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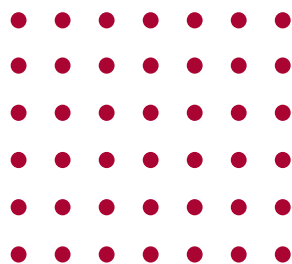


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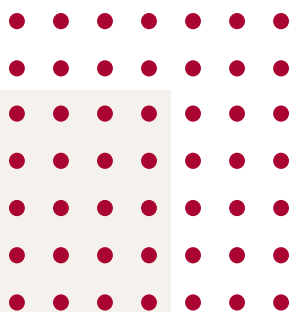
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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## English Rose closing for good

Downtown Pleasanton will lose an institution this month when the English Rose Tea Room & Gifts will close for good.

Owner Lisa Binzoni closed her cozy shop in mid-March to comply with the lockdown orders issued by the governor and county health officials. The ensuing months allowed her time away from the day-to-day routine to consider whether the season for the English Rose had come to an end and to seek God in prayer.

In our conversation this week, she made it clear that the decision was not COVID-19 driven or related — it was time for a new season of life.

“For 16 years, God has been so faithful in every respect. I’ve never had to advertise and I never advertised for employees,” she said. “I am not closing because of any financial hardship or because of COVID. I am closing because it’s really the right time in my personal life. My husband retired; my son and his wife are expecting twins any week now, and my daughter, Jessica, having her nonprofit in Northern Iraq and I want to go and visit her and her new husband.”

She opened the business 16 years ago after God led her to establish the tearoom and operate it as a ministry in addition to a classic tea experience.

“At every seating, we always offered our customers prayer and we had a sign on the door saying prayer available here. People would regularly walk through the door and ask for prayer. We had people calling on the phone for prayer, so we had a real prayer ministry and we saw God do amazing things for 16 years,” she said. Another sign on the wall says, “To God be the glory.”

Over the years, she employed more than 100 people. She made a point about how grateful she was for her team and their contributions.

Lisa and her team offered three seatings per day for up to 34 patrons (1:45 minutes each) and expanded that to four seatings during busy seasons such as December, in February around Valentine’s Day and in May around Mother’s Day. In addition, they routinely established monthly themes such as springtime in Paris or summer in Tuscany or

Princess Month. They’d adjust the menu to match the theme.

As the business grew over the years, she said they routinely saw customers return for a special occasion such as birthdays or at Christmas or Mother’s Day. For a small local tearoom (one of only two or three in the East Bay), she described an amazingly wide circle of clients — stretching across California and beyond.

“Every day it was like we were coming to a party. It was very festive among the people who came in. Some people would book a reservation every month so they could try a new venue each month,” she said.

One delight for her and her team was both the geographic and ethnic diversity in her clientele.

“Customers would have people come in from out-of-town or out of the country and then would bring them in. People from China, India, Europe and all over the world. It was so wonderful to see different nationalities. We would get people from everywhere.”

She said they had many regular customers who live in San Francisco. They also served private events for businesses to host their clients or do training sessions for their teams.

The loyal clientele with a very big drive circle benefited downtown Pleasanton as well as the English Rose. People would drive in for the tearoom experience and then spend time shopping in other downtown businesses and perhaps enjoying a meal before heading home.

Lisa has reached an agreement with another person to purchase the assets and furnishings of her business and assume her lease. Lisa will retain the English Rose name.

Looking back at 16 years of celebrations, she said, “I leave with just a lot of gratitude and beautiful memories. Everything comes to a close, and it just is the right time for me personally as I am ready to be a grandmother. I leave just so happy and grateful. I feel like I was so abundantly blessed.” ■

*Editor’s note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His “Tim Talk” blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.*

### About the Cover

Dublin Mayor David Haubert (left) and Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon (right) debated key issues during the Weekly’s Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 1 candidate forum on Monday evening in Livermore. Photos by Jeremy Walsh. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?



### Kierra Kramer

*Seventh grade*

I expect to be playing volleyball at Stanford University. I hope to be playing soccer there, too. And I also hope to still have my freckles.



### Ryan Callan

*Seventh grade*

I expect to be in college, studying to become a marine biologist. I plan to be an excellent student, and living near the beach.



### Allison Callan

*Third grade*

I see myself as a college student, riding horses. I'm not sure yet which college though, because I'm only eight.



### Colton Kramer

*Fifth grade*

I see myself playing baseball at Stanford, where I plan to study math because I like it and am good at it.



### Connor Callan

*Fifth grade*

I see myself as a Cal Bears baseball player at UC Berkeley. I want to go to Cal and major in math.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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

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## DIGEST

### Policing discussion

The Pleasanton City Council held its second public discussion on police reform at a special meeting yesterday evening via Zoom. Look for coverage online at PleasantonWeekly.com and in next week's print edition.

The conversation was set to center around the council considering "approval of the development of an alternate mental health response program and recommendations on police department use-of-force policies," according to the agenda.

The staff report from Police Chief David Swing also outlines a review of the police budget, calls for service, organizational operations and a rundown of his department's recommendations with regard to the "8 Can't Wait" policy initiative.

The council is expected to have another discussion on police reform — on 21st century policing — on Sept. 17.

### Dublin Library

The Dublin Library announced last week that its no-contact service has been expanded "in an effort to provide greater access to library material and resources."

Service is now available Monday from noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Patrons can schedule an appointment to pick up holds and also request to check out a Book Bundle with 5 to 10 books for different ages, interests and genres that have been hand-selected by librarians.

The five-step check-out process is explained at guides.aclibrary.org. Call 803-7252 for assistance or to request for items to be held for pick up.

### Blood drive

The city of Dublin will be partnering with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive on Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dublin Library (200 Civic Plaza).

Blood donations will be tested by the Red Cross for COVID-19 antibodies, the results of which will be available to donors within seven to 10 days through the Red Cross donor portal. The Red Cross will not, however, be testing donor blood to diagnose illnesses.

To make a reservation, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code, DublinCommunity, or call 1-800-733-2767. Drop-ins are also welcome.

Social distancing and other sanitary precautions will be in place. Donors will have their temperatures checked as they arrive, and should stay home if they feel unwell. ■

## Candidates clash at Board of Supervisors District 1 election forum

Fremont Councilman Bacon, Dublin Mayor Haubert debate key issues at Weekly event

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The two finalists for Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 1, Dublin Mayor David Haubert and Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon, faced off in a candidate forum moderated by the Pleasanton Weekly on Monday, sparring over a variety of issues affecting the region.

Both candidates aggressively traded verbal blows throughout the evening, debating issues such as the county's coronavirus response, homelessness, campaign financing, partisan politics and social justice reform in their efforts to stand out

for Alameda County's sizable District 1.

Far and away the county's largest geographically, District 1 covers 440 square miles of Alameda County's 738 total square miles. A district with an extensively diverse identity, encompassing urban, suburban, rural and open space areas, District 1 includes the cities of Dublin and Livermore, most of the city of Fremont, and portions of unincorporated Sunol and Livermore and Amador valleys.

The seat is currently held by Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who announced in 2019 that he would

be retiring when his term expires in January 2021 rather than seek a seventh consecutive term at the polls.

Bacon and Haubert advanced to a two-person runoff on the Nov. 3 ballot after finishing first and second, respectively, among four candidates in the March primary election — Bacon earned 27.22% of the vote while Haubert received 25.94%, both well short of the 50%-plus-one required to win the seat outright in March.

Monday evening's forum in Livermore, moderated by Weekly publisher Gina Channell and editor

Jeremy Walsh, was livestreamed and a video-recording posted online Tuesday afternoon.

### Coronavirus response and economic recovery

Starting off on common ground, both candidates agreed tackling the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and managing the economic recovery must remain a top priority for the county, and that listening to health experts is paramount in overcoming the crisis.

"I think first and foremost we

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Fairlands Elementary third-grade teacher Allison McCutcheon is working remotely this year until it is determined safe to reopen local schools. In the meantime, her virtual workspace includes two laptops plus additional monitor for multitasking, a high-end microphone and a ring light for optimal lighting.

## Back to school

PUSD teachers, admin called first week of remote learning a success despite hiccups

By JULIA BAUM

The seas of youths pouring onto Pleasanton campuses and lines of traffic snaking around school drop-off/pickup areas were absent this year — a stark contrast to the usually full classrooms at Pleasanton Unified School District that have prompted the planning and construction of additional facilities over the years.

Instead, PUSD classrooms were mostly dark as teachers and students booted up their laptops at home for the first day of online instruction on Aug. 11, signaling the

start of full-time distance learning for the foreseeable future due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Superintendent David Haglund spent the first morning of school in 2019 helping direct traffic at Amador Valley High School while construction took place in the closed-off student parking lot on Santa Rita Road. Last week, Haglund traded traffic control for a week of ups and downs that included technical glitches and one day of rolling blackouts throughout town, essentially locking some students out of their online

classroom for a while.

"We were getting messages from parents asking, 'Will my kid be marked absent,'" Haglund told the Weekly about the outage aftermath.

Despite a few bumps in the road, Haglund said, "I think things have been very, very smooth. Our teachers have done a great job, they worked a lot of time this summer putting together resources and collaborating."

Haglund continued, "You could see the evidence of their work. There's always a little bit of anxiety on the first day of school, even in a normal situation, but all of the parents and kids were very engaged."

With the onset of novel

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## Council upholds legislative framework

City leaders reject housing bills over losing local control

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton City Council affirmed its opposition to a number of housing bills currently working their way through the State Legislature at its virtual meeting on Tuesday night.

Following a lengthy public discussion, the council members unanimously signed off on the city's legislative framework with the 2020 focus areas, with several members mentioning the need to keep local control over development decisions. City staff recommended rejecting most of the housing bills, mainly arguing that local control and discretion would be eliminated if they are adopted.

One key item, Senate Bill 1385, known as the "Neighborhood Homes Act," was considered too restrictive by prohibiting local governments from deciding whether to develop housing on commercial land deemed to be underutilized. Staff argued that SB 1385 would also hurt local tax revenue by decreasing the amount of commercial property.

Staff opposed SB 1120 — which seeks to expand the state's additional dwelling unit (ADU) law that allows three units per parcel by permitting more density

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# Thunderstorms, heat wave in Tri-Valley spark wildfires, power outages

Flex Alert in effect for electricity conservation during triple-digit temperatures

By JEREMY WALSH

Rare overnight thunderstorms amid an extended heat wave greeted the Tri-Valley and the rest of the Bay Area starting last weekend, causing several wildfires and power outages in the area.

Smoky skies blanketed Pleasanton most days this week, especially Wednesday morning, as lightning-induced wildfires raged across Northern California including nearby around Sunol.

A group of vegetation fires ignited near the Sunol Regional Wilderness and the Calaveras Reservoir during lightning strikes on Sunday, prompting an evacuation warning for part of the week for Kilkare Canyon residents as they reached 1,700 acres with zero containment on Monday. A shelter was established at Residence Inn in Livermore at 5200 Wolf House Road.

