellow electeds said he always put his constituents first.

Stark represented different parts of the East Bay throughout his four decades in Congress, including parts of Pleasanton, amid different redistricting cycles. His district included Alameda, Union City, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, San Lorenzo



Pete Stark

and Fremont, plus parts of Oakland and Pleasanton at the time he was unseated by Eric Swalwell.

Swalwell weighed in Friday night on Stark's death.

"Pete Stark gave the East Bay decades of public service as a voice in Congress for working people," Swalwell said on Twitter. "His knowledge of policy, particularly health care, and his opposition to unnecessary wars demonstrated his deep care and spirit. Our community mourns his loss."

A former president also praised Stark.

"Pete believed in the power of government to make a real difference in people's lives. And he proved it for 40 years," former President Bill Clinton said, in part, in a statement Saturday.

Stark is survived by his wife Deborah, seven children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial service details are pending. ■

—Story by Bay City News Service, with Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh contributing.

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the hotel agreement in July 2019, a local group named Citizens for a Livermore Central Park opposed to the city's hotel plan started a referendum petition seeking to overturn the decision.

Eventually garnering enough votes to place the issue on the March 3 ballot, opponents argue that not only would it be better to have a larger hotel consisting of up to 160 rooms and located on the west side of Livermore Avenue, but the existing property next to the Bankhead could best be utilized as a multi-use parking structure that includes a first-floor restaurant.

Opponents further disagree with the hotel location due to it being the centerpiece of the city-approved Downtown Specific Plan, which Citizens for a Livermore Central Park oppose in favor of their own vision for downtown — their so-called "Central Park Plan."

'It will allow the city to make immediate progress'

Lori Souza,
Yes on Measure P

"Practically speaking, Measure P is about much more than a hotel. The City Council created a downtown redevelopment plan that overlooked the preferences of the majority of citizens who participated in its public outreach process," No on P campaign leader Tamara Reus told the Weekly.

"If Measure P passes, it would

undermine the right to have a meaningful opportunity to vote on the Central Park Plan," she added. "The people deserve to have an up or down vote on the Central Park Plan without a conflicting development agreement that muddies the waters."

Opponents claim that not only was the city's approval of the hotel agreement done in order to block the Central Park Plan, but that community input was not considered when approving the city plan. Measure P supporters instead argue the hotel plan has been well thought-out and analyzed through the city's rigorous review process that included input from community members, unlike the Central Park Plan and hotel idea that some city leaders call a conceptual "drawing" containing false claims created by a small dissenting group.

"Voters should say Yes to Measure P because it will allow the city to make immediate progress towards building a beautiful wine country hotel adjacent to the Bankhead Theater. It's a thoroughly developed plan with a reputable developer, and is sized appropriately for our economy," Lori Souza, a leader of the Yes on Measure P campaign, told the Weekly.

According to the ballot argument supporting Measure P, not only is the hotel a fiscally responsible design that will lead to greater traffic circulation and benefits for local businesses, but it was created using input from thousands of Livermore residents.

The ballot argument adds that the hotel is the crown jewel of the city's Downtown Specific Plan, which Measure P proponents say

offers more parking, retail, open space and less dense housing than the Central Park Plan.

"The wine country hotel at the Bankhead is the anchor for Stockmen's Park which enabled the success of the entire downtown project," added Asa Strout, co-manager of Unify Livermore — a resident group in support of Measure P.

'It would undermine the right ... to vote on the Central Park Plan'

Tamara Reus,
No on Measure P

But still looming is the initiative measure scheduled to appear on Livermore voters' November ballot. While Measure P relates specifically to the city's development agreement for the downtown hotel next to the Bankhead, November's initiative will ask residents to approve or deny the resident-submitted Central Park Plan alternative over the council's Downtown Specific Plan.

The initiative plan also involves placing the downtown hotel on the west side of Livermore Avenue instead of the city's location on the east side.

The impact of the final Measure P decision on the November initiative remains unclear, though Measure P supporters say a Yes vote in March will enable Presidio to begin the development process for the hotel project.

To learn more about Measure P, including the full arguments for and against, visit www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/clerk/elections. ■

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Howard G. Seebach

Howard Seebach passed away from heart failure in this home at Heritage Estates, Livermore, CA, on January 23. He was 89 years old.

He was born in Germantown, PA, to Louis and Mildred Godfrey Seebach, the older brother of George Louis Seebach. Howard graduated from Wilmington (DE) Friends School, the University of Delaware and then Cornell University with a M.B.A. in 1960.

He served in the Army for six years and was honorably discharged as Captain and Commanding Officer of a Basic Training Unit in Fort Hood, TX. While in Germany, he served as 2nd Lieutenant, Company Commander, 510th Tank Battalion, 5th Corp. It was in Germany that he married his first wife and mother of his four children, Alma Stevens Seebach, who was an American teacher on the base. Howard later married Emilie Green in 1988 and enjoyed 24 years of marriage, until her death in 2012.

Howard worked with the DuPont Company for over 30 years in sales and marketing leadership roles and, after he retired, produced Sales Meetings with his wife Emilie, as Seebach & Seebach.

After retirement, Howard served as Pleasanton, CA Parks & Recreation Commissioner and later Civic Arts Commissioner. He was very active at Livermore Presbyterian Church, serving on Pastor nominating committees and in the Session.

Howard loved a stage, an audience, a good story and a good joke. He loved his family and his friends from all parts of his life. He loved an adventure. One of his favorite quotations was "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty, well-preserved body, but rather to skid-in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, proclaiming, wow what a ride!"

Howard is predeceased by his brother George Louis Seebach, his second wife Emilie and her two daughters, Lisa Hector and Lori Tittle. He is survived by his children Steven Seebach (wife Mary Jane), Cathy Seebach Rigl (husband Ted), Jayne Seebach vanDusen (husband Tad) and David Seebach, and stepson Ron Green (wife Donna), his 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, as well as his first wife Alma Stevens Seebach Bergmann, 93, and, lastly, his rescue dog Gomer.

The Celebration of Life service and reception will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 1pm at Livermore Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be made at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/howard-seebach-obituary?pid=195150171>

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a scholarship fund at YMCA Camp Tockwoh, www.ymcacamptockwoh.org.

