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# VALLEY VIEWS

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

## Help Niles Canyon Railway stay on track

Niles Canyon Railway is one more organization that has suspended activities due to COVID-19, and it saddens me to think there are no clackity old trains chugging from Sunol to Niles through the beautiful ravine.

But plenty is happening behind the scenes. After all, brush must be cut from the tracks and the equipment does require maintenance, whether the trains run or not. Also, the Pacific Locomotive Association, which operates the railway, is in the midst of acquiring and restoring Southern Pacific locomotive No. 1744, a five-year project that will total about \$500,000.

Normally volunteers raise money with their Sunday train rides, special events and gift shop sales. But of course this funding is halted, so the group is soliciting donations for the \$30,000 needed to move the two final pieces of the locomotive.

The Sunol-Niles excursion, a true museum in motion, has about 45,000 riders each year who come from around the Bay Area and, indeed, all over the world to partake. "Train of Lights" trips during the holiday are especially popular.

It has been almost 10 years since I made the train ride, but I well remember buying tickets at the old Sunol depot then climbing aboard, helped by volunteers in vintage dress. The scenery was lovely, and I enjoyed the chatter of the train-enthusiast travelers as we were pulled along the old Southern Pacific tracks to Niles by a diesel engine then back with a steam engine.

Last week I called association president Henry Baum to get the details of the new fundraising endeavor. Henry, as all train aficionados in my experience, was full of enthusiasm for everything railroad. He explained the purchase of SP No. 1744, a big undertaking since it is in Colorado and had been disassembled for repair. The pieces are gradually being shipped to California.

An expert in Colorado will reassemble the boiler, making replacements for parts that are in bad shape, which will take three to four years. The undercarriage also remains in Colorado. But the tender and cab are in the Pacific Locomotive Association's Brightside maintenance yard off Niles Canyon Road, where containers also store loose parts needed to eventually

reassemble the locomotive.

"It's quite a bargain because it is in pieces," Henry explained. "Typically a locomotive that needs to be restored, when it's all in one piece, will run you half a million dollars. Here, it's also going to cost us half a million dollars — but spread out over five years."

Find information about the organization, the history of trains locally, and making donations at [www.ncry.org](http://www.ncry.org).

Henry said mostly the equipment they purchase — which includes 20 locomotives — is bought at scrape value. They also have passenger, freight and maintenance cars, as well as eight cabooses. I have loved the red cabooses since I was a child in the '50s watching trains pass through my uncle's orchards in San Jose.

I asked Henry if he loved trains as a little boy and the answer was an unequivocal "No!" He said he hated trains growing up in Chicago where they were ubiquitous. Nonetheless, his dad continually made him gifts of Lionel trains, then set them up in the basement for his own enjoyment.

But when Henry moved to Livermore a few decades ago, he commuted to work through Niles Canyon and fell in love with it. He eventually checked out Niles Canyon Railway, turned in a volunteer application, and went one Saturday to help out. He was assigned to the track crew — and was hooked.

"The people were great," he recalled. "I didn't know anything about building a track, but the group will teach you everything to do the job right and safely."

He also ended up taking the ACE train to Silicon Valley for 20 years before retiring.

Henry is on a crew working to lay track from Sunol to Pleasanton, and the crew is nearing the bridge at Happy Valley Road. He estimates they are about three years away from reaching Valley Avenue, behind Richert Lumber, although the ultimate goal is Bernal.

Before that, check out the Sunol-Niles train ride when it starts up again. And for now, you might consider a drive through Niles Canyon in your car for a scenic getaway. ■

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

### About the Cover

The recently released horror film, "Death Blood 4," was filmed mostly in Pleasanton by two movie makers who grew up here. They say the B-movie is a love letter to Pleasanton. Photos courtesy of "Death Blood 4." Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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## How do you feel about the weekend closures of Main Street these days?



**Jonathan Hall**  
*Physical therapist assistant*

I really like it. It makes for a great date night. It's wonderful to be able to enjoy the nice weather and to see other people enjoying themselves, at a safe social distance.



**Amy Shaw**  
*Health care*

I love how it adds a romantic atmosphere to our downtown because there are no cars or noisy motorcycles in sight. It is a perfect place to be able to spend quality time together out and about in a safe environment.



**Robert Lieberman**  
*Surgeon*

I like it because it is very conducive to walking, dining and people-watching. It has also enabled me to discover several new, wonderful restaurants I had never been to before.



**Susan Krebs**  
*Office manager*

I love it. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the summer and help support the downtown businesses. We are so happy to be able to get out in a safe way and patronize our local businesses that we gladly over-pay and over-tip.



**Mike Friar**  
*Business owner*

I think it's terrific, so long as everyone is wearing a mask and maintaining a safe social distance. Every downtown across America should do this as it brings so much life and vitality to the area.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### D1 Supervisor forum

The Pleasanton Weekly's first candidate forum of the fall election season will be Monday (Aug. 17) from 6-8 p.m. featuring the two candidates for Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 1: Dublin Mayor David Haubert and Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon.

The forum will be recorded live and in-person at Amos Productions studios in Livermore, with physical-distancing protocols in place for all participants. No audience will be allowed in the room because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but citizen questions will be solicited beforehand. A full recording of the forum will be available afterward.

The event is a partnership between the Weekly and the Dublin, Fremont and Livermore chambers of commerce. Publisher Gina Channell and editor Jeremy Walsh will moderate. To register for the livestream or to submit a question for review, visit [PleasantonWeekly.com/candidate-forum](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/candidate-forum).

### Metallica concert

Legendary rock band Metallica will be the latest act to perform virtually at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, with the Bay Area rockers joining the Encore Drive-In Nights series on Aug. 29.

The concert will be specially recorded for the drive-in screen presentation and be broadcast at drive-up venues across the U.S. and Canada, like the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. There will also be a special guest performance by Three Days Grace.

General admission tickets go on sale online starting today, with each ticket purchase representing one carload of up to six people. To learn more, visit [encorenights.com](http://encorenights.com).

### Dublin climate plan

The comment period recently opened for public review of a negative declaration for the city of Dublin's "Climate Action Plan 2030 and Beyond" (CAP 2030) draft update.

Goals outlined in the CAP 2030 include to align with the California Global Warming Solutions Act and reduce the community's greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by the year 2030, and help the city realize carbon neutrality by 2045.

The CAP 2030 also outlines specific strategies for renewable and carbon-free electricity, sustainable mobility and land use, energy efficiency and electrification, and materials and waste management.

Electronic copies of the draft CAP 2030 and initial study/negative declaration are available at [www.dublincaupdate.com](http://www.dublincaupdate.com). Comments should be forwarded to [Rebecca.Parnes@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Parnes@dublin.ca.gov) by Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. ■

## Candidate lists finalized in Tri-Valley

Crowded ballots for city, school and special district elections heading into Nov. 3

By JEREMY WALSH

The candidate lists were solidified for local elections during the past week, with some like the Pleasanton City Council and mayor races set last Friday while several others like Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees had their filing deadline extended to Wednesday after incumbents opted not to run.

And the ballots are jam-packed almost across the board in the Tri-Valley.

Pleasanton voters will have five candidates for mayor, seven for City Council (two seats available) and five for school board (three seats).

In Dublin, two sitting council members and one newcomer are facing off for mayor while there are nine candidates for the two City Council positions. Plus, two of the three Dublin school board elections will be contested races.

And in Livermore, two candidates are running for mayor, one of the two council seats will be contested and five candidates will be on the ballot for school board (two seats).

There are also multiple candidates each for council and school board seats in the San Ramon Valley, as well as contested elections for special district governing boards such as Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and both Tri-Valley seats on the BART board.

The main candidacy filing deadline came and went at 5 p.m. last Friday, marking the final chance to obtain a spot on the ballot for city, school and special district elections — unless an eligible incumbent did not file by that time, in which case the timeframe would be extended by five days for newcomers only (an incumbent could not change their mind and decide to file).

Dublin City Council and mayor, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Dublin San Ramon Services District were among the other public agencies required to give prospective candidates until 5 p.m. this Wednesday to complete nomination paperwork.

The final candidate tallies are available online on the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office website.

General election information and details on how to register to vote can also be found there, [www.acvote.org](http://www.acvote.org).

### Pleasanton

The city of Pleasanton will have its mayoral position and two at-large City Council seats completely change hands in the Nov. 3 election because incumbent Mayor Jerry Thorne and council members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin are termed out of their positions.

Pentin and Brown, however, are among the five residents who qualified for the mayor ballot. They are joined by health engineer/scientist Druthi Ghanta, product manager Monith Ilavarasan and digital marketing manager Tom Turpel.

There are seven candidates for City Council: Planning Commissioners Nancy Allen and Jack Balch, school board Trustee Valerie Arkin, businessman and Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Randy Brown, Housing Commissioner Zarina Kiziloglu, Economic Vitality Committee member Chimman Lee and local attorney Jarod Buna.

The city of Pleasanton filing deadlines closed on Friday because all three current office holders are termed out, and therefore not considered to be incumbents eligible for re-election.

In the Pleasanton Unified School District contest, with three Board of Trustees seats on the ballot, incumbents Steve Maher and Jamie Yee, and challengers Mary Jo Carreon (retired teacher/parent), Kelly Mokashi (E-learning education professional) and Chong Wang (IT consultant/parent) all qualified for the ballot.

With Arkin pursuing City Council instead of re-election to the school board, the PUSD filing deadline was extended to Wednesday but no additional residents pursued PUSD candidacy.

### Livermore

In the city of Livermore, Vice Mayor Bob Woerner and Mony Nop, a local Realtor and former Livermore police officer, will face off on the

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## LVJUSD spotlights new principals

Hansen takes reins at East Avenue; Angelo returns to lead Croce

By JULIA BAUM

When students start the new school year at Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District on Aug. 25, they will also be joined by two new principals.

In a recent statement, Superintendent Kelly Bowers welcomed Marni Angelo and Jesse Hansen — the new principals at Croce Elementary and East Avenue Middle, respectively — as "outstanding leaders whose focus on relationships, equity, and academic excellence support our district's commitment to preparing each student to contribute and thrive in our changing world."

Angelo and Hansen spent most of the summer preparing for their new responsibilities as school leaders and to welcome students, families and teachers on their first day of classes, according to LVJUSD.

That first day of school should also feel like a homecoming for longtime educator Angelo, who taught first and second grades at Croce for 20 years — two thirds of a career spanning three decades. Angelo is back at Croce after serving as a teacher-on-special-assignment, an interim vice principal, and finally as a summer school



Marni Angelo

principal.

"While school will look very different this year, my focus will be to ensure that each child feels connected and is challenged by new learning opportunities and experiences," Angelo said.

Angelo replaces former principal Kendra Helsley, who left for Ensley Elementary in Modesto, and holds a master's degree in educational leadership from California State University East Bay, as well as a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing sciences from UC Santa Barbara.