The Calaveras blazes were still spreading as of Wednesday morning, but an exact size and containment couldn't be tracked because Cal Fire was reporting combined data for all 20 separate lightning fires in this part of the Bay Area under the "SCU Lightning Complex" moniker — which stood at 85,000 acres with 5% containment as of press time.

The SCU Lightning Complex had caused no fatalities but resulted in two first-responder injuries as of Wednesday morning. No structures had been damaged or destroyed.

The complex includes fires also



A San Ramon police sergeant snapped this lightning photo from their patrol vehicle during the thunderstorms early Sunday morning.

raging in Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. The battle against one of those specific fire sets, the Deer Zone fires on the northeast face of Mount Diablo, did show some improvement overnight into Wednesday due to favorable wind conditions and increasing humidity, according to CalFire. The situation in other areas was getting worse though.

The wildfires contributed to poor air quality conditions that persisted throughout Wednesday. The Bay Area Air Quality Management

District issued air quality advisories and implemented a Spare the Air Day on Wednesday while urging residents to "protect your health by staying inside with windows and doors closed until smoke levels subside."

Power outages were also a major theme of the week, in part due to damage from the thunderstorms and fires but too because of the heat wave's impacts on the state's power grid.

Bay Area residents, like peers throughout the state, have been



Lightning strikes ignited several fires in wildland around Sunol, which are part of 20 wildfires in Cal Fire's "SCU Lightning Complex" fires.

watching for potential rolling blackouts hitting their city, as the California Independent System Operator (CISO) contemplates on a daily basis whether to implement one- to two-hour outages in certain areas to address concerns over the electricity supply and demand in the state.

A sizable storm-related outage hit Pleasanton around Sunol Boulevard on Sunday morning, threatening the city's planned cooling center at the Pleasanton Senior Center but power was restored in time.

"Please remember to keep hydrated, limit outdoor activities during the midday, and conserve energy as much as possible to help prevent rolling outages," Pleasanton city officials said.

The CISO issued a Flex Alert through at least Wednesday to help alleviate the demand on the state's power grid during the heat wave, asking residents to voluntarily conserve energy from 3-10 p.m. each day.

Common strategies during the Flex Alert hours include adjusting the thermostat to 78 degrees if safe to do so, avoiding the use of major appliances, closing windows and doors, smart energy use and preparing by charging laptops and other devices in advance.

For updated wildfire information, visit [fire.ca.gov/incidents](http://fire.ca.gov/incidents). For power outage status, visit [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com). ■

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

## State budget gives PUSD time to plan its fiscal future

District revenue expected to remain flat for several years, staff say

By JULIA BAUM

Time to plan for a district budget with reduced state funding over the next few years is "the most critical thing" that Pleasanton Unified School District has on its side at the moment, staff said during a presentation of the district's 45-day budget revisions at the Board of Trustees' virtual meeting last week.

"The most critical thing that we now have is time to plan for the out years, which is really critical, and that is what the current (state) budget has allowed us to do," PUSD assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami said during the overview of the state budget and its expected impact on district finances on Aug. 13.

PUSD is looking at a net operating loss of about \$1.44 million and net projected funding decrease of \$2.8 million. The district has nearly \$10.4 million in undesignated reserve funds and around \$5.6 million in restricted funds, however, and should maintain its 6% reserve

rate, according to Sheikholeslami.

With the state maintaining 2019-20 Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) levels, no cost of living adjustment was made in the state budget, which Sheikholeslami said "restored about \$11 million of revenues for PUSD" and made no categorical reductions either.

Roughly \$6 million of planned expenditures are to be reinstated under the budget revision for a net reduction of \$5 million. The reductions include \$2.4 million from non-personnel areas, \$250,000 in savings through salary reductions, and another \$2.4 million comes from program and staffing reductions and aligning staffing to enrollment and district needs.

District revenues will be flat for the next few years based on LCFF funding and expenditures will increase, but Sheikholeslami said the district "will be able to still meet the requirements of the minimum 3% requirement without reductions" next year.

"However, in the outer year ...we will require about \$6 million in reductions," he added. "How we go about planning that is still to be determined. We may actually start to make reductions in (2021-22), to make the reductions here less. There's a lot of variables still floating out there but what we do know is if flat funding remains, we will have to make reductions in the out year."

Approximately \$11 billion in state deferrals will start in February, which is expected to affect the district's cash flow.

Sheikholeslami said, "We do plan to bring cash flow analysis and planning to the board in September. One of the reasons we're waiting to present that to the board in September is we're waiting to see if there is, basically, additional funding coming to the schools from the state to support school districts and, if that happens, the state will be able to reduce the amount of deferrals it is currently planning."

Sheikholeslami continued, "In

addition, the funding includes a large amount of funding around the learning loss mitigation funding," which is targeted and restricted to use for the remote distance learning format currently underway."

The budget also continues to include relief for PERS/STRS pensions, but Sheikholeslami added, "However the rates are expected to go back up to the pre-relief rates in 2022-23 and may for PERS go higher because they're not getting the same rate of return on their investments."

PUSD was able to secure more state funding for special education as well, but it was less than the district had hoped and will require an approximately \$300,000 loss adjustment.

The district has also been making use of its combined state and federal relief — the majority of that being a one-time infusion of \$6.4 million through the CARES Act — and bought Chromebooks

for students as well as investing in hardware, software and positions for distance learning integration and support.

The district's total expenditures are at \$173 million, but Sheikholeslami told the board, "What's not included in the expenditures but must be considered in our planning" is the district's need to contribute \$1.5 million from the general fund to the child nutrition fund.

PUSD still has to run its student nutrition program and maintain all of its employees, as required by the state-approved budget, but without in-person classes on a regular basis, he said the district is expected to see a shortfall in meal revenue.

The district's overall fiscal health and stability will largely hinge on how the state economy recovers from the pandemic, Sheikholeslami said. "As general revenue decreases, so does PUSD's portion of funding as well. The largest area

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# Backing the Blue

The American Legion Post 237 of Pleasanton hereby declare our unwavering support for the Pleasanton Police Department. We believe in the rule of law and our fundamental right, under the Constitution of the United States, that establishes to all Americans: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

We believe that American law enforcement is essential for the maintenance of our freedom. We strongly support the men and women of the Pleasanton Police Department and we urge all citizens to join with us.

Signed on behalf of the membership of the American Legion Post 237, Pleasanton, California.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dale F. Bowman'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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# Remembering Bob Athenour

Retired Amador teacher, sister city association co-founder dies at 91

By JEREMY WALSH

Bob Athenour, a retired Amador Valley High School foreign language teacher who later helped form the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association, died last week after a recent illness. He was 91.

Affectionately known as “Señor Bob,” Athenour was a Sunol native who with wife Marilyn later raised their family in Pleasanton. He also operated a travel agency locally in a second career, and was an active supporter of the Pleasanton Rotary Club and its Wheelchair Project.

“We will always have Bob in our hearts and thank the family for sharing so much of his love and life with us,” PTSCA officials said

on the nonprofit’s website.

PUSD Trustee Valerie Arkin told the Weekly that Athenour “has left a legacy in Pleasanton. He was a teacher for over 25 years in PUSD and was a founding member of the Pleasanton Tulancingo Mexico sister-city organization. He touched so many lives and he will remain in the hearts of many. My condolences to his family. Señor Bob will be greatly missed.”

Born in 1929, Athenour was raised in Sunol and graduated from Amador as part of a 26-student senior class in 1947. After earning an undergraduate degree from San Jose State University and then a teaching credential, Athenour joined the U.S. Air Force.

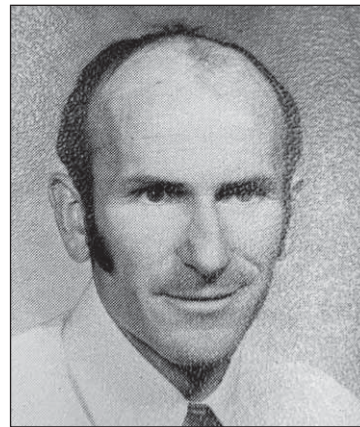
He returned to Pleasanton after his military service and began working at his alma mater Amador, where he would teach Spanish and French for 27 years.

An avid traveler, Athenour also opened his own travel business in 1972; Athenour Travel Service focused on tours for adults and students alike.

His love of international travel, Mexican culture and education culminated in Athenour helping co-found the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association in 1983. The relationship between the Mexican city and his hometown remains strong 37 years later, with adult delegations and exchange students experiencing each other’s cultures to this day.

“The purpose of the association was to develop communication, friendship and understanding between people of two cultures; but it became much more than that!” Athenour’s family wrote in an online obituary. “His friends from Tulancingo, as well as the Sister City Program, held a special place in his heart. When visiting Tulancingo, it was common for people driving by to stop and welcome him with big hugs and excitement.”

Athenour also gave back as a longtime Rotarian, including being directly involved in fundraising or delivering more than 8,000 wheelchairs to those in need



PUSD

Bob Athenour in a past Amador Valley High yearbook.



CHUCK DECKERT

Athenour celebrating his 91st birthday earlier this year.

decades.

“An enormous sadness invades our hearts, last night I was listening to the song ‘El Rey’ and remembering Bob a lot,” wrote Rosaurora and Hector Ocadiz. “How good that his family brought him the music that he loved so much and that reminded him of so many people with such affection. A hug for his children and grandchildren and for all of you our dear friends, to continue with what he left us.”

Athenour is survived by his daughter Anne Athenour Martin and son Tom Athenour and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Marilyn, and his son Karl Athenour.

The family is going to hold a private Mass and interment due to the pandemic, but they said they plan to hold larger celebrations of life in Pleasanton and Tulancingo when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. ■

internationally through the Pleasanton Rotary Club and the Wheelchair Foundation.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 shelter order, friends and family were able to celebrate with Athenour on his 91st birthday on June 8 with a surprise drive-by parade with dozens of cars outside the CreekView senior living facility where he resided.

Late last month, Athenour was hospitalized due to various health complications, and then spent his final days at his daughter’s house with family, including being serenaded by a live trio playing his favorite mariachi songs one day, according to PTSCA officials.

He died peacefully surrounded by family early in the morning on Aug. 10.

The PTSCA website includes remembrances of Athenour, including from Tulancingo residents whom he befriended over the

## Bird rescue is ‘owl’ in a day’s work

Pleasanton police and firefighters rescue barn owl caught in kite line

By JULIA BAUM

It was “owl” in a day’s work when Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department personnel and Pleasanton police officers rescued a barn owl entangled by a kite line last week.

“Owl it takes is teamwork, #Pleasanton,” the Pleasanton Police Department tweeted later after cutting the critter loose that day. “Because of our vigilant residents who spotted this poor owl caught in a kite line, it was quickly rescued by our friends at @LP\_FIRE1974. Now, we’re giving it a ride to @lindsaywildlife for a checkup. #animalrescue.”

At approximately 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 10, residents reported an owl dangling from a light pole around the area of Paseo del Cajon and Calle Enrique near Hansen Park, Pleasanton police spokesperson Teri Yan told the Weekly.

A video shared by a neighbor on social media showed the nocturnal bird flying in a circle several feet above the street, caught on the nearly invisible kite line and unable to break free.