PAID OBITUARY

DEBATE

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Dublin, Sunol and Fremont. Any candidate could win the District 1 position outright in the primary election if they earn more than 50% of the vote. If no one wins a majority on March 3, then the top two finishers would advance to a runoff to be held during the general election on Nov. 3.

On-hand to participate in the Weekly's forum were Bacon, Hernandez and Wieckowski. Haubert was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict with the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. — but the Dublin mayor did send representatives to share opening and closing statements on his behalf.

During the questions period, the three candidates agreed on a variety of issues such as reducing traffic in the area, supporting homeless residents and promoting innovation in the area, but they often disagreed on the best way to achieve these goals.

Homeless support

When asked how to best support Alameda County's estimated 8,000 homeless residents, Hernandez said "it's not a one-size-fits-all solution, not all people are homeless for the same reason."

Bacon and Hernandez stressed that homeless residents are not a monolith, and that continued

outreach and research are needed in order to ensure that residents receive support from the appropriate county services. Both candidates said that while some homeless residents may be eligible to receive jobs support, others may benefit more from counseling or addiction services.

Wieckowski agreed with this sentiment and added that in order to ensure adequate funding for these services, an accurate count in the upcoming census is paramount.

"One of the challenges we have, just a pitch for the census, is that 26% of the people in Alameda County are suspected of being undercounted and if we don't get the right count, then we're not going to be able to get the funding that we get from the federal and state government" he said.

Wieckowski further added that as supervisor, he would push for local communities to streamline the process for approving accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in residential homes — saying that while it is not the final answer, it is an affordable opportunity to increase the region's supply of available homes.

Housing solutions

Piggybacking off the previous topic, housing solutions were another top item of discussion, with Bacon and Hernandez advocating for affordable housing, while Wieckowski pushed for streamlined development processes and ADUs.

"We really need to look at more affordable housing," Bacon said. "I've seen it over and over on the Fremont City Council: Developers want to build market rate housing; they don't want to do affordable housing. We need to push that more because what's happening is ... we have a real dearth in affordable housing now."

Wieckowski pointed out that as he sees it, housing is in such short supply simply because not enough homes are being produced, and a big reason for that is because of the policies and fees imposed by local governments. Through streamlining the review process and thus increasing the supply available to residents, both the shortage and pricing of homes can be improved, he argued.

Hernandez pointed to Dublin's successful efforts to increase available affordable housing within its borders and that local governments should be encouraged to support developments and take advantage of state and county funds to do so.

Traffic and transit

Candidates generally agreed that supporting public transportation — with a particular concentration on Valley Link — would be key in mitigating traffic congestion throughout the region.

"With traffic, Valley Link is obviously the key for (Interstate) 580. The houses are going to be built, they have already been approved and Tracy is the perfect example. So the traffic there will (mean) more

people on 580 trying to get to their jobs," Hernandez said. "With regards to Valley Link, making sure that this project gets accomplished is huge."

As the chair of the Senate Budget Committee on Transportation, Wieckowski said transit projects are not just a passing interest for him and that he is all in favor of connecting ACE, Valley Link and BART, taking cars off of the road and connecting the region with communities throughout the Bay Area.

Bacon added that while he is himself a big supporter of large transit projects and supports Valley Link, they are expensive and the real cause of traffic congestion lies in "a massive housing jobs imbalance."

By incentivizing businesses to place jobs closer to where people live, Bacon argued the county can reduce the amount of traffic in a more affordable way.

The three candidates also answered questions on how they view the role of county supervisor, supporting agricultural industries, Santa Rita Jail safety and criminal justice in Alameda County, affordable housing solutions for specific groups like adults with special needs, military veterans and seniors, and how they would represent the Tri-Valley at the county level.

Unable to participate in the forum, Haubert was offered the opportunity to have proxies read opening and closing statements on his behalf.

"We deserve a proven leader who can work well with others, who is trusted and well respected of the mayors and other community leaders, we deserve a leader who is truly community-oriented thinker, putting the needs of us residents first, a leader with a proven track record of success who knows how to get things done," Len DiGiovanni, a supporter of Haubert, told the audience during closing remarks. "A visionary recognizing potential solutions to reduce homelessness, traffic congestion, upgrade our infrastructure and improve our overall quality of life."

Haggerty was also in attendance, opening the forum with a brief overview of the District 1 supervisor position and the Board of Supervisors as a whole.

The forum was moderated by Pleasanton Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh, with support onstage from Dawn Argula, CEO and president of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. A video recording of the forum produced by Amos Productions is available for viewing online. Visit www.PleasantonWeekly.com. ■

Editor's note: Livermore Indivisible worked with the candidates to schedule the forum date. After Jan. 23 was agreed upon, Haubert later realized he had a conflict with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, but because the venue had been secured and other logistics arranged, the forum was too far along to be rescheduled.



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925-804-4000www.STJOHNMANOR.com**Janette Ann Pappas**

July 18, 1947 - January 17, 2020

Janette Ann Pappas was born on July 18, 1947 in Stanley, North Dakota to Herman and Elizabeth Dzubur. Jan passed away peacefully at the home of her son on January 17th, 2020 surrounded by family and friends. Jan attended Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo where she met her husband, Tom Pappas.



Tom and Jan were married in 1966 and had three children, Thomas, Timothy, and Elizabeth. Tom and Jan moved to Pleasanton in 1979. Jan retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in April of 2019 after a wonderful 39-year career. Jan and Tom enjoyed traveling, attending their grandchildren's sporting events, and being with family and friends. A celebration of life will be held for Jan at the Sunol event center, Saturday February 1st at 11am.

PAID OBITUARY

Fred Arlt

December 6, 1943 - January 12, 2020

Fred Arlt, 76, passed away January 12, 2020 at Stonehenge Skilled Nursing of Cedar City, Utah. He was born December 6, 1943 in Farmingdale, NY to Frederick and Amy Arlt, deceased. He grew up in Pleasanton, CA and went to Humboldt State University before being drafted to Vietnam. Fred served his country honorably. Fred married Gwen October 28, 1989 in San Ramon, CA.