Also a veteran of the classroom, Hansen brings more than 20 years of experience teaching middle and high school students, and has worked in administration positions for the



Jesse Hansen

past eight years, including middle school vice principal and as a high school assistant principal. Hansen also sees building a strong, supportive community as his primary objective during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Connection is what makes us feel like a community and is what allows us to achieve greatness. This connection is doubly important as we face the uncertainties associated with the current pandemic," Hansen said.

Hansen earned his economics degree from Carleton College before later receiving a master's degree in educational administration from Brandman University. He will take over from Mistee Guzman, who is now principal at Edendale Middle School in San Lorenzo. ■

## Livermore cancels street closures

Pleasanton's weekend shutdown of Main St. extends until Labor Day

By JULIA BAUM

The city of Livermore is opting to keep downtown streets open to vehicular traffic again this weekend, while neighboring Pleasanton recently announced the extension of its weekend closure of Main Street to support outdoor business activity that will now continue through Labor Day weekend.

Livermore's move to reverse course on its previous temporary street closures started last weekend, with city officials citing a lack of physical distancing among residents and losses for local businesses. The downtown streets will remain open for vehicles this weekend as well.

"The plan is to have no downtown street closures this weekend, the same as last weekend. Staff will continue to remain flexible, monitor the situation, and make adjustments in future weeks, as needed," Tamera LeBeau, city public

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# Large-scale environmental study planned at Lawrence Livermore Lab

New study triggered by expected changes over next 15 years

By JULIA BAUM

A wide-ranging environmental review of projects and facilities at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will be conducted, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced last week.

Known formally as a site-wide environmental impact statement, or SWEIS, the study fulfills a

requirement by the federal government “to re-evaluate the validity of a SWEIS every five years,” officials from NNSA told the Weekly.

“If after such a review the NNSA concludes the existing SWEIS and resulting decisions remain valid, there is no need for a new SWEIS,” officials said.

They concluded after the most

recent re-evaluation, however, that “a new SWEIS was warranted because changes and updates” are expected for the laboratory over the next 15 years.

Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, Department of Energy under secretary and NNSA administrator, said in a statement that the agency “is committed to being a good steward of the environment while carrying out our national security missions.”

“The continued operation of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is critical for NNSA’s Stockpile Stewardship Program and reducing global nuclear threats,” Gordon-Hagerty said.

The potential environmental impacts of at least two reasonable

alternatives for continuing Lawrence Livermore Lab activities during the next decade and a half will be analyzed for the study.

The No Action Alternative “provides a benchmark for comparison with the environmental effects of the other alternatives,” and would see current operations continue “in support of assigned missions, without foreseeable new operations and facilities for the next 15 years.”

The Proposed Action Alternative would “address aging infrastructure concerns.” Everything described for the No Action Alternative is also included in Proposed Action, as well as building new facilities and modifying existing ones, making operational changes, and

“decontamination and decommissioning of excess facilities.”

NNSA said the study “will support the continued long-term safe operation of Lawrence Livermore Lab, benefiting NNSA, the national security mission and the local community.”

Members of other federal agencies, state and local governments, American Indian tribes, and the general public are invited to comment on the scope and alternatives of the study. A virtual scoping meeting will be held in lieu of in-person meetings. Information will be posted on the NNSA website about how to participate in the virtual meeting and submit comments, and announced in local newspapers at least 15 days before the meeting.

The Livermore Lab draft SWEIS will be prepared following the scoping period; NNSA expects it will be published by early next year. ■

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information officer, told the Weekly on Tuesday.

More than a month ago, the city of Livermore started closing off portions of First and K streets to vehicle traffic during the weekend to create more space for social distancing and expand outdoor seating.

In a statement on Aug. 6, the city said the closures were intended “to support the downtown economy and promote public safety” but “unfortunately, it was observed that the street closures were rarely used for social distancing and adversely affected the downtown businesses.”

A recent survey of downtown businesses found that “only 1 out of 4 felt that the street closures were beneficial to their business, with a majority of the businesses reporting losses,” according to officials.

“Since the street closures did not achieve the intended results, downtown streets will remain open (Aug. 8-9),” they added in announcing the road reopenings last weekend.

Noting a recent rise in COVID-19 cases both locally and throughout Alameda County, the use of face masks in Livermore will now be enforced, the city said. City staff will be around downtown to remind visitors to wear face masks and practice social distancing, as well as handing out disposable masks to those without one to wear.

Officials remind the public that face coverings are required at all times, except when eating or drinking at an outdoor dining table. A first time violation of the face mask order can result in a \$100 citation.

Residents are asked to “please wear your face covering to keep everyone safe and to allow our businesses to remain open.” The city also added that they “will continue to remain flexible, monitor the

situation, and make adjustments as needed.”

At the same time that Livermore has halted its downtown street closures, the city of Pleasanton has extended its “A Weekend on Main” experience through Labor Day weekend “to continue to aid our downtown businesses in expanding their footprint and making our community’s shopping, dining and overall downtown experience safe and successful,” the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) announced last week.

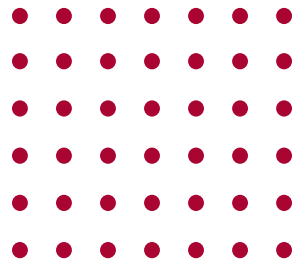
Main Street will continue to be closed to vehicular traffic through Labor Day weekend from Fridays at 2 p.m. until Sunday nights at 9 p.m. Parts of Neal and Division streets will also be closed off for allowed outdoor dining and activity.

Face masks will be required at all times except when dining, and signs will be posted along Main Street reminding visitors about the state and county health orders. The PDA said “each establishment should also enforce the wearing of face coverings” and encouraged patron sign-ins “to allow for contact-tracing in the event of a COVID exposure.”

Four parking lots will be accessible on the weekends including the library and Civic Center lots (200 and 400 Old Bernal Ave.), the Firehouse Arts Center public lot at 4444 Railroad Ave., and the public lot at 500 St. Mary St.

As of Tuesday, Alameda County had 13,664 positive cases of COVID-19 on record and 205 deaths caused by the virus, according to the Alameda County Public Health Department. Livermore led the Tri-Valley with 607 cases, followed by Pleasanton with 272 and Dublin with 167. ■

Editor’s note: Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.



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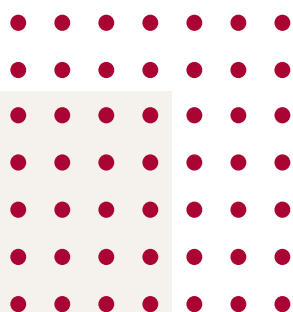
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# Alameda County's first West Nile virus case of 2020 confirmed in Dublin

Dead bird discovered on Ash Court tested positive for virus last week

By JULIA BAUM

A dead bird found in Dublin last week tested positive for West Nile virus, marking the “first indication of active virus transmission” in the county this year, the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District announced.

According to the district, the body of an American crow was recovered on Aug. 5 from the 6800 block of Ash Court in the city of Dublin, less than a half mile from Valley High School. Results from tests conducted at the district laboratory on Aug. 7 were positive for the virus.

More than 90 cases of West Nile — which is spread to humans and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito and has no cure — have been reported in California

this year. The majority of them are dead birds (81) and 10 humans, plus 675 mosquito samples.

Roughly one in five people who contract West Nile virus will experience symptoms including fever, headache, vomiting, body aches or rash. Less than 1% will develop a more serious neurological illness such as meningitis or encephalitis. Adults over 50 and immuno-compromised individuals are at increased risk of serious complications.

The district said “dead birds play an important role in the district’s ability to monitor West Nile virus activity in Alameda County” and that “public reporting of dead birds is vital to our surveillance program.”

Mosquito monitoring and larval control efforts are being ramped up

around the area where the infected dead bird was found. Fountains, buckets and tires — “anything that can hold water for more than four days” — are just a few of the types of places where the district said mosquitoes can breed.

“Every effort is being made to locate areas of standing water where mosquitoes may breed including but not limited to catch basins, storm drain systems, and swimming pools,” officials said.

Residents can reduce the risk of contracting West Nile and other mosquito-borne illnesses by dumping or draining standing water on their property, limiting outdoor activity at dawn and dusk — when mosquito activity is peak — and wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts, as well as insect

repellent with active ingredients like DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Door and window screens should also be in good condition and free of any tears or holes.

Residents can also request mosquito-fish from the district “for their fish ponds, horse troughs, or neglected swimming pools.”

“Even though this summer is very different from what we normally experience, West Nile virus is still something we need to be concerned about,” said General Manager Ryan Clausnitzer.

“As we stay closer to home and spend more time outdoors we wish to remind residents to remove standing water from their property and protect themselves from mosquito bites by wearing repellent

and long and loose clothing. While we are not detecting high numbers of mosquitoes in the area where the bird was found, there is an increased risk of West Nile virus with every mosquito bite,” Clausnitzer added.

The district also said horses are “very susceptible to West Nile virus” and that vaccines are available. Owners should contact their veterinarian about vaccination scheduling.

To learn more about West Nile virus, mosquitoes, or to request any district services, visit [www.mosquitoes.org](http://www.mosquitoes.org) or call 510-783-7744. Call the Alameda County Public Health Department for information about West Nile virus symptoms, prevention or testing at 510-267-8001. ■

## Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund donates another \$60,000 to safety-net services

Total contributions reach \$120,000; third round of fundraising now underway

By RIYA CHOPRA

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund (TVNF) completed its second round of fundraising earlier this month, donating \$10,000 each in unrestricted funds to six local organizations that have been identified as key safety-net service providers in the region.

Launched by the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance in April, the TVNF has now raised a total of \$120,000 throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The six organizations that the fund benefits are Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, CityServe of the Tri-Valley,

Tri-Valley Haven, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and Spectrum Community Services (Meals on Wheels).

These organizations all “regularly address the basic needs of vulnerable populations such as senior citizens, children, the disabled, veterans, those living paycheck-to-paycheck, and the homeless by providing food, clothing, safe housing, behavioral health assistance, wellness checks, transportation and medical care,” according to the alliance.

Of the TVNF’s second round donations, \$30,000 flowed in

through community contributions. Those funds were then doubled by matching partners including Marti and John Sutton, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Gene Morgan Insurance Agency and Mony Nop Real Estate.

Kathy Young, CEO of the alliance, stated that matching partners play a crucial role in supporting the TVNF.

“Community members are motivated to support neighbors,” Young explained. “But many are understandably limited in how much they can contribute right now. The immediate doubling mechanism allows for significant

impacts, no matter how small the community contribution.”

The Workday Foundation has pledged to be the exclusive matching partner for the third round of the TVNF’s COVID-19 relief campaign. They have donated the full \$30,000 in matching funds.

“Supporting the needs of our communities is more important than ever, including those who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19,” said Carrie Varoquiers, vice president of global impact and employee life at Workday and president of the Workday Foundation.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to support the TVNF, which aids service providers that are helping keep families healthy, fed and in their homes — which aligns with our goal to help break the cycle of poverty and transform lives,” Varoquiers said.