Pleasanton police and firefighters responded to the scene and, Yan said, “Thankfully, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department used their engine to reach the owl, cut the kite string” and handed the owl to police for transport.

The owl was brought in for examination to Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek, which specializes in wildlife rehabilitation. Police shared a photo of the brown and tan-colored avian en route to the animal hospital, bundled in a navy blanket on top of a cardboard sheet and appearing stunned.



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LPFD and PPD rescued a barn owl caught in a kite line in Pleasanton on Aug. 10. Wildlife experts said the owl is expected to recover.

Jennifer Modenessi, spokesperson for Lindsay Wildlife, said that “after arrival, it was examined and radiographs were taken” and their lead wildlife veterinarian determined “there’s some abnormal bone structure and possible partial dislocation of the right shoulder.”

The owl “is being treated with pain medications and the hope is that the partial dislocation will improve with cage rest (aka bed rest),” she said.

Modenessi also said that “in most cases following treatment, patients are moved off site into home care with a volunteer before their return to the wild.”

“We are very grateful to the residents, police and firefighters who worked quickly to rescue the owl,” she added.

The city also expressed its appreciation for “our residents for keeping watch over their neighborhood and spotting the helpless owl” and that they “were happy to assist the poor creature and wish it owl the best during recovery.” ■

## Free and reduced-price meal signups underway at PUSD

Households with incomes less than or equal to federal guidelines may qualify

By JULIA BAUM

Families living in the Pleasanton Unified School District boundaries and with household incomes less than or equal to federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Available shortly after shelter-in-place started in spring, PUSD’s Child Nutrition Services Team has served 132,032 meals since then, according to district officials.

The offer is effective through June 30, 2021.

No application is needed when a student’s household receives a notification letter stating that all children automatically qualify for free meals if any household member receives CalFresh, CalWORKS or FDPIR benefits. Children who are homeless, fostered, or a migrant or runaway, or enrolled in their school’s Head Start program are also eligible for free meals.

If any child in the household is not on the notification letter, contact the PUSD Child Nutrition Services office at 307-0949.

School officials must know if the household does not wish to receive free or reduced-price meals.

To apply for meal benefits, fill out one application for all children in the household and send it to the Child Nutrition Services office at 1155 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton, Calif. 94566. Contact Teresa Burke at 426-4417 for help completing the application.

An application may be submitted any time during the school year; if a household’s income or size changes, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWROKS or FDPIR benefits, an application may be submitted at that time. The information given will be used to determine household eligibility and may be verified by the school district at any time during the school year.

The last four digits of the Social Security number from an adult household or verifying the lack of a Social Security number if income is included on the application.

Household members receiving Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and

Children (WIC) benefits may also be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children are also eligible for free meals and may be listed as a household member if the foster family also applies for the non-foster children on the same application.

Student eligibility from the last school year will extend into the new school year for up to 30 days or until their new application is processed, or the student is otherwise eligible for free or reduced-price meals. After 30 school days, students must pay full price for meals unless their household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. PUSD does not have to send reminders or notice about expired eligibility.

Families who do not agree with the district’s decision or results of verification may contact school officials for further discussion, and also have the right to a fair hearing.

For more information on an application, meal menus and meal service locations, visit pleasantonUSD.net. ■

# LPC ready for online learning this fall

By JULIA BAUM

Classrooms are closed at Las Positas College with most classes taking place online this fall due to the pandemic, but campus leaders said its staff “remains resilient and continues to provide educational opportunities and support for students to succeed, no matter the medium of delivery.”

“I am confident that Las Positas College, despite the challenges, continues to be accessible, equitable and resilient in our support of our students,” said Dyrell Foster, president of LPC.

Instruction started on Monday, with approximately 8,000 students enrolled in courses that will mostly be held online. Some courses considered essential by the state, however, will be in hybrid format. LPC officials said most classes this fall “will be

formatted as a mixture of virtual content with scheduled instruction times via an online meeting platform.”

LPC spokeswoman Guisselle Nuñez told the Weekly that some of the hybrid classes that will meet in person include general zoology and human anatomy, which is required for nursing transfer and dental students at Chabot College at Hayward and will have three weeks of in person labs with a maximum of 12 students at each lab session.

A horticulture class called “Fall Plant Material ID” will have in-person labs that are held outdoors with physical distancing, and several automotive courses will have in-person classes twice a week for 75 minutes and practice physical distancing, with one class limited to 50% of enrolled students for each night in attendance.

Leading up to the new semester, LPC faculty and staff have spent “countless hours” preparing for a number of potential challenges during this unprecedented period of time, including making sure that students stay safe, enrolled in classes, and on course with their academic career.

Many student support services for LPC students are available online and can be used to help them stay on track and complete their assignments, such as online learning assistance and tutoring, a computer center, student health center, Canvas technical support, the LPC library, Reading & Writing (RAW) Center, Math Help and programs and services for disabled students.

For more information on the fall 2020 semester, visit [laspositascollege.edu](http://laspositascollege.edu). ■

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coronavirus (COVID-19) in early spring, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to close all 15 PUSD sites and have all students, staff and faculty quickly shift to full remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Several instructional formats including an in-person/at-home hybrid model were considered for bringing students back to school until last month, when Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered public school districts in 32 of the counties most affected by COVID-19 to remain closed until they are off the state’s monitoring list for at least 14 days.

Tapping into a plethora of technology, the current state of local learning will make use of Zoom video conferencing and sharing handouts and assignments via platforms like Google Classroom to attempt to create a virtual environment that simulates a traditional in-person learning experience as closely as possible.

Allison McCutcheon, a longtime third-grade teacher at Fairlands Elementary School, said in an interview that she had “never seen this type of collaboration before” among her colleagues until the pandemic happened.

“There’s been so much support from administration and site tech persons, setting us up with monitors and making sure everything works. It’s a different feeling; we’re all in this together,” McCutcheon said.

The first week back to school was “pretty exhausting” for Amador music director Mark Aubel, who said that he and his colleagues are “not used to doing all this work online,” and thinks online learning is “going to work a lot better” after being better prepared this semester.

“A lot of us spent part of the summer looking at different learning remote teaching rolls, and a lot of us went to this district week-long training program, so I think we’re more comfortable than we were at the end of last year,” Aubel said.

Mike O’Brien, principal at Vintage Hills Elementary, said the hardest part so far this year “has been taking what is a normal standard or procedure and having to flip it to be a remote or virtual interaction.”

“Some things we don’t need to prepare for, like traffic and parking lot concerns and other things because everyone’s sitting in their living room or at their dining room table for the first day, so some of the stresses and priorities shifted because of COVID,” O’Brien said.

Instead, O’Brien and others have traded some of the old problems of their jobs for new stresses and priorities — “I think that’s been the hardest thing,” O’Brien added. The students have also swapped out old obstacles for new ones as well.

For example, learning to play a new section of string music via the internet isn’t the most optimal way but “so far, the students seem to be handling it OK,” Aubel said. “I think everybody wants to be learning in person and teaching in person — and of course the parents want that as well — but I think we’re just going to have to do what we can right now until we can start in-person learning.”

Teaching some subjects online like math has been easier than others, according to McCutcheon.

“Math has gone really well; that one’s really easy to teach,” McCutcheon said. “I can draw on paper so they can see what I’m doing. Reading is tough because of the wide differences in their ability, but that’s normal.”

Staying engaged and motivated has been a more common challenge with older students since distance learning started. Teachers and administrators said that struggle should be resolved by the return of letter grades this semester after the state temporarily suspended the practice.

“The state’s ‘do no harm’ grading made it difficult because grades are a thing, especially at the secondary level, and motivators for kids,” Haglund said. “They’re one of the

key levers a teacher has to get kids to think harder and reach a little bit further. When that got taken away, it hurt, from a teacher’s perspective, to re-engage kids, especially at the second level. That’s not here anymore.”

Aubel confirmed that “a lot of the students just stopped working because they knew their grade could not go down” but said he and other colleagues “think now that things are going to improve.”

Meanwhile, McCutcheon said some of her lower-grade students have struggled with more foundational skills.

“In third grade they’re not used to typing because in second grade they did a lot of pencil-paper (work),” she added. “It’s taking them a long time because they’re still doing the ‘hunt and peck’ (to find the right keys) on the keyboard ... so that’s been an obstacle.”

And, of course, there’s the technological hiccups, like a sketchy internet connection that makes it hard to hear when someone speaks, but McCutcheon said that “it’ll work itself out, I’m not worried.”

Creating human connections has been O’Brien’s biggest priority leading Vintage Hills Elementary this year.

Though most of that will take place from afar, O’Brien said, “It’s a big part of being in education, is our connection with kids, and that’s the hardest part. We’re connecting virtually but it doesn’t replace what it’s like to be in a classroom with our students — but we’re coming very close to being able to set that up online.”

With a few whirlwind months to prepare for a historic school year, McCutcheon said the patience and understanding of the community was crucial in pulling off a successful first week of school during a pandemic: “We’re lucky where we are because we have so much support from parents and administrators that I think it’s just been a happy start and everybody’s feeling very good right now.” ■

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# Tri-Valley youth donate to assist health care workers

Funds support ValleyCare Charitable Foundation

By EMMA HALL

The ValleyCare Charitable Foundation highlighted a series of youth fundraisers that supported Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are so inspired by these young people in our community,” Shaké Sulikyan, executive director of VCCF, said in a statement. “Their compassion and generosity gives us hope in these trying times.”

Youth from all over the Tri-Valley donated to the foundation in a variety of ways to raise funds.

Pleasanton residents Ketaki Lole, Trisha Sukale and Priyal Saraf raised their funds by giving Bollywood dance lessons to children ages 5 to 12. The girls said they wanted to do the most they could to assist health care workers.

The third-grade class of Congregation Beth Emek Religious School also donated their tzedakah, or charitable funds, to their community hospital. Every week, each students’ tzedakah would grow over the weeks and months. These students were then given the task



**Above:** Brownie Troop No. 32951 donated cookie sale profits to the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation. **Right:** The third-grade class of Congregation Beth Emek Religious School.



CONGREGATION BETH EMEK

to pick a charity for donations.

According to their teacher, Robin Wood, students usually choose medical or animal welfare causes, but COVID-19 has been so impactful that the students chose to donate to VCCF.

“None of the students knew anyone who contracted COVID-19,” Wood said. “But they knew it was out there and it was a big deal. They decided this time they wanted to help local coronavirus efforts.”

Ryan Ou, a Foothill High School student who has been donating to VCCF for three years, also made a donation to combating COVID-19. Using the funds from tutoring, Ou decided to donate to help the local hospital.

“I chose to give to ValleyCare because I felt very lucky to have a position here as a volunteer and I’m appreciative of this opportunity,” he said in a statement.

California High School sophomore Aparajitha Sai Jella recently

stepped up to support Stanford-ValleyCare. According to VCCF, she is an aspiring doctor who donated funds collected from teaching flute classes.

“It is important that people of all ages come together to support the community and the hospitals during these tough times,” Jella said.

Local Brownie Troop No. 32951 chose to raise funds to support child care services for families of essential workers from cookie

sale profits. Alongside their service project, the troop learned about the difference between an N-95 surgical mask and the standard cloth mask, and the impacts of COVID-19 on different occupations.