Fred worked for GE Vallecitos Nuclear, in Sunol, CA for 40 years. Fred is survived by his wife, Gwen Arlt; sons Jeff of Livermore Ca and Brian (Temera) of Pioneer CA; step-daughter, Heather Bradshaw (Michael) of Parowan UT; four grandchildren; Logan, Ciarra, Evan and Leatrice; William (Sharon) of Los Gatos CA; sister Barbara Hartsell of Patterson CA and numerous others.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Fred Arlt. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 16th. RSVP: bjharts@comcast.net

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POLICE BULLETIN

Local attorney identified as victim in fiery fatal crash

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau on Monday confirmed the identity of the Pleasanton man killed in a fiery fatal crash at Hacienda Drive and West Las Positas Boulevard more than a week earlier as 58-year-old Joseph S. Freschi.

Freschi, who was a local attorney, was the only occupant of a 2018 Tesla Model S that lost control and slammed into a traffic signal pole and cement wall in front of the Andares condo complex around 6 p.m. Jan. 18.

The cause of the crash, as well as final determination of Freschi's cause of death, remain under investigation. The Pleasanton Police Department did not respond to requests for updates on the case this week.

The fatal crash unfolded when the Tesla driver — later identified as Freschi — lost control for unknown reasons at the prominent intersection while traveling southbound on Hacienda Drive, according to the original police statement.

The Tesla struck a traffic signal pole and a cement wall, and then caught fire, according to police. It took the coroner's bureau several days to confirm the identity of the driver because of the condition of the body after the fiery crash,

according to authorities.

Police also reported the following day that the Tesla's battery reignited after the car had been taken away from the scene. Fire crews responded to contain the flames.

A UCLA-educated attorney, Freschi focused on business clients with franchise law and general counsel services, according to a professional profile posted on the Hacienda website from January 2015, soon after he moved his firm's office to the Pleasanton business park. It is unclear where his practice was based at the time of his death.

He also had prior professional experience as a deputy city attorney in the city/county of San Francisco as well as counsel for 24-Hour Fitness, Planet Fitness and Rockin' Jump, according to the Hacienda profile.

Freschi was listed as executive vice president and general counsel for Rockin' Jump, the indoor trampoline park company based in Pleasanton with dozens of franchise locations open nationwide.

In other news

- A man with a previous conviction for resisting arrest was charged with three counts of attempted murder last Friday for allegedly trying to strike two police officers and another man in Livermore two days earlier.

Matthew Kelly, 38, who was shot by officers after he allegedly tried to hit them, was arraigned on Friday and is scheduled to return to court today to be assigned an attorney and possibly enter a plea.

Kelly, who has addresses in Newark and Fremont, suffered a single gunshot wound to his right leg and was treated at a local hospital.

Livermore police said that at about 3:25 a.m. on Jan. 22 two officers pulled over a Toyota driver whom they suspected of driving under the influence on southbound Airway Boulevard south of Kitty Hawk Road near Interstate 580.

The officers walked the Toyota driver off the roadway and onto a private access road to conduct a sobriety check but several minutes later they saw a black 2011 Kia Soul traveling south on Airway Boulevard and then turning onto the access road, according to police.

The Kia Soul driver, later identified as Kelly, accelerated directly at the officers and the pulled-over driver so the officers fired their guns at him as he allegedly tried to run them over, police said.

The officers and the pulled-over driver were able to avoid the Kia Soul, which Kelly then drove to the end of the access road before making a U-turn. The Kia Soul eventually stalled at the entrance of the access road and other responding officers took Kelly into custody, police said.

Kelly was charged with two counts of attempted murder of a peace officer for allegedly to strike Livermore officers Kurt Cofer and Eric Santin, and an additional attempted murder count for allegedly trying to hit the pulled-over Toyota driver. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 25

Auto theft

- 8:38 a.m. on the 4900 block of Owens Drive

Sex offense

- 10:28 a.m. on Arroyo Drive

Burglary

- 10:56 a.m. on the 2700 block of Trevor Parkway

Vandalism

- 3:52 p.m. on the 3500 block of Kirkcaldy Street

DUI

- 10:15 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Oak Vista Way

Weapons violation

- 11:40 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Drug violation

- 11:40 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Jan. 24

Theft

- 8:21 a.m. on the 1600 block of East Gate Way

- 10:33 a.m., 7700 block of Fair Oaks Drive; theft from auto

- 1:53 p.m. on the 6500 block of Lansing Court

- 4:27 p.m. on the 4300 block of Foothill Road

- 9:14 p.m. on the 4300 block of Clovewood Lane

Vandalism

- 4:53 p.m. on the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

Jan. 23

Warrant arrest

- 3:58 a.m. on the 3300 block of Stanley Boulevard

- 11:26 p.m. on the 4200 block of First Street

Theft

- 8:43 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 11:49 a.m., 5100 block of Oakdale Court

- 11:53 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

- 6:23 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 9:35 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Margaret 'Peggy' McLain

May 7, 1932 – January 24, 2020

Margaret 'Peggy' McLain passed away peacefully at home after a long illness with Parkinson's disease. She lived in Pleasanton for 53 years and had many ties to the community. She is survived by her two daughters, Pamela and Cynthia, granddaughter Nicole and many bonus grand and great-grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to her memorial service on Saturday, February 1st at 1:00p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton with a reception at Graham-Hitch following the service.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to either the Parkinson's Foundation or the Wounded Warriors in Peggy's name.



PAID OBITUARY

James Stewart Kane

December 14, 1925 – January 21, 2020

James (Jim) Kane of Pleasanton died on Tuesday January 21. Jim was born in the Bitterroot Valley, in rural Montana, near the town of Corvallis, on December 14, 1925. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1943 and enlisted in the Army in September of that year, where he was assigned to the Infantry.



He saw combat in Europe and was awarded battle stars for the Rhineland and Central Europe as well as the Silver Star and the combat infantry badge. His unit liberated the Nazi concentration camp at Flossenburg, Germany. After the conclusion of the war in Europe he served in the occupation of Japan. He was discharged from the military service in April, 1946.

In the fall of 1946 Jim enrolled at what is now Montana State University, in Bozeman, majoring in Chemistry. During the summers he worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a lookout-smoke chaser in the Bitterroot Forest of Western Montana.