Local small businesses like Inklings Coffee & Tea in Pleasanton are already planning donation drives and other fundraisers to collect funds for the TVNF, all of which will be matched by Workday. To donate to the fund or find more information, visit [tvnfa.org](http://tvnfa.org). ■



### Deputy Rocha laid to rest

Family, friends and colleagues honored the life of Alameda County Sheriff’s Deputy Oscar Rocha during a memorial service with COVID-19 restrictions in place on Aug. 4. Rocha, who worked for the department for nearly 25 years, died on July 23 at the age of 57 following a weeks-long battle with COVID-19. He was the first ACSO employee to die from the coronavirus. Rocha was buried with full law enforcement honors, and Sheriff Gregory Ahern was on-hand at the service to present a U.S. flag to Rocha’s wife, Maureen Ennor Rocha.



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## PPIE supports schools

Funds going to ‘critically important’ pandemic resources

Donations raised this year by the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) will be used to fund “critically important” resources for helping students adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation recently announced.

“Our vacation was like no other in history and the opening of school will be the same. We are all adjusting to this strange new world,” Executive Director Steve McCoy-Thompson said.

With company matching and corporate support as well as community donations, PPIE officials said they will fund several positions “which are critically important during shelter in place to help our students stay engaged and reach their potential,” including a

wellness director and school support counselors “to help our students positively address feelings of isolation and anxiety at this time.”

A math and reading intervention specialist will “provide targeted support to students at all grade levels for help and enrichment,” while school site tech support and librarians will support remote learning and help students access resources.

PPIE also lowered its “ask” for donations this year and gave families the option of a 10-month donation plan in Future Fund to spread their donation over a “more manageable period” during school registration earlier this summer.

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

—Julia Baum

# Protest calls for end to nuclear weapons on 75th anniversary of Hiroshima bombing

Virtual demonstration critical of LLNL's focus on weaponry

Bay Area nuclear war protesters held their annual rally at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory virtually last week on the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima to call for an end to nuclear weapons.

The rally started at 8 a.m. Pacific time on Aug. 6 at [www.hiroshimanagasaki75.org/events](http://www.hiroshimanagasaki75.org/events) and was part of a national event called "From Hiroshima to a Healthy Tomorrow: Embracing Our Common Humanity," organized by more than 160 groups.

Virtual programming also occurred last Sunday, the anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki 75 years ago.

Estimates of the number of people killed in the two explosions range from 110,000 to 210,000, according to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, a non-profit organization that sets the hands of the Doomsday Clock, a measure of how close humanity is to destroying itself.

The clock is now set at 100 seconds to midnight, the closest it has ever been to annihilation.

"Every time I get sick, I say maybe this is the end," said

Nagasaki survivor Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka, who was an infant when the bomb hit and whose mother and sister died in the attack.

He said he's been saying that for 75 years and says he's lucky to still be alive.

Historian Gar Alperovitz, a former special assistant in the U.S. State Department, said the decision to drop the bombs was not made to end the war but rather for diplomacy.

Alperovitz said military officials knew that using the bombs were not necessary. Japan was ready to surrender in two weeks, he said.

Daniel Ellsberg, best known for releasing the Pentagon Papers to quicken the end to the Vietnam War, said American officials may have used the bomb to prompt Russia to pull back in Eastern Europe.

Demonstrators say President Donald Trump's administration is pouring gasoline onto the flames of a new global arms race. In the 1960s, Russia imitated the American buildup of nuclear arms, Ellsberg said.

He said for more than half a century, there have been two doomsday machines, the U.S. and Russia, on hair-trigger alert.

Demonstrators say the Livermore Lab is central to the increasing nuclear danger.

They say that 88% of the funding for the lab is slated for nuclear weapons activity.

Lab spokeswoman Lynda Seaver disagreed with that number. She said that about 67% of the lab's \$2.3 billion budget for the current fiscal year is spent on weapons work. If all of the lab's national security work is combined, it would be closer to the 88%.

The Berkeley City Council last week adopted a resolution calling for President Trump and Congress to lead an effort to avoid nuclear war by giving up the option to do so, taking the weapons off hair-trigger alert, ending the president's sole authority to launch an attack, canceling plans to create enhanced weapons in the place of the current arsenal, and pursuing an agreement to eliminate the weapons among countries with nuclear war capability. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Mayors' Summit goes virtual

By RIYA CHOPRA

The mayors of Pleasanton, Dublin, Danville, Livermore and San Ramon will be gathering for an online panel to talk about the current challenges being faced by the Tri-Valley at noon Aug. 26.

Moderated by former state assemblywoman Catharine Baker, the summit represents the sole annual opportunity for business leaders, city staff and policymakers to hear from all five mayors in the Tri-Valley in a public discussion format.

"This summit will be like no other we have had," Baker said in a statement. "These five mayors have served our Tri-Valley during its greatest transformation, challenges and successes. We are going to get right to the heart of those experiences and what the mayors see for the Tri-Valley's future."

Scheduled to participate are

mayors Jerry Thorne (Pleasanton), Karen Stepper (Danville), David Haubert (Dublin), John Marchand (Livermore) and Bill Clarkson (San Ramon).

The summit is also a collaborative effort between the chambers of commerce of each of the five communities; this year, it will be hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and livestreamed by Amos Productions. The video will be available on the Pleasanton chamber website afterward.

The event is jointly sponsored by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Chevron and Stanford Health Care-Valley-Care, with participating sponsorships from Alameda County Fairgrounds, Amos Productions, Black Tie Transportation, John Muir Health and Hoge Fenton.

To register for the event, visit [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org). ■

## PG&E makes changes to website for Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Site will include faster loading times, six more languages

By EMMA HALL

PG&E recently announced it is launching an improved emergency website and customer notification for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) this wildfire season after difficulties during the initial rollout last year.

The updates come after last October when PG&E's website was unavailable due to the system being overwhelmed with visits. According to the utility company, the new website will load quicker, being tested six times the peak traffic of 2019's PSPS events.

"We asked our customers and stakeholders what are the most important things that they need to hear from us during an emergency. We are listening to our customers and acting on what we hear," Laurie Giammona, PG&E's senior vice president and chief customer officer, said in a statement.

For example, when PG&E calls a PSPS due to foreseeable wildfire conditions, PG&E customers will be directed to a "Safety and Alert

Center" website that will provide information before shutoffs. Specifically, the new emergency website will be designed as a mobile-first to accommodate mobile experiences.

The site will be cloud-based to improve scalability for high traffic levels, according to the company. Alongside that, the website will be available in 13 languages total. Currently, it is only available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean and Russian, but PG&E will be adding Farsi, Arabic, Hmong, Khmer, Punjabi and Japanese next month.

PG&E said it will also be upgrading maps for 2020 to provide more precise and accurate details. The addresses from last year will be redesigned to offer a text based "no map" with current and future views of power outages. A newer address lookup tool will as well be implemented to help those to get information faster.

PG&E said its PSPS will be done as a last resort when the most extreme fire danger conditions are

forecast. The following criteria, according to PG&E, will determine if power should be shut off for safety:

- A red flag warning sent by the National Weather Service.
- Low humidity levels that are 20% or below.
- Forecast winds that are above 25 mph along with excessive wind gusts that are approximately 45 mph
- The condition of dry fuel on the ground and live vegetation.
- Real-time observation from PG&E's Wildfire Safety Operations Center and observations from PG&E field crews.

Notifications will also be improved, according to PG&E. Text or email messages will come two days prior, the day before, or just before power turns off. Future notifications will show the date of the shutoff and the addresses that will be affected by shutoff and restoration times. After the shutoff, daily updates will also be provided until power is restored. To learn more, visit [www.pge.com/pspsupdates](http://www.pge.com/pspsupdates). ■

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## CANDIDATES

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ballot for the city's mayor position, which is elected at-large.

Nop and Woerner are vying to succeed Mayor John Marchand, who is terming out. Filing closed last Friday because Marchand is termed out instead of choosing not to run.

This will be the first election for Livermore City Council under a district-based format, and the city will have a contested election for District 3 (southeastern Livermore) but an uncontested election for District 4 (southwest).

Councilman Robert Carling was the only candidate to file for District 4 before the deadline.

For District 3, newcomers Brittni Kiick (small business owner) and Pete Patterson II (medical account manager) will be the two candidates on the ballot.

Even though Councilman Bob Coomber chose not to seek re-election, there was no deadline extension because Coomber — like Carling — was elected at-large four years so he was not considered an incumbent under the district-based format.

**Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District** had five candidates qualify for the ballot upon the deadline. At least one Board of Trustees seats is guaranteed to change hands after incumbent Chris Wenzel pulled papers but ultimately opted against seeking another term.

The candidates who will appear on

the ballot with two at-large positions up for grabs are incumbent Charles "Chuck" Rogge and newcomers Yarina Guzmán (career coach/parent), Kandiss Hewing (human resources specialist), Asa Strout (business analyst) and Kristie Wang (public policy advocate).

## Dublin

For **the city of Dublin**, the mayor's position and two City Council seats are on the ballot — and both of those races had their candidacy deadline extended to Wednesday.

Sitting council members Arun Goel and Melissa Hernandez are running for mayor instead of seeking re-election to their City Council seats this fall, resulting in the council extension.

Mayor David Haubert was thought to be termed out, but city spokesperson Shari Jackman said last Friday it was determined Haubert actually would have been able to serve a fourth term as mayor. Under city term limits, Dublin officials are ineligible after eight years worth of full terms (combined between council and mayor service), but Haubert served two days short of two full years in his lone council term before being elected mayor in 2014 — making Haubert technically still an eligible incumbent this year, according to Jackman.

It's a moot point for Haubert himself, as he is running for Alameda County Board of Supervisors instead on the Nov. 3 ballot, but the result

was that the Dublin mayor's seat got the five-day filing extension.

After the deadline passed Wednesday, Goel and Hernandez had both qualified for the mayoral ballot, as did newcomer Regina Pangelinan.

Nine candidates will be on the ballot for the two City Council seats: Shawn Costello, Lucrecia Deleon, Razi Hansi, Sherry Hu, Michael McCorrison, Sri Muppidi, Dawn Plants, Kashaf Qadri and Samir Qureshi.

For the **Dublin Unified School District** Trustee Area 1, residents Dawn Nwamuo (physician/mother) and Kristin Pelham (educator/parent) have been confirmed for the ballot. Current Trustee Amy Miller, who lives in Area 1, announced that she will not seek re-election — but since she was elected at-large in 2016, she was technically not considered an incumbent for candidacy-deadline purposes.

Incumbent Gabi Blackman and newcomer Michael Utsumi (fundraiser event coordinator) both filed papers to run for DUSD Trustee Area 4.

And for Trustee Area 3, incumbent Catherine Kuo was uncontested, with no other candidates filing in her part of the district.