Meghana Nuthi, a freshman at Dougherty Valley School raised over \$1,500 to support VCCF’s case. She used the money to buy bagels and coffee for health care workers on the front lines fighting COVID every day.

Nuthi said she was inspired by the perseverance of health care workers. The virus doesn’t care about age, gender, race, or health; it’s a threat to everyone, she said. Because of that, it surprised her to see young people breaking social distancing guidelines while healthcare professionals sacrifice their health to help others.

“I wanted to show health care workers that there are young people who understand the severity of this virus,” Nuthi said. “There are young people who understand what they are sacrificing, and that we are grateful. And that we care about them, just like they care about us.” ■

## Board appoints new vice principal at Lydiksen Elementary

Also hires next senior director of special education

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees appointed a new vice principal and the district’s new senior director of special education last week.

Hilary Sowers was unanimously appointed by the board on Aug. 13 to her new role as new vice principal of Lydiksen Elementary School, which is currently vacant due to pandemic-induced remote learning. Sowers comes from Tracy Unified School District, where she was most recently assistant principal at Bohn Elementary School.

A graduate of Wheelock College,

where Sowers earned a bachelor’s degree in human development before receiving her education doctorate from UC Davis.

The board also appointed Kenneth Goeken as PUSD’s new senior director of special education that night. According to the district, Goeken previously served as director III of special education at Alisal Union School District in Monterey County.

Goeken thanked the board and promised to be at his first day of work “bright and early.”

“I’m very excited to be in the school district,” Goeken said. “I had

applied a few years ago, I made it to the second round. It’s a wonderful district ... I’m excited and looking forward to this opportunity.”

The trustees also approved the official resignation that evening of former Hart Middle School vice principal Alex Ramirez, who recently resigned from his position after one year. Ramirez came to Hart last summer from Donlon Elementary, where he was vice principal for six years.

Before transitioning to the administrative track at PUSD, Ramirez spent eight years teaching at Hart. A reason for his

resignation has not been given.

In other appointments, the board also approved the appointment of Chong Wang — who is currently running for one of three open trustee seats in November — to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) for Measure 11. The nine-member CBOC was formed after Pleasanton voters approved the bond measure in 2016.

Recruitment got underway earlier this year to fill several vacancies, one of them stemming from a resignation under the Representative-At-Large category, as well as “Business Community located within the District”

and “Bona Fide Taxpayers Organization.” Three individuals including Wang filed for consideration.

Staff said “none of the applicants fit the CBOC positions for the ‘Business Community located within the District’ or the ‘Bona Fide Taxpayers’ Organization’ positions,” leaving the position of ‘Representative at Large’ as the only option. Wang’s volunteer work on district committees, including the Walnut Grove Elementary PTA and Harvest Park Middle School PSTA, and regular input at board meetings over the year were noted in staff’s recommendation for his approval to the CBOC. ■

## COUNCIL

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in single-family neighborhoods — on the grounds that single-family dwellings could eventually be replaced by larger duplex structures. They also argued the bill would not increase the city’s affordable housing stock, due to no mention of any such guarantee in its language.

Councilwoman Karla Brown said “most people would agree the housing shortage is in the lower income or affordability index” but that “building more luxury homes” won’t solve the problem.

Community development director Ellen Clark said legislators’ desire to increase supply is based on “the idea that you could build more units, and by virtue of that you

begin to help to support lower end housing prices and more housing opportunities.”

The council decision contrasted with most residents who phoned in for the public hearing to express their support for more housing and greater density in the city of Pleasanton.

One speaker called it “incredibly concerning that the city is still holding on to the belief that affordable housing for low income residents would erode our city’s small-town character” and said “the people who benefit the most from these laws deserve the opportunity to live in this wonderful city.”

Kevin Andrews asked the council to consider the effects of COVID-19 as well before casting their vote.

“Because of the pandemic, almost one million Californians risk eviction

by the end of September. It’s important to recognize these nine bills ... impact the whole state of California,” Andrews said. “The fate of the thousands of Californians who are impacted by COVID 19 and who need housing must be considered as well.”

Planning Commissioner Nancy Allen, who is currently running for City Council on the Nov. 3 ballot, however, commended staff’s recommendation.

“I agree that this most concerns me and the impacts it has on the many people who purchased their homes in Pleasanton, and the character of our neighborhood, and also losing local control,” Allen said.

There is a need for “real affordable housing” and a legislative agenda with guaranteed funding mechanisms, Allen added, but she said the

latest slew of bills “do not do that.”

Councilwoman Julie Testa said the pandemic has been a “game changer,” with more people now working from home and leaving “congested, high-density” urban areas for less crowded locales in recent months. With so many new and unexpected changes this year, Testa said an entirely new conversation about affordability is now necessary.

“People don’t want to be in those environments; we need to revisit what would work,” Testa said. We need to look at what real affordable legislation looks like and what we can accomplish. We shouldn’t be supporting bad bills just because they’re not as bad.”

Councilman Jerry Pentin said the city’s position is in line with other Tri-Valley communities.

“Are these bills perfect? No. And are the legislators bringing us enough affordable housing bills? No,” Pentin said. “Somewhere along the line, it’s up to us with our coveted local control to work towards that.”

“It’s up to the five of us on this council to do the work we need to do to make affordable housing in Pleasanton happen” Pentin said, including working with consultants and keeping an eye on legislation. “I think we do a good job but we’ve opposed four of the seven bills that were just put in front of us. We can’t oppose everything just to oppose everything.”

The council also upheld staff recommendations later that night on a number of proposed bills related to policing reform including banning the use of carotid restraints. ■

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of revenue is personal income; as the economy shrinks, so does personal income revenue.”

Following the presentation, Trustee Valerie Arkin asked for clarification on when some of the identified budget adjustments would be made, to which Sheikholeslami answered some had already taken effect.

Trustee Joan Laursen called it “great news that we don’t have to make as significant of cuts this year” and then asked if Sheikholeslami could “explain to the

public what it means, if the federal dollars don’t come, we are expecting these deferrals, but at the same time those deferrals are getting the money that we’re supposed to get this year, it’s pushed off into the next year.”

“That collection of those deferrals of course is dependent on the state’s economy in that following year as well,” Laursen said. “We talk about it with people to say that deferrals are budget cuts, but it’s really hard to explain that. I’m concerned that the deferrals are going to end up like it did in the Great Recession, which is that it goes on for years and it takes 10 years for us

to get paid back those dollars.”

Sheikholeslami replied, “The best analogy is maybe a snowball effect because, as you said, the state economy has to recover to the point where it was previously, and then it has to recover greater to pay its debt that it’s passed on. It would require a miracle for that to happen.”

The state will most likely have another shortfall next year and need to extend deferrals, he said, adding, “And so they then will have another deferral, and then slowly over time, every year, if the economy starts to recover, then they will pay some of that debt off,

and so we’re chasing it.”

Sheikholeslami compared the situation to using one credit card to pay off another: “That’s what ends up happening until the state can recover — they’re passing their funding on to basically districts who then have to borrow from one source or the other.”

Laursen said, “We feel like we didn’t get hit by all these cuts this year and, yes, that is true, but they didn’t go away, they just got pushed out.”

Board President Steve Maher then asked if the district will see any notable savings from its 15 sites being largely empty during

remote learning.

Without larger facilities like gyms being used, Sheikholeslami said some cash could be saved in the form of utility costs but pointed out that there are still staff on campus.

“We’ll see some but I don’t think they’re going to be significant enough to move the needle,” Sheikholeslami said. “There might be on the fringes, we’re looking for them, we’re trying to be really diligent on all purchases.”

Audited financial statements for fiscal year 2020-21 will be available for review in January, according to the district. ■



  
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## FORUM

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have to listen to the health experts. This is a medical crisis above all, and it really does annoy me to see people politicizing the issue," Bacon said. "My impression of COVID and the economy is quite simple: We need to solve COVID before we can get the economy going."

Further touching on the need to support residents suffering from economic hardships during the crisis, Bacon praised the county's eviction moratorium and said he would like to hire more residents to help combat the virus, citing the need for contact tracers as an example.

Additionally, Bacon said he was quite opposed to laying off civic employees as a way to offset a looming budget shortfall.

Haubert likewise emphasized the need to listen to health experts during the pandemic, but spoke of supporting small businesses as the best way to offset the economic crisis.

"My stance on reopening the economy is we must prioritize lives over dollars, it's plain and simple," said Haubert, who stressed the need to work with businesses to find creative ways to safely continue operating, such as promoting outdoor dining and shopping in previously designated public areas.

**'There is a ton of corporate money going into this election and I think it's just wrong.'**

**Vinnie Bacon,**  
D1 Supervisor candidate

Haubert also highlighted emergency business loans and grants as vital in supporting District 1 businesses.

"One thing that I should add is that we've been able to keep the infection rates in my community one of the lowest in Alameda County," he continued.

### Social justice reform

Both candidates also proclaimed that "Black lives matter" and committed themselves to ensuring the equitable treatment of residents under the law, regardless of race, and to combating systemic racism throughout the community.

Haubert — who participated in organizing Dublin's Black Lives Matter protest earlier in the summer — vocalized a commitment to review the use-of-force policies for police in District 1 and also ensure that officers and deputies receive proper training to ensure ethical policing. He also said he supports the "8 Can't Wait" policing reform policies.

Hinting at a need for more comprehensive reform, Bacon said he would consider allocating funds away from police services in favor of services that could better utilize



JEREMY WALSH

Posing before Monday's socially distanced District 1 Supervisor candidate forum started are Dublin Mayor David Haubert (left) and Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon (right).

the funds such as mental health services.

"One of the things I've called for is what type of calls are the police getting and what kind of personnel is appropriate for handling that call. Is it better that a mental health professional went instead of a police officer? I think those are the kind of discussions we need to have," Bacon said.

### Affordable housing

One of the evening's most contentious topics, candidates sparred over the most effective ways to increase housing for residents, with Bacon generally supporting the creation of affordable housing over other developments, and Haubert favoring creating market rate housing projects as a way to fund and ensure the creation of affordable units.

"It's very disingenuous to say that somebody has approved affordable housing when they have opposed just about every market rate project, which funds affordable housing, and then takes credit for providing affordable housing," Haubert said of his opponent.

"I think our community (Dublin) is a very good example of where local control can work very well," Haubert added. "We've added a strong balance of market rate and affordable housing. We've done it in a very planned way, and I'll tell you that I'm very proud of the communities that we build."

He went on to say that Bacon had a "spectacular unsuccessful record" of creating needed housing in Fremont as a member of the council.

Bacon responded in kind, criticizing Haubert's perspective as a preference for market rate over affordable housing, which Bacon said has failed to alleviate housing problems in the area.

"There's an exit study (that shows) when you build market rate housing you end up needing more affordable housing. The in-lieu fees that we get from market rate housing simply doesn't cover it," Bacon said.