Upon graduating from Bozeman Jim was employed as a process chemist, working for General Electric Company at the Hanford, Washington facility which produced plutonium.

In February 1952 Jim became a graduate student in Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his PhD in June of 1955. While at Berkeley he met Marilyn Murphy and in June 1954 they were married. The following year the couple moved to Livermore, where Jim joined what was then UCRL, now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. At the lab Jim would eventually become the Head of the Chemistry and Materials Science Department. In 1963 Jim and his family moved to Pleasanton, where all of his children attended public schools. In the early 1970s Jim was a member of the Pleasanton elementary school board.

In 1974, subsequent to the oil embargo by OPEC, Jim moved to Washington, D.C. where he organized and directed the first organization in the Federal government responsible for research and development on the conservation of energy. He was later appointed Deputy Director for Energy Research in the Department of Energy.

Jim left government service in February, 1985, and returned to work for the University of California as Special Assistant to the President of the University, with responsibilities for assisting with the relationship between the University and the three National Labs for whom it was contractor: the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He retired in 1991 and lived first in his Pleasanton home and subsequently in the Parkview Assisted Living Facility until his death. After his retirement, Jim was an active member of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club.

His wife died in 2006, and in her honor, Jim provided funding to the city of Pleasanton for the construction of the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail along the Arroyo de la Laguna west of town.

Jim is survived by Tom (Diann Lewis), of Menlo Park, Lisa (Richard) Walsh, of Orinda, and Bruce (Erica), of Chevy Chase, MD. Also surviving are seven granddaughters, Lindsay, Dana and Cameron Walsh; Allison and Amy Lewis; and Laurel and Holly Kane. Two sisters and a brother predeceased him.

Jim was a congenial and friendly individual, who will be missed by his surviving family and by many coworkers and friends. Interment is scheduled for Friday January 31 at 11 am at the St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

PAID OBITUARY

Vote Yes on Livermore's Measure P, Sunol and Dublin school bonds

Here are the Pleasanton Weekly's recommendations for Measure P in Livermore, Measure O in Sunol, Measure J in Dublin and Measure Y in Danville on the March 3 ballot in those respective Tri-Valley communities. We reached our decisions after meeting with representatives of declared campaigns on either side.

Measure P in Livermore

Voters in the city of Livermore will again weigh in on the downtown redevelopment debate with Measure P, a ballot issue resulting from a referendum petition challenging the City Council's approval of a hotel development agreement in the summer.

The hotel agreement with developer Presidio calls for a three-story hotel with 125-135 rooms next to the Bankhead Theater on the east side of Livermore Avenue. The hotel project is the centerpiece of the city's downtown redevelopment plan.

The hotel location is a main source of disagreement for the No on Measure P folks. They instead want a larger hotel (up to 160 rooms) on the west side of Livermore Avenue, in keeping with their alternative idea for downtown overall.

We support the council-approved agreement in line with the city's Downtown Specific Plan that received significant community support, from widespread sources throughout Livermore, during an extensive public outreach and review process.

The city's downtown planning was the central issue of the Livermore mayoral and council elections in November 2018, and voters

overwhelmingly endorsed vocal supporters of the city plan. In fact, the opposition couldn't even really convince any candidate to back their position against the city's proposal — even though one council seat was open for the taking by any challenger.

After that election, the newly seated council worked to solidify a downtown redevelopment vision vetted by the public.

But the opponents are back again, aiming to overturn the hotelier agreement (so a Yes on Measure P is in favor of the council plan, and a No is against it), along with a related initiative measure espousing their "Central Park Plan" scheduled for the November election.

Despite efforts of initiative backers to argue contrary, it is hard to consider their "Central Park Plan" as nothing more than an unvetted idea that hinges on an infancy-stage conceptual drawing — a smoke screen conjured to confuse the citizenry and conceal some yet-unclear true intent.

We encourage Livermore voters to seek out accurate information and fair perspectives when researching Measure P. And we hope they continue to see through the misinformation — and disinformation — pushed primarily by the interests of a small faction of well-funded residents.

The city's hotel agreement calls for an appropriately sized facility in the best location to enhance the vitality of downtown. And more importantly, it is the first step in bringing the community's vision for redeveloping downtown to fruition.

Vote Yes on Measure P in Livermore.

Measure O in Sunol

Sunol Glen Unified School District is asking its residents to approve a \$9.5 million facilities bond measure.

We support Measure O.

The district, which hasn't seen a new bond measure since 1999, is desperately in need of facility upgrades that effectively can only be funded through a local bond issuance.

The bond resolution clearly outlines the necessary facilities projects that the new property tax of \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation will fund at the nearly century-old campus, including classroom building upgrades, 21st century labs and technology, modern infrastructure, better accessibility and a brand-new multipurpose room to replace the deteriorating 1950s-era cafeteria — an MPR that will also be available year-round for community rental and as an evacuation center.

District leaders found broad support when polling voters earlier in the bond consideration process (66.7%-70.4% in favor, for a ballot measure requiring 55% voter approval).

We also recognize there is no formal opposition argument on the ballot.

That said, earlier this week we heard from a Sunol resident critical of Measure O, saying some town residents weren't even aware of the bond measure and are concerned about their tax burden given the number of interdistrict transfer students at Sunol Glen School.

We disagree with the notion that the bond measure would result in Sunol residents unduly subsidizing

students from other tax bases. More importantly, the facility needs at the school are so striking, for current and future students in Sunol.

Vote Yes on Measure O for SGUSD.

Measure J in Dublin

The \$290 million Measure J bond is another vital funding source for Dublin Unified School District as it continues to address facility impacts of breathtaking enrollment growth over the past decade or so.

Central to DUSD's new bond proposal is dedicated money to complete the second phase of the future new comprehensive high school and construction of a new middle school on the Dublin Crossing site, as well as capacity relief at the elementary level and upgrades to some existing school campuses.

These larger projects are paramount, and seem to us to be the final key pieces to the overcrowding problems for the coming years. And these projects cannot occur without Measure J.

The voter-approved local funds are necessary to advance these construction projects as quickly as possible, as well as position the district to potentially acquire matching dollars from the state.

DUSD has proven to be effective stewards of local bond funds to date — of course, we recognize they've had plenty of practice, to the tune of \$566 million from three other bonds since 2004.