For **Sunol Glen Unified School District**, incumbent Denise Kent Romo was the only candidate to file for the lone Board of Directors seat on the ballot.

**The city of San Ramon** has six candidates for mayor and two for City Council District 1, with filing in

those two elections closing on Friday. City Council District 3 — which had the candidacy deadline extended to Wednesday — has four candidates qualified for the ballot.

Nov. 3 will be San Ramon's first election under district-based voting for City Council seats. The mayor's position continues to be at-large.

Confirmed for the mayoral ballot are sitting City Council members Dave Hudson and Sabina Zafar and newcomers Dinesh Govindarao, Aparna Madireddi, Susmita Nayak and Sanat Sethy. The filing deadline expired on Friday because Mayor Bill Clarkson is termed out, and therefore not considered to be an incumbent eligible for re-election.

For City Council District 1, sitting Councilman Scott Perkins will face off against challenger Luz Gómez.

For the District 3 seat, residents Varun Kaushal, Reza Majlesi, Sameera Rajwade and Sridhar Verose have qualified for the ballot. Prospective candidates had extra time to finish the paperwork because the deadline was extended with Councilman Phil O'Loane opting not to seek re-election.

The deadline for **Danville Town Council** was also extended to Wednesday afternoon because Vice Mayor Lisa Blackwell decided not to run for a second term, announcing her decision publicly on the initial deadline morning last Friday.

Nine candidates have qualified for the Danville ballot, with the three council positions to be elected at-large: incumbents Newell Arnerich and Renee Morgan and newcomers Mohamed Elsherbini, David Fong, Nasser Mirzai, PJ Shelton, Turner Stanton, Allen Timmons and Kevin Traylor.

The **San Ramon Valley Unified School District**, which is also in its first election with district-based voting, has three candidates each for the Area 2 and Area 3 seats on the ballot.

The Area 2 ballot was confirmed with incumbent Greg Marvel and challengers Shelley Clark and Priscilla Graft.

The Area 3 election, which had its deadline extended with current board member Mark Jewett not running for re-election. Residents Laura Bratt, Kumar Nallusamy and Scott Roberts qualified for the ballot.

## Special districts

The **Dublin San Ramon Services District** experienced little interest, candidacy-wise, in its first election under district-based balloting.

Newcomer Marisol Rubio was the only candidate to file for DSRSD Division 1, and incumbent Director Rich Halket was uncontested for Division 3.

But no prospective candidates came forward for Division 5. As a result, according to DSRSD, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will need to appoint a new director some time in the future.

Incumbent Ed Duarte, whose DSRSD term is up this year, actually doesn't live in any of the three divisions on the Nov. 3 ballot so he was ineligible to run. Director Pat

Howard, a former board member who came out of retirement for a short-term appointment months ago to fill the vacancy created after director Maddi Misheloff's death, represents the other seat expiring this year but did not want to run for a full term.

The candidacy deadline was also extended for **Livermore Area Recreation and Park District** with two at-large seats up for grabs after incumbent Beth Wilson did file for re-election.

Five candidates filed in the end for LARPD Board of Directors: incumbent Jan Palajac and challengers James E. Boswell, Mike Ralph, Stacey A. Swanson and Richard Tarbell.

For **BART Board of Directors District 5**, which includes Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, incumbent John McPartland and newcomers Steven Dunbar and Mike Wallace have filed for the ballot.

And BART District 1, which includes the San Ramon Valley, has its ballot set with incumbent Debora Allen and newcomers Emmy Akin and Jamie Salcido running.

The **Chabot-Las Positas Community College District** has four Board of Trustees seats up for election this year, but the two trustee areas in the Tri-Valley are uncontested for the incumbents: Tim Sbranti for Area 5 and Ed Maduli for Area 7.

## Runoffs

Tri-Valley ballots will also have several runoff elections for county, state and federal representative seats.

- Leading the way on carryover elections will be Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 1, which represents Dublin and Livermore in the Tri-Valley, as well as Fremont and part of Sunol.

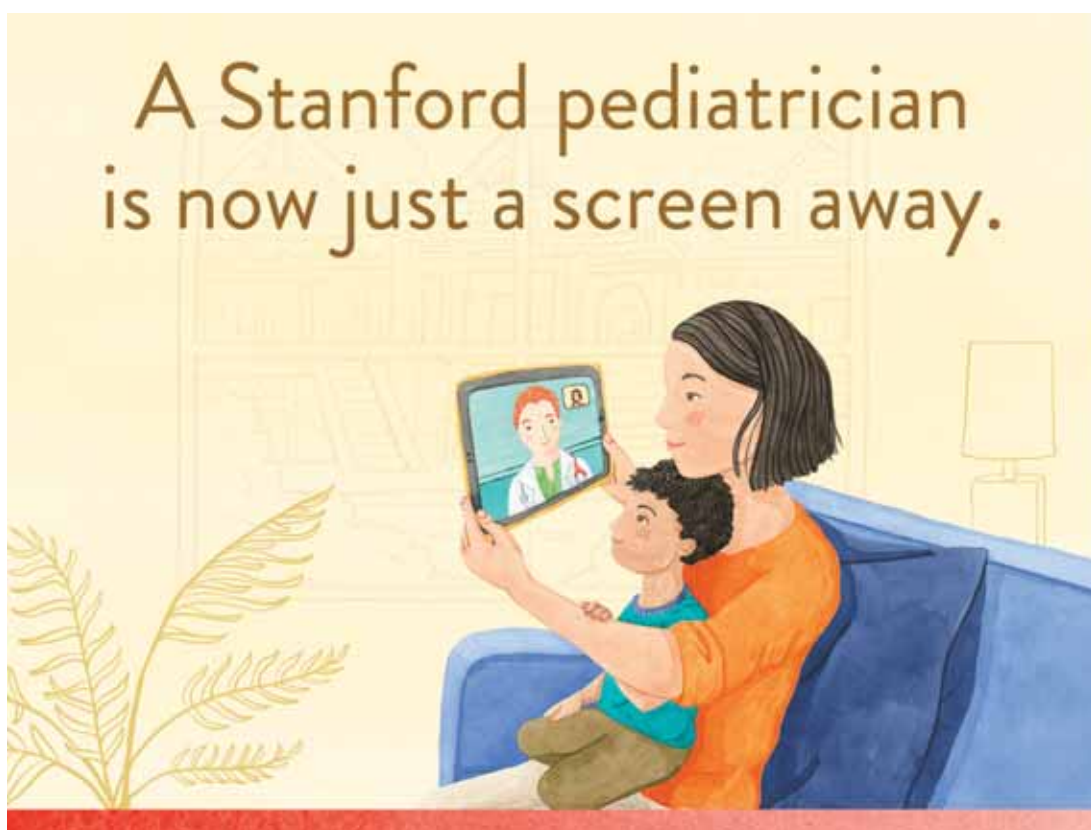
Advancing to the Nov. 3 general election after finishing first and second in the four-candidate primary election were Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon and Dublin Mayor David Haubert.

- For Alameda County Superior Court Department 2, the runoff features civil rights attorney Mark Fickes and trial attorney Elena Condes after the three-candidate primary. This is the bench position opening up with the retirement of longtime Judge Carol Brosnahan.

- Pleasanton's representative State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) led the March ballot and will face off against runner-up Julie Mobley, a Republican.

- Incumbent District 16 Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) is running against businessman Joseph Rubay (R-Alamo); they were the only two candidates on the primary ballot, so each automatically advanced to November.

- U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore), who represents most of the Tri-Valley including Pleasanton, stood comfortably in first place against six challengers with 56.5% in the primary election. He is going against Republican Alison Hayden, a special education teacher, in November after she garnered 20.1% in March for second place. ■



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# PLEASANTON STARS IN CAMPY HORROR FILM

## B-movie proves to be good training ground for filmmakers

STORY BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI | PHOTOS COURTESY OF 'DEATH BLOOD 4'

The newly released film "Death Blood 4" is ultra-camp, and it's fun as well as being bloody. But strikingly, the sci-fi B-movie pays homage to Pleasanton, filmed almost entirely here and including highlights of downtown favorites.

"I see us having two potential audiences," filmmaker Chris De Pretis said. "There is the B-movie crowd, and there is the Pleasanton crowd."

"Feedback has definitely been a mixture," he added, "but we went into it knowing full well it wasn't for everybody. I have heard some people want more death and more blood. But reaction has been pretty positive from Pleasanton folks."

The full title is "Death Blood 4: Revenge of the Killer Nano-Robotic Blood Virus," and it tells the story of teen Cindy Shane, who teams up with a space alien, a pizza boy, a comic store clerk and a talking TV to defeat an evil police chief and nano-robots that control humans. The horror movie even includes that old standard — the terrorizing

of a babysitter.

"My biggest fear is people will watch the movie and take it seriously. It's supposed to be silly and over the top," De Pretis said.

Much of the work downtown was done in the middle of the night, but one scene shot earlier drew attention.

"When we filmed at the old gas station on Main Street, there were people everywhere, and they asked about it," De Pretis said. "One kid was on his phone looking for 'Death Blood 1, 2 and 3.'"

"Death Blood 4" is the one and only of the "series," although it gives a nod to the imaginary others.

De Pretis, 32, moved to Pleasanton as a toddler, went to Vintage Hills Elementary, Pleasanton Middle and Amador Valley High schools. He served in the Army, then moved to Los Angeles where he studied film.

"I've had an interest in being a filmmaker back from when I was a teenager and took video courses at Amador," he said. "I worked doing

music videos and some B stuff in Los Angeles."

Five years ago De Pretis and his wife Alejandra returned to Pleasanton, and last year they bought a home in Livermore. By day, he produces corporate videos for a company in San Ramon but he wanted to make a full-length feature film.

"I do enjoy campy science fiction and horror films from the 1980s, and part of me said that somebody back in the '80s had to go through that effort for me to enjoy," he said. "I thought I could pay it forward."

Also, since the project was a learning experience, De Pretis decided against subjects that were personal or serious.

"I didn't want to take something I felt strongly about and mess it up through my lack of experience," he explained. "I thought making 'Death Blood' a B-movie was a way to work without the pressure to reach a certain standard."

Most of the crew members were

coworkers who felt the same.

"At the end of the day it is a silly sci-fi movie, and we could have fun with it," De Pretis said.

He partnered with Darwin Clark, another Pleasanton native, and the endeavor took about two years. De Pretis wrote the script at the end of 2017, and the two of them scouted out locations.

"What was really humbling about the whole process is how much the community came together to help us out," De Pretis said.

Scenes include Meadowlark Dairy, Lions Wayside Park, the Veterans Memorial Building, Pleasant Plaza, Inklings Coffee and the old gas station, although the closest video store they could find to use was in Oakland.

De Pretis talked to Pleasanton Police Department ahead of filming downtown.

"I just wanted to let them know we had a guy dressed up as Big Foot and a young lady with a sword," he said with a laugh.