"Mayor Haubert is dead wrong when he says Dublin has provided adequate affordable housing. They've done 551% of market rate housing, and I can't even tell the graph is so small, something like 5-10% of affordable housing," he added. "I feel like the mayor, and what he put forth in Dublin, is the idea of just building more and more market rate housing and that somehow that will solve the problem ... The bottom line is we are simply not providing enough affordable housing."

### Homelessness

Continuing on from the discussion of affordable housing, homelessness is another prevalent issue familiar to most Bay Area residents, and while both candidates agreed homeless residents needed support, they disagreed on where that help was most needed.

Bacon found that most homeless residents in Fremont were for the most part in their current situations due to economic strains or a lack of affordable housing. Haubert on the other hand found addiction and mental health issues as the primary contributors toward homelessness, saying support services are most needed to help these residents.

"Homelessness is one of the most devastating failures of our time and (alongside) the growing economy over the past decade, homelessness has almost doubled in some cases. Failed policy after failed policy have resulted in more homelessness," Haubert said, also highlighting his creation of the Valor Crossing veteran affordable family living community as a prime example of the facilities needed to help solve the crisis.

### Campaign financing

Another contentious topic was campaign fundraising, with the two candidates clashing over campaign financing, with each taking shots at their opponent's current and past records.

Bacon opened by criticizing his opponent's acceptance of funds from some developers and special interest groups, highlighting his own decision to not accept funds from political action committees (PACs), developers or labor unions in order to avoid undue influence on his campaign.

"Why do all sorts of developers donate to a candidate? Because they know they are buying influence, and we're just supposed to trust the person that they are taking all this money and it does not affect them," Bacon said. "There is a ton of corporate money going into this election and I think it's just wrong ... People buy their way into office and it makes it literally impossible for a number of candidates to get elected."

**'I'm going to make it very clear: I can't be bought and I will not back down.'**

**David Haubert,**  
D1 Supervisor candidate

Referring to himself as a "clean money candidate," Bacon maintained that he is "the only one in this race who doesn't take developer money, who doesn't take corporate money, who doesn't take PAC money."

In response, Haubert declared, "I'm going to make it very clear: I can't be bought and I will not back down. Contributions do not make a difference in my decision making process whatsoever."

"I'm sorry if my opponent just can't seem to trust himself to not sell out. I know I never have," he added.

"When my opponent wants to trump up this clean money thing, it's pretty easy when you self-fund and you rely on family money to fund, nearly \$150,000 of your family's money then you don't have

to fundraise. And I wish I could do that but I can't," Haubert said, also criticizing Bacon for a fine for past campaign finance violations in Fremont.

"When I talk with voters, it's very clear to them; they see the developer money rolling in and they see the projects getting approved throughout Dublin," Bacon retorted. "Yes it is very sad. I'm not a rich person; it's very hard for me to put money in this campaign but I have no option. Against all the money going into this campaign I'd be slaughtered."

### Public transit/infrastructure

Alleviating the region's traffic woes was another key priority for both candidates, with Bacon and Haubert both vocalizing support for improved transit infrastructure and rail projects in District 1.

"I'm a fan of large scale transportation projects like Valley Link, like Dumbarton Rail, like the Capitol Corridor (Rail Project), like the study that we are doing on the connector between 680 and 580 in Fremont. These are all things that are good for the people, they are good for the workers that build them, they are good for the economy. We absolutely need to continue to support transportation," Haubert said, further clarifying that he generally supports rail projects over buses.

"I went to Berkeley to study transportation engineering because as an environmentalist I'm a very strong advocate for transit. We definitely need more transit and if you look at the main corridor where we have our traffic problems in District 1 ... we have a real dearth of transit and we need more of it," Bacon said, adding that he is also an advocate for public transit projects that include buses.

### Other topics

While the Alameda County Board of Supervisors is a non-partisan agency, the topic of political allegiance did arise at multiple occasions throughout the forum.

Bacon touted himself as a proud Democrat who holds Democratic values. Haubert described his views as independent with an ability to cross party lines as he is not registered to either major party, though his opponent criticized him for Republican views in line with his former party affiliation.

Bacon and Haubert also shared their perspectives on regional cooperation, the State Legislature, fire season preparedness, budgetary management and PG&E oversight during the nearly 100-minute forum.

The entire event can be viewed online, via PleasantonWeekly.com.

For Monday's forum, the Weekly partnered with the Dublin, Fremont and Livermore Valley chambers of commerce. Amos Productions video-recorded the event, which was presented live and in-person at Garré Vineyard & Winery with social-distancing protocols in place and no audience members in the room. ■

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## Teen successfully shares creations on Etsy

Bright, upbeat and beachy — stickers and clothing sales take off

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

What does an enterprising young teen do when she makes too many scrunchies for her own use?

Shania Ahmed, who turned 15 last month, decided to open an Etsy shop and sell her goods to the public.

"I was making some hair ties — like scrunchies — in my room and randomly thinking, 'I should sell these,'" the Amador Valley High sophomore said.

She looked into the details of using Etsy, a platform for small businesses to sell handmade goods, and opened for business on that site as well as Instagram on July 16, 2019.

"I got a good amount of orders but it took me 20 minutes to make one scrunchy — way too long," Ahmed recalled.

She noticed others marketing handmade stickers and thought this is something she could do, too.

"I bought a smart cutting machine that connects to my laptop, and I started selling stickers in January," she said.

Sales were steady — then along came COVID-19 and sheltering in place.

"Once the quarantine started, my business blew up," Ahmed reported. "I never thought I would get so many orders."

She uses high quality paper and laminates the stickers so they are waterproof, suitable for water bottles as well as phone cases and laptops. A gift message can be included with an order.

Customers often share their enthusiasm by sending photos of belongings decorated with the stickers.

"They send me pictures all the time," Ahmed said. "That's really nice. I love seeing them. They're really popular on water bottles and laptops."

As of last Friday, sales were approaching 2,500 on Etsy, where she makes the most sales although her creations are also available on her website, shopkalani.com. Etsy also lists more than 200 5-star reviews, most noting the quality of the products.

Ahmed chose the name Kalani for her undertaking, inspired by her love of Hawaii.

"I went when I was little, and I want to go back," she said.

She also liked the name because while it is easy to pronounce, it is unique.

The endeavor is a business as well as a creative outlet as Ahmed uses some designs and figures that are already popular, such as Peppa Pig.



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Shania Ahmed shows a water bottle enhanced by stickers sold by her company, Kalani.

"I make sure the characters are all available for me to use," she said. "Some of them are designed by other artists and I purchase them for use. Some I designed myself. Most people didn't really care because mine was a small business."

Although existing characters sell well, Ahmed enjoys creating the looks of the stickers from scratch.

"I like having complete freedom over the design," she said.

She designed the Y2K pack, inspired by the year 2000, as well as some stickers in the Positivity Pack, her bestseller. The packs sell for \$8, and individual stickers can also be ordered, usually priced at \$1.75.

Kalani recently branched out with clothing and now offers a soft blue sweatshirt with the words "Santa Cruz Est. 1866"; a light pink T-shirt that says "Capitola"; and a bucket hat sporting a butterfly, which is sold out.

It is the bright, comfortable type of clothing Ahmed said she herself likes to wear with leggings.

"It has always been my dream when I was little to be some sort of fashion designer — this is a different version of that dream," she said. "I basically designed both the sweatshirt and T-shirt."

She chose to highlight the local beach towns because they are favorites of her family.

"We actually went to Capitola to take the photos of the sweatshirt and the T-shirt," Ahmed said.

She shopped around for a wholesaler, receiving quotes and being careful to choose one that would produce items made and sourced in the USA that are comfortable enough to wear every day and can withstand hundreds of washings.

"I paid for them out of money I'd earned from selling stickers," she said, "and then I got them up on the website as soon as possible."

Kalani is a bit of a family business. Shania's father, Mehdi Ahmed, loaned her \$100 to start up, and when many orders pour in any one day, her mother, Sultana Akhter, and brother, Riaan Ahmed, 9, help with the packaging and mailing.

"Everything has to go through my parents because I'm under 18," Shania Ahmed noted, plus of course she depends on them for transportation. "They're definitely proud of me, which is awesome, but they worry sometimes it will be too much for me."

Ahmed said at one time she thought of becoming a surgeon, but now she is taking business-related classes at Amador and may major in business at college.

Meanwhile she is saving her earnings to buy a car when she is 16, she said — and have a party. ■



From top: The Santa Cruz sweatshirt is part of a new clothing line by Kalani. The Positivity VSCO Sticker Pack. The Y2K/2000-inspired Sticker Pack. (Contributed photos)

# Hope Hospice presents virtual Family Caregiver Education Series

Topics include managing financial issues, Medicare and dementia

By EMMA HALL

Hope Hospice's Family Caregiver Education Series will return revamped as interactive webinars presented over Zoom.

The topics of the series, which will last throughout the fall and winter, include "Living with Dementia: Dementia Basics," "Necessary Evils: Exploring Legal and Financial Issues," "Medicare: An Overview and Update" and "Living with Dementia Behaviors as Communication."

"Living with Dementia: Dementia Basics" will be presented on Sept. 10 and hosted by Hope Hospice

dementia specialists Gia Barsell and Debbie Emerson.

"Since dementia dramatically changes the way that individuals think, perceive and communicate, caring for a loved one with dementia presents a unique set of challenges," Hope Hospice wrote in a statement.

In the webinar, Hope Hospice will acknowledge and explore new challenges family members will face when caring for a loved one with dementia, including managing care at home, making the most of facility placement and tips for self care.

"Necessary Evils: Exploring Legal

and Financial Issues" will be on Oct. 15. Hosted by Julie Fiedler, a specialist at Horizon Elder Law and Estate Planning in San Ramon, the webinar participants will learn about powers of attorney, trusts and wills, and paying for long-term care as well as accessing government assistance programs.

On Nov. 12, "Medicare: An Overview and Update" will provide clarification for the federal health insurance program, Medicare, that is for those 65 and older and those with disabilities. Presented by Katy Brady, the community education coordinator of

Alameda County's Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, Brady will provide information about healthcare coverage, options for supplementing Medicare, and changes in 2021.

The final Family Caregiver webinar will be on Dec. 10 with "Living with Dementia: Behaviors as Communication."

"As the conditions that cause dementia progress, communication becomes challenged and persons living with dementia increasingly rely on their behaviors to express their needs," Hope Hospice officials wrote.

Barsell and Emerson will be returning for the December webinar. Specifically, the two will be diving into how family caregivers can gain an understanding of how to assess, interpret and respond to dementia-related behaviors. These lessons aim to improve communication and meaningful connections between the caregiver and a loved one with dementia.

Every webinar will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. To register for the series, visit [HopeHospice.com/family](http://HopeHospice.com/family). For more information, call 925-829-8770. ■

## #ArtForGeorgeFloyd project

Artists create videos about racism to help fight injustice

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Chabot College instructor Dee Stephens and her colleague Courtney Lloyd have established a virtual protest called the #ArtForGeorgeFloyd project for performing artists to engage in the fight for racial equality.

The idea is to use art to affect change, and so far more than 60 artists have expressed their feelings about George Floyd, other victims of police brutality, and systemic racism through a series of videos, each lasting exactly 8 minutes and 46 seconds.