We understand that the new property tax resulting from Measure J (\$50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) will impact Dublin residents.

We hope district leaders realize this too, and recognize the local property tax base will not be an open account to be tapped any time. So, we also encourage them to advocate legislators to fix the broken system for school facilities funding that exists in California — that exists because of the State Legislature.

But in terms of need that exists in Dublin, now, just look at the second comprehensive high school, an estimated nine-figure project on the east side of town that is only partially funded by previous bond money. Dublin High School is on track to have some 3,500 students next school year; that's three times as many students as the campus had in the early 2000s. Unsustainable.

Vote Yes on Measure J for DUSD.

Measure Y in Danville

We are also recommending a Yes vote in Danville on Measure Y, in favor of the Magee Preserve residential development with 69 houses clustered on a small portion of the property and the remaining 381 acres reserved as permanent open space.

The project, championed by Davidon Homes and approved by the Danville Town Council, would accomplish key community goals around hillside preservation, bicycle safety, emergency access and development in line with Danville's character, as well as position public agencies well for future traffic improvements — contrary to misleading statements from referendum petitioners.

Our full endorsement article on Measure Y is available online at DanvilleSanRamon.com. ■

LETTERS

When it's time — Not the false choice of 'now or never'

Dear Editor,

Measure M, a new tax proposed on the March 2020 ballot, asks for \$323 million in additional funding. Why should Pleasanton voters approve another tax now?

Based on the progress of projects with the current \$270M bond (Measure II), with much of the money in reserve accounts and unspent, it is unlikely the district can also collect this new tax and complete the collective list of projects all at the same time. Passing Measure M now means money, well in advance of work, will be collected from taxpayers and put

into district reserves.

The ballot language cannot cover important details noted in the 14-page resolution or the references to the bond project list that:

- Are vague enough to be fundamentally identical to the current bond.
- State: "the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed, regardless of whether bond funds are available."
- State funds cannot be used for current maintenance, operations, or repairs, but lists projects to "renovate," "repair," and "for rehabilitation."

A list with these caveats provides no guarantees or protection to deliver tangible results for our investment. The district has estimated passing M will have a payback obligation of \$661M — a breathtaking

total of \$1.2 billion for both bonds.

Pleasanton has shown generous support for K-12 education; we also can give the gift of time.

The district needs at least two more years to make progress on projects from the current tax, to properly house our children and teachers, to focus on the productive use of funds already raised or approved, and to return to voters with the benefit of a track record of success.

Now is not that time; please vote No on Measure M.

—Kathleen Ruegsegger,
Former PUSD trustee (1990-93)

Swalwell challengers?

Who is seriously running for Congressman Swalwell's seat as representative of our district?

Wondering why we are not

seeing town halls or introductions to the candidates for this district's congressional seat.

Judging by the negative opinions of Eric Swalwell, I would think serious contenders need to show us who they are and if they have any real interest in helping our district and not just taking our money to promote themselves in Washington. Please introduce any serious candidates.

—Ann Montgomery

Basketball goals

I have the same position; the goal in my neighborhood is very, very close to the road. There be about 10 to 15 kids in the middle of the road every day; cars must stop to let the kids get out of the road and they move very, very slowly removing

themselves out of the road. And the most dangerous part is the goal is not held down with nothing but a big brick.

—Gregory Ziegler

Platelets and plasma

Thank you for the article promoting Red Cross Blood donations. They need all the help they can get.

An article on donating platelets and plasma would also be very helpful and informative. I have been donating platelets for a long time. The donation takes longer but you are not losing any blood; therefore you can donate much more often. The platelets go to cancer patients.

Keep up the good work.

—Rosmarie Tanner

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LETTERS

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Reduce youth vaping

E-cigarettes are addicting a new generation to nicotine.

E-cigarette use among high school students has jumped 78% between 2017 and 2018 alone. Pleasanton is not immune to this health crisis.

The California Healthy Kids Survey reports 30% of our 11th-graders have used e-cigarettes. 2019 national data, which mirrors our own, puts the tobacco use-rate among high school students at its

highest in 19 years.

More than 80% of youth who have used tobacco report that they began with a flavored product and 97% of youth who vape use flavors. With variable levels of nicotine, e-cigarettes and flavored products are overwhelmingly a vehicle for youth initiation, putting them at risk for both long and short term health consequences of addiction.

We cannot let Pleasanton kids fight this epidemic alone — now is the time for action.

The Pleasanton Youth Commission will deliver to the City Council recommended actions to reduce youth vaping. Among others these

recommendations include the prohibition of sales of flavored tobacco products and e-cigarette devices.

I encourage the council to move forward with the Youth Commission recommendations and to consider them in the context of a tobacco retail license (TRL). Moving the recommendations to ordinance without the ability to enforce them would be a misstep.

With our surrounding cities having strong ordinances and enforcement, we must take action to not let Pleasanton be the destination for the valley's youth to obtain these harmful products.

—Amy Shannon

PPD officer's compassion

Having lived and raised my three children here in Pleasanton for the past 17 years, we have all learned about "Our Community of Character."

Last September, Labor Day to be exact, my mom passed away suddenly ... completely unexpected.

Devastated and in the midst of disbelief and grief, I had to call 9-1-1. Officer Rich Trovao arrived shortly after the paramedics to assist with the details of my mom's passing. With the weekend being a holiday, logistics with what would regularly be taken care of within an hour or two, turned into a

much longer timeframe.

Officer Trovao stood by me (and my mom) offering comfort and emotional support, sharing his own experience with his father's recent passing.

As a nurse, I am used to being the person who comforts and consoles. Officer Trovao helped me to be a grieving daughter in the midst of the formalities of his job. I am forever grateful for his compassion, caring and professional integrity.

—Kris Miller

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COVER STORY

OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Weekly celebrates milestone for local journalism in Pleasanton

By JEREMY WALSH

'Read all about it! Community newspaper comes to Pleasanton." With that cover page headline, the Pleasanton Weekly debuted on Jan. 28, 2000, delivering the level of dedicated local journalism that this community long craved.

The simple mission with which Embarcadero Media launched our newspaper two decades ago remains our driving force today — to provide the most accurate, reliable, objective and engaging news coverage to those who live and work in Pleasanton and the greater Tri-Valley.