The hometown feature was a family affair for De Pretis. Some scenes were shot in the home of his parents, Cindy and Matt De Pretis; his wife Alejandra was co-producer; and his sister Tess stars as Cindi Shane.

"I thought for that lead role, even though Tess is not an aspiring actress, I saw the value in having someone I could rely on," De Pretis said. "It was fun for us."

Auditions were held in two days, and 80 professional actors came to read and agreed to perform in exchange for credit.

"I produced this movie with family and friends and did the whole thing for about \$3,100," De Pretis said.

Giraffe Space Studios in Livermore lent them a digital cinema camera and some scenes were shot there. The climax takes place in a parking garage — the structure Amador Valley High shares with Valley Community Church.

The filming was done in 27 days the summer of 2018.



Filmmakers Darwin Clark (left) and Chris De Pretis work on Main Street to film "Death Blood 4," a B-movie that is also a nod to growing up in Pleasanton.



Writer/director/producer Chris De Pretis (left) and cinematographer/producer Darwin Clark shoot scenes at Augustin Bernal Park, which plays the part of Pleasanton Ridge.



Assistant cameraman Macartney Stevens signals for action to begin with Tess De Pretis as Cindi Shane filming at the Video Room in Oakland.



Makeup artist Deija Craghead (left) prepares actress Courtney Glickman for a gory scene.

“It was a physically exhausting period of time, every weekend we were working,” De Pretis recalled. “Even in the movie now we can see the haircuts changing — it totally adds to the B-movie effect.”

But post production was even more challenging, he said, as they edited about 11 hours of footage into the 90-minute finished product.

Last summer upon completion,

a private premiere was held at the Vine Cinema for cast and crew, and De Pretis began to submit “Death Blood 4” to film festivals.

“Then COVID hit and a lot of festivals kind of disappeared,” he said. “We kind of sat on it for six months, not knowing what was going to happen, then said, ‘Let’s just work to put it on Amazon Prime now.’”

The movie met its specs for



Chris De Pretis (left) directs actors Chase Beck, Shawn Amaro and Ilya Leshinsky, with Darwin Clark (back to camera) in a scene at a pizza restaurant kitchen.

quality but they needed to create closed caption files, and it was released July 17.

They earn pennies for every hour the film is streamed, De Pretis said.

“What we’re excited about is less

the financial aspect but that anybody in the country can watch it,” he said.

De Pretis and Clark consider the movie to be a sort of love letter to Pleasanton.

“We wanted to capture some of our favorite sites, places we just kind of love about the town,” De Pretis said. “Wherever our careers take us, we have this one movie where Pleasanton plays a character.” ■



Actors Zachary Kai Beckman (left) as space alien JB and Tess De Pretis as Cindi Shane in King Kong Comics and Games in the Rose Pavilion.



Actors Tess De Pretis (left), Thali Zara and Zachary Kai Beckman, with the talking television G7, try to figure out how to stop the killer nano-robots.



A character walks downtown after dark on West Neal Street in front of Hap’s Original.



A fight is about to take place for “Death Blood 4” at the old gas station on Main Street.

## Patrons leave generous gift to Bankhead Theater

Donation comes at critical time for performing arts center

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has announced a substantial legacy gift from the estate of longtime patrons Jene and Isabelle Dupzyk, who left a home they owned in Livermore to the organization.

The home has been appraised at approximately \$700,000, which makes the gift one of the largest received as well as the first legacy gift for the arts center.

"They chose the most meaningful way possible to make an impact," LVPAC Executive Director Chris Carter said in a statement.

The Dupzyks were regular attendees at Bankhead Theater performances and made routine contributions over the years besides purchasing numerous tickets. They appreciated



Isabelle and Jene Dupzyk, longtime supporters of the Bankhead Theater, have left it a substantial legacy gift, which is especially needed now.

a wide range of the arts, from African drumming and mariachi music to Russian ballet and Chinese acrobats. They enjoyed music from the blues guitar of Jimmie Vaughn to the Western songs of Riders in the Sky,

and were particularly loyal to the classical music concerts presented by Del Valle Fine Arts and Livermore-Amador Symphony.

Isabelle Dupzyk died April 15, 2018, and Jene on Oct. 29, 2019. Their legacy gift comes at a time of tremendous financial challenges since the Bankhead Theater has been closed since early March due to COVID-19, noted Carter, making it all the more momentous.

"The Dupzyks' gift could not have come at a more critical time for us," he said.

Rich Buckley, a friend and neighbor of the Dupzyks for 40 years, added that the timing is symbolic of their generosity.

"Jene and Isabelle loved the performing arts. Going out to the theater

was a special event for them," Buckley said. "And Isabelle had an expansive heart, she always wanted to take care of the people and things that mattered to her if they were in need. It would have meant so much to them to know just how big a difference they've made with this gift."

Jene and Isabelle Dupzyk were both scientists, who had long careers at Lawrence Livermore Labs. They met in graduate school and were fascinated by the intersection of science with the world. Jene's broad interests included classic cars and his own hand-built seismograph, while Isabelle was a deft seamstress in her spare time, and they both loved and raised German shepherd dogs. Married for 60 years, they enjoyed doing everything together, especially going

to concerts and shows.

Longtime friend Joan Intersimone says the Dupzyks were delighted when the Bankhead Theater opened so they "no longer had to go into the city" and they looked forward to the announcement of each season, carefully picking which shows they wanted to attend.

"Jene and Isabelle would dress up and drive over, sometimes as much as two hours early to get the best parking spot, then head into the theater, greeting staff, volunteers and friends as they made their way to their favorite seats," Intersimone recalled.

The Dupzyks names will be engraved on the seats in row R where they spent so many enjoyable hours. ■

## Students earn national recognition for anti-tobacco efforts

Three local teens working with Tobacco-Free Kids

By **EMMA HALL**

Three Tri-Valley students were among 133 students from across the country named National Youth and Young Adults Ambassadors for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids for fighting tobacco use in their communities.

The local honorees were Connor Lam and Sophia Thompson from Pleasanton and Akshaj Molukutla from Danville.

"The Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors were selected through a competitive application process and participated in the Digital Advocacy Symposium to become powerful advocates for change," Tobacco-Free Kids officials said in a statement. "In addition to gaining advocacy and communications

skills, these young leaders learned about how tobacco use is a social justice issue because of tobacco-related health disparities due to the tobacco industry's longtime targeting of minority populations."

Lam, 14, worked for the past year with the Pleasanton Student Inter-Action Committee focusing on policy change for tobacco control at the local and state level with a concentration on flavored tobacco products.

According to Tobacco-Free Kids, Lam will continue his involvement in policy change and further his advocacy to bring awareness and action to tobacco control issues in the Tri-Valley.

Also from Pleasanton, 14-year-old Thompson serves as a member

of her local Youth Advisory Council. For the past year, she has been involved in tobacco control and prevention.

With her membership in the ambassador program, Thompson will enhance her leadership and advocacy skills for tobacco control awareness, specifically in the Tri-Valley.

13-year-old Molukutla from Danville has been engaged in tobacco control and prevention for one year by working with CourAGE Contra Costa, who took part in a tobacco prevention campaign.

These three students will be participating in the Ambassador program, which will consist of a five-day online training session to improve their advocacy, communication, and leadership skills. ■

## Eagle Scout Owen Mello

Project is large birdhouse at care facility in Danville

Owen Mello, an incoming junior at Foothill High School, has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, but due to COVID-19, his Court of Honor will be a private celebration with family and a few close friends.

Mello is on the Foothill swim team, as well as the team at Castlewood Country Club, and works as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Dublin Wave. His other interests include gardening, golf, cars and politics. Upon completion of high school, he hopes to study political science and become a congressman or political adviser.

Mello has been an assistant senior patrol leader, instructor, patrol leader and librarian for his Troop 941, which is sponsored by VFW Post No. 6298 of Pleasanton.

For his Eagle Scout service project, he built a large custom birdhouse for the Brookdale Alzheimer's Care Facility in Danville in honor of his grandfather, Rick Graves, a former resident of the facility.



Owen Mello

Mello lives in Pleasanton with his parents Kevin and Jennifer Mello, and siblings Griffin and Audrey Mello.

Requirements for Eagle Scout are to be active in his troop, demonstrate leadership, earn 21 merit badges, and demonstrate he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath. Only 4% of Scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout since it was instituted in 1911.

Anyone interested in Scouting can contact Twin Valley District Executive Matt Lindberg, matt.lindberg@scouting.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

## Encore Players to revisit pandemic of 1918

Zoom show will include readings from novels, poems and more

Showtime with Encore Players is presenting "Pandemic of 1918: Readings from Novels, Poems, Children's Stories, Letters, and Written Memories" via Zoom from 7-8 p.m. next Tuesday (Aug. 18).

The Encore Players were formed in 2014 to provide an outlet in Livermore for amateur actors and directors to share their love of theater with the community.

"While we accept actors of all ages, we particularly look for works that give 'seasoned' actors an opportunity to perform," its website states.

Many of the founders were

members of Cask and Mask, which performed for about 20 years in an old one-room schoolhouse renovated into the 99-seat May School Theatre.

Encore Players was to present a free show at the Livermore library titled "Remember the Ladies" on March 31 in honor of Women's History Month and the centennial of the 19th Amendment, but it was canceled due to COVID-19.

"Pandemic of 1918" is sponsored by the Livermore Public Library and Friends of the Livermore Library. The access link is [zoom.us/j/99428922882](https://zoom.us/j/99428922882). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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## GUEST OPINION

# Sacramento's war on the suburbs

By JULIE TESTA

The end of single-family neighborhoods in California is no longer a theoretical possibility, it is a reality.

Last year Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation (approved by our state legislators) that allows accessory dwelling units (ADUs) — otherwise known as “granny flats” — in single-family zoned neighborhoods, with no public notice or hearings. That legislation overrode local laws and City Council authority that provided review to protect neighborhoods from unreasonable intrusion and burdens.

Speculators can purchase your neighbor's house and add three additional dwellings (above the garage, in the garage and backyard, for example) without consideration of your privacy, parking or community impacts.

This year, a package of bills that will do far greater harm is rushing through Sacramento under cover of COVID-19. These bills are intended to increase housing density almost

everywhere, eliminating public input, overriding local development standards, negating environmental protections, and even reducing or eliminating on site parking requirements for new buildings.

These bills also will give market rate and luxury housing developers power to override local zoning and land use requirements.

One bill, SB 1120, would allow speculators to split single-family lots in half and build as many as four new homes on each half. Where there was one home, with ADUs, there could be eight.

Many of the bills remove infrastructure fees and mitigations that cities rely on for impacts and city services, with no affordability requirements in exchange, doing virtually nothing to increase the supply of that desperately-needed affordable housing.

Another bill, SB 902, authorizes a simple majority of City Council members to overturn local voter-approved initiatives to zone for up to 10 units on protected land.