Stephens met Lloyd while they were both obtaining masters in acting degrees at the University

of Southern California. The two wanted to use their talents in performance art as well as their connections in the arts community to get everyone together for this cause.

"To start, we reached out to people that we knew," Stephens said. "The master's program we attended, in and of itself, was very diverse, and the two of us had been doing a lot of theater and standup comedy in Los Angeles and the Bay Area, so we reached out to our friends and connections to get involved, and organically these happened to be people who had immigrated from all around the world."

The collection of videos is being shared to raise awareness and money for Color of Change, a nonprofit organization that designs campaigns to help people make a difference and do something about injustice, and other similar organizations.

"We want to encourage everyone to participate in social change," Stephens said. "You just need to use what you have. We used our voices as artists to create a virtual protest, but you can use whatever skills you have to raise awareness and that, ultimately, creates change."

For more information, visit [www.artforgeorgefloyd.com](http://www.artforgeorgefloyd.com). ■



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### 'United We Laugh'

Yakov Smirnoff, a Russian immigrant who loves being American and has become a legend in comedy sharing his experiences, is presenting a virtual special, "United We Laugh," that will be enjoyed via select venues across the country, with proceeds distributed proportionately. Locally, the Firehouse Arts Center and the Bankhead Theater are offering tickets for the 75-minute online show at 6 p.m. next Saturday (Aug. 29). Tickets are \$25 general admission or \$50 for a pass that includes an additional link to live stream with Yakov backstage after the show. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), or to support the Bankhead Theater, visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).



### Reworking art

Artist Mark Monsarrat, who says his work is best described as "tonal-colorist, Craftsman style," will give a demonstration and speak on "Can this painting be saved?" at the Alamo Danville Artists' Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. in Alamo. Monsarrat will bring an old "challenged" piece of his and rework it in front of attendees, who are invited to bring in their own older pieces in oil or other media for review and suggestions about how better to achieve their vision.

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Dublin police chief targeted by fake traffic ticket scam

It turns out that even law enforcement are not immune from being targeted by criminals, as Dublin Police Chief Garrett Holmes experienced when he received a fake traffic ticket through email recently.

"Even our Police Chief receives

email scams. Beware of email citation scams similar to this one," Dublin city officials said on social media last week. Also posted was a screenshot of the email sent to Holmes, originating from a return address that mimicked an official Department of Transportation account.

The email reads as follows: "Mr./Ms. Holmes, our traffic cameras recorded you running a red light on July 28, 2020. As such, you have been charged with a traffic citation."

The message then instructs

Holmes to contest the citation in court or pay the fine online by Aug. 14, and provides a hyperlink to a website that corresponds with the original email address. A Weekly investigation of the website found a landing page with redirects and numerous pop-up ads.

Holmes told the Weekly that he received the citation through his official city email on Aug. 7, but said it wasn't the first time.

"I received another one about a month ago that stated I was caught

speeding with a listed address of the police station," Holmes said.

The city has "seen an increase in phishing scams" since the start of the pandemic, according to Holmes.

"In the past year or so several cities have been subject to ransomware attacks. We are looking into the origin of the email but these type of investigations are difficult to track down," he added.

Holmes shared the email "in order to bring to light that regardless of who you are you could be targeted."

"Unfortunately community members, especially the elderly, can be manipulated by these opportunists and lose thousands of dollars," he said.

The Pleasanton Police Department also sent out a notice on Aug. 13, warning the community to be on alert for a phone scam in which a prerecorded message demands that the receiver send money with a gift card or their electricity will be shut off.

"If you receive a call claiming your electricity will be disconnected

unless you send PG&E money via gift cards, this is a scam," PPD said.

And in San Ramon, police issued a warning last week that unidentified scammers have been "spoofing" the police department's phone number and attempting to scam residents into paying fake fines.

The scammer reportedly called multiple residents in San Ramon — including a staff member at the SRPD Records Department who quickly recognized the scam — using a method called spoofing where their number appeared to be coming from the SRPD.

Claiming to be a staff member on the SRPD, the caller told the person who answered the phone that a warrant had been issued for their arrest, but they could avoid jail time by paying a fine. Police say no resident fell victim to the scam.

"Please remember that the San Ramon PD will NEVER call you and request payment for fines over the phone," SRPD Cpl. Leysy Pelayo said in a message to residents. ■

—Julia Baum and Ryan J. Degan

## Robert Germain Athenour

June 8, 1929 – August 10, 2020

Robert Germain Athenour passed away on Monday, August 10, 2020 at the age of 91. He touched many lives around the world with his caring spirit, and his love of people. He was an amazing family man, teacher and friend.

A native of Sunol, Bob graduated from Amador High School in 1947, with only 26 students in his class. He attended San Jose State University, and received his undergraduate degree in Spanish, French and Social Studies; and then his teaching credential in 1952.

After college, he joined the US Air Force and was stationed at Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton. He completed a tour of duty serving the Education Centers for the Air Force bases in Japan, Korea and Okinawa. Upon his discharge he returned to Pleasanton and began teaching at Amador Valley High School, where he taught Spanish (and French) for 27 years. He was one of those teachers that changed many lives.

In 1957 Bob married Marilyn Culford Vargas whom he had known since high school. They raised three children - Karl, Tom, and Anne. Bob and Marilyn were married for 61 years. Somewhere along the way, Bob caught the travel bug and in 1972 opened Athenour-Macchi Travel, which later became Athenour Travel Service. For years he led tours all over the world for both adults and students. He shared his respect for different cultures and love of adventure with his family and friends, as well as many clients. Many great memories were made on these trips.

Bob's favorite place was Mexico. He loved the Mexican culture, language, and history – and most importantly the people. It started in college when he spent a summer with a family in Saltillo, Mexico as an exchange student. In 1961 he was instrumental in bringing the first student exchange program through the American Field Service (AFS) to Pleasanton. Then in 1983, Señor Bob, as he came to be known, co-founded the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association. The purpose of the association was to develop communication, friendship and understanding between people of two cultures; but it became much more than that! His friends from Tulancingo, as well as the Sister City Program, held a special place in his heart. When visiting Tulancingo, it was common for people driving by to stop and

welcome him with big hugs and excitement!

As a longtime member of the Pleasanton Rotary Club, he was passionate about raising money for wheelchairs, and going on wheelchair distribution trips throughout the world. Over the past 18 years, he was involved with fundraising and/or delivering more than 8,000 wheelchairs internationally to people who otherwise couldn't acquire one. In addition to his work with the Wheelchair Foundation, he enjoyed volunteering to accompany Rotoplast medical teams, who performed cleft palate surgeries, into remote villages, and translate for the families and the doctors.

Señor Bob loved spending time with family and friends. He especially enjoyed breakfasts at the Rising Loafer and Stable Café, Happy Hour beers at Alberto's, class reunions with former students, and invitations to as many social events as possible. He loved good people, and a good party!

Bob made such an impact on people's lives. He made

everyone feel so special, that despite a nationwide pandemic, he had over 100 people in decorated cars drive by Creekview to celebrate his 91st birthday in a parade like fashion. He had an unmatched affinity for truly caring about people, and the friends he made along the way have proven to be lifelong.

Bob is survived by his daughter Anne Athenour Martin (Eric) of Pleasanton, son Tom Athenour (Jill) of Evergreen, CO., and daughter-in-law Laurinda Vargas of Oakdale. He leaves behind six grandchildren: Jenna Martin, Michael Martin, Daniel Athenour, Kate Athenour, Katherine Vargas and Lara Collingsworth (Jason). He also has two great grandchildren, Kevin and Kiera Travis. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, his son Karl, and his brother Joseph, Jr.

Due to the current pandemic, Bob's mass and internment will be private. The family will plan a Celebration of Life in both Pleasanton and Tulancingo when the Covid Restrictions are lifted. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pleasanton Sister City Association, Pleasanton Rotary Foundation/Wheelchair Project, or ValleyCare Charitable Foundation's Wish Project Fund in memory of Robert Athenour.

¡Vaya con Dios, Señor Bob! We love you and will miss you greatly, but are comforted by the promise that we will meet again!



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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Aug. 15

#### DUI

- 2:10 a.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- 6:09 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue

#### Domestic battery

- 9:39 a.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Missing person

- 10:23 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Drug violation

- 7:29 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

### Aug. 14

#### Theft

- 10:50 a.m. on the 1300 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Weapons violation

- 6:26 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Drug violation

- 10:32 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

### Aug. 13

#### Theft

- 10:48 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

#### Graffiti

- 11:41 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

#### Warrant arrest

- 11:55 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Burglary

- 5:44 p.m. on the 900 block of Montevino Drive

### Aug. 12

#### Burglary

- 9:34 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

- 6:44 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

#### Theft

- 12:51 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 5:49 p.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; bicycle theft

- 6:06 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 7:21 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Assault/battery

- 9:34 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

### Aug. 11

#### Theft

- 8:36 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

- 3:01 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 3:31 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Vandalism

- 9:34 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

### Aug. 10

#### Theft

- 6:03 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 11:48 a.m., 1000 block of Serepentine Lane; theft from auto

- 2:10 p.m. on the 1300 block of Greenwood Road

- 3:52 p.m., 5800 block of Parkside Drive; theft from auto

- 4:00 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Graffiti

- 5:10 p.m. at Harvest Circle and Winter Court

### Aug. 9

#### Assault/battery

- 9:54 a.m. on the 3100 block of Pawnee Way

#### Shoplifting

- 2:35 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:39 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Vandalism

- 7:37 p.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

- 8:02 p.m. on East Gate Way

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## LETTERS

### The West Las Positas Blvd. adventure

Dear Editor,

Have you had an opportunity to ride along West Las Positas Boulevard between Santa Rita Road and Hopyard Road recently?

It really doesn't matter if you are traveling westbound or eastbound, the road conditions are atrocious bordering on dangerous. Unless you are a thrill-seeker, you would not even attempt to consider traveling at the posted 40 mph speed limit. Your vehicle can easily bottom out no matter what lane you are using anywhere along this route.

In addition, if we have inclement weather, several areas along this stretch of road become flood city. There have been some attempts in the past to patch certain sections of the road, which have had minimal effect on improving the situation.

This is a main thoroughfare within the city limits. I don't understand with all the road pavement activity I observe taking place within the city that this hazardous situation is not being addressed. Based on its current condition, it is clear that repaving will require some significant work effort.

That said, now is the time to address this problem while our schools are in remote learning status and less vehicles are traveling along this section of road. I would challenge any of our city officials to take a ride on this pleasure cruise and see if they don't agree that the time to act is now.

—Richard Lysaght

### So very grateful

On Aug. 10, my 80-plus-year-old husband and I were walking at the Sports Park when my husband lost his balance and had a difficult time standing up. Several people stopped to help, especially two couples who got him situated in one of the couples' cars and even brought him home to make sure he got into his home without any trouble.

I only know that one of the men who helped was named Mark. The kindness and help extended to us was overwhelming and we are so very grateful. Pleasanton has some very awesome people!

—Kay Stewart

### Preserve neighborhoods

Thank you for publishing Julie Testa's alert regarding "Sacramento's War on the Suburbs." It is time to wake up to the threat posed by the "Nine Bad Bills" that will override local controls with

imposed high-density housing.