"Celebrating 20 years of the Pleasanton Weekly in print and online is truly a special occasion," said Gina Channell, president and publisher of the Weekly since 2006.

"We are proud to serve as a strong example of a community newspaper rooted in quality journalism, and we are equally proud to have earned the trust and support of this community," she said, adding:

"The work professional journalists do every day — cover meetings, ask questions, and produce articles and photos to inform community discussion — is so important, but it's not inexpensive. Pleasanton Weekly advertisers and Support Local Journalism members have funded reliable and independent news coverage for 20 years and counting, and for that, we are truly grateful."

Our small team of dedicated editors, reporters and contributing writers and photographers, along with our talented designers, sales representatives and administrative support, continue to be inspired to create the type of high quality newspaper our readers have come to expect, each and every week.

A community celebration in honor of our anniversary is being planned for later in the year, with details to follow soon.

We've covered a whole lot since that first edition in 2000. Let's take a look back at some of our favorite cover pages from the Weekly's first 20 years. And with your continued help and support, we look forward to serving you for another 20 years. ■



'Native Ways Celebration'

Park offering Ohlone cultural demonstrations

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A family event will give everyone a glimpse into history and a chance to learn more about the first people of the East Bay in a "Native Ways Celebration" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. next Saturday (Feb. 8) at Alviso Adobe

Community Park in Pleasanton.

The city's Environmental Education Division will present a newly completed Tule replica home on site from the Ohlone culture, including short talks about how the home was built.

Activities will include Ohlone

cultural demonstrations, storytelling, games and tasting of native plant teas.

The event is free, and no registration is required.

Alviso Adobe Community Park, located at 3465 Old Foothill Road, is an interpretative park that tells three aspects of the history of the site: its Native American beginnings; the days of Spanish Ranchos when cattle grazed on the original 12,000-acre Rancho Santa Rita; and the early to mid-20th century when it was a popular dairy.

Year-round visitors can see live animal displays in the re-created Milking Barn Museum and the re-created living space of the dairy workers. Also the original adobe, built in 1854, is still on the site and shows what life was like during the Spanish-Mexican Rancho Era.

The park offers hands-on activities including a chance to milk the fiberglass milking cow, Fiona, and wooden cows that can be lassoed. The site also has naturalist programs, historic and self-guided tours. ■



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A replica tule home, from the Ohlone Native American culture, was recently completed at Alviso Adobe Community Park.



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'A Cappella Live!'

The Los Angeles-based Filipino-American a cappella group, The Filharmonic, and Women of the World (shown) are two of the four internationally recognized ensembles appearing in "A Cappella Live!" at the Bankhead Theater at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday (Feb. 5). The groups will perform their best known hits as well as mix it up together for larger numbers. The other two acts are Committed and Blake Lewis. Tickets are \$20-\$95; call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Special Valentine: Tom Jones

Broadway star David Burnham, backed by a six-piece band, will share songs and stories in "Celebrating Tom Jones" at two performances at the Firehouse Arts Center during Valentine's Day weekend, including top hits "It's Not Unusual," "What's New Pussycat" and "Delilah." Shows are at 8 p.m. Feb. 14; and 2 p.m. Feb. 15. Tickets are \$28-\$38. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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Circus life onstage

Inventive circus troupe Cirque Mechanics invites audiences to "Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, to the world of gears and canvas, pulleys and sawdust," in their new show, "42FT: A Menagerie of Mechanical Marvels," at 7 p.m. next Sunday (Feb. 9) at the Bankhead Theater. Inspired by the modern circus, Cirque Mechanics offers a showcase of wonders, from a galloping mechanical metal horse to a rotating tent frame for strongmen, acrobats and aerialists. Tickets are \$20-\$95; call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador girls soccer ready to rebound as unbeaten streak ends

Also: Foothill wrestling, Amador robotics and local martial arts

The Amador Valley girls soccer team split a pair of games with the Danville schools, keeping their big season going and holding on to second place in the East Bay Athletic League.

On Jan. 21, the Dons took on San Ramon Valley and came away with a 3-0 win at home. Kennedy Mayo, Penny Murphy and Maille Smith provided goals for the Dons, while Mayo and Kate Reedy contributed assists. The defense was stellar, recording their third shutout in a row.

Two days later the Dons hosted Monte Vista, the fourth-ranked team in the nation according to MaxPreps.

Amador, MaxPreps' third-ranked team in the Bay Area, couldn't stop the Mustangs' opportunistic attack, giving up a free kick goal in the first half and two fast break scores in the second. The 3-0 defeat was the Dons' first loss of the season and brought their record to 9-1-1.

Foothill girls basketball

The Foothill varsity girls team took on Granada on Jan. 22 and jumped out to an early lead but ultimately could not hold on for the win.

The Falcons were up three points at the half, but Granada rallied back in the fourth quarter and pulled away

for a 43-30 win.

Payton King and Kendall Harris had seven points each for the Falcons.

Monte Vista was too much for Foothill to handle on Friday night as the talented Mustangs rolled to a 51-18 final.

After a tough EBAL week, Foothill turned it around on Saturday to win on a buzzer-beater from Caelin Cavanaugh for a 41-39 win over Santa Rosa.

Top scorers were Reese Lombardi with 10 and Lauren Twamugabo with nine.

Foothill wrestling

Last Saturday, the Falcons traveled to Santa Rosa to compete at the 37-team Puma Classic, hosted by Maria Carrillo High.

Foothill took third place as a team with the following individual awards: Max Wise, first place; James Parisi, second; Sam Wade, third; Cody Mocciano, third; Zieren Clark, fourth; Miguel Lopez, fifth; Jack Madden, sixth; Ethan Hoffman, seventh; and Ayden Kanott, seventh.

Foothill boys soccer

De La Salle handed the Falcons their first EBAL loss of the season

with a 6-1 win. Pablo Gill scored the only goal for the Falcons.

Foothill was able to bounce back and grind out a hard fought 4-3 victory over Dougherty Valley on Jan. 23. Joseph Lemus scored three goals and Gill got the other.

On the junior varsity side, the Foothill boys pulled off a thrilling 2-1 win over De La Salle. Jacob Rocha and Rohan Sethna both scored goals to give the Falcons an early lead. The Spartans scored a late goal to make it interesting, but it was too little too late.