California has a growing shortage of affordable housing. In 2011, the state discontinued local

redevelopment agencies, which were the funding sources for 80% of affordable housing. Instead of restoring that funding, legislators have shifted blame to cities and even families who live in single-family homes, offered developer incentives and used density bonuses.

Market forces make building affordable housing unlikely without subsidies. The results are developer giveaways and more market-rate housing than needed, while the affordability gap grows.

These bills are being passed during an uncertain time; increased unemployment and economic uncertainty due to COVID-19 has already led to a shift in the housing market.

With remote-work options, people are fleeing high rents and high-density areas — exactly the kinds of communities these bills will create. With virus concerns they prefer less crowded, more affordable cities and states — with backyards.

### What can you do?

- Tell state legislators to recognize the uncertainty of our post pandemic future and oppose the “Nine Bad Bills”: SB 902, SB 1120,

SB 1385, SB 995, SB 1085, AB 725, SB 1120, AB 2345 and AB 3040.

State Sen. Steve Glazer has historically been a strong supporter of local control. Email him (via <https://sd07.senate.ca.gov>) and ask him why he voted Yes on the critical housing bills. His Orinda office phone is 925-258-1176.

Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan will vote soon. Send her an email (via <https://a16.asmdc.org>) and ask her to support local control and vote No on these bills. Her San Ramon office phone is 925-328-1515.

- Email the Pleasanton City Council to oppose the “Nine Bad Bills” ([citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov)).

- Contact the Governor's Office via [www.gov.ca.gov](http://www.gov.ca.gov) and ask him to veto the bills when they make it to his desk.

- Learn and stay informed join Livable California, a nonprofit dedicated to smart, sane and affordable housing in the state. ■

*Editor's note: Julie Testa is a member of the Pleasanton City Council since 2018 and an advocate for local control. She is a founder of the California Alliance of Local Electeds (CALE), a statewide alliance of local city officials that collaborates on proposed state legislation and other local and statewide issues.*



## LETTERS

### Questions for Pleasanton council, mayor candidates

1. Do you think our Main Street/downtown is healthy and successful? If not, what would you do to change that?

2. What's more important for our city right now: building new homes and commercial space or rehabbing/expanding/better utilizing our existing homes and storefronts?

3. How do you feel about the transportation options currently available in our city? Do we have enough options? If not, what will you do to increase those?

4. Some people in our community say that we have traffic problems. What do you think? How would you mitigate those concerns or change the situation?

5. If you could change one thing in our zoning code, what would it be and why?

6. How do you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in our city?

7. If someone came to you with a proposal to build a new piece of infrastructure in our city (road, bridge, etc.), how would you evaluate whether that project was worth implementing?

8. If elected, what three steps

would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for our city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

10. What neighborhood do you live in? Why? Where are your favorite places to spend time in our city?

11. Did you vote to support the Costco build in Pleasanton?

12. Are you absolutely against any attempts to declare Pleasanton a sanctuary city?

—Michael Austin

### The right to vote

Our country has entered an important time of the year that happens every four years. There is no special name but it is the 100 days until election. I am reminded of another period of 100.

One century ago, on Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee voted and passed the 19th Amendment. It was the last state needed to ratify the amendment to become part of the Constitution. It states simply: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Women were denied the right to vote, treated as if they were of low intelligence and must depend on

men to think. Women knew this was wrong. It took over 70 years of talking, speeches and marching.

Some well-known women such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Alice Paul and Susan B. Anthony knew that with voting comes power — having your opinions heard and influences that could change the world. If women wanted to work in a safe environment, laws would have to change. Many rights we take for granted had been denied women.

Recently the world lost another great Black statesman, John Lewis. He stood proud and defended the right to vote. Our country has forgotten the importance of voting. Forces are trying to deny or delay our right to vote.

It is important for all women and men of the United States to exercise their right to vote in November.

—Karen Burton-Lind

### Thank you, from Open Heart Kitchen

Since 1995, we've served meals for free to the hungry people of the Tri-Valley. Now, 25 years later, Open Heart Kitchen is still here to help. We serve as a safety net for anyone who is struggling.

Last year, Open Heart Kitchen served over 339,000 meals.

Unfortunately, this year, the need is even greater. While the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are far-reaching, now is the time to persevere and stay the course.

With many school campuses closed and families out of work, our fight against hunger will intensify in the coming months. While we had the best laid plans to celebrate our 25th anniversary together in September, we must cancel the event due to the state guidelines limiting large gatherings. We look forward to the day when we can gather around a table and celebrate together again.

It lifts our hearts to witness the tremendous outpouring of kindness and generosity from young people in our community.

Just a few incredible examples of young philanthropists are Siddarth of Bay Area Mask Care, Boy Scout Troop No. 903 who did a 5-mile hike at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore to raise money from friends and family, and Brownie Troop No. 32951 who donated all of their cookie sales and sent us a slide deck of thank you messages.

On behalf of all of us at Open Heart Kitchen, we miss your smiling faces and hope you continue to stay safe and healthy. Thank you for all your support.

—Denise Bridges, OHK development director

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Couple charged in \$4M gambling scheme at Livermore casino

A husband and wife have been charged with allegedly conspiring to steal approximately \$4 million from Parkwest Casino 580 in Livermore in a baccarat scheme, state prosecutors announced on Monday.

Eric Dat Nguyen and Khan "Tina" Tran each face two felony counts of grand theft and eight felony counts of conspiracy to commit grand theft, plus special allegations — as to all counts — of an aggravated white collar crime enhancement in excess of \$500,000.

Nguyen, 38, and Tran, 32, were arrested in Texas in May on felony warrants out of California.

"My office stands ready to fight back against those who try to get rich quick by breaking the law," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said in a statement. "Mr. Nguyen and Ms. Tran now face serious criminal charges for their actions. The California Department of Justice will do its part to tackle criminal activity in our state."

The criminal complaint alleges

the couple conspired to cheat at EZ Baccarat with Panda 8 Rules during 2015 and 2016 while Tran worked as a card dealer and Nguyen gambled at the casino on North Canyons Parkway in Livermore. Nguyen previously worked at the casino.

Prosecutors allege the scheme saw Tran peek at the sequence of cards after shuffling and then convey the sequence to Nguyen, who would then place significant wagers when he recognized the sequence of cards relayed by his wife.

Casino officials first became suspicious of Nguyen's "gambling habits and winning statistics" in April 2016 and ultimately notified the California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control about the crime in June 2016, according to the criminal complaint.

A state investigation ultimately resulted in 10 felony counts each, plus the special allegations, being charged against the couple in a criminal complaint filed in March in Alameda County Superior Court.

Nguyen and Tran were taken into custody pursuant to California arrest warrants on May 6 in Texas by the Harris County Constable's Office, Major Offenders Unit, according to prosecutors.

### In other news

• Two men from San Francisco were arrested last week by Pleasanton police on charges related to drugs, weapons and stolen property, officials told the Weekly.

Officers responded to a report at approximately 7:30 a.m. Aug. 4 of a suspicious vehicle parked at the Smart & Final on Johnson Drive. According to police, officers contacted the men and determined that the vehicle was stolen.

A search of the vehicle was conducted, and officers allegedly recovered weapons, including a handgun, and "a large quantity of stolen property" that was later connected to an auto burglary spree in Livermore.

Both suspects — whose names were not released — were arrested on possession of stolen property as well as drug and weapons charges, and booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, according to police.

Lt. Erik Silacci with the PPD said they don't know how many total cars were stolen "mainly because we're still going through received property" and haven't been able to match all of the property with associated cases, but Silacci said there were "numerous auto burglaries, mainly in Livermore" recently.

Law enforcement also thanked the Pleasanton community "for their vigilance in reporting the suspicious vehicle, which resulted in the return of stolen property to the rightful owners."

• A patrol check by Pleasanton police officers who observed a "suspicious vehicle" parked at a local hotel ended with two adults being arrested on drugs and weapons charges last week.

Shortly before 1 p.m. on Aug. 6, detectives from the Pleasanton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit "conducted a patrol

check and observed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Tri-Valley Inn and Suites on Santa Rita Road."

After making contact with two Livermore residents — one male and one female; their names were not released — who were near the vehicle and on active probation, detectives determined that the vehicle had been stolen from Oakland. A handgun, high capacity magazines, body armor and drugs were recovered during a search of the car. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Julia Baum

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Aug. 8

#### Drug violation

■ 12:25 a.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road

■ 11:27 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Shoplifting

■ 12:30 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 4:43 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

■ 5:46 p.m. at Del Valle Parkway and Hopyard Road

#### Theft

■ 10:19 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Laguna Creek Lane

### Aug. 7

#### Burglary

■ 4:59 a.m. on the 300 block of Hopyard Road

■ 11:51 a.m. on the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

#### Warrant arrest

■ 2:07 p.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court

#### Drug violation

■ 4:19 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Auto Mall Way

#### Theft

■ 5:14 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:09 p.m. on the 4100 block of Churchill Drive

#### DUI

■ 8:07 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

■ 8:59 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Boulder Street

■ 11:37 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Gibraltar Drive

### Aug. 6

#### Weapons violation

■ 12:51 a.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

#### DUI

■ 10:21 p.m. on the 400 block of St. John Street

### Aug. 5

#### Sex offenses

■ 12:03 a.m. on Hartley Gate Court

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## Marilyn June Helmers

February 26, 1957 – July 28, 2020

Marilyn was born in Berkeley to Barbara and Walt Helmers and was raised in Santa Barbara, California. Marilyn passed peacefully in her room in Pleasanton on July 28, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents, and is survived by her brother George Helmers, sister-in-law Yvette Helmers, her nieces and nephews Jason, Gwen, Valen, Christina, Andrew, Aaron and her grand niece and nephews Cruz, Ruby, and Lincoln.



Marilyn was a faithful Christian and volunteered throughout her life with her church. She was an animal lover, especially dogs, and she loved walking in the park. Marilyn was a hamburger enthusiast, and would always order one at any restaurant she went to.

Despite the challenges she faced in life, Marilyn always maintained her kind and loving personality and her own quirky sense of humor. She will be missed.

Private services have been held and Marilyn was laid to rest in Goleta Cemetery in Santa Barbara on August 3, 2020.