Our residential neighborhoods were not designed to endure the impacts (parking problems, more traffic, overcrowding of schools, water shortages, etc.) from "infilling" of existing neighborhoods on small suburban lots.

Sacramento's meddling in local zoning should be addressed by local candidates. If the candidate won't commit on the topic another indicator would be if the candidate is accepting campaign money from developers.

We should only vote for candidates who: a) pledge to support local control of housing and oppose state legislation that threatens single-family neighborhoods and b) candidates who have promised not to accept money from developers.

Let's preserve Pleasanton neighborhoods.

—George Reid

### My nonprofit: EngineeringMedics

To give a brief introduction about myself, my name is Ian Ou and I am currently a high school senior attending Foothill High School. I have been a resident here for more than 11 years.

As coronavirus sweeps across our nation, supplies are in higher demand than ever before. Front-line workers, such as doctors, are exposed to continuous mask strain and high risks of infection. In response, I established a nonprofit initiative called "EngineeringMedics," a branch working under the nationwide organization "Taiwanese American Professionals."

We design and engineer free 3D-printed ear relievers and face shields to make equipment more accessible to everyone. Our designs focus on comfort, durability and usability. So far, we have donated to places in Southern California such as Kaiser Permanente Irvine, Anaheim, along with smaller businesses such as Village Eyes Optometry in Los Angeles. In the Bay Area, donations were made to Second Harvest Foodbank, and future donations will be made to Alameda County Community Food

Bank and Sutter Health.

But I would also like to reach out to my hometown of Pleasanton to try and give back to the community that once raised me. This project would not exist without my family, friends and my school, who all contributed to the printing and allowed me to foster my passion for engineering.

For more information about my organization, visit [engineering-medic.org](http://engineering-medic.org) or reach us at [engineeringmedics@gmail.com](mailto:engineeringmedics@gmail.com).

—Ian Ou

## Renee Helen Bridges

August 31, 1941 – August 13, 2020

Renee Helen Bridges passed away unexpectedly from complications due to Lymphoma at Stanford ValleyCare Hospital after 78 wonderful years on this earth.



Renee was born and grew up in Hayward, CA and has been a Pleasanton resident for the past 47 years. She worked for both Dublin High School (Attendance Office) and the Pleasanton School District (Pupil Services) over the span of 20 years. She will be remembered for her multitude of friendships lasting over decades, for being a 23-year season ticket holder and passionate fan of the Oakland A's, her caring and loving personality while making a lasting impression on all those she met along the way, and for her eternal beauty inside and out. She enjoyed traveling to her annual trip to Mendocino, where she first honeymooned, while also enjoying trips to Hawaii, Italy, France and a special recent trip to Portugal, her family's origin, with her daughter, sisters, nieces and cousin. She was most proud of her relationship with her tight knit family, who she loved dearly. "Auntie Nae" was always fussing over everyone and making her family feel so welcomed, special and loved, always wanting them gathered together for special celebrations, insisting on using the "good" china, and putting on an amazing feast every Thanksgiving. But she was most known for being a loving, supportive, devoted wife and mother – there was nothing she wouldn't do for her husband and daughter – the "loves of her life."

She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Jim; her devoted daughter Lisa Bridges of Pleasanton; her step-son Scott Bridges and daughter-in-law Sherry of Las Vegas, NV; her sister Sharon Johnson of Visalia; her brother Joseph Freitas, Jr. and his wife Janet of Cascade, ID; her sister Christine Smith and her husband Lee of Pleasanton; nieces Darnell Franks and her husband Ken of Visalia and Marissa Winter and her husband Ethan of Kimberly, ID; nephew Kyle Smith of Pleasanton; and great-nieces Heather Wojcik and her husband Bart of Kimberly, ID and Natalie Franks of Visalia.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the family plans to hold a memorial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. To our loving wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, we "love you to the moon and back", we will always remember you, rest in the peace of God's love.

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Planning Commission

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Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available August 19, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: [cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning\\_agenda.asp](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp)

- **P20-0568, Wassim Naguib, 218 Ray Street**  
Workshop to review and receive comments on a Preliminary Application for Design Review to construct a new two-story 1,174-square-foot one-unit apartment building behind an existing commercial building located at 218 Ray Street

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## Public Notices

#### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Kumar Market  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571743  
The following person doing business as: Kumar Market, 4305 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ishani Goyal, 29036 Eden Shores Drive, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by Ishani Goyal, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 15, 2020. Signature of Registrant: Ishani Goyal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2020 (Pleasanton Weekly, August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2020).

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# Calendar

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## Library

**CURBSIDE LIBRARY PICKUP** The Pleasanton Library is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. Items can be placed on hold and a time slot selected to pick up when ready: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1-6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.cityofpleasanton.gov](http://www.cityofpleasanton.gov).

## Comedy

**COMEDY WITH LIZ GRANT & FRIENDS** Robert Mac, a grand-prize winner of Comedy Central's national standup competition, joins the cast to deliver his smart, brainy, dead-pan style of comedy. Also featured is Tony Sparks, known for his hilarious animated ad-libs. The show will go on virtually, starting 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29, \$15. Visit [danvilleca.gov/villagetheatre](http://danvilleca.gov/villagetheatre).

**YAKOV SMIRNOFF - UNITED WE LAUGH** Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center presents a virtual comedy special: United We Laugh. Yakov Smirnoff is a Russian immigrant who loves America and being American. United We Laugh is a virtual comedy special that will leave you in stitches laughing and shedding a tear at the same time. 6 p.m., Aug. 29, \$25. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Talks & Lectures

**ENHANCE YOUR BACKYARD HABITAT WITH NATIVES** Create a homegrown national park in your own garden, one that attracts butterflies and bees and provides food for a robust population of songbirds. 7-8:30 p.m., Aug. 26. Visit [sustainablecoco.org/tv](http://sustainablecoco.org/tv).

## PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

### Meet Grayson

Grayson is a lovely, handsome kitty who wants nothing more than to be by his person's side. A real sweetheart who was surrendered to the shelter recently, Grayson is a 4-year-old gray tabby who weighs 10 pounds. Neutered, microchipped and current on vaccines, he's ready for his new home. Grayson is at the East County Animal Shelter; available for adoption via Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Call 925-803-7040 or visit [www.tv-ar.org](http://www.tv-ar.org).

## Outdoor Recreation

**SAN RAMON NATURE FOUNDATION - EXPERT GROWERS' SERIES** The series will be presented on Zoom to registered participants who will also receive a private YouTube link for watching at their convenience. Both Elana O'Loskey and Sandi Hunt, herb educators, will share and demonstrate how to best grow and use herbs. Aug. 25. Visit [SanRamonNaturePark.org](http://SanRamonNaturePark.org).

## Seniors

**PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER CLOSURE** The Pleasanton Senior Center is currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. They continue to offer transportation (70+) for grocery and medical appointments, senior lunch curbside to-go meals (60+), Friendly Calls and a variety of virtual programs. Contact: 931-5365 for more information. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

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## Volunteer

**DRIVERS FOR SURVIVORS** Be a volunteer companion driver, a friend, a hero. Visit [DriversForSurvivors.org](http://DriversForSurvivors.org).

## Government

**TRI-VALLEY MAYORS' SUMMIT** A panel discussion of the current challenges and opportunities facing the Tri-Valley with the mayors of Pleasanton, Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon is the theme of the annual summit. Catharine Baker will moderate; noon Aug. 26. For more details, visit [pleasanton.org](http://pleasanton.org).

**PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Currently held virtually. 7 p.m., Aug. 27. Visit [pleasantonusd.net](http://pleasantonusd.net).

## Pleasanton native helps program film fest 2020

Offerings will be online and available to all for first time

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton native Jillian Corsie helped to program the Hollywood-based Salute Your Shorts Film Festival for the 2020 season, which takes place today through next Saturday, and this year local residents can tune in.

The festival has rapidly expanded since its founding in 2017, and now it will be online, as a result of the coronavirus.

"For the first time people living outside of L.A. will be able to tune in," said Corsie, a 2005 graduate of Amador Valley High and producer of the film "Trichster" in 2015. "We have an amazing lineup of films, including many that have played at the big fests — Sundance, Tribeca, etc."

The 2020 edition of Salute Your

Shorts will be unique in a variety of ways. Those able to come to Hollywood can attend a drive-in theater premiere to-night. However, 90% or more of the several dozen films slated to screen will be available to viewers everywhere from Aug. 22-29.

"A lot of people have heard of Sundance or Cannes, but most people have never actually been to a film festival," festival co-founder Becky Murdoch said. "By taking Salute Your Shorts online,



Jillian Corsie

we want to give people an opportunity to see what all the fuss is about."

Another draw to the festival is high-profile judges. Emmy winner Tony Hale judged the comedy shorts one year. "Pretty Little Liars" star Troian Bellisario also has judged, as has "Lego Movie" creator Dan Lin.

Though high-profile professionals participate each year, Murdoch thinks quality films are what really bring cinephiles to film festivals.

"I like to think we program films with an aftertaste," Murdoch said with a laugh. "And in all seriousness, this year, more than ever, we are choosing films to make people think."

Tickets are available at [SaluteYourShortsFest.com](http://SaluteYourShortsFest.com). ■

## Real estate professionals raise \$6,000 for food bank

Funds raised in virtual food drive will buy \$50,000 in food

By EMMA HALL

Real estate professionals around Alameda County raised over \$6,000 for the Alameda County Food Bank through a virtual food drive last month.

Members of the Alameda Inforum and Marketing Meeting, Real Estate Alliance of Livermore, Valley Real Estate Network, Central County Marketing Group, and Tri-Cities Marketing Group were the main fundraisers for the food drive.

“Virtual food drives are a fun and convenient way to raise money for the food bank,” June Burckhardt, a Realtor and board member of Bay East Association of Realtors, said in a statement. “They save folks a trip to the store and, because of food banks’ purchasing power and efficient distribution, a virtual food drive provides more food than a traditional food drive, maximizing the amount of food a dollar can provide.”

Participating Realtors reached out to other

real estate professionals, clients and family members for donations. Burckhardt explained how since COVID-19 families have been struggling.

“This was an amazing collaborative effort with the marketing groups,” Burckhardt said. “We have seen and heard about difficulties families are facing due to COVID-19. The need that families have for food is far greater now than ever.”

According to Bay East representatives, each Realtor marketing group met and exceeded their fundraising goal of \$4,900. Since every dollar raised is worth \$7 in food, by the end of the fundraiser, the more than \$6,000 raised provides almost \$50,000 in food.

The food purchased was desperately needed items, primarily perishables, including cheeses, milk, dairy and meats.

“This is the largest response that the food bank has gotten from the real estate community in Alameda County in the eight years I’ve worked with the food bank,” Katherine Avila, the Food and Fund Drive Coordinator for Alameda County Community Food Bank, said in a statement. “It will take all of us to step up to help, and that’s exactly what this food drive has done.” ■



BAY EAST

Realtors discuss the food drive during a Zoom fundraising meeting.

## HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during June 1-11 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 29 to July 10 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 3561 Ballantyne Drive** S. & K. David to David & Jinxin Living Trust for \$1,355,000
- 5480 Black Avenue** Nevels Living Trust to S. Kastriotis for \$520,000
- 3239 Bolla Court** Azevedo Living Trust to V. & A. Ortiz for \$2,600,000
- 1368 Bordeaux Street** J. & S. Chilton to A. & A. Sosna for \$1,950,000
- 1608 Calle Santiago** A. Vanzandbergen to A. & R. Weber for \$738,000
- 4169 Casterson Court** E. & R. Hool to Z. & Y. Kabouzi for \$2,250,000
- 8644 Deervale Road** A. Coffey to A. & S. Matta for \$752,000
- 6249 Guyson Court** O. Morgan to T. & B. Trinh for \$969,000
- 4046 Jackie Court** D. & P. Spohn to L. & S. Tammannagari for \$997,000
- 893 Kottinger Drive** L. & R. Dalaison to Camacho Trust for \$1,175,000
- 3364 Ledgestone Court** I. Harrosh to P. & C. Qu for \$2,180,000
- 2844 Longspur Way** L. & M. Franco to J. & T. Brill for \$1,385,000
- 3801 Mohr Avenue** Orbell Family Trust to M. & R. Moysen for \$1,515,000
- 8015 Mountain View Drive #G** B. Hobizal to R. & A. Maniti for \$540,000
- 642 Palomino Drive** G. Wang to C. & M. Basbas for \$725,000
- 4066 San Giorgio Court** Rooks Trust to N. & V. Tandel for \$830,000

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**SALES**

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- 1012 Shotwell Court** J. Wahab to S. Dennison for \$3,700,000.00
- 7401 Stonedale Drive** R. Matli to M. & C. Slomovitz for \$745,000
- 3390 Vermont Place** M. Zhao to Hoang Family Trust for \$1,215,000
- 4332 2nd Street** Howe Trust to H. & L. Champion for \$1,504,500
- 3423 Gravina Place** S. Lee to M. & M. Obrien for \$1,735,000
- 5393 Midvale Court** Blasing Family Trust to Q. & S. Chen for \$1,160,000
- 2450 Tapestry Way** L. Gregorio to R. Mojtahedi for \$1,100,000

**Livermore**

- 2118 Bluffs Drive** J. & V. Valdes to Martinez Trust for \$1,010,000
- 308 Cambridge Way** C. & J. Dershem to M. Takata for \$745,000
- 195 Edythe Street** G. Jenkins to L. Camello for \$782,000
- 604 Hazel Street** L. & M. Zinn to J. & T. Taber for \$765,000
- 173 Heligan Lane #6** Bachtel Trust to M. & A. Delgadillo for \$685,000
- 4891 Kimberley Common** K. Mason to S. & V. Dhannapuni for \$760,000
- 1377 Le Havre Court** Kato Trust to K. & K. Wallace for \$950,000
- 910 Lexington Way** St Dennis 1998 Trust to S. & D. Mahant for \$1,325,000
- 1854 Mira Loma Street** M. & B. Grace to C. & K. Elumalai for \$835,000
- 356 Misty Circle** E. & M. Murray to Sontakke Family Trust for \$842,500
- 510 Rhea Way** Landingham Family Trust to E. & R. Hool for \$1,300,000
- 1119 Riviera Court** Martinez Family Trust to A. & G. Spencer for \$925,000
- 3169 Rodeo Lane** Wieser Living Trust to A. & R. Williamson for \$800,000

- 1345 Saint Mary Drive** K. Greenia to K. & B. Rootz for \$840,000
- 512 Summertree Drive** Grundherr Family Trust to K. & M. Ryan for \$975,000
- 3617 Thornhill Drive** H. & K. Kulaga to J. & M. Carr for \$1,277,500
- 958 Turino Street** F. Tse to L. & S. Khare for \$1,120,000
- 1234 Village Green Drive** J. Giffin to A. & N. Kroon for \$860,000
- 1869 Altamont Circle** P. Luan to L. & N. Carlos for \$900,000
- 5398 Bianca Way** M. Mcelwee to B. & R. Martinez for \$778,000
- 1848 De Vaca Way** M. Pedraza to S. & S. Smith for \$593,000
- 5837 Dresslar Circle** B. Payne to B. & P. Thompson for \$1,245,000
- 1650 Embassy Circle** A. & D. Fields to L. & T. Rooze for \$1,250,000
- 4027 Guilford Avenue** Brugman-Pierce Family Trust to J. & T. Doyen for \$1,100,000
- 2575 Kellogg Loop** Truman Trust to Y. Bekele for \$1,175,000
- 1285 Kings River Road** Reid Family Trust to K. & B. Delegarra for \$1,335,000
- 1953 Monterey Drive** A. & A. Guzman to E. & S. Schoennagel for \$469,000
- 1009 Murrieta Boulevard #119** S. Ko to S. Ahn for \$305,000
- 1087 Murrieta Boulevard #241** R. Garza to E. Gilbert for \$322,000
- 749 Newbury Street** Macor Trust to S. & M. Lampley for \$1,348,000
- 345 Northwood Commons** B. & J. Ramus to S. & S. Butler for \$515,000
- 1677 Placer Circle** C. & F. Dettmer to A. Leong for \$910,000
- 2247 Shetland Road** Zumstein Family Trust to L. & J. Rogers for \$721,500
- 881 Tranquility Circle #13** H. Shea to D. & J. Tyree for \$699,000
- 2144 Tuscany Circle** N. & D. Kurtzer to Rice Family Trust for \$1,726,000

**Dublin**

- 4341 Brannigan Street** Stolz Trust to G. Aratan for \$749,000
- 4022 Chalk Hill Way** R. Moysen to S. & T. Singh for \$1,240,000
- 7813 Cranford Lane** J. & K. Wolf to N. & L. Avala for \$850,000
- 3385 Dublin Boulevard #229** K. Carson to V. Kumar for \$560,000
- 4346 Fitzwilliam Street** S. Shirmohamadi to A. & G. Petrescu for \$779,000
- 2070 Forino Drive** V. Manian to X. & Z. Chen for \$1,430,000
- 5063 Salerno Drive** Saxena Family Trust to Sharma Family Trust for \$1,565,000
- 4752 Valley Vista Drive** Ding Family Trust to V. & N. Palepu for \$1,375,000
- 8655 Wicklow Lane** Lubin Trust to S. Parvatharajan for \$800,500
- 3166 Alexa Cruz Terrace** V. & A. Ortiz to M. & A. Dimakiling for \$1,125,000
- 3643 Aviano Way** Derickson Trust to Mckeen Trust for \$675,000
- 3721 Branding Iron Place** K. Cho to M. & D. Panda for \$830,000
- 2513 Brandini Drive** V. & B. Neel to X. & X. Wang for \$1,610,000

- 8058 Cranford Lane** L. Heinig to B. & R. Rahate for \$910,000
- 7145 Dublin Meadows Street #G** Fordin Living Trust to J. & V. Bragagnolo for \$610,000
- 8002 Galaxy Way** J. Jones to S. & S. Mittapally for \$910,000
- 5729 Idlewood Street** M. Vegiraju to V. & V. Karnati for \$1,042,000
- 11657 Rolling Hills Place** E. Morrison to T. & M. French for \$810,000

**San Ramon**

- 57 Apache Court** H. & A. Divito to T. & C. Nider for \$1,190,000
- 5089 Athens Drive** V. & N. Perreault to G. & A. Chawla for \$1,370,000
- 2573 Basswood Drive** K. & P. Hickey to S. & S. Pillai for \$1,255,000
- 616 Bond Court** J. Ji to P. & A. Dobhal for \$1,387,000
- 9955 Brunswick Court** Shook Living Trust to F. & R. Kumar for \$967,000
- 4829 Cornflower Street** S. Merchant to Shiells Living Trust for \$1,010,000
- 1720 Cutter Court** T. Lam to J. & H. Paddock for \$847,000
- 1308 Dawn Court** Mossman Living Trust to J. & S. Collins for \$720,000

**SALES AT A GLANCE**

**Pleasanton (June 1-11)**

**Total sales reported:** 23  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$520,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,700,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,203,347

**Livermore (June 1-11)**

**Total sales reported:** 35  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$305,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,726,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$783,478

**Dublin (June 1-11)**

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$560,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,610,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$880,000

**San Ramon (June 29-July 10)**

**Total sales reported:** 45  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$350,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,915,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,158,777

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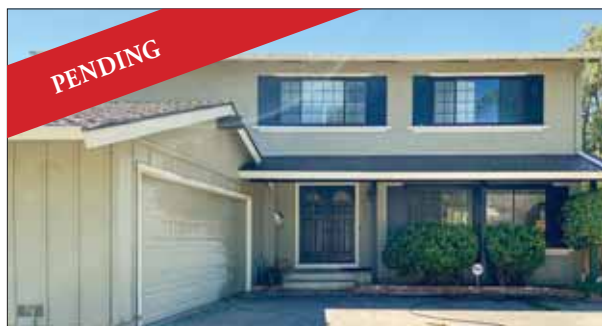
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**6654 CALLE ALTAMIRA, PLEASANTON**

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**



PENDING

**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**



JUST CLOSED

**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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**SOLD**



1327 Hearst Drive, Pleasanton  
Multiple Offers Over List Price  
\$2,120,000

**SOLD**



2529 Tanager Drive, Pleasanton  
4BR, 2BA, 1909+/- Sq. Ft.  
\$1,360,000

**SOLD**



1033 Riesling Drive, Pleasanton  
4BR, 2.5BA, 2012+/- Sq. Ft.  
\$1,305,000

**PENDING IN 4 DAYS**



865 Concord Street, Pleasanton  
4BR, 2BA, 1993+/- Sq. Ft.  
Offered at \$1,200,000

**PENDING**



2057 Lawson Circle, Livermore  
4BR, 3BA, 2877+/- Sq. Ft.  
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3BR, 2BA, 1488+/- Sq. Ft.  
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3741 Newton Way, Pleasanton  
6BR, 4BA, 4758+/- Sq. Ft.  
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**COMING SOON**



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4BR, 3BA, 2627+/- Sq. Ft.  
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**COMING SOON**



117 Toiyabe Court, Livermore  
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### NEW LUXURY LISTING



4132 Parma Court, Ruby Hill  
5BR, 6BA, 8363 +/- Sq. Ft. Offered at \$4,988,000

### PRIVATE OFF MARKET SALE



7966 Foothill Knolls Drive, Pleasanton  
Represented Seller and Buyer \$3,300,000

### SOLD



1527 Honey Suckle Court, Golden Eagle  
\$3,500,000

### SOLD



8225 Sky Castle Road, Castlewood  
Represented Buyer \$3,370,000

### SOLD



3242 Novara Way, Ruby Hill  
\$3,300,000

### SOLD



1192 Paladin Way, Ruby Hill  
\$3,180,000

### SOLD



1089 Via Di Salerno, Ruby Hill  
\$2,750,000

### SOLD



2792 Spotorno Court, Ruby Hill  
\$2,465,000



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