The Falcons would come back down to earth against Dougherty Valley. While they dominated possession, they would give up a late goal and lose 1-0.

Amador Avengers

The Amador Avengers Vex Robotics team made team history by getting to the quarter-finals for the first time in three years, accomplishing the feat at the Tracy Triangle Vex Robotics Competition.

The team placed 14th out of 38 teams and has started to conquer

the Tower of Cubes.

The next competition is on Feb. 8 in Ceres. Both the Avengers and the team from Foothill will be at the competition.

Local martial arts

Pleasanton's Kokua Martial Arts Fitness Academy competed at The League's 2020 season opener in San Jose on Jan. 18.

Top performers for the local team included three overall grand champions in the Point Sparring competition: Noah Wong (10-11 years old, boys, black belt sparring), Jacob Herrera (12-13 boys, intermediate sparring) and Alexis Aying (14-17 overall champion and first place 16-17 girls, black belt sparring).

To read about other local high finishers, see this story at PleasantonWeekly.com. ■

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



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG20050735 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Chiung Chuann Wang; Chiung Chuann Chen Wang; Chiung C. Chen Wang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chiung Chuann Wang; Chiung Chuann Chen Wang; Chiung C. Chen Wang to Chiung Wang. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: March 13, 2020, 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2020. Judge Desautels, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Consider: (1) Adoption of a resolution certifying the Revised Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report; (2) Adoption of a resolution approving a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Business Park (Industrial/Commercial and Office) and General and Limited Industrial to Retail/Highway/Service Commercial; Business and Professional Offices; and (3) Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to rezone site from Planned Unit Development-General and Light Industrial (PUD-G&L) District, Planned Unit Development Industrial/Commercial-Office (PUD-I/C-O) District, and General Industrial (I-G-40,000) District to Planned Unit Development - Commercial (PUD-C) District on 40 acres at 7106 through 7315 Johnson Drive and 7035 and 7080 Commerce Circle, known as Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
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4TH ANNUAL PARENTING FORUM
Dare to parent differently. A conversation with Julie Lythcott-Haims for parents, teens and young adults. Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

NATIVE WAYS CELEBRATION
The City of Pleasanton's Environmental Education Division is celebrating the past, present and future of the Ohlone culture and sharing the newly completed tule home replica with a short talk on the process and completion of the home. Alviso Adobe Community Park, Feb. 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Rd., Pleasanton.

BIRTHRIGHT: A WAR STORY
The 90-minute film will be shown by the social justice committee. A discussion and light refreshments will follow. Feb. 9, 12 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore.

MARSHALLING GLOBAL AND LOCAL FORCES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE
Ellie Cohen, CEO of The Climate Center, will highlight the latest in climate science and policy. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series Presentation, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16-40, The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

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HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT - THE TRIWIZARD TOURNAMENT
The Triwizard Tournament will be sharing the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and will be treated to an evening of magical games, creative crafts, a costume contest, and lots of trivia. Livermore Public Library, Feb. 6 from 6-8 p.m.

Theater

MAMMA MIA
Tri-Valley Rep is presenting the musical set to the hits of ABBA, "Mamma Mia!" 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. Call 373-6800, visit lvpac.org, or go to the box office.

WEST SIDE STORY
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A CONVERSATION WITH PATRICK SPOTTISWOODE
Host Patrick Spottiswoode, education director of Shakespeare's Globe (London), in conversation with LSF's artistic director Lisa Tromovitch. Saturday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets \$35.00. Includes appetizers and a complimentary glass of wine. Livermore Shakes Studio Space, 2172 Railroad Avenue, Livermore.



Real Estate

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GETTY IMAGES

Pleasanton real estate market continuing to evolve in 2020

More choices could mean less pressure for home buyers

By **DAVID STARK**

Home-buying may be a bit easier during 2020 thanks to more choices and stabilizing prices.

“I am optimistic about real estate this year,” said Tina Hand, 2020 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors. “While it will be very similar to 2019 with low inventory, the buyers are starting to get serious and look again.”

The number of homes for sale reached a three-year high in Pleasanton during 2019. This shift followed a long period of stable or declining inventory. The high quality of life in Pleasanton coupled with high sales



David Stark

prices, limited options for current homeowners and they kept their homes off the market. Many owners opted to remodel rather than move.

The shift toward more homes for sale that began in 2018 accelerated during 2019 and may continue during 2020.

However, even with more homes coming on the market from either current owners or from the limited new construction here in Pleasanton, supply won't keep up with demand during 2020. Job creation throughout the Bay Area continues to outpace new home construction particularly in the South Bay.

Even with years of mismatch between supply and demand, during 2019 home buyers in Pleasanton backed off slightly which led to prices stabilizing or even dropping. For the first time in almost a decade, the median

sales price for a single-family detached home dropped by 3%.

During 2018 the median sales price was \$1,249,500; that decreased to \$1,216,500 in 2019. Demand for home ownership will remain strong in 2020, but buyers may not be willing to pay a premium.

The pace of home sales will continue to slow during 2020. This follows several years of homes selling within days of coming on the market.

During 2018, a home was on the market an average of 26 days. In 2019 this period increased to 31 days. For buyers, this means more time to negotiate and for sellers, an opportunity to be patient.

Hand did share that the primary factor in how long it takes a home to sell is the nature

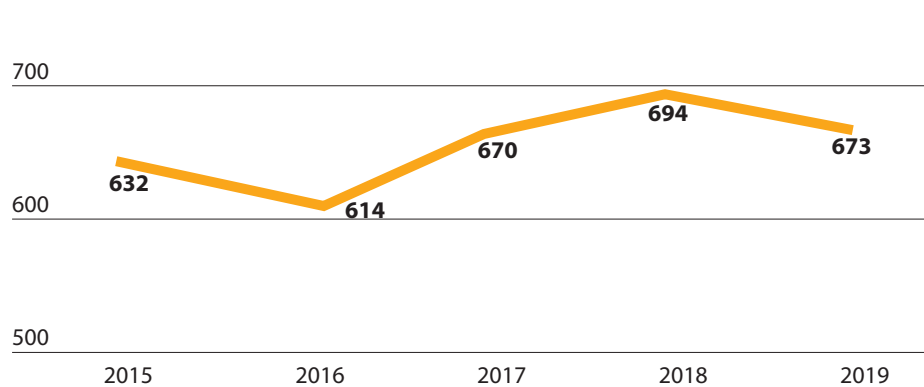
of the home itself, saying, “The length of time a home will be on the market will depend on its condition and location.”