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**POLICE REPORT**

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**Warrant arrest**

- 6:26 a.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

**Theft**

- 6:57 a.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; auto theft
- 3:09 p.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

**Domestic battery**

- 10:14 a.m. on Owens Drive

**Aug. 4**

**Assault/battery**

- 3:50 a.m. on Niles Canyon

**Theft**

- 10:09 a.m. on the 4100 block of Wells Street

- 3:17 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Vandalism**

- 5:23 p.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive

**Aug. 3**

**Domestic battery**

- 1:51 a.m. on Johnson Drive

**Burglary**

- 3:30 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

**Theft**

- 9:10 a.m., 500 block of Boulder Court; theft from structure

- 1:29 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 5:23 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

**Graffiti offense**

- 11:48 a.m. at Del Valle Parkway and Main Street

**Aug. 2**

**Theft**

- 6:46 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

**Fire**

- 9:59 p.m. on the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard

**Domestic battery**

- 8:37 a.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

**Aug. 1**

**Burglary**

- 9:29 p.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Drive

**Drug violation**

- 1:39 a.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court

- 12:26 p.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court

- 7:23 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

- 8:45 p.m. at I-680 southbound and Stoneridge Drive

**DUI**

- 12:03 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

**July 31**

**Theft from auto**

- 11:32 a.m. on the 1800 block of Rosetree Court

**Sex offenses**

- 5:23 p.m. on Main Street

**Assault/battery**

- 7:11 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road

**Drug violation**

- 11:50 p.m. at I-580 westbound and Foothill Road

**Burglary**

- 2:57 p.m. on the 6400 block of Amber Lane

**July 30**

**Drug violation**

- 6:23 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

- 8:38 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

**Theft**

- 1:12 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 1:47 p.m., 200 block of Kottinger Mall Road; theft from auto

- 3:14 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 7:18 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting





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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Multi-sport athletes face tough decision come spring semester

Also: Foothill softball alum Alley transfers to Cal

Today will be the end of the first week of school for Pleasanton, but a different week it is for sure as remote learning dominates the landscape.

There's no traditional "senior sunrise," an annual rite of passage for incoming seniors at the local high schools on the first day of school. Friday would also usually bring the first football game of the season.

But with the COVID-19 pandemic keeping the kids from school, and thus sports too, we are waiting until January 2021 at the earliest before we see any high school sports.

The fall season was pushed back to winter with the addition one a spring sport, while some of the fall sports

were pushed back to the spring.

The new seasons are going to be a traffic jam of sports, with a battle for field/gym/court space. One thing that will also be an issue with the compressed seasons is how athletes who play multiple sports are now likely being forced to choose between one or the other.

Devon Kost is a senior at Amador Valley, and in the past he has enjoyed water polo in the fall, followed by boys' volleyball in the spring. The North Coast Section made the decision to put boys volleyball into the re-envisioned winter season, along with water polo.

Kost has a decision to make he

never thought would be an issue.

"I thought it was very frustrating at first," Kost said. "Then I heard they might allow us to play two sports. I'd have to work it out with the coaches. Both of my games are on Tuesday and Thursday, so it would be tough."

That is a dilemma that will face Kost, as well as many other athletes, but it is better than the alternative.

"I am very happy they have figured something out," Kost said of getting the chance to play. "In water polo we have a core group of five seniors that have been together for four years, and we just want a chance to play."

Having known the Kost family for some time now, I know Devon will adjust and handle the situation with the grace of the strong young man his family has raised. But let's hope the best-case scenario plays out for everyone — our student athletes deserve that much.

#### Back in California

Following her stellar four-year career at Foothill, 2019 graduate Hope Alley opted to take her softball skills to the University of Pittsburgh.

Alley, a shortstop with a cannon arm and lethal bat, is one of the top 20 athletes I have written about in my extensive journalism career, so I had little doubt she would be successful at the next level.

But it is not the effort or success on the field that makes the difference. One thing I have repeatedly seen over the years — it is tough for a college freshman to move across the country away from their family, the support group that has nurtured them throughout their career.

The Alleys are a close family, and being without that entire group

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MONICA KOST

Dual-sport athletes like Amador Valley's Devon Kost (water polo and volleyball) will face a tough decision under the re-envisioned sports schedule in the COVID-19 world.

proved too much.

"I wasn't happy on the East Coast," Alley said. "Being away from home and not having my brothers and grandparents be able to come out and see me play was hard."

Situation remedied.

Alley went through the transfer process and once she was allowed into the transfer portal in June, it allowed her to talk with other schools, as well as schools talk to her as well.

The first one to contact Alley was Cal-Berkeley, and by late July it was a done deal — Alley was a Bear.

Glad to be back home, Alley did enjoy her experience at Pitt.

"I loved the school and my teammates," she said of Pitt, who saw her first collegiate season cut short when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. "But I didn't notice how great California is until I went away, then came home."

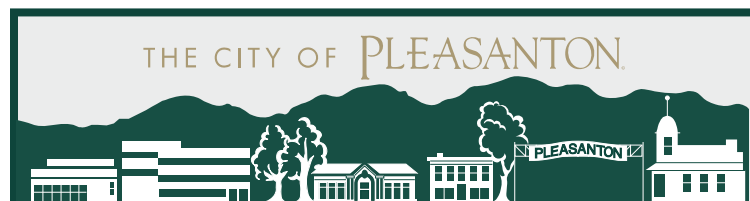
Alley will be playing for new Cal coach Chelsea Spencer. The former Cal shortstop was part of a Cal run of four straight Cal Softball World Series appearances. She is also one of the top infield coaches in the sport.

"How would you not want to play for a coach like that?" Alley said. "Learning from the best infield coach will be great."

The only question is — when will they get to play again?

"We don't have a lot of answers yet," Alley said. "We have to follow the guidelines of the Berkeley Public Health Department. We have a Zoom meeting this week to get some answers." ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his "Pleasanton Preps" column, email acesmag@aol.com.*



#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

##### City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

On March 3, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and subsequently issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-63-20 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The virtual meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton> and <https://www.tri-valleytv.org>

- **Public Hearing:** Consider adoption of a resolution to deny applications of Alaina Stewart/Bringhurst, LLC to amend the North Sycamore Specific Plan (NSSP) to modify the land use designation and to re-zone an approximately one-acre portion of the 3.28-acre parcel from Planned Unit Development-Agriculture (PUD-A) to Planned Unit Development – Medium Density Residential (PUD-MDR); thereby to not consider a Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning and development plan and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map to subdivide the existing parcel into five residential lots including four new homes and one existing home, located at 990 Sycamore Road
- Review and consider the City's legislative framework with the 2020 focus areas and establish the City's legislative positions on selected housing related bills and request City staff to monitor remaining legislation throughout the 2020 legislative cycle to determine whether the City Council should take a formal position
- Accept update on City's COVID-19 Business Assistance Program and consider amendments including increase of business support loan amounts and adding Professional Services as an eligible business

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## Remembering 'Jet' Cairel

Granada grad, pro soccer player drowned in Delta

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Livermore community is mourning the death of Joseph Cairel, a Granada High School alum and professional indoor soccer player who drowned in a boating accident in the Delta near Discovery Bay earlier this summer. He was 29.

Nicknamed "The Jet," Cairel starred on the pitch for the Matadors, graduating in 2009, later attended Monterey Peninsula College and went on to play in Major Arena Soccer League. The midfielder joined the Southern California-based Ontario Fury last year.

The league, the team and his Fury teammates paid tribute to Cairel in a series of "RIP #91" memorial videos shared on social media last month that also included footage of game play and

past interviews with Cairel.

"Cairel was all about, you know, just enjoying life and having a big smile on your face. I think he really had an impact on me ... just having a positive attitude," one unnamed teammate said in one video.

Another added, "So full of energy ... that smile is contagious. His whole vibe is just positive."

"This week the MASL Family lost one of our own. Joseph Cairel was a force on the field and a friend to all off of it," the league said in a statement on social media.

Cairel, who was living in Marina at the time, went missing while boating in Indian Slough on the evening of June 26, his 29th birthday. His body was found on the morning of June 28 near where he was reported missing, according

to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. Investigators did not share details on why or how he went into the water.

A memorial service in Cairel's honor was held through St. Michael Catholic Church in Livermore on July 17.

"Joseph was the light of his family, always making sure they were taken care of and he was there for whatever they needed. Joseph had an infectious smile that could make anyone's worst day better. He was fun loving and caring, he was full of life, and had a love for soccer," supporters said in a GoFundMe page organized to support his family. It had raised more than \$37,000 as of Tuesday afternoon.

"Joseph spent his life perfecting his love for the game and leaving all his skills on the field, he loved his teammates like brothers and adored his fans," they added. ■

*Editor's note: Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.*

# Calendar

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## Government Meetings

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING** The Pleasanton City Council holds regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month and the next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually due to the pandemic related shelter order. Visit [cityofpleasanton.gov](http://cityofpleasanton.gov) for more details.

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## Candidate Forum

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## Theater

**VIRTUAL SHOWTIME WITH ENCORE PLAYERS** Livermore's community theater group virtually presents "Pandemic of 1918: Readings from Novels, Poems, Children's Stories, Letters and Written Memories," at 7 p.m., Aug. 18. Visit [zoom.us/j/99428922882](http://zoom.us/j/99428922882).

## Music

**DRIVE-IN CONCERT WITH METALLICA AT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** Metallica will be the first rock band to be featured in the Encore Drive-In Nights series, with a full set airing at hundreds of drive-ins across the United States and Canada on Saturday, Aug. 29. The event will also include a special guest performance by Three Days Grace. General on-sale tickets will begin Aug. 14. Visit [ticketmaster.com/encore-metallica](http://ticketmaster.com/encore-metallica).

**AUDITIONS FOR SAN FRANCISCO BOYS CHORUS** Classes will be conducted online starting after Labor Day. Boys under 7 are not required to audition and will be automatically accepted. Older boys must set up an online audition before classes begin. Visit [www.sfbc.org/auditions](http://www.sfbc.org/auditions).

## Fundraisers

**2020 GROWL MEOW & WINE ONLINE** This virtual event supports needy dogs and cats in the

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**DRIVERS FOR SURVIVORS BLACK & WHITE BALL** In celebration of its eighth year of operation, Drivers For Survivors is hosting a "Virtual Black and White Ball."

Proceeds from this event will help benefit cancer patients. Drivers For Survivors provides free transportation service and supportive companionship for ambulatory cancer patients. This virtual event includes a live and silent auction. Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. Visit [DFSBall.org](http://DFSBall.org) for more details.

## Talks & Lectures

**RETURN OF THE PEREGRINES: THE FASTEST BIRDS ON EARTH** During this free on-line illustrated lecture, Seth Adams who helped restore peregrine falcons to Mount Diablo will discuss his amazing success story. 4-5 p.m., Aug. 19. Visit [savemountdiablo.org](http://savemountdiablo.org).

**FILM SCREENING, HOMETOWN WATER: THE LIFELINE OF PLEASANTON** The Go Green Initiative will screen its new film, "Hometown Water: The Lifeline of Pleasanton." The film will explore the interaction with water today and how water use in the past helped shape our community landscape. 6:30 p.m., Aug. 15. Visit [YouTubeLive-Museum.com/MainChannel](http://YouTubeLive-Museum.com/MainChannel).

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## Tri-Valley students earn foundation scholarships

Recipients attending college this fall

By EMMA HALL

The Bay East Association of Realtors Foundation awarded seven Tri-Valley students with \$1,500 scholarships this summer.

Out of nearly 200 applicants, these students — along with 17 others from throughout the East Bay — were chosen based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, financial need and community involvement.

The Tri-Valley recipients, who are attending college this fall, are: Aisha Rajput (San Ramon) UC Davis; Christopher Gonzalez (Livermore), University of Pennsylvania; Derica Su (Pleasanton), UCLA; Ingrid Zhang (Dublin), UCLA; Paula Y. Leigh (Livermore), Pepperdine University; Sai Priyanka Iragavarpu (Livermore), UCLA; and Stefani L. Deines (Livermore), Cal State Chico.

All 24 award recipients reside in the East Bay, have a GPA of 3.50 or higher, and will be attending a university that accepts full credits for a bachelor's degree or higher.

Due to COVID-19, Bay East was

unable to hold its scheduled celebratory lunch in; however, they stated that the organization was glad to showcase its students. On Bay East's Facebook page, photos and short descriptions of each award recipient can be found, including their future aspirations.

"We are so honored to be able to recognize all 24 of these incredible students for their hard work and accomplishments over the years," wrote Bay East on social media.

The Bay East Foundation, originally formed in 1978, aims to provide financial support for education and charitable needs in the East Bay. Funds that are raised by the program goes directly into the Bay East or affiliate members who are experiencing severe financial hardships.

According to Bay East's website, the foundation's goals are to support Bay East members in need, offer community scholarships and grants to students in Alameda and Contra Costa County, and to support community related charity organizations and education. ■

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The Kristy Peixoto Team, comprised of Kristy Peixoto, Nancy Valett, Kim Stanley and Dannie Baker, is a partnership of experts who represent over 20 years of real estate experience. They focus on luxury estates, ranches, single family homes and land sales in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties as well as throughout California. The Kristy Peixoto Team ranked #1 for most recommendations on Alignable 2018- 2019, ranked among the Top 5% of Realtors at their former company and among the Top 100 Realtors nationally.

The Kristy Peixoto Team is very involved in the community, including Alameda County and Contra Costa County planning, local schools, the Alameda County Fair, Palomares 4-H, Rowell Ranch Rodeo, Livermore Rodeo, AKC Dog Shows, the Cattlemen Association, the Cattlewomen Association, Rural Land and Ranchers, sponsor of the Miss Alameda County Scholarship Pageant and participated in Pleasanton Realtors Care Program. Kristy has been an active member of the Alameda County Creek Task Force and the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee. Nancy in the past has been with the local 4-H Club in Alameda County. Kim is an active member of the Cattlemen Association, Cattlewomen Association and so is the Peixoto family. Dannie is involved in many sportsmen's activities, cattle and enjoys riding horses. "We are excited to partner with Bill Aboumrad and the Legacy Real Estate family," said Peixoto. "The leadership and support staff, marketing and technology resources and collaborative office culture complement our business style to better serve our family and friends with their Luxury Homes, Ranches and Land real estate needs."

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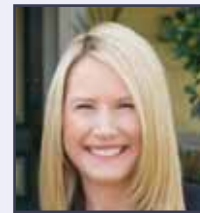
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**OFFERED AT \$3,650,000**

**VAL VISTA**



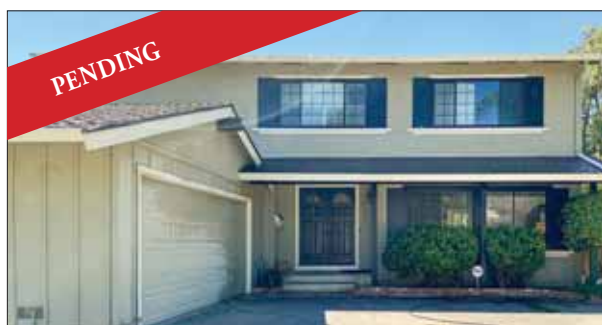
**4123 PAYNE ROAD, PLEASANTON**

4 BD | 2 BA | 1,603 SF

Upgraded and Remodeled "Rio Vista" Model in Desirable Val Vista. Property is in Excellent Condition! Large Great Room, Remodeled Kitchen with Granite & SS Appliances, 4th Bedroom Currently Office/Den, Master Bedroom with Walk-In Closet, Two Recently Remodeled Bathrooms, Wood Flooring, Newer Windows, Newer Large Baseboards, Brick Faced Fireplace with Custom Mantel, Newer Front Door, Newer Interior Doors & Door Hardware, Recessed Lighting Throughout, Upgraded Light Switches & Outlets, Upgraded Landscaping with Custom Brickwork, Newer Insulated Garage Door with "Lift Master" Auto-Opener, Newer Hot Water Heater, Tile Roof, Newer Air Conditioning, Side Yard Access. Convenient Location Includes 15 Acre "Val Vista Park", Donlon Elementary, and Close Proximity to Ken Mercer Sports Park, Pleasanton's Community & Tennis Park and both Gene's Fine Foods & Lucky's Shopping Centers. Close Access to BART Station and 580/680 Interchange.

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**DEL PRADO**



**6654 CALLE ALTAMIRA, PLEASANTON**

5 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,415 SF

Beautiful Solar Powered\* Updated Home in the Desirable, Centrally Located Del Prado Neighborhood! This Upgraded 5 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bathroom is Approximately 2415 Square Feet, Remodeled Kitchen & Master Bathroom, Updated 2nd Bathroom & Powder Room, New Interior Carpet and Paint, New Electrical Outlets & Switches. Premium 8,000 Square Foot Lot Includes Private Gate Access & Backyard that Backs to Arroyo Mocho Stream & Trail (No Rear Neighbors), Brick Trimmed Aggregate Patios, 220V Prepped Cement Spa Pad, and Cemented Side Yard Access for RV's. Located Within the Attendance Area of Award-Winning Schools at All Grade Levels. Enjoy Get Together's at the Cabana Club with Pool. Cabana Club Access Means no Wait List for New Owners. \*Solar Power Is Owned, so no Monthly Payment. For more info and to view the virtual tour & 3D tour @ 6654CalleAltamira.com

**OFFERED AT \$1,399,000**

**OAK PARK**



**248 TOMAS WAY, PLEASANTON**

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,600 SF

Completely Remodeled & Customized Single-Family Detached Home in Desirable Oak Park! Don't Miss This One! It's Better than New, Because It Has Everything & It's Ready for You Now! Over \$400K in Upgrades in Last 3 Years! Don't Miss Seeing the Comprehensive Features/Upgrades List. Remodeled Chefs Gourmet Kitchen, Remodeled Bathrooms, New Hardwood Flooring, New Windows, Wood Covered Vaulted Ceilings in Great Room with Recessed LED Lighting & Wood Beams, Indoor Laundry Room, Tile Roof, Completely Re-Landscaped with Paver Patio, Built-In BBQ and Newer Fencing! Walk to Main Street, Mission Hills & Neighborhood Park, Oak Hills Shopping Center (Raley's Plus), and Award-Winning Hearst Elementary and Pleasanton Middle Schools. Essentially a Custom Home in a Premium Location! For more info and to view the virtual tour & 3D tour @ 248Tomas.com

**OFFERED AT \$1,195,500**

**VENTANA HILLS**



**997 SHERMAN WAY, PLEASANTON**

5 BD | 3 BA | 3,179 SF

Upgraded & Remodeled in 2012- Large Gibson Model in Ventana Hills. Five Bedrooms (One suite Downstairs), Includes Upstairs Expansive Master Suite with Fireplace & Extra Retreat Area for Possible (Office, Nursery or Exercise Area) Three Remodeled Full Bathrooms. Quality Engineered Wood Floors Throughout (2014), Newer Windows, Built-In Wet/Wine Bar, Security Alarm System, Upgraded Dual Furnace & Air Conditioning Units, Immaculately Maintained Home, Beautiful Recently Re-Landscaped Grounds with Built-In Outdoor Kitchen Area, Remodeled Gourmet Kitchen, Crown Molding, Views of Surrounding Oak Studded Hills. Walk to Mission Park & Main Street, Great Award winning Schools, and Convenient Commuter Access. Don't Miss This One! For more info and to view the virtual tour & 3D tour @ 997Sherman.com

**SOLD FOR \$1,830,000**

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# 5 Trends That Signal Real Estate is Bouncing Back

## New Mortgage Applications

↑ **33%** from July 2019

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association Index

## Existing-Home Sales

↑ **20.7%** In June 2020

Highest Monthly Increase Ever  
Source: Wall Street Journal

## Median home prices

increase for 100 consecutive months

Source: National Association of Realtors

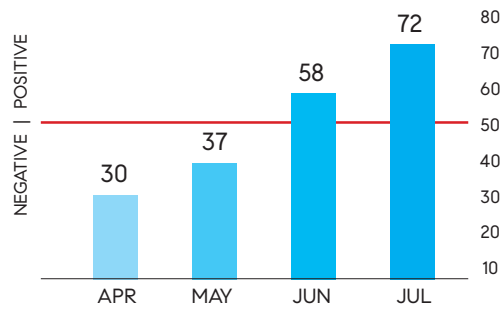
Homes are selling at the fastest rate ever recorded

**20**

Average days on the market

Source: Inman

## Homebuilder Sentiment



Source: National Association of Homebuilders

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## GOING... GOING... GONE

**SOLD — REP. BUYER & SELLER**

**455 COVELLITE LANE, LIVERMORE**

3 Bed | 2 Bath  
Sold for \$850,000

**SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER**

**5833 IDA COURT, LIVERMORE**

4 Bed | 3 Bath  
Sold for \$1,100,000

**SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER**

**1516 MENDOCINO WAY, LIVERMORE**

3 Bed | 2 Bath  
Sold for \$827,500

**PENDING IN 4 DAYS - MULTIPLE OFFERS**

**3657 MANCHESTER ST., PLEASANTON**

Pls Meadows | 4 Bed | 2.5 Bath  
Listed for \$1,245,000

**SOLD - MULTIPLE OFFERS**

**162 CHERRY WAY, HAYWARD**

Cherryland | 5 Bed | 2.5 Bath  
Sold for \$1,205,000

**SOLD**

**5214 CRESTLINE WAY, PLEASANTON**

Pls Valley | 4 Bed | 2.5 Bath  
Sold for \$1,250,000

**SOLD**

**3624 FINNIAN WAY, DUBLIN**

Dublin Ranch | 1 Bed | 1.5 Bath  
Sold for \$531,000

**PENDING**

**615 OROFINO COURT, PLEASANTON**

Vintage Hills | 3 Bed | 2 Bath  
Listed for \$1,165,000

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## NOW AVAILABLE

**AVAILABLE IN TOWNSHIP SQUARE**

**1554 LEXINGTON LANE, PLEASANTON**

4 Bed | 3.5 Bath | Listed for \$1,400,000

**COMING SOON**

**THE GATES NEIGHBORHOOD, PLEASANTON**

4 Bed | 3 Bath | Call for details

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*See You at the Movies!*

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