While it did take longer for homes to sell in 2019, the total number of homes sold was consistent with those sold during 2018. The fact that home sales were flat as supply increased, mortgage interest rates were still low, and prices dropped speaks to changing buyer behavior that will continue into 2020.

Asked if home buyers will want to purchase in Pleasanton during 2020, Hand said home ownership is desirable “because it's still a thriving community and it has that small-town feel with a lot of community activities.” ■

Editor's note: David Stark is public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Homes Sales — 2015 to 2019



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936 Happy Valley Road Smedley Family Trust to R. & A. Ahluwalia for \$1,358,500

1047 Harvest Circle P. & W. Ruge to S. & A. Madhavan for \$1,325,000

9966 Longview Lane Cuffe Family Trust to Cain Family Trust for \$2,000,000

9517 Macdonald Court Grady Living Trust to Hu Family Trust for \$2,135,000

748 Saint Michael Circle P. & A. Kulshreshtha to M. & T. Kanetkar for \$755,000

1752 Tanglewood Way B. Hilal to T. & S. Choi for \$1,290,000

Dublin

1600 Alegre Drive C. & E. Ozkurt to X. Dai for \$1,000,000

6897 Amador Valley Boulevard W. Bennett to M. & J. Orana for \$800,000

4165 Clarinbridge Circle R. & R. Ghabrial to Y. Zhang for \$525,000

5433 Crestridge Terrace Nguyen Trust to Y. & Y. Wang for \$1,510,000

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BAY EAST

The 2020 leadership team was honored during the Bay East Association of Realtors ceremony in Pleasanton on Jan. 10.

Bay East installs 2020 leadership team

Tina Hand named association president

By JEREMY WALSH

Officers

The Pleasanton-based Bay East Association of Realtors celebrated its new leadership team with an installation ceremony earlier this month.

Presented as part of the real estate association's 2020 Inaugural Gala at Casa Real Winery in Pleasanton on Jan. 10, the event was highlighted by Tina Hand of Legacy Real Estate and Associates in Pleasanton taking the oath of office to become president of the Board of Directors for the year ahead.

"As the chief elected officer, Hand's focus for 2020 will be promoting the Bay East core values: communication, integrity, vision, innovation and leadership," Bay East officials said in a statement.

With more than 30 years in the real estate industry, Hand brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership experience to her new position. She served on Bay East's Executive, Strategic Planning and Local Government Relations committees.

Hand also serves on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Realtors, and was the president of the Women's Council of Realtors of Southern Alameda County in 2017.

With headquarters on Koll Center Parkway in Pleasanton and a satellite office in Alameda, Bay East is a trade association serving more than 6,000 residential and commercial real estate professionals in the region.

The association also installed other members to sit on the Board of Directors for 2020:

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Pleasanton (Dec. 16-27)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$755,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,135,000
Average sales reported: \$1,325,000

Dublin (Dec. 16-27)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$525,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,750,000
Average sales reported: \$880,000

Livermore (Dec. 16-27)

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$500,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,850,000
Average sales reported: \$740,000

San Ramon (Dec. 16-27)

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$510,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,365,000
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5969 Hillbrook Place D. Price to M. & M. Berena for \$845,000
7791 Hillrose Drive S. & N. Sabnani to M. & R. Bertram for \$800,000
11264 Marwick Drive Kronk Living Trust to K. & A. Barua for \$1,210,000
6792 Onyx Place O. Nguyen to L. Dang for \$600,000
3770 Rimini Lane Wu Trust to A. Faruqi for \$815,000
3592 Rocking Horse Court M. & L. McCormick to D. Zawoad for \$995,000
2823 East Sugar Hill Terrace G. & A. Sandhu to M. & R. Dhillon for \$1,750,000
6739 Tory Way Roberts Family Trust to G. & R. Kulkarni for \$880,000

Livermore

693 North M Street B. Taylor to Nmt Financial LLC for \$500,000
168 Albatross Avenue Moulin Family Trust to A. & C. Weber for \$645,000
6315 Almaden Way M. Foster to A. & F. Garcia for \$700,000
337 Call Of The Wild Way D. & S. Wittmer to K. Rewinkel for \$1,438,000
230 Garden Common K. Quinnell to A. & A. Ornelas for \$610,000
1455 Hudson Way A. & M. Amable to E. & S. Lee for \$915,000
499 Hummingbird Lane J. Hempel-Haines to B. & K. Smith for \$740,000
1078 Lomitas Avenue J. & S. Brewer to V. & O. Tymoshchuk for \$870,000

380 Misty Circle D & T Family Trust to R. & V. Peddi for \$835,000
4813 Mulqueeney Common V. Hund to J. Alviso for \$615,000
578 Mulqueeney Street K. Connelly to P. & C. Ordonez for \$732,000
5658 Oakmont Circle D. & L. Roth to T. & A. Armaz for \$740,000
1637 Radcliffe Road Kanouff Family Trust to Sauer Trust for \$1,500,000
681 Selby Lane #2 D. Florescu to S. & D. Fontanares for \$650,000
1787 Sunset Drive Sandoval Family Trust to J. & C. Veloria for \$735,000
2445 Tait Street K. & M. Richards to K. & R. Ortega for \$1,130,000
3798 Thornhill Drive J. & D. Priolo to J. Vandenbulcke for \$1,300,000
2285 Tuscany Circle K. & G. Oliver to S. & T. Wasson for \$1,850,000

San Ramon

330 Andros Drive Biagtan Family Trust to J. & A. Shiraishi-Cang for \$1,365,000
411 Barranca Court D. & J. Gault to Holland Family Trust for \$1,225,000
2747 Derby Drive R. Vaughn to H. & B. Shieh for \$1,200,000
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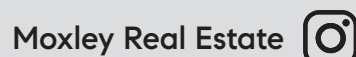
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